

Day One

- 8:30am Arrival at your school of a washroom equipped, climate controlled, highway motor coach.
- 9:00am Board your motor coach, and depart for Chicago! En route, your Tour Leader will get to know the students on a first name basis and lead discussions. Rest and meal stops will be made en route.

PASSENGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION TO CROSS THE BORDER.

Chicago is on Central Standard Time. Remember to set your watches back one hour.

- 7:00pm **Hotel Standard - Hotel Check In**
Approximate time of arrival at your accommodations.
- 8:30pm **Meet the Streets - Chicago**
With your Tour Leader and a map, explore Chicago's points of interest and discover what makes this city unique! Enjoy 2 slices of pizza and a soft drink while you interact.

Day Two

- 8:15am **Continental breakfast at your hotel**
- 9:00am Board your motor coach.
- 10:00am **Untouchable Gangster Tour of Chicago**
During your Untouchable Gangster Tour, a local gangster hijacks your motor coach for a two-hour tour through Prohibition Era Chicago. See the hot spots, hit spots, and hideouts made famous by Al Capone: his allies, and enemies.

- 12:00pm Lunch on your own along Michigan Avenue.

Shopping/Sightseeing on Michigan Avenue
Explore Michigan Ave, otherwise known as the Magnificent Mile. Over 460 stores, 275 restaurants, 51 hotels, and two unique museums make-up Chicago's "main street". Don't miss the Wrigley Building, Tribune Tower or the Water Tower.

- 2:30pm **River Architecture Cruise (75 minutes)**
Chicago's architectural heritage is considered to be among the finest in the world, and the Chicago River provides the ultimate setting to view these magnificent structures. As Chicago's only tour boat company with a dedicated, in-house Education Department, our expert docents will provide you with unique insight into Chicago's Architecture.

- 4:30pm **Willis Tower Skydeck (formerly Sears Tower)**
Catch the greatest view of Chicago's skyline from the top of the Willis Tower Skydeck. The newly opened Ledge brings an exhilarating new experience to the Skydeck. At 1,353 feet up, The Ledge's glass boxes extend out 4.3 feet from the skyscraper's Skydeck on the 103rd floor, providing never-before-seen views of the city.

- 6:00pm Dinner on your own at Navy Pier.

Navy Pier

Explore the sights and sounds of the attractions at Navy Pier. With more than 50 acres of parks, promenades, shops, restaurants and attractions, Navy Pier is host to an unparalleled array of events and entertainment. Check out the Ferris wheel, carousel, wave swinger, funhouse maze, and more!

- 8:30pm **Buckingham Fountain Picture Stop**
Stop at the famous Buckingham Fountain for a picture stop.

- 9:00pm Board your motor coach and return to your accommodations.

Day Three

- 8:15am **Continental breakfast at your hotel**

- 9:00am Board your motor coach.

- 9:45am **Grant Park and Millennium Park**
Your Tour Leader conducts an orientation walk of Grant Park, considered Chicago's "front yard". Continue on to award-winning Millennium Park and stop at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Cloud Gate and the Crown Fountain.



Day Three

- 11:00am **Art Institute of Chicago - Guided Tour**
One of the great art museums of the world, the Art Institute of Chicago's collection spans 5,000 years of artistic expression through paintings, prints, drawings, sculptures, photographs, video, and textiles.
- 12:30pm Lunch on your own.
- 2:00pm **Loop Orientation Walking Tour**
Your Tour Leader conducts an orientation walking tour of the Chicago Loop. Home of the modern skyscraper, this district is still Chicago's financial and commercial hub.
- 3:30pm **Museum of Contemporary Art - Self-guided visit**
The Museum of Contemporary Art offers exhibitions of the most thought-provoking art created since 1945 through painting, sculpture, photography, video and film, and performance.
- 6:00pm Dinner on your own.
- 8:00pm **Second City Performance (Tues to Thurs or Sun Show)**
Enjoy an evening of comedy at the landmark Second City Chicago, the famous establishment responsible for launching the careers of such comedic greats as John Belushi, Mike Myers and Bill Murray.
- 9:30pm Board your motor coach and return to your accommodations.

Day Four

- 8:00am **Continental breakfast at your hotel**
- 8:45am Board your motor coach.

- 9:30am **Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Tour**
Tour Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Studio, this is an extraordinary complex that served as Wright's architectural laboratory from 1889 to 1909, the years that launched his career. Here he conceived the Prairie style of architecture, testing ideas that found their fullest expression in many of the surrounding homes he designed for clients. Wright used the Home and Studio as a laboratory in which to experiment with space, form, light, materials, furnishings, and decorative arts. The building was constantly in transition, showcasing the architect's evolving design philosophy.
- 11:30am Lunch on your own.
- 1:00pm **Self-guided visit of The Field Museum**
The Field Museum is dedicated to the natural sciences and includes exhibits on animal biology, sea mammals and gems to name a few. Don't miss Sue, the world's largest, most complete, and best preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex.
- 3:00pm **John G. Shedd Aquarium - Self-guided visit**
The John G. Shedd Aquarium, one of the oldest public aquariums in the world. NOTE: Oceanarium presentation is not included.
- 5:30pm **Dinner & Live Jazz at Andy's Jazz Club**
Arrive at Andy's Jazz Club for dinner and a live jazz performance. One of Chicago's best known and most respected jazz establishments, the evening will not disappoint!
- 7:00pm Board your motor coach and return to your accommodations.

Day Five

- 7:45am **Continental breakfast at your hotel**
- 8:30am **Hotel Standard - Hotel Check Out**
Check out of your accommodations and load your luggage onto your motor coach.
- 9:00am Board the motor coach and depart for home. Appropriate rest and meal stops will be made en route.

Remember to set your watches ahead one hour.



Day Five

9:00pm **Welcome Home!**
Approximate time of arrival at the school.

Sample Itinerary

This is a sample itinerary that is completely customizable to meet your school's specific needs. The order of activities and final cost of your actual tour will vary depending on the activities and meal plan you choose and the availability of sites.

