

24 HOURS IN CHICAGO



IN TOWN FOR A MEETING OR CONVENTION?

Spend a day getting a feel for Chicago with this curated itinerary of classic spots and under-the-radar experiences. Tacking on some leisure time to your business trip allows you to plan for a fun extended stay and get a taste of everything our great city has to offer.

MORNING

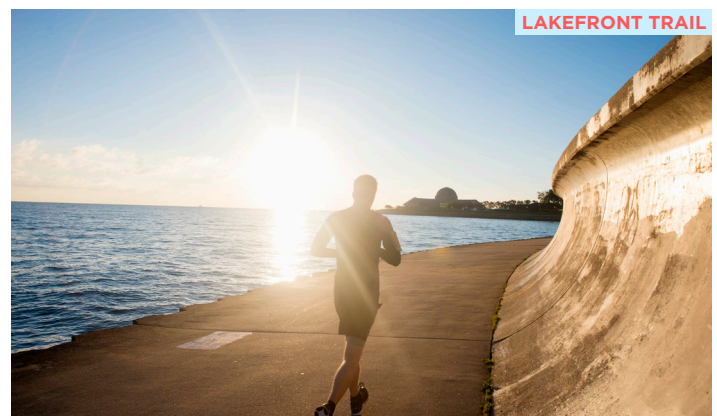
WATERFRONT WALKS AND TOP MUSEUMS

Start your day with a walk, run, or bike ride along Chicago's scenic **Lakefront Trail**, with the beautiful waters of vast Lake Michigan on one side and the city's spectacular skyline on the other.

Nearby is **Millennium Park**, the city's glorious oasis of greenery in the heart of the Loop. Make your first stop the iconic **Cloud Gate** sculpture (known locally as "**The Bean**") and snap the quintessential Chicago selfie.

Next, head to the world-renowned **Art Institute of Chicago**, right next door to Millennium Park. You can easily spend hours exploring the galleries of this famed art museum that holds the largest collection of Impressionist paintings outside of France. And be sure to check out the Modern Wing, with works by greats like Andy Warhol and Pablo Picasso.

Alternatively, you could spend your morning exploring the storied Hyde Park neighborhood. Get hands-on at the massive **Griffin Museum of Science and Industry**, the largest science museum in the Western hemisphere.



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AFTERNOON

ARCHITECTURE CRUISE AND JAW- DROPPING VIEWS

Learn how this city rose from the ashes of the Great Chicago Fire to become the birthplace of the skyscraper at the **Chicago Architecture Center**. Afterward, hop on a scenic architecture boat cruise to hear the fascinating stories behind more than 50 of the city's architectural icons from an expert docent.

Then, spend some time wandering the postcard-perfect **Chicago Riverwalk**. This award-winning pedestrian pathway is dotted with museums, public art, bustling cafes, and alfresco restaurants.

If you're looking for more ways to get out on the water, rent a kayak or join a guided tour from **Urban Kayak's** Chicago Riverwalk location. Or check out **Chicago Boat Company** to captain your own boat for the day.

Next, enjoy a breathtaking bird's-eye view of the city from one of Chicago's soaring observation decks. **Skydeck Chicago** offers visitors the chance to see four states from the 103rd floor. The star of the show is **The Ledge**, an all-glass balcony that allows you to step outside the building more than 1,000 feet above ground.

Or head over to **The Magnificent Mile** and take a ride up to the 94th-floor **360 CHICAGO**. You'll be treated to incredible views of the city and Lake Michigan. If you dare, step onto the **TILT** thrill ride that hovers riders out over Michigan Avenue for a truly heart-pounding view.



EVENING

MUSIC, THEATRE, IMPROV, AND BEYOND

Catch a **Broadway in Chicago** show performed at one of the city's historic downtown theatres. Or catch up-and-coming comedy stars hone their craft at **The Second City**, Chicago's legendary improv club.

Listen to live Chicago blues music at **Buddy Guy's Legends**, an authentic Blues bar that books the world's biggest musicians (including owner Buddy Guy himself). Or check out **Kingston Mines**, a Lincoln Park blues club since 1968.

Finally, toast to your trip from one of Chicago's stunning rooftop bars. Spots like **Offshore Rooftop**, **LH Rooftop**, and **Cindy's** all offer sweeping views of the iconic skyline. It's the perfect way to wrap up a busy day experiencing the best of Chicago.

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