

Highlights of Chicago Tour

Sunday, August 23

9:00am – 1:00pm

\$42.00 per person (lunch not included - there will be time to buy own lunch at Navy Pier)



Those famous Chicago winds have blown in a massive transformation. Chicago's motto, "City in a Garden," is much more than a catchy slogan. Lines of newly planted trees grace lush parkways and gardens. Planters filled with varieties of vibrant plants and flowers line the streets. The extraordinary and vast Millennium Park stretches from Michigan Avenue to the glorious lakefront. Navy Pier - Chicago's number one tourist attraction - imparts a carnival-like atmosphere to the city year-round. The ever-increasing shopping attractions along the Magnificent Mile, the expanding theatre scene, and a plethora of world-class museums

fill the city with effervescence and variety.

It is impossible to visit ALL the wonderful sights in Chicago; but guests can see major new, exciting, and unique additions on an all-encompassing tour covering the city's major features in the downtown area, north and south sides. They will see Chicago's vistas from major parks, including Grant, Lincoln and new and impressive Millennium Park. Chicagoans take great pride in the city's major contribution to world architecture. In the place where it all began in the 1880s, guests will learn how modern styles evolved and produced the ever-increasing panorama of bewildering structures, and experience first-hand why multitudes acclaim Chicago as "an outdoor museum of architecture."

Occupying pride of place on the tour are the varied views of the city's crown jewel: Lake Michigan. The enormity of the over 300-mile long and over 100 mile wide body of fresh water gives new meaning to the term "inland sea." Guests will learn how the early city planners separated the city's commerce and buildings from the beaches, parks and inviting lakeshore and discover why over 30 million visitors each year say, "Chicago is my kind of town."

Guided Tour of the Art Institute: Masterpieces and the Modern Wing

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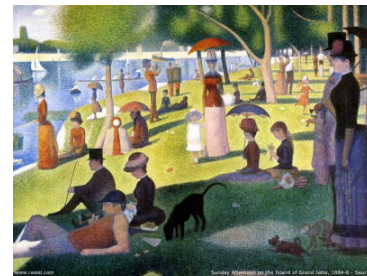
12:00pm-3:30pm

\$75.00 per person (lunch not included)

Guests will visit the world-famous Art Institute of Chicago, where acclaimed masterpieces await discovery. Since its



opening 100 years ago, the Art Institute has acquired outstanding collections both through the distinguished tastes of its curators and the generosity of its benefactors. Justly renowned for its medieval masterpieces and French Impressionists, the Museum boasts treasures in every room. Housed here are such treasures as Seurat's Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte, El Greco's Assumption of the Virgin, Grant Wood's American Gothic, and a stunning collection of renowned French Impressionist works.



Guests will enjoy an exclusive escorted tour of this great institution that includes these highlights, as well as Adler and Sullivan's exquisite Trading Room, the magnificent America stained-glass windows by Marc Chagall, and the spectacular galleries of the new Ada Rice

Wing. The guide will take requests from the group and include works of art of particular interest to the group.



Modern painters such as Picasso and Matisse are represented, as well as an impressive array of works by such artists as Caillebotte, Rembrandt, El Greco, Renoir, Monet, Cezanne and Georgia O'Keefe, a former Art Institute student. In addition to galleries housing paintings, there are marvelous exhibits of photography, furnishings, prints and drawings, weaponry, ceramics and Chinese art.

Opening to the public in May 2009, the Modern Wing, designed by decorated architect Renzo Piano, promises to shine in its design, technology, and green architecture, dramatically transforming the museum to give it a more contemporary identity.

Built to house the Art Institute's impressive collection of modern and contemporary art, the Modern Wing employs Green design and technology to protect and preserve the art works, as well as the environment. The Modern Wing's "flying carpet" roof, which runs over the top of the building and consists of curving aluminum blades, is designed to transform harsh, direct sunlight into soft, less harmful diffused light. This "flying carpet" will provide ideal lighting during the day while saving electricity; the interior lighting adjusts as natural light levels change.

Guests will enjoy a guided tour of the Modern Wing. Guests will learn about the unique architecture of the Modern Wing and see world-renowned works of Modern Art, such as Picasso's *The Old Guitarist*, Matisse's *Bathers by a River*, and Magritte's *Time Transfixed*.



Architectural River Cruise

Monday, August 24
9:15am-12:00pm
\$39.00 per person

The cool mist off the lake, the magnificence of the city skyline and the tranquility of lapping waves set the mood for a wistful afternoon cruising the Chicago River. Visitors and Chicagoans alike say that the best way to really see the city's profile is on architectural cruise along the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Guests will learn how in the 19th Century, the modern city grew from a trading post to become the world's fastest growing metropolis.

Guests will view an extraordinary array of great structures, including Lake Point Tower, Wrigley Building, IBM Building, NBC Tower, Tribune Tower, Civic Opera House, Sears Tower, Marina City, Board of Trade, and scores more. An architectural docent will provide live narration featuring an overview of architecture and history. Guests will find out little known facts about the history of Chicago's buildings, without the omission of the juicier details-scandal, corruption, conflict: all the material that makes for great entertainment.

Guests will walk to the Riverboat from the Marriott.



A Young Man on a Mission: Frank Lloyd Wright in Oak Park

Tuesday, August 25

9:00am-1:00pm (lunch not included)

\$66.00 per person

In 1889, twenty-two year old Frank Lloyd Wright, lacking both formal training and an academic degree, began a quiet movement in the Oak Park house he designed and built for a growing family. As his fame grew, the movement became a revolution and the residence expanded into an office, then a workshop and studio in which to test the astonishing new style. From this home, his imaginative art and daring designs became world famous. Wright called his new movement the "Prairie School." More than a century later, it ranks as America's most influential architectural expression. Each year the American Institute of Architects names Frank Lloyd Wright as "the most original architect the U.S. ever produced – and more important – one of the most creative architectural geniuses of all time." Now you can visit the place where it all began. Specially trained architectural docents will



conduct comprehensive, small group inspections of the residence, now fully restored to its original 1889 appearance.

A second visit will be made to nearby Unity Temple. Wright called it "my little jewel box." The world celebrates it as one of his most daring works; a three-dimensional series of complex rectilinear solids cast in reinforced concrete, which remains virtually unchanged to this day.