

Day One

- 7:30am Arrival at your school of an air-conditioned, washroom equipped, climate controlled highway motor coach.
- 8:00am 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. You should bring a lunch from home (please no fresh fruits or vegetables).

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

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

The group has the opportunity to make their own arrangements for dinner en route.

- 7:00pm **Hotel Standard - Hotel Check-in**
Approximate time of arrival at your hotel for check-in.

Day Two

Continental breakfast at your hotel.

- 9:00am Board your motor coach
- 9:30am **"Historic Skyscrapers" Walking Tour**
Meet your local guide and discover the historic beginnings of the Chicago School of Architecture and the early skyscrapers during your Historic Skyscraper walking tour. Buildings featured include the Art Deco Chicago Board of Trade, the Auditorium Building, a Louis Sullivan masterpiece, and the Rookery, a National Historic Landmark.
- 11:00am **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.
- 12:00pm Own arrangements for lunch in the Loop.

Time to explore the Loop area. There are many shops and boutiques, as well as the landmark Marshall Fields department store.

- 2:00pm **Art Institute of Chicago**
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.
- 6:00pm The group has the opportunity to make their own arrangements for dinner.
- 7:00pm Board your motor coach and depart for Second City.
- 8:00pm **Second City Performance**
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.
- 9:45pm Board your motor coach and return to your accommodation.

Day Three

Continental breakfast at your hotel.

- 9:00am Board your motor coach
- 10:00am **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.
- 1:00pm Own arrangements for lunch along the Magnificent Mile.

Explore Michigan Ave, otherwise know 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.



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Day Three

- 3:30pm **Backstage Tour of the Steppenwolf Theatres**
Students enjoy a backstage tour of the Steppenwolf Theatre. The three Steppenwolf performance spaces provide exciting artistic opportunities for Steppenwolf.
- 5:00pm **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!

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- 7:00pm **Untouchables Gangster Tour of Chicago**
During your Untouchables 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.
- 9:00pm Board your motor coach and return to your accommodation.

Day Four

Continental breakfast at your hotel.

- 8:00am **Hotel Standard - Hotel Check-out.**
Check out of your accommodation and load luggage onto your motor coach.
- 8:30am Board the motor coach and depart for your return home. Rest stops will be made en route.

Remember to set your watches ahead one hour.

- 10:00pm **Welcome Home!**
Approximate time of arrival at the school.

This is a sample itinerary based on the minimum recommended days for your tour. This itinerary is completely customizable. 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.



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