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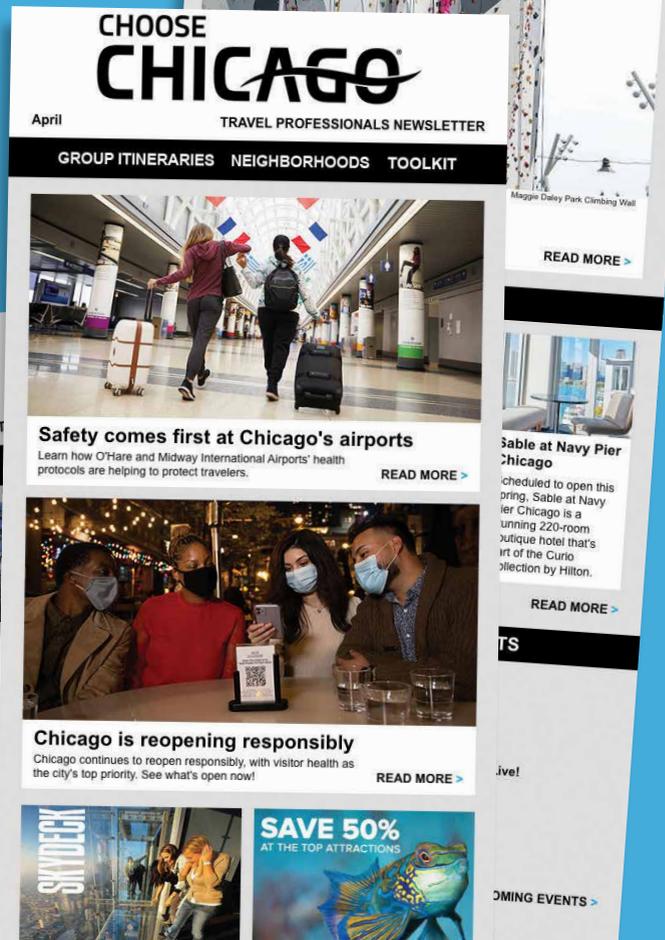
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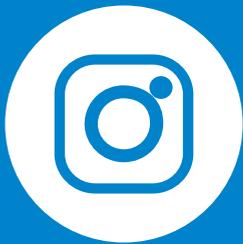
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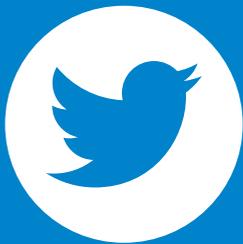
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WHAT'S NEW

Discover the hottest new hotels, breweries, and outdoor dining, plus the latest scoop on the Chicago Riverwalk.

HOTELS

Works by emerging artists are on display throughout **21c Museum Hotel Chicago**. The chic Magnificent Mile hotel features 297 guest rooms and suites.

Sable at Navy Pier Chicago is a stunning new boutique hotel that's part of the Curio Collection by Hilton. The 223-room hotel boasts skyline and Lake Michigan views.

Nobu Hotel Chicago, with 115 rooms and suites, features a **Nobu** restaurant and **The Rooftop at Nobu**, an indoor/outdoor lounge overlooking Randolph Street's Restaurant Row in the hot West Loop neighborhood.

The **St. Regis Chicago** is the third-tallest skyscraper in the city. The 101-story tower houses a 191-room hotel and upscale residences, along with restaurants operated by Chicago's renowned Alinea Group.

Hyatt Place Chicago/Wicker Park offers 99 modern rooms and suites in the hip Wicker Park neighborhood. Enjoy cocktails at **The Kennedy**, the hotel's seventh-floor rooftop lounge.

BREWERIES

Chicago is home to the most breweries in the United States. Check out some of the city's newest additions.

Moody Tongue Brewing Company is located in the South Loop near McCormick Place, featuring a casual bar area and a 28-seat fine dining restaurant with a tasting menu from Michelin-starred chef Jared Wentworth.

The Perch Kitchen and Tap is a Wicker Park brewpub with craft beer produced by Chicago-based Finch Beer Co. The Perch features a sidewalk patio and unique sculpture garden, along with a kitchen outfitted with a wood-fired grill that turns out steaks, chops, and rotisserie chickens.

Crushed by Giants is the Streeterville neighborhood's first brewery. There are plenty of experimental beers on tap, such as the Neon Werewolf (a hazy IPA), to go with the brewery's casual menu of tacos and sandwiches.

OUTDOOR DINING

Enjoy coastal Italian cuisine as you watch the boats sail by on the Chicago River at **Pizzeria Portofino**.

Sample modern Middle Eastern fare under brightly colored umbrellas on the leafy patio at **Fiya** in Andersonville.

Do some people watching and dine on Roman dishes along the sidewalk strung with festive lights at **Testaccio** in hip Logan Square.

There's something for everyone to indulge in on the vibrant patio with eye-catching murals at **Pizza Fried Chicken Ice Cream** in Bridgeport.

CHICAGO RIVERWALK

The Riverwalk is one of the best spots in Chicago for waterside dining and drinking. But the variety of attractions is also a big draw. Delve into the history of the city's stunning skyscrapers with a visit to the **Chicago Architecture Center**, just steps off the Riverwalk. Explore the inner workings of the city's magnificent movable bridges at the **McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum**, located beneath the DuSable Bridge.

View the beautiful public art found along the Riverwalk's pedestrian trail, including the **Riverwalk Gateway** and **Allium** sculpture. Honor those lost in the Vietnam War at the peaceful **Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza**.

Check out some of Chicago's favorite small businesses and shop for locally made gifts at the Riverwalk's **Community Marketplace**.

In the evening, marvel at the largest digital art installation in the world at **Art on theMART**, featuring images projected onto the building's river-facing facade.

SPEND 3 DAYS IN CHICAGO

These themed full-day itineraries will help your group make the most of their time in Chicago with ideas for the best places to experience the city's architecture, outdoors, and culture.

DAY 1: ARCHITECTURE

MORNING Start your day with spectacular city views from **Skydeck Chicago**, located on the 103rd floor of the Willis Tower (the second-tallest building in the country), and treat your group to breakfast on **The Ledge**, a thrilling glass-floored balcony.

At the **Chicago Cultural Center**, take a free private group tour (advance booking required) and marvel at the world's largest stained-glass Tiffany dome. Don't miss the free classical Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts, held every Wednesday afternoon.

Across the street at **Millennium Park**, take a selfie in the reflection of Anish Kapoor's mirrored **Cloud Gate** sculpture (nicknamed "The Bean"). Splash around in the multimedia **Crown Fountain**, then check out the breathtaking Frank Gehry-designed **Jay Pritzker Pavilion**.



Go behind the scenes of iconic performing arts venues by bringing your group on the Marquee Tour at **The Chicago Theatre** or the Backstage Tour of the **Lyric Opera of Chicago**, which explores the Art Deco-style theatre.

On the enhanced **Rookery Light Court + Burnham Library Tour** led by the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust, explore Daniel Burnham and John Root's 1888 Rookery Building, with its light-filled Frank Lloyd Wright-designed lobby. You'll also see the Burnham Library, where architects met to discuss plans for the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

AFTERNOON Choose one of the many architecture-themed walking tours offered by the **Chicago Architecture Center**, such as Art Deco Skyscrapers or Tiffany Treasures.

From March through November, glide past Chicago's stunning cityscape on an architecture boat cruise with the **Chicago Architecture Foundation Center River Cruise** aboard **Chicago's First Lady** (90 minutes), **Mercury Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline** (90 minutes), **Shoreline Sightseeing** (60 minutes), or **Wendela Tours & Cruises** (45–90 minutes).

Spend some time shopping on **The Magnificent Mile** while passing landmark structures such as the Wrigley Building, Tribune Tower, and DuSable Bridge. Continue on to

historic **State Street** to visit **Macy's State Street**, housed in the turn-of-the-century Marshall Field and Company Building.

Or, head out of the city for the afternoon with a trip to west suburban Oak Park's **Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District**. This architectural treasure trove is home to the storied **Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio** where the architect lived and created his famed Prairie style of design, as well as the striking **Unity Temple**.

EVENING At night, enjoy a unique view of the summer Navy Pier fireworks from **TILT at 360 CHICAGO**, an exhilarating experience that tilts you over the edge of the observation deck, 1,030 feet above The Magnificent Mile.

Or, bring your group to experience the magic of the theatre. Watch original plays and literary adaptations at **Lookingglass Theatre Company** on The Magnificent Mile. In the Loop, catch a concert at the **Auditorium Theatre**, or a dance performance by the **Joffrey Ballet** at the **Lyric Opera House**. Or venture outside of downtown and into the neighborhoods to experience fast-paced improv comedy at **The Second City** in Old Town, or see headliner stand-up comedians at the **Laugh Factory** in Lakeview.



Chicago Riverwalk

Then, explore the city on two wheels during Chicago's Ultimate City Bike Tour with **Bobby's Bike Hike**. On this three-hour excursion, your group will pedal through sprawling urban parks, past notable museums and attractions, and along the Lakefront Trail, an 18-mile (29 km) paved path that hugs Lake Michigan. Another two-wheel option is the Chicago Lakefront Museum Campus Tour by **Absolutely Chicago Segway Tours**, offering views of the lakefront and Chicago's Museum Campus — home to the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, and Adler Planetarium.

Cool off afterwards at a downtown beach. **Oak Street Beach**, which is great for people watching, is located close to The Magnificent Mile. Or head a little further north and go swimming at popular **North Avenue Beach**. All of Chicago's beaches are admission-free.

AFTERNOON At **Navy Pier**, the city's top lakefront destination, take your pick from numerous attractions and activities. Get a thrill on carnival rides at **Pier Park** and marvel at panoramic views of the city as you soar nearly 200 feet in the air on the **Centennial Wheel**. Catch a free live show at the Lake Stage or City Stage at **Polk Bros Park**. Then, zoom along the waters of Lake Michigan in a jet-propelled speedboat with **Sea Dog Cruises**, departing from Navy Pier.



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Get up-close to nearly 200 species of animals, from polar bears to gorillas, at the free **Lincoln Park Zoo**, which is one of the oldest zoos in the country.

Enjoy pre-dinner drinks aboard **Odyssey Chicago River** with a two-hour Cocktail Cruise featuring passed hors d'oeuvres, light bites, and dramatic city views from the all-glass vessel.

EVENING Stroll the **Chicago Riverwalk**, a pedestrian walkway on the Chicago River with plenty of attractions, public artwork, and waterfront cafes, bars, and restaurants. From here, take the Sunset Tour with **Urban Kayaks** and paddle along the Chicago River to learn about the city's history.

Once the sun goes down, make your way to the jetty section of the Chicago Riverwalk, where you can watch **Art on theMART**, a free display of colorful light projections shown nightly from April through December.

From June through August, watch free outdoor concerts and movies during the **Millennium Park Summer Music & Film Series**. The shows at Jay Pritzker Pavilion typically begin at 6:30 p.m., so arrive early for a seat or spot on the lawn. Millennium Park is also home of the **Grant Park Music Festival**, the country's only free outdoor classical music series, held from June through August.

Every Wednesday and Saturday night from Memorial Day through Labor Day, don't miss the **Summer Fireworks** show at Navy Pier, where the night sky is filled with dazzling bursts of fireworks synchronized to music.

DAY 2: OUTDOORS

MORNING Kick-start your day with some fun and fresh air. **Maggie Daley Park** features a 40-foot **Climbing Wall**, winding **Skating Ribbon** (rent rollerblades and scooters during the summer and ice skates in the winter), the 18-hole **City Mini Golf** course, and the **Play Garden** for visitors ages 12 and under.



The Ledge at Skydeck Chicago

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SPEND 3 DAYS IN CHICAGO

DAY 3: CULTURE

MORNING Spark your creativity at the **Art Institute of Chicago**, where your group can peruse one of the world's largest collections of Impressionist paintings — from Claude Monet to Georgia O'Keeffe to Vincent van Gogh — as well as ancient sculptures, miniature dioramas, stained glass Chagall windows, and medieval armor. Be sure to take a picture with the **Historic Route 66** sign near the main entrance on Adams Street. Or, get a glimpse into the minds of modern artists through the ever-changing exhibits at the **Museum of Contemporary Art**.

Experience musical history on the Chess Records Tour at **Willie Dixon's Blues Heaven Foundation**, highlighting American blues and rock 'n' roll greats like Etta James and Muddy Waters who recorded at this legendary studio.

AFTERNOON Chicago is a diverse city representing more than 100 countries within its 77 distinct neighborhoods, so spend a few hours exploring some of these vibrant communities. Immerse yourself in the colorful Latinx culture of the Pilsen neighborhood, where you'll find eye-catching murals, family-owned Mexican restaurants, panaderías, and the free **National Museum of Mexican Art**, showcasing more than 9,000 pieces spanning from ancient times to modern day.

In culturally diverse Hyde Park, learn about the achievements of Africans and Americans of African descent at the **DuSable Museum of African American History**. Take a guided tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed **Robie House**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then stroll through the free **Garden of the Phoenix** in Jackson Park to take in the beauty of Japanese culture. On **The University of Chicago** campus, visit two free museums: the **Oriental Institute Museum** (housing amazing ancient artifacts) and the provocative **Smart Museum of Art**.

EVENING For nighttime entertainment, bring your group to one of Chicago's renowned theatres. With **Broadway in Chicago**, watch hit Broadway musicals and beloved classics on a variety of

downtown stages. For daring and thought-provoking productions that touch on social, political, and personal themes, take a seat at the **Steppenwolf Theatre Company**.

Meanwhile, **Buddy Guy's Legends** pairs nightly blues performances with New Orleans-inspired fare, making it easy to plan dinner and a show in one convenient location. Other classic Chicago blues clubs to check out include **Kingston Mines** and **B.L.U.E.S.**, both located in Lincoln Park.

Or, head to the Ravenswood neighborhood and sample locally made brews on **Malt Row**, home to some of the city's best microbreweries, as well as Chicago's first craft distillery, **KOVAL**.



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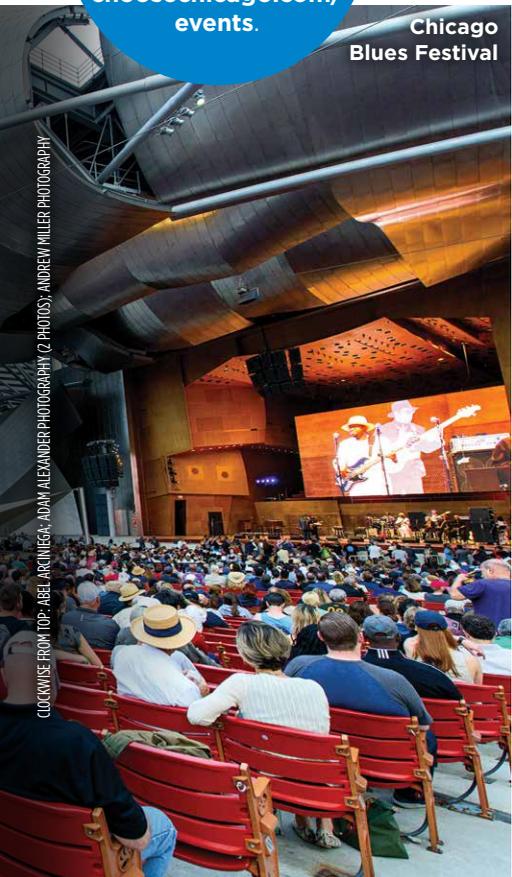
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A roundup of must-do activities and events for groups to enjoy throughout the year.

City of Chicago
Christmas Tree Lighting

Chicago Blues Festival



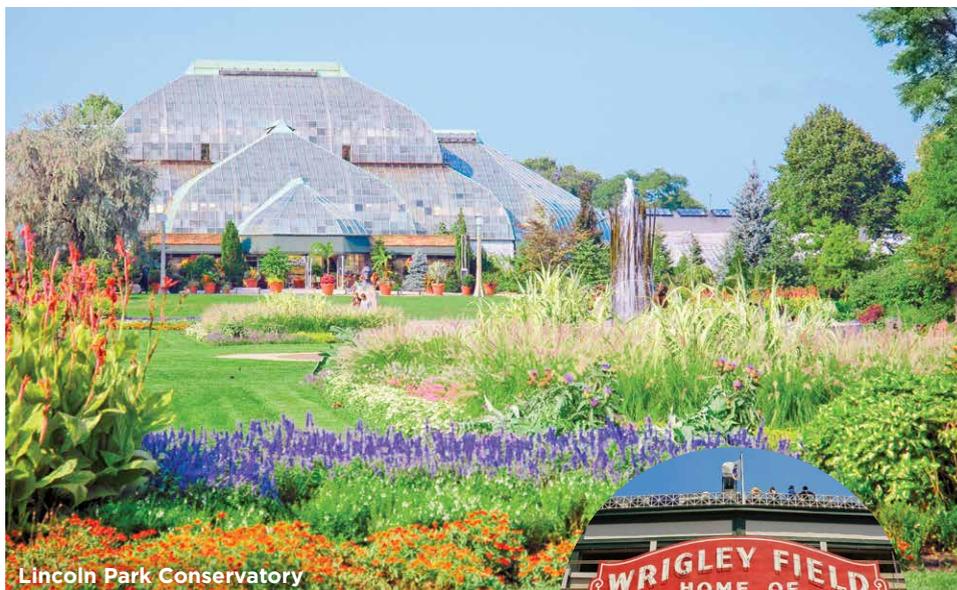
Lakefront Trail



St. Patrick's Day



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SPRING

March, April, May

CHICAGO IN BLOOM Green thumbs love the creative gardens, DIY workshops, and culinary demos at the **Chicago Flower & Garden Show**, held in March at Navy Pier. Explore on your own or join a free guided tour of **Millennium Park's** beautiful **Lurie Garden**, offered from May through September. At nearby **Grant Park**, view the ornate **Buckingham Fountain** and catch the nightly display of colored lights and music choreographed with the fountain's dancing waters from early May through mid-October. See the **Spring Flower Show** at the lush **Lincoln Park Conservatory**, which displays exotic flora and fauna all year round. The Macy's flagship store on historic State Street welcomes spring with the **March Macy's Flower Show**, where flowers become art in the hands of renowned horticulturalists.

SPORTS Cheer on the **Chicago Cubs** baseball team at historic Wrigley Field, and be sure to take a fascinating behind-the-scenes tour. Catch a **Chicago White Sox** baseball game at Guaranteed Rate Field and watch for the blast of fireworks every time the Sox hit a home run and win a game. Both the Chicago Cubs and White Sox stadiums are easily reached via the CTA Red Line 'L' train. Head to SeatGeek Stadium to see the **Chicago Red Stars** compete against opponents in the National Women's Soccer League. The **Chicago Sky** brings some of the best professional women's basketball players to Wintrust Arena, with on-court



experiences for fans. Catch a sizzling **Chicago Fire Football Club** match at Soldier Field (the season typically begins in spring), the soccer team's home stadium that's shared with the **Chicago Bears** American football team and offers behind-the-scenes tours.

SPRING HAPPENINGS In celebration of St. Patrick's Day in March, watch the **dyeing of the Chicago River** as the waters are turned emerald green in the morning, then experience the **Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade** with its colorful floats, Irish step dancers, and bagpipers in the afternoon. Attend screenings of more than 100 feature and short films from Latin America, Spain, Portugal, and the United States during the **Chicago Latino Film Festival** in April. In May, get a taste of **Illinois Craft Beer Week** during events that showcase Chicago's vibrant craft brew scene, including beer festivals and brewery events. Everything from traditional choirs to contemporary gospel groups fill the air with soulful melodies at the free **Chicago Gospel Music Festival**, held in May in Millennium Park. At the free **Chicago House Music Festival** in May, watch DJs and live performances in Millennium Park that celebrate all styles of the house music genre that was born in Chicago.

10 FREE HIDDEN GEMS

- Chicago Greeter Tours**
A local volunteer will customize a tour based on the interests of groups of six or less.
- City Gallery in the Historic Water Tower**
View photography by local artists at this intimate gallery.
- Northerly Island**
Wander nature trails that wind through wildflowers on this picturesque peninsula.
- Lincoln Park Conservatory**
This lovely conservatory is located next to the free **Lincoln Park Zoo**.
- Hyde Park Art Center**
Galleries and artists' studios are housed in this welcoming haven.
- Jane Addams Hull-House Museum**
Human rights advocate Jane Addams is honored at this Little Italy museum.
- Garden of the Phoenix**
Stroll through this traditional Japanese garden in Jackson Park, located by the **Museum of Science and Industry**.
- Garfield Park Conservatory**
This lush conservatory was designed by renowned landscape architect Jens Jensen.
- Stony Island Arts Bank**
Artist Theaster Gates turned a former bank into this vibrant Woodlawn arts center.
- The 606**
Walk or rent wheels from a **Divvy** bike-share station in Logan Square and explore this scenic elevated trail.

SUMMER

June, July, August

MUSIC & DANCE In June, an impressive lineup of musicians perform at the **Chicago Blues Festival** in Millennium Park, the largest free blues festival in the world. Enjoy the sweet sounds of classical music during the free **Grant Park Music Festival**, which runs from June through August. Pack a picnic and watch free movies and concerts all summer long during the **Millennium Park Summer Music & Film Series**. Join in free group lessons and dance to live music during **Chicago SummerDance** in Grant Park from June through August.

During July, savor smoky barbecue and jam out to country music during the **Windy City Smokeout**. The **Pitchfork Music Festival** features an eclectic range of bands in Union Park. Groove to reggae music and try Afro-Caribbean dishes at the **International Festival of Life** in Washington Park. House music

fans flock to the **Chosen Few DJs Picnic & Music Festival**, held in Jackson Park. The **Square Roots Festival** enlivens Lincoln Square with a diverse mix of artists, along with craft beer from local brewers.

Catch your favorite artists at the sprawling **Lollapalooza** music festival, which takes over Grant Park in August with loads of big-name bands. The **Chicago Jazz Festival** showcases the world's greatest jazz artists in Millennium Park and at the Chicago Cultural Center in late August.

FOODIE FESTS In June, get a taste of one of the nation's top culinary neighborhoods during **Taste of Randolph Street**. Get your hands on the best ribs in the city during June's **Ribfest Chicago**. Kicking off in June, **Chicago Friday Night Flights** features craft beer tastings in different neighborhoods throughout the summer. From June through late fall, find farm-fresh goods at the **Green City**



Chicago Friday Night Flights

Market in Lincoln Park and the West Loop. Bites from some of the city's best restaurants, celebrity chef appearances, and concerts make July's **Taste of Chicago** a summer must-do.

SWIMMING BEACHES Take your group for a dip just steps from The Magnificent Mile at **Oak Street Beach**. Organize a volleyball game at **North Avenue Beach** before diving into Lake Michigan. Further south, soak up incredible views of the skyline from **31st Street Beach**. You can also rent jet skis, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards from nearby **Chicago Water Sport Rentals** at **31st Street Harbor**.

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS In June, view the works of 250 fine artists and wander the tree-lined streets of historic Old Town during the **Old Town Art Fair**. Every June, the **Puerto Rican People's Parade** marches down Division Street in Humboldt Park in celebration of Caribbean culture. Find food, art, and musical acts from across the country at the July **Wicker Park Fest**. The July **Chinatown Summer Fair** features traditional Chinese food, music, and performances. Attend Pilsen's **Fiesta del Sol** in July for its lively Latinx music and authentic Mexican street food.

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Chicago Pride Parade

TOP 5 LGBTQ+ EVENTS

CHICAGO PRIDE FEST/CHICAGO PRIDE PARADE

Each June, Chicago Pride Fest takes over Northalsted (formerly known as Boystown) for an epic two-day celebration, followed by the Chicago Pride Parade on the last weekend of the month.

PRIDE IN THE PARK

Pride in the Park takes place in downtown Grant Park in June with a stellar lineup of musical acts that include world-famous DJs, drag queens and kings, and a spectacular display of Pride-themed fireworks.

NORTHALSTED MARKET DAYS

Hailed as the largest street festival in the Midwest, Northalsted Market Days is an August music festival spanning six city blocks, with artisan and food vendors, live performances, and plenty of dancing.

REELING FILM FESTIVAL

Held in September, the Reeling Film Festival is one of the oldest festivals dedicated to international LGBTQ+ films, screening shorts, documentaries, and narrative features.

HAUNTED HALSTED HALLOWEEN PARADE

Hundreds of goblins, witches, and zombies march in the Haunted Halsted Halloween Parade on Halloween night, with prizes awarded for the best costumes, voted on by a panel of drag queens.

FALL

September, October, November

HALLOWEEN EVENTS At the **Lincoln Park Zoo Fall Fest** discover harvest favorites like a pumpkin patch, corn maze, and a Pumpkin Walk with live professional pumpkin carvers. Young visitors love **Spooky Zoo**, a fun trick-or-treat event to celebrate Halloween. The magical **Arts in the Dark** nighttime parade celebrates Halloween as the artist's holiday with unique floats, creative puppets, and music and dance performances. Experience **Day of the Dead Xicágo**, hosted by Pilsen's **National Museum of Mexican Art**, featuring make-your-own ofrendas (altars), live music, and group art activities in Harrison Park. Head out to the **Chicago Botanic Garden** in suburban Glencoe and be wowed by the **Night of 1,000 Jack-o'-Lanterns**, showcasing intricately hand-carved pumpkins.

CULTURAL PURSUITS Typically held in September, attend **EXPO CHICAGO** and explore international contemporary art galleries at Navy Pier. In conjunction, **EXPO ART WEEK** features programming at museums, art galleries, and cultural institutions across the city. Also in September, the free **World Music Festival** presents international artists and ensembles performing at venues around Chicago. See a wide range of jazz music



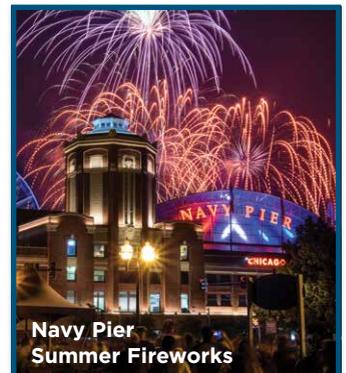
Bank of America Chicago Marathon

styles performed in spaces throughout the historic Hyde Park neighborhood, including The University of Chicago campus, during the **Hyde Park Jazz Festival** in September. During the October **Open House Chicago**, take your group on free behind-the-scenes tours of more than 250 architectural gems across Chicago, including soaring skyscrapers, opulent theatres, and exclusive private clubs. Don't miss the **Chicago International Film Festival**, a star-studded October celebration that includes screenings of award-winning films from around the world, as well as panels featuring actors and filmmakers. Also in October, the **Destinos: Chicago International Latino Theater Festival** brings together local, national, and international theatre groups from Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and more.

FALL HAPPENINGS Foodies flock to **Chicago Gourmet**, held in Millennium Park each September, featuring celebrity chefs, cocktail and cooking demos, themed special events like the popular Hamburger Hop, as well as food and wine tastings. Held in early September, the **North Coast Festival** is an all-ages music and arts fest with a focus on electronic dance music. During **Taste of Polonia** in September, enjoy Polish cuisine, cultural performances, and crafts in Jefferson Park. Join the rowdy music fans at the all-ages **Riot Fest & Carnival**, held in September in Douglass Park, which features a diverse lineup of rock, punk, and hip-hop bands, along with bites from some of Chicago's favorite eateries. Get ready to join the raucous crowd in singing *Bear Down*, *Chicago Bears* every time the **Chicago Bears** American football team scores a touchdown at Soldier Field (the season begins in September).

History lovers can't miss the **Historic Pullman House Tour** in October, when residents of the historic community founded in the 1880s for Pullman Palace Car factory workers open their homes to the public for the weekend.

In November, Thanksgiving Day begins with the **Chicago Thanksgiving Parade**, featuring giant balloon characters and marching bands. Traditionally held the day after Thanksgiving, the **Wreathing of the Lions** on the steps of the **Art Institute of Chicago** is a unique way to get your group into the seasonal spirit.



FUN OUTDOOR EVENTS

Held in May at Lincoln Park's Cricket Hill, the **Chicago Kids and Kites Festival** features professional kite flyers showing off their amazing moves, live music, arts and crafts, food trucks, and free kite kits.

Lake Shore Drive — Chicago's waterfront roadway — is cleared of traffic so cyclists can enjoy nearly five hours of carefree pedaling along the city's scenic lake-shore in May during the **Fifth Third Bike the Drive**.

A seasonal favorite, the **Navy Pier Summer Fireworks** is a spectacular display synchronized to music that illuminates the sky over Navy Pier every Wednesday and Saturday evening from Memorial Day in late May through Labor Day in early September.

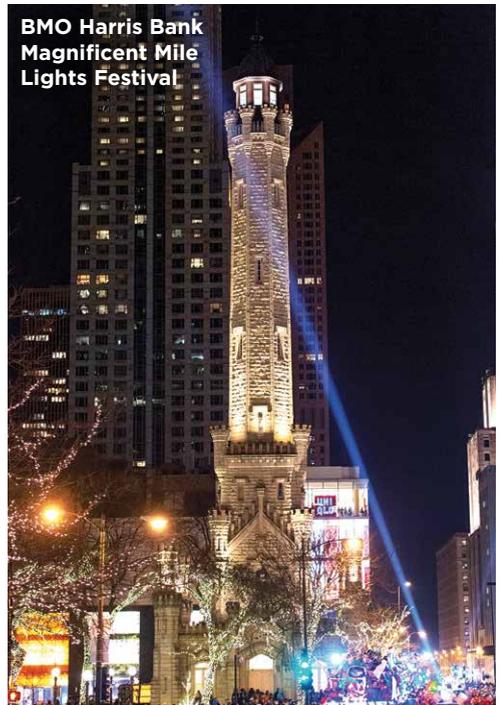
In October, the **Bank of America Chicago Marathon** kicks off with a fitness expo before runners from more than 100 countries race through the streets of various Chicago neighborhoods.



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Maggie Daley Park Skating Ribbon



BMO Harris Bank Magnificent Mile Lights Festival

Maggie Daley Park Skating Ribbon. The Rink at Gallagher Way turns the green space outside historic Wrigley Field into a winter wonderland. **Northerly Island** is the perfect place to go snowshoeing in the city. During its **Polar Adventure Days** your group can meet cold-weather creatures and make winter crafts.

SPORTS See the **Chicago Bulls** play basketball in “The House That Jordan Built,” also known as the United Center, where you can view the team’s six NBA championship trophies and pose for a selfie with the statue of superstar Michael Jordan. Also at the United Center, watch for team mascot Tommy Hawk dancing to *Chelsea Dagger* when the **Chicago Blackhawks** hockey team scores a goal.

WINTER HAPPENINGS During **First Bites Bash**, sample dishes from some of the city’s best chefs at the Field Museum as a kickoff to January’s **Chicago Restaurant Week**, when hundreds of local restaurants offer special prix fixe menus. From late January through early February, see cultural performances at venues around the city as part of Chicago’s **Chinese New Year** celebration. In February, the **Chicago Auto Show** showcases an impressive collection of passenger cars and trucks at McCormick Place. Snag discounted tickets to more than 100 of the hottest shows in Chicago during the February **Chicago Theatre Week**.

WINTER

December, January, February

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS Do some shopping along **The Magnificent Mile**, then join in the November **BMO Harris Bank Magnificent Mile Lights Festival**, which culminates in a dazzling evening parade led by Mickey Mouse to kick off the holiday season. Also check out the shops on **State Street** and venture over to **Macy’s State Street** to see the store’s magical holiday window displays and the **Great Tree** in **The Walnut Room**. Nearby, take in the artisan crafts and festive foods at **Christkindlmarket Chicago**, a German-style Christmas

market. At Millennium Park, ring in the season with the **City of Chicago Christmas Tree Lighting** and **Caroling at Cloud Gate** (on select days). See a holiday show, such as *The Nutcracker* by the **Joffrey Ballet** or *A Christmas Carol* at the **Goodman Theatre**. Don’t miss the sparkling **Christmas Around the World** and **Holidays of Light** exhibits at the **Museum of Science and Industry**. Be wowed by **ZooLights** at **Lincoln Park Zoo**, complete with incredible animated displays, holiday treats, and selfies with Santa.

OUTDOOR FUN Rent skates and take a spin on the **McCormick Tribune Ice Rink** in Millennium Park or the picturesque



STUDENT & YOUTH ATTRACTIONS

Chicago History Museum

To ensure the well-being of guests, many museums have health and safety practices in place. Group planners should check in advance with individual attractions for policies and protocols.

From top attractions to hands-on workshops, Chicago is filled with exciting and educational experiences for all ages.

CHICAGO STORIES

Bring students on a guided walking tour of Chicago's iconic skyscrapers and architectural gems with the **Chicago Architecture Center**, and book an age-specific workshop for hands-on learning based on building design, urban planning, and community development. Then, take in sky-high views of the cityscape from

the observation deck at **360 CHICAGO**, located on the 94th floor of the former John Hancock Center, and get a downward-facing view from the exciting **TILT** thrill ride. Go even higher — to the 103rd floor of the Willis Tower — at **Skydeck Chicago**, where youths will love stepping out onto **The Ledge**, a glass balcony extending over the edge of the building.

Peek into the past with a trip to the **Chicago History Museum**, where youth groups can explore local stories through exhibits and in-depth workshops with themes such as the Great Chicago Fire and the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

At the **Pullman National Monument** — an 1800s planned industrial community and Chicago's only national park — join a scheduled ranger tour and pick up activity-based booklets at the Visitor Information Center so students can complete the free Pullman Junior Ranger program (30–60 minutes) and receive an official badge.

THEATRE & MUSIC

Introduce your group to orchestral masterpieces and operatic wonders at world-class venues, starting with the **Chicago Symphony Orchestra** at **Symphony Center**, which offers discounted tickets and several performance options. For grades K–8, CSO School Concerts feature the full orchestra in Orchestra Hall, with performances geared to specific age ranges. High school students can attend Education Open Rehearsals, a 2.5-hour practice run of that week's scheduled performance, paired with a



TILT at 360 CHICAGO

post-show Q&A session with the conductor, orchestra members, or guest performers. Meanwhile, the **Lyric Opera of Chicago** offers Student Backstage Tours of the opera house from October through May, as well as discounted show tickets.

Bring your group to watch a memorable musical production with **Broadway in Chicago**, where discounted tickets, study guides, and post-show Q&A sessions with cast members ensure an interactive and educational experience. At **Chicago Shakespeare Theater** on the lakefront **Navy Pier**, the Bard's iconic plays come to life on three stages, including **The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare**, an innovative venue that seamlessly shifts to accommodate a range of group sizes and types of shows. Specially priced student matinees include midday, full-length productions and abridged performances.

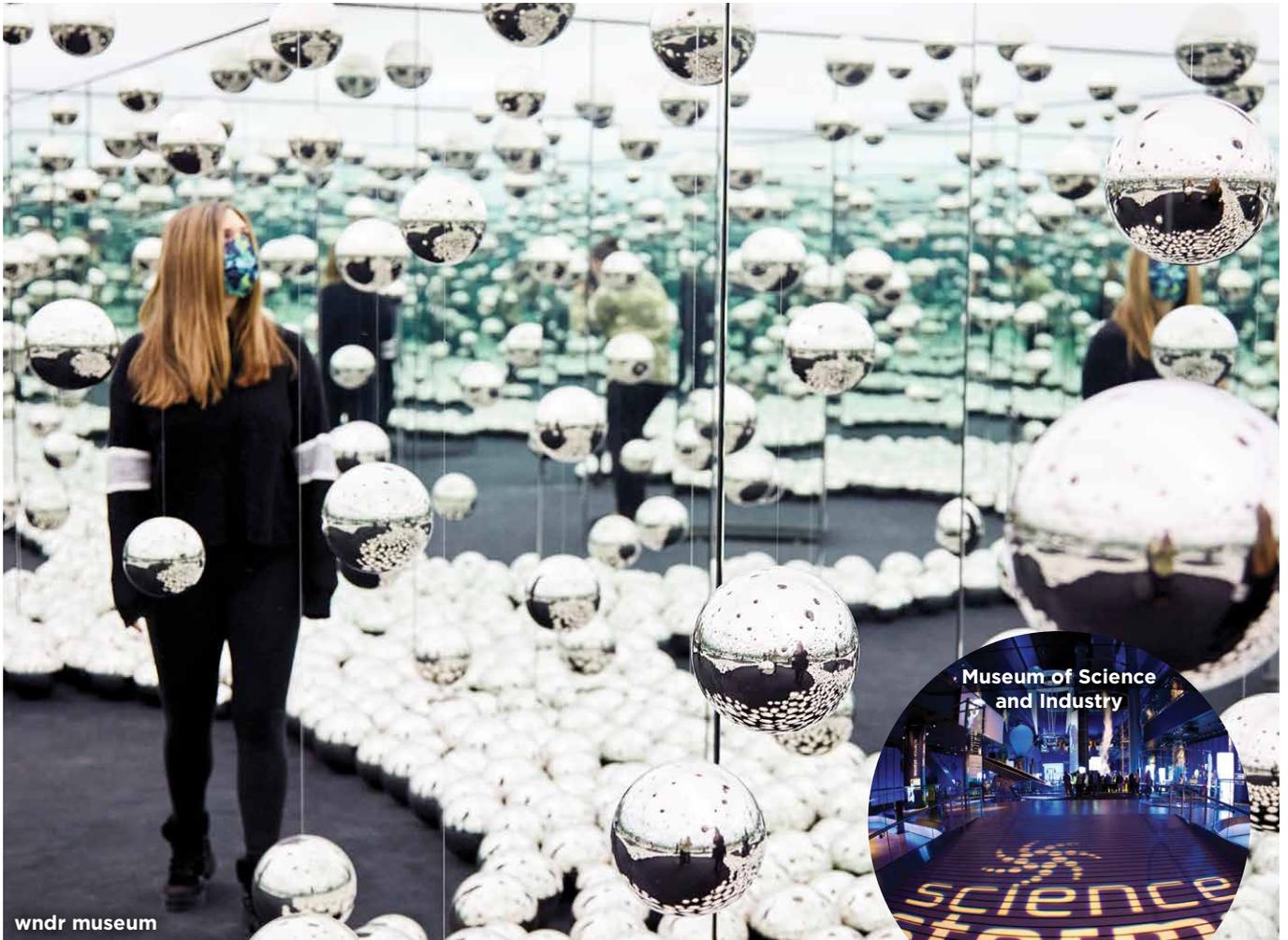
For a rollicking good time, don't miss a performance by **The Second City**, which offers an age-appropriate version of its unscripted, interactive improv show with special performances geared toward youths ages 5–12.

MUSEUM MUST-DO'S Nature/Science/History

Nestled on the shore of Lake Michigan, the 57-acre **Museum Campus** is home to three world-class museums: the **Field Museum**, where ancient Egyptian mummies, Máximo the Titanosaur (the largest dinosaur ever discovered), SUE the *T. rex*, and hundreds of precious gemstones are on display; the **Shedd Aquarium**, home to playful penguins, eye-catching jellyfish, friendly beluga whales, and underwater creatures from around the world; and the **Adler Planetarium**, where students can learn about space missions and watch



Shedd Aquarium



wndr museum

Museum of Science
and Industry

immersive sky shows in two domed theatres.

At the **Museum of Science and Industry** in Hyde Park, more than 800 exhibits introduce science, technology, engineering, and math topics in exciting ways, while the interactive Learning Labs put analytical skills to the test through hands-on science lessons made specifically for students. On the nearby **University of Chicago** campus, join a workshop that delves into the ancient Middle Eastern treasures housed in the **Oriental Institute Museum**, or take a guided tour of the thought-provoking works on show at the **Smart Museum of Art**. Also in Hyde Park is the **DuSable Museum of African American History**, where students learn about African American art and culture through special programs and activities.

Immerse your group in the natural world at the **Peggy Notebaert Nature**

Museum, where students can explore larger-than-life animal habitats, nature-inspired artwork, outdoor walking trails, and the **Judy Istock Butterfly Haven**, a 2,700-square-foot tropical greenhouse filled with more than 1,000 free-flying butterflies.

For grades 6–12, make a reservation (admission is free) to the **Money Museum** to learn about the Federal Reserve System, interest rates, circulation, and counterfeit currency. Everyone will go home with a free souvenir — a bag of shredded money.

Art/Culture

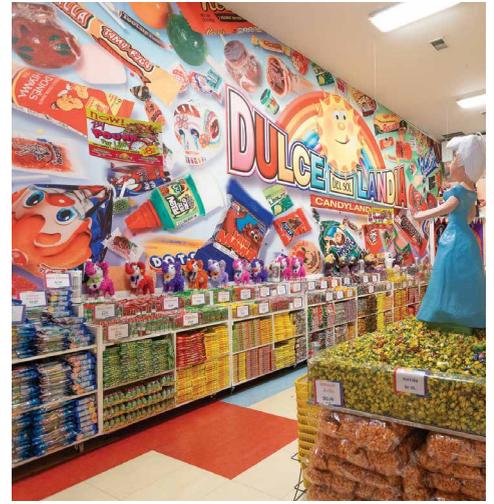
At the **Art Institute of Chicago**, arrange a private docent-led tour or design your own self-guided tour to explore everything from ancient Roman sculpture to international contemporary art, as well as one of the world's largest collections of 19th-century French art. Download the free mobile app for a location-aware

interactive map and audio tours in four languages. For modern visual art, the **Museum of Contemporary Art** offers private tours for grades K–12, helping youths understand contemporary art and its context. At the **wndr museum**, a continually changing immersive art and technology art museum, step into a fantasy world through awe-inspiring experiences.

Instill a love of literature at the **American Writers Museum** with a private group tour and exhibits and activities in the Children's Literary Gallery. You'll learn about famous authors and books, writing styles, and the creative process.

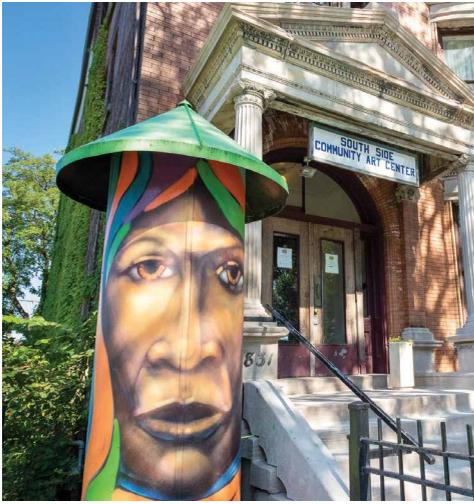


For even more ideas, go to
[choosechicago.com/
students](https://choosechicago.com/students).



WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD





Chicago is home to 77 diverse neighborhoods, where more than 100 languages are spoken. And they are filled with the sights, sounds, tastes, and history of Chicago.

Explore the incredible museums of Hyde Park, dine at a family-owned taqueria in Pilsen, go shopping in charming Andersonville, tour the Pullman National Monument, or attend a Pride festival in Northalsted. These experiences and many more are waiting for you in Chicago's welcoming neighborhoods.

Learn more at choosechicago.com/neighborhoods.



DOWNTOWN CHICAGO MOTORCOACH LOADING ZONES & PARKING LOCATIONS

P MCCORMICK PLACE MARSHALLING YARD 31st Street and Lake Shore Drive (Lot entrance on Moe Street)

Directions to McCormick Place Truck Marshalling Yard
From North of 31st Street South on Lake Shore Drive. Exit at 31st Street. Turn right on Moe Street, following the signs to McCormick Place Truck Marshalling Yard.

From South of 31st Street North on Lake Shore Drive. Exit at 31st Street. Turn left, going over Lake Shore Drive. Turn right on Moe Street, following the signs to the McCormick Place Truck Marshalling Yard. (This is the first available right turn immediately after going over Lake Shore Drive.)

Motorcoach Loading Zones
Standing for longer than 15 minutes or parking is not allowed at the following loading zones:

1. CLARK STREET 1635 North
• Chicago History Museum
• The Second City

2. WEST IRVING PARK RD & NORTH CLARK STREET
• Wrigley Field (On Cubs Game Days) ZONES

3. MICHIGAN AVENUE 875 North
On East Delaware Place, North of 875 North Michigan Avenue Building
• 875 North Michigan Avenue Building (360 Chicago / TILT)

4. CHICAGO AVENUE 200 East
• Broadway Playhouse at Water Tower Place
• Lookingglass Theatre
• Museum of Contemporary Art

5. RUSH STREET 701 North
• The Magnificent Mile™

6. CLARK STREET 600 North
Loading permitted on West side of street

7. WABASH AVENUE
Between Grand Avenue and Illinois Street
• The Magnificent Mile™

8. NAVY PIER
• Streeter Drive-588 East
First marked zone at start of turnaround
• Grand Avenue 848 East Entrance 1 (Riva)
• Grand Avenue 600 East Entrance 2

9. CLARK STREET 150 North
• City Hall
• Daley Center & The Picasso

10. DEARBORN STREET 165 North
• The Chicago Theatre
• Nederlander Theatre
• Goodman Theatre
• State Street Shopping

11. UPPER RANDOLPH STREET AT STETSON
(by the Bike Station)
• Chicago Cultural Center
• Harris Theater for Music and Dance
• Millennium Park
• Millennium Park Welcome Center
• Macy's Visitor Information Center

12. MONROE STREET 22 West
• CIBC Theatre
• Art Institute of Chicago

13. WACKER DRIVE 230 West
Loading permitted heading South on Wacker
• Willis Tower (Skydeck Chicago/ The Ledge)

14. SOLIDARITY DRIVE 700 East
• Adler Planetarium
• Field Museum
• John G. Shedd Aquarium
• Northerly Island/Huntington Bank Pavilion
• Soldier Field

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\$35 PER DAY WITH IN/OUT PRIVILEGES.

Call (312) 808-3138 for more information. Parking lot attendant can provide taxi information for drivers returning to the downtown area.



P Reserved Motorcoach Day Parking Lots (Paid, as available)

To reserve a spot at the following locations, please visit: chicagoparkdistrictparking.com/bus-parking

- Lincoln Park Zoo at Wilson Lot (Foster Beach)
- Soldier Field / Museum Campus Bus Parking (Adler Lot)
- Museum of Science and Industry (Adler Lot)

FREE Motorcoach On-Street Day Parking (as available)

- A CANAL STREET**-1200 South (except Sundays)
Parking available only on the East side of Canal Street, South of Roosevelt Road
- B KINZIE STREET**-between Des Plaines Street and Union Avenue, both sides of street
- C GREEN STREET**- East side of street between Kinzie Street and Carroll Avenue

*All pricing, availability, and locations are subject to change at the discretion of McCormick Place and the City of Chicago

GETTING TO & AROUND CHICAGO

* To learn about public transit sanitation protocols, go to [choosechicago.com/updates](https://www.choosechicago.com/updates).

What you need to know about traveling to Chicago, plus tips on how to navigate the city.

GETTING HERE

By plane: Getting to and from the city from **O'Hare International Airport** or **Midway International Airport** is quick, easy, and convenient. For information on both airports, go to [flychicago.com](https://www.flychicago.com).

By Amtrak train: Amtrak provides intercity passenger rail services to more than 500 destinations in 46 states. Visit [amtrak.com](https://www.amtrak.com) for more details.

GETTING AROUND

By public transit: Groups can use public transportation to get into and around the city via Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) train and bus lines, as well as the Metra rail system.

CTA 'L' Train: There are eight 'L' lines serving 145 train stations all over Chicago, including the Blue Line (24 hours), Brown Line, Green Line, Orange Line, Pink Line, Purple Line, Red Line (24 hours), and Yellow Line.

CTA Bus: There are 129 bus routes lacing the city, with bus stops every few blocks and mounted maps within the buses. Several lines operate 24 hours a day.

CTA fares start at \$2.25 for buses and \$2.50 for trains with a reloadable Ventra card. One-, three-, and seven-day Ventra passes are available. Single-ride Ventra ticket: \$3 (includes three

rides within two hours of use) or \$5 (from O'Hare Airport). One-day Ventra ticket: \$10 (unlimited rides for 24 hours).

Visit [transitchicago.com](https://www.transitchicago.com) to learn more.

Metra Rail: High-speed Metra trains connect outlying suburbs to downtown and are an easy way to travel into the heart of the city. Most train routes arrive at Union Station and Ogilvie Transportation Center, both a short walk from the Loop and many downtown hotels. Single-trip fares start at \$4. Learn more at [metrail.com](https://www.metra.com).

By taxi: Credit cards are accepted in all cabs, and tolls are charged to the passenger. **CHICABS** allows passengers to electronically hail and pay for a taxi through mobile apps **ARRO (ridearro.com)** and **Curb (gocurb.com)**. Download from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Base rate: \$3.25; \$2.25 for each additional mile; 20¢ for every 36 seconds of elapsed time.

Passenger fee: \$1 for the first additional passenger between ages 13–64; 50¢ for each additional passenger after that.

Illinois Airport Departure Tax: \$4, applies only to taxi fares leaving the airports.

Standard tip: 15–20% of the fare, plus \$1–\$2 per bag if the driver helps with luggage.



By rideshare: Lyft and Uber services are available throughout the greater Chicago metro area. Download the Lyft or Uber app for fare quotes and booking.

By shuttle: GO Airport Express, the official shuttle provider from airports to hotels, provides shared ride services to all downtown and suburban hotels. Group rates are available at [airportexpress.com](https://www.airportexpress.com).

By car: Major car rental companies have facilities at O'Hare and Midway airports, including Avis, Alamo, Budget, and Enterprise. Visit specific rental company websites for details.

By bike: Chicago's **Divvy** bike-sharing system is an inexpensive and easy way to get around the city. Thousands of bikes are available at hundreds of stations across Chicago. Rates start at \$3 for a single 30-minute ride. Or try

Divvy's e-bike, with a pedal-assist motor. Pay \$3 to unlock the e-bike, plus 20¢ per minute. Learn more at [divvybikes.com](https://www.divvybikes.com).

By scooter: Since 2019, the City of Chicago has operated electric scooter pilot programs from summer through early winter. Scooters have been available for rent in most parts of the city, except for The 606, Lakefront Trail, and central business district. Find out how your group can rent e-scooters this year at [chicago.gov](https://www.chicago.gov).

By water taxi: Seasonal water taxis are a scenic and budget-friendly way for groups to reach points of interest along the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Take a ride with **Shoreline Water Taxi (shorelinesightseeing.com)** or **Chicago Water Taxi (chicagowatertaxi.com)**.

All rates are subject to change.

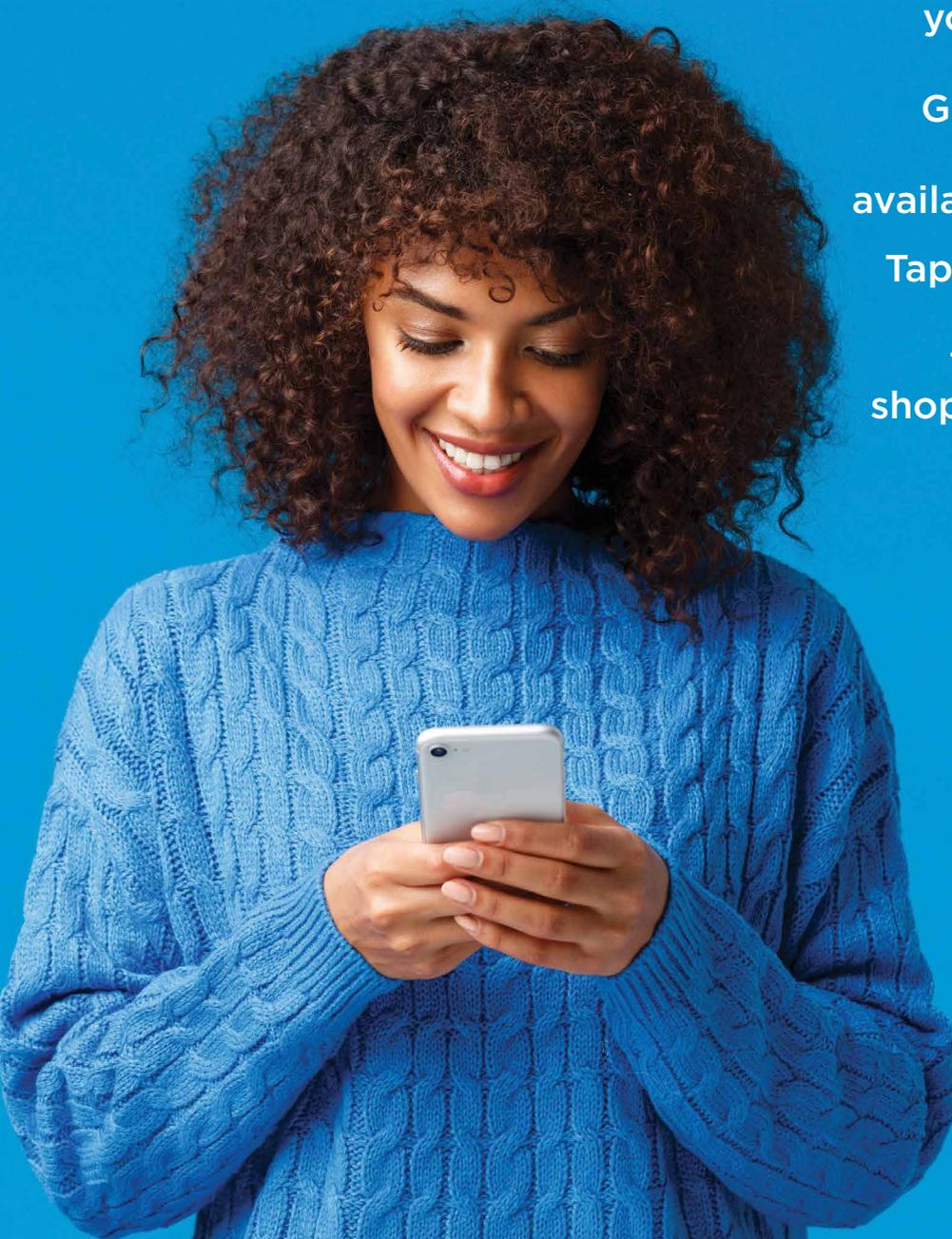
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LOCAL FAVORITES

Sample Chicago's top local spots that have found a second home at O'Hare and Midway.

→ SWEET & SAVORY

Perfect for on the go, **Nuts on Clark** (ORD Terminals 1, 2, 3, 5, and MDW Concourse A) and **Garrett Popcorn Shops** (ORD Terminals 1, 3, 5) have the best fresh-made treats. The Rainbow Cake at **The Goddess and Grocer** (ORD Terminal 5) is another colorful option.

→ REFRESHING BREWS

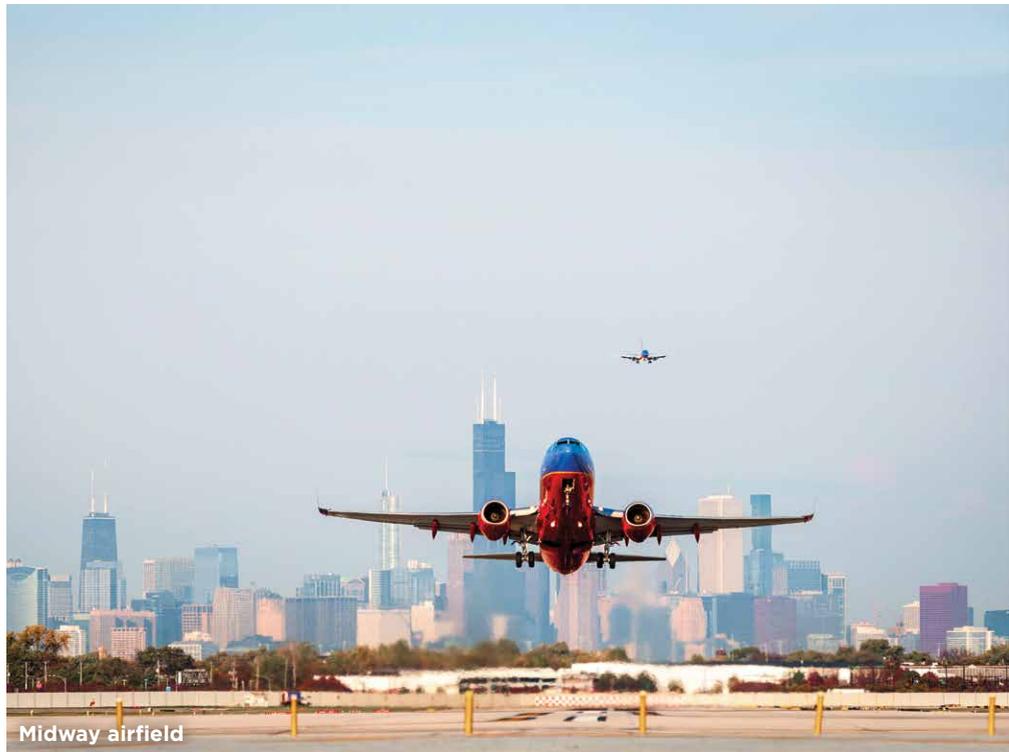
From pale ale to pilsner, **Goose Island Beer Company** (ORD Terminals 1, 2) has you covered. Belly up to the bar at **Harry Caray's Shortstop** (MDW Concourse A) and pair a cold draft with toasted ravioli.

→ INTERNATIONAL EATS

DeCOLORES (MDW Concourse A) serves up traditional Mexican fare. **Berghoff Café** (ORD Terminal 1) offers a taste of Germany with its bratwurst and sauerkraut, along with a selection of freshly carved sandwiches.

→ KIDS' PICKS

For your lil' flyers, touch down at **Woodgrain Neapolitan Pizzeria** (MDW Concourse A) for a mini cheese pizzetta and fruit combo. Sports fans will find chicken fingers and "Pitcher's Pasta" on the junior meals menu at **Chicago Cubs Bar & Grill** (ORD Terminal 3).



Midway airfield

CHICAGO O'HARE AND MIDWAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

Conveniently situated in the center of the country, Chicago boasts two first-class airports, allowing attendees to travel from almost anywhere. Chicago O'Hare and Midway International Airports comprise one of the most connected airport systems in the world. Our airports are hubs to three of the four largest carriers in the United States — American Airlines, United Airlines, and Southwest Airlines.

AIRPORT UPDATES

On average, O'Hare and Midway together handled over 105 million passengers, nearly 1.2 million aircraft operations, and approximately 1.8 million metric tons of cargo in 2019. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, 55 passenger airlines provided nonstop service from Chicago to 275 destinations worldwide.

Airlines are gradually restoring capacity lost during 2020, remaining flexible with scheduling according to passenger demand and governmental restrictions. Even with the pandemic, carriers are investing in the Chicago market for the long term. This includes new air service such as Southwest Airlines expanding to O'Hare in 2021, in addition to its Midway hub. Get all the latest updates at flychicago.com.

CHICAGO O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

O'Hare International Airport (ORD) lies just 17 miles (27 km) from downtown Chicago and is one of the top most connected hubs in the country.

Each terminal features outstanding dining options, from Chicago

CHICAGO O'HARE AND MIDWAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

restaurants to your favorite national food franchises. Shop boutiques, national brands, and convenience kiosks.

There are power stations located throughout the terminals and free WiFi in most public areas of the airport. Other features include public art displays, rooms for nursing mothers, and service animal relief areas.

A New O'Hare is Taking Flight

O'Hare 21 is a historic plan by the City of Chicago and its airline partners to transform O'Hare International Airport with new facilities and modern infrastructure. The centerpiece is an \$8.5 billion investment that will expand the airport's capacity and connectivity.

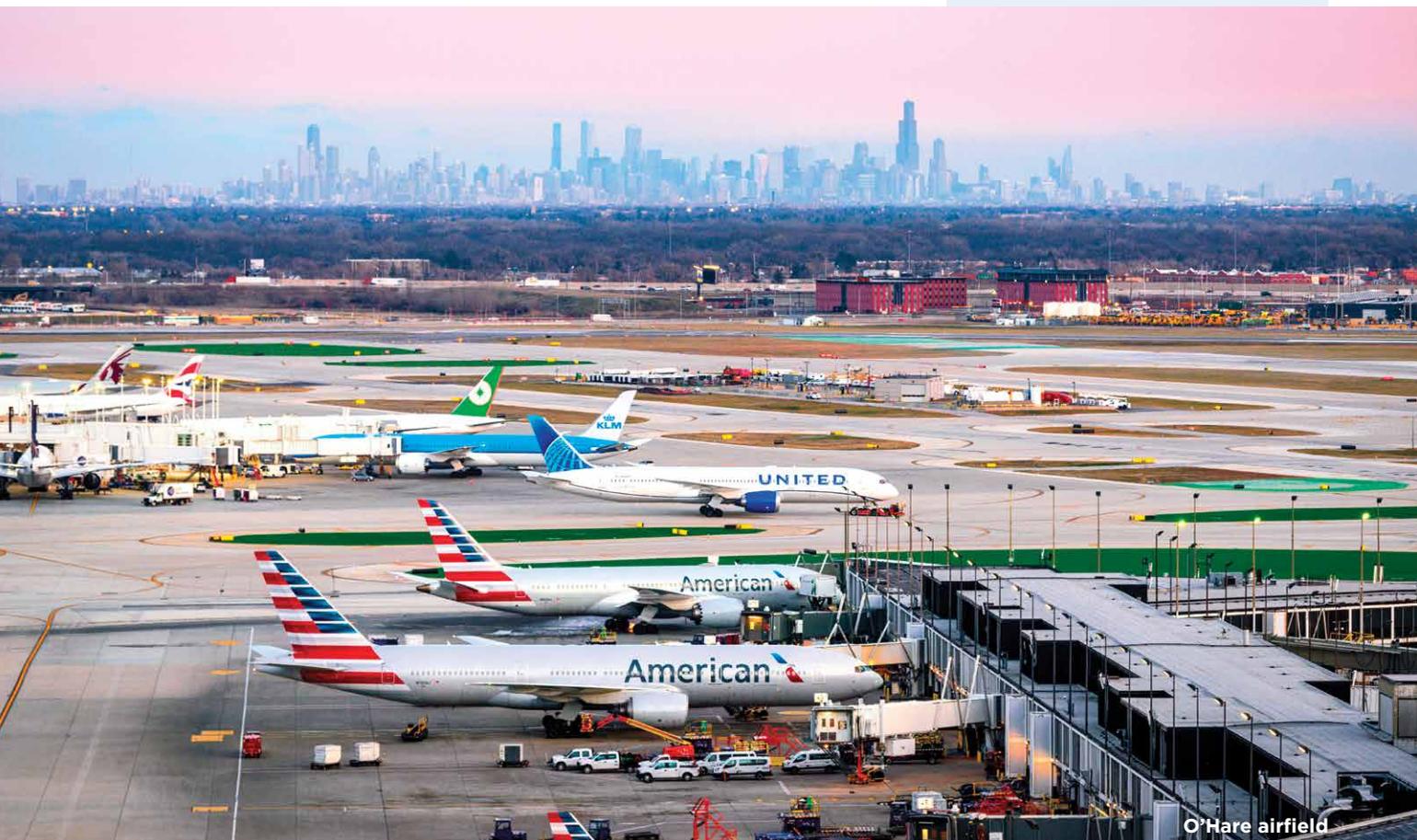
Over the next decade, this program will deliver a new international terminal, provide 25% more gate frontage capacity, introduce a more streamlined passenger experience from curb to gate, and allow all three of the major airline alliances to co-locate within the same terminals.

The commissioning of Runway 9C-27C in November 2020 marked the completion of the O'Hare Modernization Program's final new runway. O'Hare now has eight runways — the most of any commercial airport in the United States. A newly completed Multimodal Facility further enhances the guest experience, with a 2.5 million-square-foot transportation facility that consolidates rental car operations, public parking, Metra rail, and regional buses in one centralized location — offering more convenience, reducing traffic, and improving air quality. Larger, more modern cars on the Airport Transit System (ATS) will provide passengers with a faster and more reliable journey. In addition, planning is underway for the modernization of the on-site Hilton Chicago O'Hare Airport hotel, which will expand travelers' direct access to accommodations and provide updated conference facilities.

4 FUN AIRPORT FACTS

1. O'Hare has historically been among the nation's largest hot dog vendors, serving one million hot dogs a year.
2. Due to its compact size and shape, Midway is often called the "Busiest Square Mile in Aviation."
3. O'Hare now has eight runways, the most of any commercial airport in the U.S. The newest Runway 9C-27C, is as wide as a 16-lane highway.
4. To prepare for winter weather, O'Hare has a deicing facility the size of 17 football fields that can service up to 20 aircraft at once.

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O'Hare Terminal 1

Future Global Terminal

At the forefront of O'Hare 21, are plans to build a new O'Hare Global Terminal (OGT), Global Concourse, and two new satellite concourses. At 2.25 million square feet, O'Hare's new Global Terminal will replace Terminal 2 — becoming one of the largest and most cutting-edge terminals in the nation — and feature an expansive light-filled arrivals hall with additional gates, concessions, and amenities; new baggage systems; and advanced security screening. This development will allow American Airlines and United Airlines, as well as their foreign-flag partners, to consolidate domestic and international operations to streamline the passenger experience.

Terminal 5 Expansion

At approximately 350,000 square feet, the Terminal 5 expansion will bring 10 new gates, plus increase passenger amenity space by 75% and premium lounge space by 70%. Delta Air Lines and their SkyTeam alliance partners will relocate here, consolidating operations within the same terminal. This will also make way for expanded checkpoints and an upgraded baggage handling system..



O'Hare Terminal 3

CHICAGO MIDWAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

A mere 10 miles (16 km) from downtown, Midway (MDW) is a premier point-to-point airport, offering leisure and business travel across the U.S. and Mexico. For those seeking value and convenience, Midway presently offers connections to more than 60 destinations — with airlines continually adjusting operations since the start of the pandemic. Three concourses are filled with a wide variety of restaurants and shops, along with amenities such as a room for nursing mothers in Concourse C, and a service animal relief room in Concourse A. The Midway Modernization Program (MMP) — the most significant capital improvement program at Midway in nearly 20 years — elevates the travel experience for passengers and is preparing the airport for future growth.

New Dynamic Concessions Offerings

The concessions expansion project calls for 70 new locations at Midway, increasing the total concessions area from about 40,000 square feet to



Rendering of Terminal 5 expansion



Midway jet bridge



TAKE THE TRAIN TO & FROM THE AIRPORTS

O'Hare The CTA Blue Line — conveniently connected to Terminals 1, 2, and 3 — travels between O'Hare Station and the downtown Loop. Transfers from Terminal 5 are available.

Midway The CTA Orange Line travels between Midway Station and the downtown Loop. Located next to the airport terminal, it is connected by an enclosed walkway.

Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) [transitchicago.com](https://www.transitchicago.com)

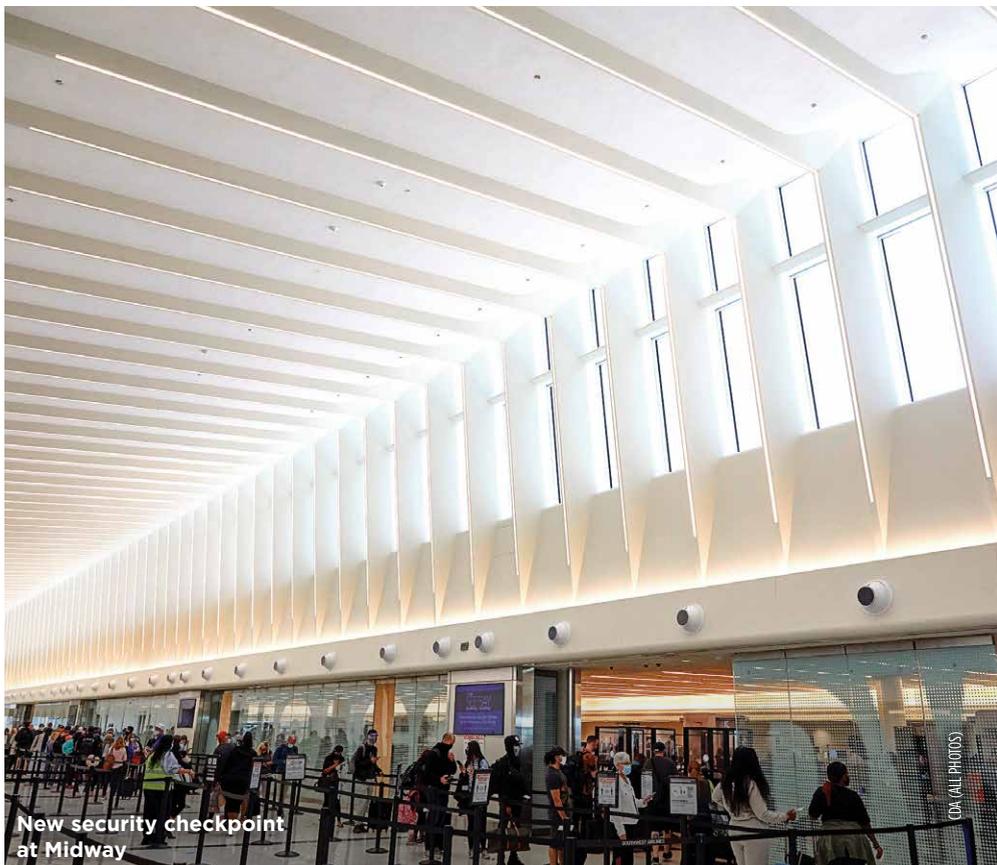
more than 70,000 square feet. Several new local restaurants and shops have been added throughout the terminals and Central Market, and many more are coming as part of the ongoing MMP redevelopment. Iconic Chicago-area establishments that have locations at Midway include Billy Goat Tavern, Arami, and Harry Caray's Shortstop.

Security Checkpoint Expansion

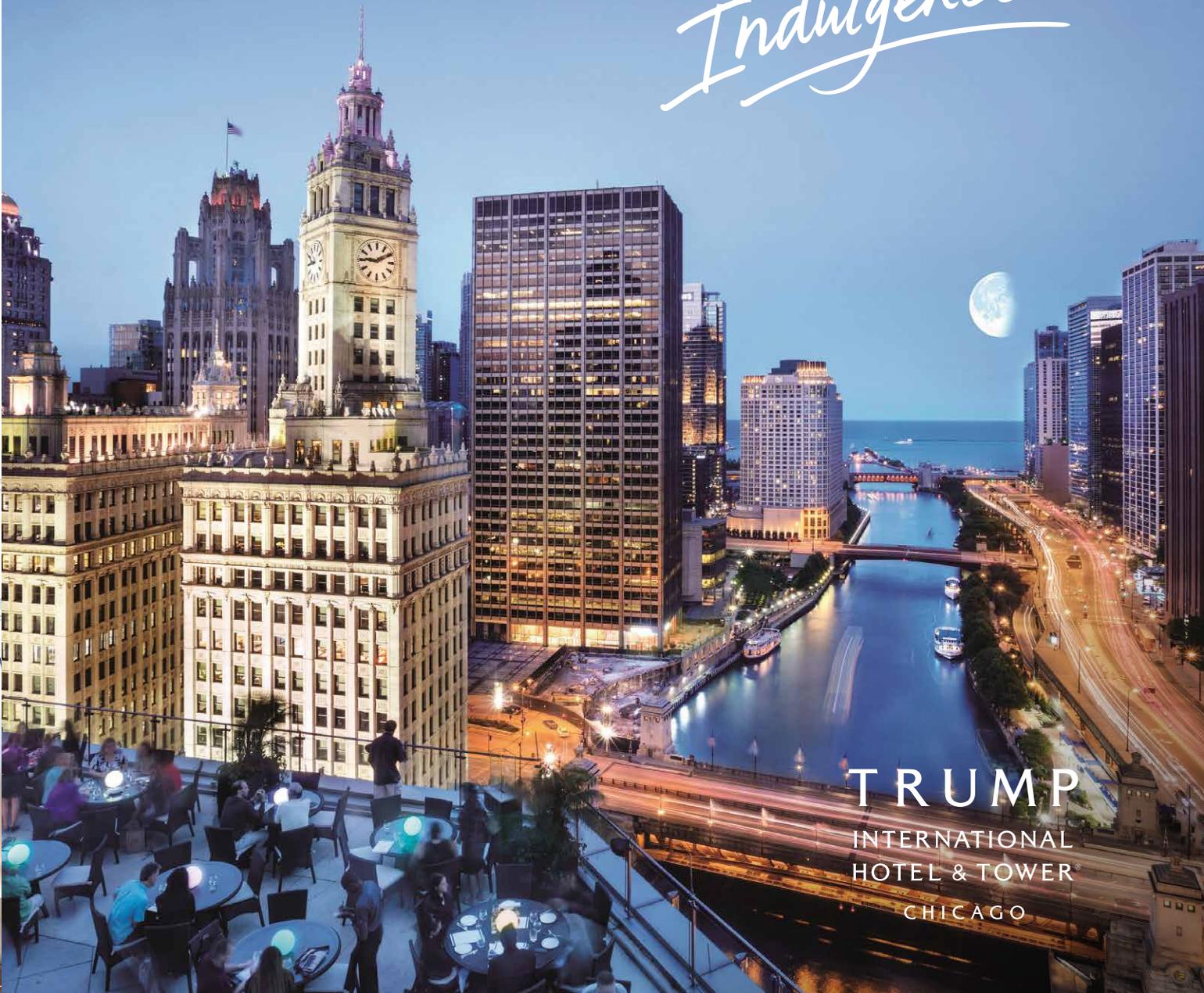
A new 80,000-square-foot security structure and expanded pedestrian bridge were completed in 2020. The new security pavilion provides new technology and a streamlined single checkpoint area seven times wider than the previous security hall. This development, combined with new TSA automated lanes, increases the hourly throughput of passengers from 2,500 to 5,000 per hour — doubling previous capacity while maintaining the highest levels of security.

Terminal Garage Enhancements

The upgrade to Midway's terminal-adjacent parking facility brought new elevators, new lighting, and a new revenue control system. With these improvements, passengers will enjoy a cashier-less operation for payment.



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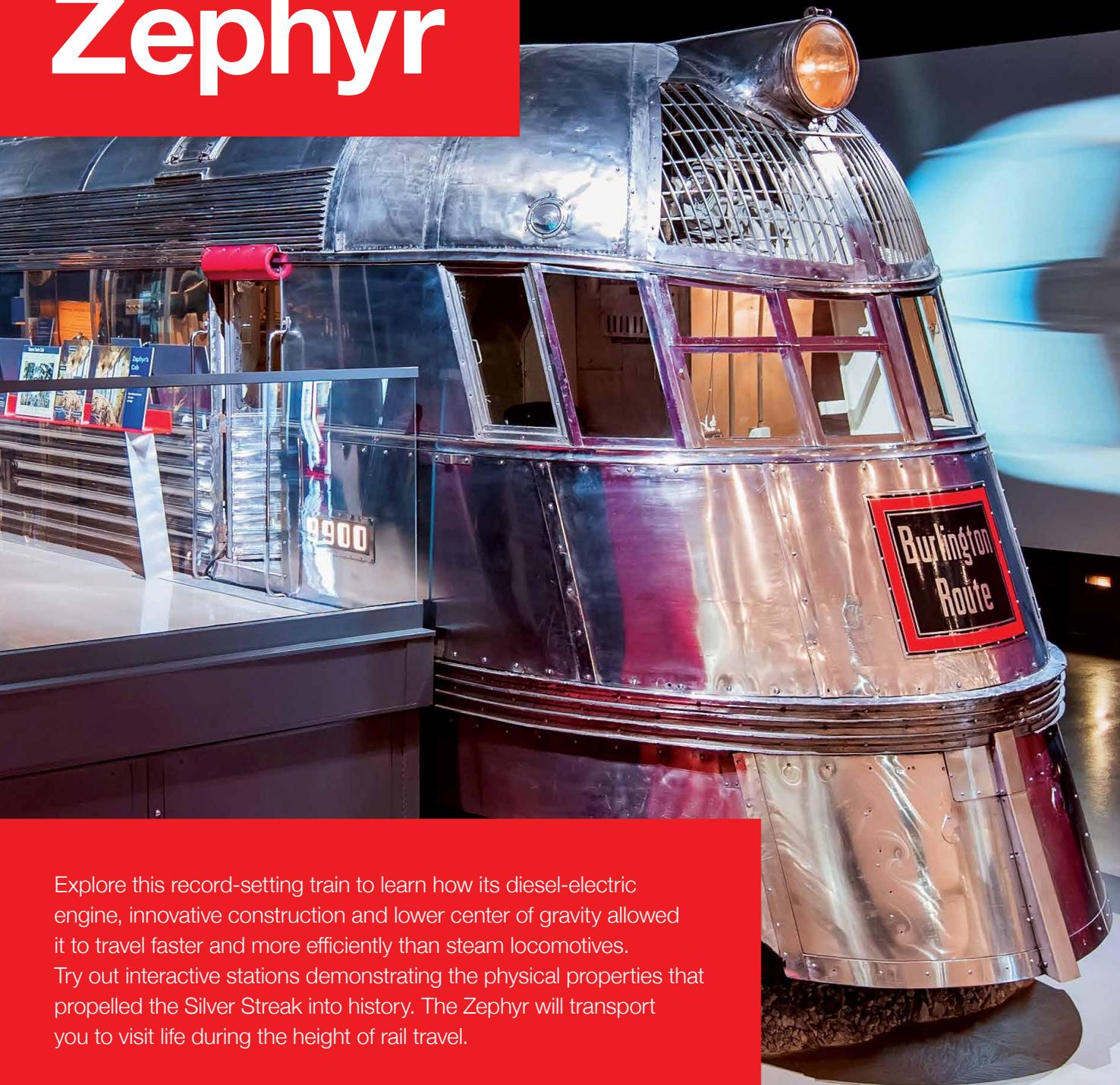
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