

Chicago Tour Descriptions

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

Highlights Of Chicago Tour with Lunch at Navy Pier & River Cruise

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. From the river, the boat will venture out to Lake Michigan where guests will be treated to a rich view of the entire skyline. 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.

Time: 9:00AM –5:30PM

Price: \$68.00 per person
Based on minimum of 50 Guests

Includes: Highlights of Chicago tour
Admission to the John Hancock Observatory
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Motorcoach Transportation
River Cruise (1 1/2 hours)
Architectural Docent (English Only)
All Taxes and Gratuity

Thursday, August 6, 2009

Mystic Blue Cruise

Chicago's skyline as seen from a boat has been named one of the top ten most spectacular panoramic views in America by the American Society of Travel Writers; and it is one experience guests will ever forget. The glittering lights of the city and the twinkling of stars above provide the atmosphere for an elegant affair. The luxurious Mystic Blue cruise ship is one of the most charming boats on Lake Michigan from which to experience the grandeur of Chicago at night. As the newest cruise ship on Lake Michigan, Mystic Blue offers three enclosed decks, each with a charming atmosphere, rear open deck space for guests to mingle in the cool misty breeze and incomparable views from every table. For the most stunning and exciting experience, the open air Skyline Deck awaits. The casual and stylish ambience will entice guests to let their hair down, dance, eat, drink and be merry. There is no more enjoyable and exquisite setting for a cruise on the Lake.

Time:

Depart Hotel: 4:00pm Boarding 6:00 & Cruising 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Price: \$83.00 per person
Based on 50 guaranteed guests

Includes: Motorcoach Transportation
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Guitarist for Entertainment
1 premium drink ticket
Tax & Service Charges

Friday, August 7, 2009

Day at Cantigny: First Division Museum at Cantigny

The First Division Museum is more than four walls with some interesting artifacts in it. It is a story. It is a history. It is an education. And it can be fun. Within these four walls is the 10,000 square foot Main Exhibit Hall of the museum, which tells the story of the division from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm through interactive galleries. In the 2,700 square foot Temporary Exhibit Gallery, different exhibits are rotated. In the lobby, temporary exhibits can often be found. Some tell the story of the division today; others display interesting historic artifacts that have been donated to or acquired by the museum. But the museum extends beyond its four walls. The Tank Park just outside the museum is known throughout the Midwest for its extensive tank collection from the World War I era—including an *M1917 Light Tank*—to the Desert Storm era—including an *M1 Abrams Tank*—along with armored personnel carriers and artillery pieces. On display periodically throughout the year on the museum's grounds and in area parades are the museum's historic military vehicles, ranging from a World War I *Liberty Truck*, to a World War II *M3 Half Track*, to a Vietnam War era *M37 Cargo Truck*. Also on the grounds for special events, visitors might find themselves face-to-face with military re-enactors displaying and explaining military equipment and tactics.

*Lunch on own at Le Jardin.

*Following lunch guests will stroll through The Gardens at Cantigny.

Time: 9:00am-5:00pm

Price: \$30.00 per person
Based on 50 guests

Includes: Admission to the Museum
Motorcoach Transportation
Parking at the Museum