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1. Geographical location

Chicago is a city in Illinois, USA which is located to the north of the state. To the West of this city lies the Lake Michigan. The city of Chicago is formed due to the large glaciers of Ice Age which helped carve out the basin at the Lake Michigan. Since the city is situated on the Chicago plain, most of the area here is flat and there's not a lot of topographical relief.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Chicago Is One Of The Busiest Cities In USA, There Are A Number Of People Who Come To Visit Chicago On A Holiday, And Since Most Of These People Come Here On A Long Break, They Could Also Check Out Some Of The Cities And Towns That Are Near Chicago. These Include Summit (21.3 Kilometers Away From Chicago), Evergreen Park (24.7 Kilometers Away From Chicago), Maywood (19.1 Kilometers Away From Chicago), River Grove (23.5 Kilometers Away From Chicago), River Forest (18.3 Kilometers Away From Chicago) And Oak Park (14.9 Kilometers Away From Chicago). There Are Also Some Major Cities That Are Located Near Chicago Which Include Detroit (425.2 Kilometers Away From Chicago), Toledo (319.6 Kilometers Away From Chicago), Windsor (317 Kilometers Away From Chicago) And Saint Louis (472.4 Kilometers Away From Chicago).



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3. Significance

The beauty of the Chicago Cultural Center and the world class public events held here, draw hundreds of tourists every year. Over 700 free music, films, dance and theater events, art exhibitions, lectures, and family events are presented here annually. Visitors can enjoy free winter ice skating, hundreds of free concerts, art exhibitions, family events, and performances in the award winning Millennium Park. The Daley Center Plaza is the center for Halloween activities, ethnic festivals, music and dance performances, cultural traditions, and food specialties. There is always something exciting going on in this city.



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4. History

The history of Chicago played an important role in the economic, cultural, social and political affairs of America since the 1850's. The history of Chicago began when the Fresh explorers, fur traders and missionaries arriving here during the 17th century. Chicago later attracted a number of immigrants that included the Germans, Irish and Scandinavians. Today Chicago is the major hub for education, tourism and is also the political base for the country.



Index**5. Cultural identity**

The people of Chicago are known for performing arts which include comedy, music such as jazz, blues, and house music and could music. They are known for their architecture and they have some of the best schools that provide degrees in architecture. While they have a strong western civilization, they also follow some traditions which have been carried forward by the Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans and African Americans.



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6. Natural resources

Chicago plays a huge role in the states Oil and Gas industry and the city thus makes special efforts in its conservation. Like every other city in USA, Chicago too is aiming at going green. A number of homes here are adapting to the 'smart home' technology which helps in the conservation of energy. This trend is slowly catching on and corporate organizations too are adapting to the 'smart' technology. They also make efforts to conserve water.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Lyric Opera of Chicago

Visit the world-class Lyric Opera of Chicago to enjoy a blend of classical operas and contemporary performances executed by great singers and musicians in a stellar setting. Renowned internationally, this massive art deco cultural hub showcases amazing high-caliber productions along with featuring the best international singers, directors, costume designers, sound effects and more.

Address : Civic Opera Building, 20 N Upper Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60606, USA
Zipcode : 60606

Location : 30.4285385, -95.55563189999998

Contact : +1 312-332-2244

Website : <https://www.lyricopera.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Madison & N. Wacker Bus Station and Washington/Wells Subway Station

Entry Fee : Tour Price: \$15

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Skydeck Chicago (Willis Tower)

Ascend to the 103rd floor of the Western Hemisphere's tallest building, Willis Tower and experience a quiver of excitement as you step 4.3 feet out of the observation deck to explore the panoramic views of Chicago city. The glass balcony of Skydeck protrudes outside, rewarding you with the ravishing landscapes of around 4 states. You can enjoy the interactive exhibits along with theatre programs at the museum on the deck.

Address : Willis Tower, 233 S Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60606, USA

Zipcode : 60606

Location : 41.87874149999999, -87.63594269999999

Contact : +1 312-875-9447

Website : <http://www.theskydeck.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Adams & S. Wacker Bus Station

Entry Fee : Basic Admission Adult (12years and above): \$22 Youth (3-11years): \$14

Children (under 3years): Free Day/Night Admission Adult (12years and above):

\$33 Youth (3-11years): \$21 Children (under 3years): Free

Open & Close Timing : March to September- Daily 09:00hrs-22:00hrs October to February- Daily 10:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Museum of Science and Industry

One of the largest science centers in the world, the Museum of Science and Industry blends imagination with innovation to gratify your science curiosity with their hands-on and unique exhibits. Step through the airlock and be amazed at the sight of Appollo 8, the first spacecraft to carry humans to orbit the moon, brush up on the history of World War II at the German Submarine U-505 or dive into the coal mine. Featuring child-friendly and award-winning exhibits, this scientific wonder is all set for you to tour through the many worlds of technology, science, health and innovative engineering.

Address : 5700 S Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60637

Zipcode : 60637

Location : 41.7905726, -87.58306590000001

Contact : +1 773-684-1414

Website : <http://www.msichicago.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Museum of Science and Industry Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult – \$18 Child (3-11years) – \$11 Members- Free

Open & Close Timing : Hours of operations vary depending on the day of the week/month. The museum usually opens at 09:00hrs and closes anywhere between 16:00hrs-17:30hrs depending on the day of the week. It is advisable to check the same once you finalize the day of the visit.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Shedd Aquarium

Showcasing a cornucopia of underwater habitat, Shedd Aquarium forms a part of the biggest aquariums in the world. Explore the captivating world of more than 1,500 fascinating species of life under the sea including amphibians, fishes, dolphins and snakes along with world-class exhibits and experiences like Oceanarium, Fantasea, Stingray Touch and Amazon Rising. The focal point of the aquarium is the 4D theater featuring high-tech audio, interactive seats and elements like bubbles and scents for an overall fantastic film experience. The aquarium is also popular for its architecture, with aquatic patterns worked all over the interior and exterior.

Address : 1200 S Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605

Zipcode : 60605

Location : 41.8675726, -87.614038

Contact : +1 312-939-2438

Website : <http://www.sheddaquarium.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Solidarity Drive & Aquarium Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult (12+years): \$39.95 Children (3-11years): \$30.95 Infants (0-2years): Free

Open & Close Timing : Winter (21 August-10 June)- Monday-Friday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday-Sunday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Summer (11 June- 20 August) Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. The Field Museum

Relish the comprehensive scientific specimens, artefacts, a library containing collections of the renowned artists like Edward E. Ayer and Dr. Berthold Laufer, and the permanent exhibits including diamonds, gems, and human mummies at Field Museum, which is said to be one of the largest museums in the world. Being a natural history museum, it captivates every visitor with its hands-on exhibits and interesting displays from the famous T-rex Sue to zoological history, history of man, Egyptian sarcophaguses, and Chinese weaponry.

Address : 1400 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, IL 60605, USA

Zipcode : 60605

Location : 41.866261000000001, -87.616980500000001

Contact : +1 312-922-9410

Website : <https://www.fieldmuseum.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Soldier Field & Field Museum Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: \$38 Student (ID required): \$32 Child (age 3-11): \$26 Senior (age 65+): \$32

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Seadog Chicago

Embark on the journey of Chicago Seadog Cruises to get a closer view of the renowned Chicago attractions like Museum Campus, Buckingham Fountain and Grant Park among many others, in just about 75 minutes. Whether you have an admiration for history, or you are fond of architectural motifs, this boat tour agency has something for everyone. If you are a thrill-seeker, try their ultimate jet-propelled experience with electrifying high speed and full 360-degree spins.

Address : 600 E Grand Ave, Chicago, IL 60611, USA

Zipcode : 60611

Location : 41.8911716, -87.606253900000001

Contact : +1 888-345-3880

Website : <https://www.seadogcruises.com/chicago>

Nearest Public Transport : Navy Pier Terminal Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: Ranges from \$21.95-\$33.95 Children: Ranges from \$14.95-\$19.95

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. Spirit of Chicago

Experience a tingle while you enjoy dining, dancing and relaxing in one of the

most luxurious yachts, Spirit of Chicago, with panoramic views of the golden sunset and azure waters. These cruises feature amenities such as climate-controlled interior decks, a dance floor, contemporary interiors, rooftop lounges, and bars. Don't miss the opportunity to board the Spirit Cruises for incredible sight-seeing, green beers, music and fresh buffets.

Address : 600 E Grand Ave, Chicago, IL 60611, USA

Zipcode : 60611

Location : 41.8917065, -87.60848069999997

Contact : +1 888-957-2634

Website : <http://www.spiritcruises.com/chicago>

Nearest Public Transport : Navy Pier Terminal Bus Station

Entry Fee : The price ranges from \$50.90 to \$99.90 depending whether one books a dinner cruise or a lunch cruise and also the day of the week

Open & Close Timing : Daily 11:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.8. 360 CHICAGO

Ascend to the 94th floor of the John Hancock Building for absolutely mesmerizing sunset views and the 360-degree panoramic sight of Chicago city and Lake Michigan. Located in the heart of the city, this observatory deck offers one-of-a-kind experience with its ultimate thrill attraction: TILT, a floor to ceiling glass window that tilts you to an angle of 30° over the Michigan Avenue. Also, try their interactive touchscreens in 7 languages for a comprehensive experience to make the most of your visit.

Address : 875 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611, USA

Zipcode : 60611

Location : 41.8989462, -87.62281630000001

Contact : +1 888-875-8439

Website : <http://www.360chicago.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Chestnut & Mies Van Der Rohe Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults (12+years): \$20.00, Children (3-11years): \$13.00, Free for infants

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.9. Art Institute of Chicago

Art Institute of Chicago is a place for all the aesthetes to gratify their curiosity for artworks, with the museum's collection encompassing contemporary art, ancient coins, landscape architecture, sculptures, mosaics, modern canvases and other special exhibitions. Featuring an iconic treasure of over 300,000 art pieces ranging from primitive Japanese prints to the modern American art by the renowned artists like Pablo Picasso, it is the second largest art museum in the country housing the finest art produced in the Western culture.

Address : 111 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60603, USA

Zipcode : 60603

Location : 41.8795845, -87.62371329999996

Contact : +1 (312) 443-3600

Website : <http://www.artic.edu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Adams and Wabash Bus Station

Entry Fee : General Admission: Senior (65years and above): \$25 Students, Teens (14-17years) & Children: \$19 Chicago Residents: Senior (65years and above): \$20 Students, Teens (14-17years) & Children: \$14 Illinois Residents: Senior (65years and above): \$22 Students, Teens (14-17years) & Children: \$16

Open & Close Timing : Sunday to Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10:30hrs-17:00hrs; Thursday: 10:30hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.10. Adler Planetarium

From featuring the interactive space exhibits that narrate the tales of the first steps to the Moon by Americans and demonstrate high-tech sky shows in Adler's largest domed theatre, Adler Planetarium sparks space curiosity and understanding with its technologically magnified experiences. Visit this planetarium to explore the collection of print materials, scientific exhibits, space-

science themed exhibitions and spectacular 3D shows.

Address : Museum Campus, 1300 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, IL 60605, USA

Zipcode : 60605

Location : 41.866333, -87.60678289999998

Contact : +1 312-922-7827

Website : <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/#EOOr38xIBW1PPz8pq.97>

Nearest Public Transport : Solidarity Dr & Planetarium Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: \$12; Child: \$8

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:30hrs–16:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.11. Wrigley Field

Live an unforgettable experience, as you watch a baseball match at Wrigley Field, a ballpark which provides a lively and vibrant atmosphere during the matches of the home team, the Chicago Cubs. This professional baseball park is renowned for its jewel box design field, views from the rooftop seats, and outfield walls that are covered with ivy.

Address : 1060 W Addison St, Chicago, IL 60613, USA

Zipcode : 60613

Location : 41.9484384, -87.65533270000003

Contact : +1 773-404-2827

Website : http://chicago.cubs.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=chc

Nearest Public Transport : Clark & Addison Bus Station

Entry Fee : Tour Price: Individuals: \$25 Groups of 20 people or more: \$23 Children (under age 2): Free

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.12. Soldier Field

Soldier Field is a popular football stadium in the city captivating every football fanatic with zesty football matches of its home team, Chicago Bears, along with

compelling stadium tours. The seating arrangement in the stadium is very comfortable and it allows the spectators to be close to the action on the field regardless of their position. Besides football, the stadium hosts hockey matches, international rugby test matches and also the special Olympic Games.

Address : 1410 Museum Campus Dr, Chicago, IL 60605, USA

Zipcode : 60605

Location : 41.8623132, -87.61668839999999

Contact : +1 312-235-7000

Website : <http://www.soldierfield.net/>

Nearest Public Transport : Soldier Field & Field Museum Bus Station

Entry Fee : \$15.00 per adult \$7.00 senior citizen (age 60+) \$10.00 students (age 10-17) or current student id \$4.00 children (age 4-9) Free for children (age 3 and under) \$5.00 active or retired military (id must be shown)

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.13. Arlington International Racecourse

Nothing can beat spending a sunny day at the Arlington International Racecourse, enjoying horse-racing, a prominent sport in the city of Chicago since the 1830s. Accommodating nearly 50,000 spectators at a time, this racecourse provides a good spot for picnics by arranging tables, which offer a great view of the racing track.

Address : 2200 W Euclid Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, USA

Zipcode : 60005

Location : 42.0912196, -88.0098438

Contact : +1 847-385-7500

Website : <http://www.arlingtonpark.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Arlington Park Train Station

Entry Fee : Value Day Thursday: \$6 Friday to Sunday, and Holidays: \$8 Premium

Event Days: \$16 Fireworks: \$20

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.14. National Cambodian Heritage Museum

Explore the National Cambodian Heritage Museum if you want to discover the extravagant history and the long-lost culture of the Vietnam War and the civil unrest of Cambodia. Take a trip 4,000 years back in time as you encounter the iconic masterpieces at the museum that comprise of unique artefacts, exhibits of images, immersive media displays and the delineative accounts that enlighten the visitors with the primitive and contemporary history of the Cambodian American Community.

Address : 2831 W. Lawrence Ave Chicago, IL 60625, USA

Zipcode : 60625

Location : 41.9683065, -87.69992660000003

Contact : +1 773-878-7090

Website : <http://www.cambodianmemorialmuseum.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Lawrence and California Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: \$6.00 Students (with ID)/ Senior: \$4.00 Children (age 12 and under): Free

Open & Close Timing : Tentative hours: Monday: Closed Tuesday to Friday: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs Saturday and Sunday (Appointment Only): 11:00hrs-15:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Grant Park

Stroll down the aisles of Grant Park, which have been embellished in a way that bring out the shutterbug in you to capture the comeliness of this 319 acres public park. Formerly known as "Lake Park", it stands as Chicago's centerpiece by featuring some remarkable attractions like Clarence Buckingham Memorial Fountain, the Art Institute of Chicago, Millennium Park, the Adler Planetarium, and the Shedd Aquarium. The park also hosts the city's biggest food and music festivals, events, and rock concerts like Lollapalooza, the Taste of Chicago and the Chicago Marathon to name few.

Address : 337 E Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60601, USA

Zipcode : 60601

Location : 41.8741516, -87.62080609999998

Contact : +1 312-742-3918

Website : <http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/grant-park/>

Nearest Public Transport : Randolph & Field Blvd Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Millennium Park

If you are looking for a tranquil place to kick back in the city, head to the Millennium Park, which offers a great spot for unwinding and picnicking with other interesting features like the Crown Fountain, Cloud Gate, the Jay Pritzker Pavilion and the Lurie Garden. Showcasing postmodern architecture and one of the world's largest green roofs, the park has been rewarded with many accolades for the green design and accessibility.

Address : 201 E. Randolph St., Michigan Ave. & Columbus Ave., Chicago, IL 60601

Zipcode : 60601

Location : 41.8825524, -87.62255140000002

Contact : +1 312-742-1168

Website: https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/millennium

_park.html

Nearest Public Transport : Michigan/Madison Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 06:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 3.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Cloud Gate

Enjoy the reflection of the city's eminent skyline and the clouds atop the centerpiece of AT&T Plaza with the Cloud Gate, a stainless steel sculpture at the Millennium Park. One of the largest sculptures in the world, Cloud Gate is the first public outdoor work by Anish Kapoor, a renowned British artist of Indian origin. The sculpture welcomes visitors to touch its surface, which is like a mirror, and its unique reflective properties provide a plethora of opportunities for shutterbugs.

Address : Cloud Gate, Chicago, IL 60606, United States

Zipcode : 60606

Location : 41.8825008, -87.62334279999999

Website: https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/millennium_park_artarchitecture.html#cloud

Nearest Public Transport : Michigan/Madison Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 06:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Buckingham Fountain

Treat yourself with a visual spectacle of the Buckingham Fountain, the centermost part of the Green Park, as it glitters with colors and lights in the evening. Resembling a rococo wedding cake and the Lake Michigan, the fountain has 4 sets of sea horses symbolizing the 4 states that surround the lake, namely Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois. Designed by the famous architect Edward H. Bennett, it is one of the largest fountains in the world, offering stunning water shows from April to October.

Address : 301 S Columbus Dr, Chicago, IL 60605, USA

Zipcode : 60605

Location : 41.87579439999999, -87.6189483

Contact : +1 312-742-7529

Website : <http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Balbo & Columbus Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs-23:00hrs. Shows happen every hour and lasts for 20 minutes

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Chicago Cultural Center

Chicago Cultural Center magnetizes tourists with its extensive collection of artworks, wonderful displays and the intriguing architecture of the building. Its architectural elements include stunning stained-glass domes and the use of Knoxville pink marble, mosaics and ornate bronze balusters for the stairways. Apart from inviting people with its enthralling exhibits by artists like Sukher Ber Rybak and Vsevolod Maskymovychand, the center captivates visitors by offering free public events like dance, music, films and theatre events.

Address : 78 E. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, USA

Zipcode : 60602

Location : 41.8837536, -87.62495150000001

Contact : +1 312.744.3316

Website: https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/chicago_culturalcenter.html/

Nearest Public Transport : Michigan & Washington Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Thursday: 09:00hrs-19:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Harold Washington Library

Treasuring 13 million published books and art collection of more than 50 artists, Harold Washington Library is one of the largest libraries in the world. Embellished with 7 large owl figures on the roof that are painted with aluminum

acroteria, you will find several rows of paperback pieces of glory waiting to be read at this treasure trove of books. This full-service library offers a free Wi-Fi facility along with amenities like rooftop garden penthouse, Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, multi-purpose room, exhibit hall, music and practice rooms, audio/visual rooms, maps and a center for those with any visual or physical disability.

Address : 400 S State St, Chicago, IL 60605, USA

Zipcode : 60605

Location : 41.8763007, -87.62820160000001

Contact : +1 312-747-4300

Website : <http://www.chipublib.org/locations/15/>

Nearest Public Transport : Dearborn & Congress Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Thursday 09:00hrs-21:00hrs; Friday-Saturday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs; Sunday 13:00hrs-17:00hrs.

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Jane Addams Hull-House Museum

Named after the social reformer Jane Addams, the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum serves as a discerning memorial to the first American woman to be bestowed with the Nobel Peace Prize. A great place to get acquainted with the life stories and contribution to the society of the social reformer, the museum provides an insight of her work that transformed the lives of the immigrant neighbors. Note: Though the entrance to the museum and the public tours are free, the suggested donation is \$5.

Address : 800 S Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60607, USA

Zipcode : 60607

Location : 41.871626, -87.64743699999997

Contact : +1 (312) 413-5353

Website : <http://www.hullhousemuseum.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Halstead & Polk Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday 10:00hrs-16:00hrs; Sunday 12:00hrs-16:00hrs; Monday and Saturday Closed

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Lincoln Park Zoo

A dynamic subtropical jungle snuggled in the midst of lake Michigan and the concrete skyscrapers, Lincoln Park Zoo allows you to engage yourself in some unique animal encounters with some of the rare species in the world with their interactive daily activities. Featuring immersive and state-of-the-art exhibits, the zoo is working towards the enrichment and best care of the preserved fauna. Home to nearly 1,200 exotic animals from 200 species including mammals, reptiles, birds, and amphibians, the park is a perfect setting for a day away from the city and into the hearts of a variety of amazing creatures. Few of the highlighted species include black-and-white colobus monkey, Francois langur, gorillas, chimpanzees, polar bear and white-headed buffalo weaver.

Address : 2001 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60614, USA

Zipcode : 60614

Location : 41.9210919, -87.63399090000001

Contact : +1 312-742-2000

Website : <http://www.lpzoo.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Stockton & Dickens Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : April-October: Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs November-March: Daily 10:00hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Navy Pier

The most-visited destination in the city, Navy Pier is a leisure space comprising of parks, trinket stalls, family rides, museums, promenades and more. Formerly served as a naval training center, today, the pier gladdens its visitors with the gorgeous lakefront views from its boardwalk, whimsical musical carousels and other fun experiences. Catch the spectacular fireworks extravaganza conducted every Saturday and Wednesday evenings or enjoy the thrilling carnival rides and marvelous dancing fountains or pamper your taste buds at one of the numerous

dining options at this remarkable landmark. The pierscape transforms itself into a winter wonderfest during the season, which is a sight to behold.

Address : 600 E Grand Ave, Chicago, IL 60611, USA

Zipcode : 60611

Location : 41.8916201, -87.6072911

Contact : +1 312-595-7437

Website : <https://navypier.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Navy Pier Terminal Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Thursday 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Friday-Saturday 10:00hrs-22:00hrs Sunday 10:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. City Gallery in the Historic Water Tower

Located inside a 19th-century Gothic limestone landmark, the treasured City Gallery showcases the talent of local photographers and artists by exhibiting their work. With its architectural beauty, this tower gives you a glimpse of old-Chicago through a photographer's lens. Art enthusiasts from around the world visit this place to acquaint themselves with interesting themed exhibits featuring the local innovativeness at the City Gallery in the Historic Water Tower.

Address : 806 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, USA

Zipcode : 60611

Location : 41.897129, -87.62441530000001

Contact : +1 312-742-0808

Website: https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/city_gallery_in_thehistoricwatertower.html

Nearest Public Transport : Chicago & Michigan Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Garfield Park Conservatory

Discover all the 8 rooms of Garfield Park Conservatory and get amazed at the riveting attractions of this lush green calming space including the rotating floral

exhibit, 16 yellow lily pads of Dale Chihuly, and diverse collections of cacti and succulents. Featuring the lush flora species, lagoons and winding pathways, the greenhouse impresses the visitors with its historic Fern Room, which houses the palm-like cycad, the most primitive plant species on earth. Popularly known as "landscape art under glass," this conservatory provides an insight into the process of creating energy by plants with its recent exhibit.

Address : 300 N. Central Park Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60624, United States

Zipcode : 60624

Location : 41.88634, -87.717264

Contact : +1 312-746-5100

Website : <http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/Garfield-Park-Conservatory/>

Nearest Public Transport : Conservatory – Central Park Drive Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Thursday-Tuesday 09:00hrs–17:00hrs; Wednesday: 09:00hrs-20:00hrs.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Maggie Daley Park

Head to the Maggie Daley Park to enjoy outdoor recreational activities like wall climbing, ice skating, and landscaping among many others. This public urban space captivates the locals and tourists with amenities like a fieldhouse, play garden, tennis courts, picnic groves, and a mini golf course. The park features the Cancer Survivors' Garden, which offers spectacular views of Lake Michigan and the Field Museum of Natural History, to encourage healing by providing garden rooms that represent acceptance, support and celebration. Note: Though the entrance is free, a fee of \$15 is requested at some instances.

Address : 337 E. Randolph St., Chicago, IL 60601, USA

Zipcode : 60601

Location : 41.8840993, -87.61875329999998

Contact : +1 312-552-3000

Website : <http://maggiedaleypark.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Randolph & Field Blvd Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 06:00hrs–23:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Magnificent Mile

Located near the downtown, the Magnificent Mile called by the metonym ‘The Mag Mile’, is an emporium of the world's premium retail stores along with some of the most exquisite luxury boutiques. The largest shopping district in the city, this hub is a toast to the elites of the city. Dotted with renowned restaurants like the Grand Lux, the Prime Rib, and Spago as well as 5-star and 4-star hotels like Four Seasons Hotel Chicago and the Peninsula Chicago, the Magnificent Mile exemplifies sophistication and class.

Address : Magnificent Mile, Chicago, IL 60611, USA

Zipcode : 60611

Location : 41.894809, -87.62421419999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Water Tower Place

Located on the Magnificent Mile, the Water Tower Place is a popular shopping center encompassing over 100 renowned brands and international retailers like Victoria's Secret, Banana Republic, CUSP, Lacoste, Sephora, Chico's, Ann Taylor and White House Black Market. This 8-storey mall comprises of retail outlets for all budgets and interests, ample of dining choices and entertainment options.

Address : 835 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611, USA

Zipcode : 60611

Location : 41.89793030000001, -87.62289269999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Fashion Outlets of Chicago

Head to the Fashions Outlets of Chicago for an exquisite experience of retail therapy with trending designs. Situated only 15 minutes away from the downtown Chicago, this is an enclosed outlet mall featuring renowned brands including

Under Armour, Swarovski, Michael Kors, Burberry and Cole Haan, along with a variety of fast-food joints.

Address : 5220 Fashion Outlets Way, Rosemont, IL 60018, USA

Zipcode : 60018

Location : 41.9750847, -87.86709289999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Chicago Premium Outlets

A shopaholic's favorite destination, Chicago Premium Outlets features upscale brands and modish designer showrooms in an outdoor setting. Consisting of over 140 renowned stores like Armani Outlet, Michael Kors and Under Armour, this shopping center attracts visitors with amenities like skating pond, art installations, fireplaces, a play area and more.

Address : 1650 Premium Outlet Blvd, Aurora, IL 60502, USA

Zipcode : 60502

Location : 41.80087400000001, -88.27624220000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Chicago Ridge Mall

Zipcode : 0

Location : 41.71615920000001, -87.78267879999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

8. Key sites sports & adventure

- **Kayaking -**

Address : 435 E. Chicago Riverwalk, Chicago, IL 60611, USA

Location : 41.8865157,-87.6298894

Contact No : +1 312-965-0035

Website : <https://urbankayaks.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Columbus (Mid) & E. Wacker Bus Station

Entry Fees : \$30 per person (Single or Tandem Kayak)

Open / Close Time : Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday:
12:00hrs-18:00hrs; Tuesday to Thursday: Closed

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 20 minutes

- **Golfing -**

Address : 3600 N Recreation Dr, Chicago, IL 60613, USA

Location : 41.9568924,-87.642697099999

Contact No : +1 312-742-7930

Website : <http://sydneymarovitz.cpdgolf.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Marine Drive & Bittersweet Bus Station

Entry Fees : Golf Rates, 9 holes: Weekdays: \$27, Weekend: \$30

Open / Close Time : Daily: 05:30hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Wait Time : 15 minutes

- **Canopy Tours and Zip lining -**

Address : 2681 US-6, Marseilles, IL 61341, USA

Location : 41.31883029999999,-88.652309699999

Contact No : +1 815-795-5001
Website : <http://www.zipchicago.com/>
Entry Fees : \$99 per person
Time Required : 3
Wait Time : 30 minutes

- **Skydiving -**

Address : 1207 W Gurler Rd, Rochelle, IL 61068, USA
Location : 41.89223,-89.072008999999
Contact No : +1 815-561-3663
Website : <https://www.skydivesc.com/>
Entry Fees : 9000ft Tandem Skydive: \$179.99/person 14,000ft Tandem Skydive: \$229.99/person 18,000ft Tandem Skydive: \$279.99/person
Open / Close Time : Tentative Hours: Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 07:00hrs-18:00hrs
Time Required : 2
Wait Time : 30 minutes

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Chicago has a range of professional sports teams playing various sports like baseball, basketball, football, ice hockey, soccer, arena football, rugby and other sports. A few of the clubs are Chicago Bears, Chicago Bulls, Chicago White Sox, Chicago Blackhawks, Chicago Fire, Chicago Sky and many more. These sports are played at Schiller Park, Allstate Arena, UC Pavilion, the Ballpark at Rosemont, Sears Center, Cicero Stadium and similar others.

- **United Center:**

Address : 1901 W Madison St, Chicago, IL 60612, USA

Location : 41.8806908,-87.67417590000002

Contact No : +1 312-455-4500

Website : <http://www.unitedcenter.com/>

- **Guaranteed Rate Field:**

Address : 333 W 35th St, Chicago, IL 60616, USA

Location : 41.8299411,-87.6337605

Contact No : +1 312-674-1000

Website : <http://chicago.whitesox.mlb.com/cws/ballpark/>

Open/Close time : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs; Saturday and Sunday: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

10. Spas and relaxation

- **DQ Luxury Reflexology Massage & Relaxation Retreat:**

Address : 910 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605, USA

Location : 41.87020409999999,-87.6248789

Contact No : +1 (312) 986-8091

Website : <http://www.michiganavespa.com/>

- **Relaxation Station Therapeutic:**

Address : 10655 S Hale Ave, Chicago, IL 60643, USA

Location : 41.6993816,-87.66921239999999

Contact No : +1 773-233-3441

- **Relaxation Restoration:**

Address : 100 W Roosevelt Rd., Suite B-5 101, Wheaton, IL 60187 USA

Location : 41.8584508,-88.1062622

Contact No : +1 847-219-0150

Website : <http://www.relaxationrestoration.com/>

11. Key local guides and tours

Local guides and local tours are some of the easiest options and choices to make as the visitors can have the best of the city with these tours and guides. Most of the tours and local guides are expert while touring you through different destinations. Either you can give them the list or they will have their own choice of destinations. As most of the guides are proficient and certified, it is better you book their slot before you are left with no guides and tours. Few of the famous local tours are:

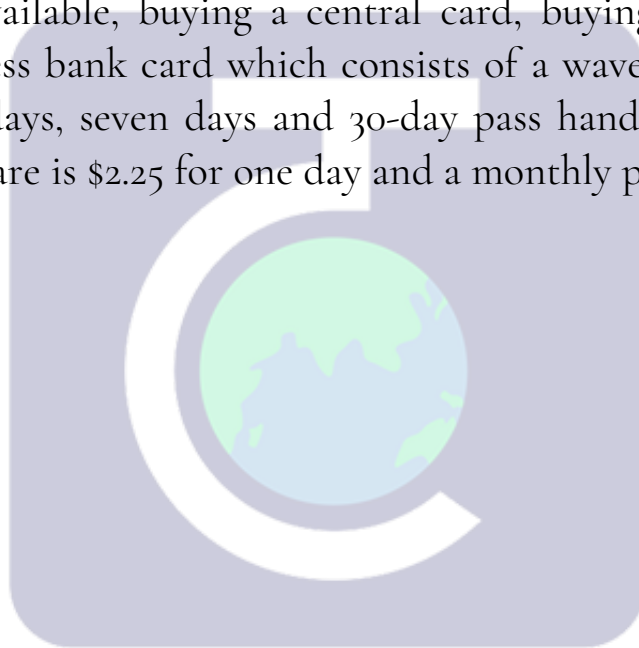
- **Chicago Segway Tour:** This way of sightseeing is becoming more and more popular. Almost in every city this kind of tours are available, and they are really a fun experience. This tour lasts for about two or three hours with the 30 minute training of how to ride a SegWay. This is also one of the most effective ways for you to learn everything you wanted to know about Chicago.
- **Chicago Tours:** If you're truly interested in the city then this is a perfect tour for you, you will spend a half of day learning about it. You will be guided by professional guides for four hours through both North Side and South Side of the city. The famous local guides in the city are Clarence who can design a walking tour specific to your interests and needs and he can show his customers the many characters and milestones of Chicago. Lynn N. is another local guide who makes custom tailored tours for the customers and makes them visit the 'must-see' places in the city. Nancy K. is a local guide who is dependable, fun, and an excellent communicator and is ready to tailor her customers' tours of Chicago to their needs and appetites. Mimi is another renowned local guide who loves to share her and knowledge of the city with her customers in a fun and non-traditional way.

12. Transportation hubs

There are two major international airports in Chicago. These are the Chicago Midway International Airport which is located 17.8 kilometers away from the city center and takes 22 minutes to cover the distance. The second one is Chicago O'Hare International Airport which is 29 kilometers away from the city center and takes 30 minutes to cover the distance. Both these airports have international as well as domestic flights landing here. If you're travelling to the city from outside the country, you can choose a flight that lands here. In case you can't get a direct flight to these two airports you can also choose a connecting flight from some of the airports which are in close proximity to Chicago. These include General Mitchell International Airport, Fort Wayne International Airport and Gerald R. Ford International Airport. The major railway stations in the city are Union Station and Millennium Station. Major subway stations are Washington/Wells and Grand. Major Bus Station is Van Buren & Canal.

Index**13. Transportation cost**

Use of trains is the best mode of transport when traveling from Midway Airport to Chicago O Hare. Trains are preferred since there is no payment for parking like in the taxis. Trains are also very cheap compared to taxis and buses. It takes 25-29 minutes to arrive by train and they are frequent the entire day. However, you need to take another option during night times. There are three modes of payment that are available, buying a central card, buying a Ventra ticket or acquiring a contactless bank card which consists of a wave symbol on it. There are, one day, three days, seven days and 30-day pass handed out for unlimited trips. The traveling fare is \$2.25 for one day and a monthly pass of \$100.



Index**14. Baggage allowance**

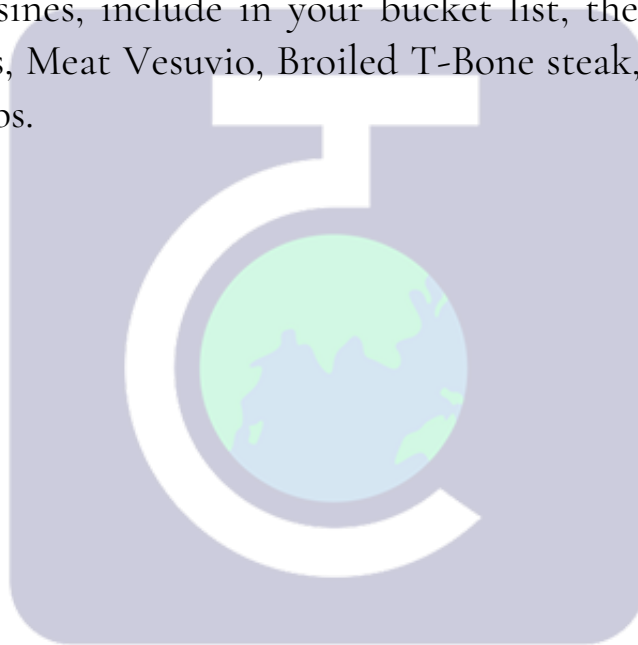
There are no specific charges that the city of Chicago charges to their visitors. However, it is to your best benefit to take a cab or a rented car if you have many bags along with you. Taking the local transportation may not restrict you to carry luggage. However, try to take bags that can be handled easily. An already filled bus would not allow you to enter.



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15. Must try food and local savouries

The city of Chicago is renowned for its famous restaurants offering a wide array of delicious cuisines. Before leaving Chicago, it's the best idea to indulge in some of the city's popular dishes. When looking for pastries and desserts, try some of the bestselling Cinnamon Rolls, the Polish doughnut Paczki, Churros and Chocolate, Turtle Sundae, Cake Shakes, Mozzarella Sticks, and distinct styles of Pizzas. For meat cuisines, include in your bucket list, the Korean-styled Seoul Sassy Chicken Wings, Meat Vesuvio, Broiled T-Bone steak, and barbeque dishes like St. Louis-style ribs.



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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Smoque BBQ:**

Address : 3800 N Pulaski Rd, Chicago, IL 60641, USA

Location : 41.9501238,-87.7276549

Contact No : +1 773-545-7427

Website : <http://www.smoquebbq.com/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Thursday: 11:00hrs-21:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs Sunday: 11:00hrs-21:00hrs Monday: Closed

- **Cemitas Puebla:**

Address : 817 W Fulton Market, Chicago, IL 60647, USA

Location : 41.886598199,-87.64827489

Contact No : +1 312-455-9200

Website : <http://www.cemitaspuebla.com/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Thursday: 11:00hrs-21:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 11:00hrs-22:30hrs

- **Pequod's Pizza:**

Address : 2207 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago, IL 60614, USA

Location : 41.9219093,-87.66430650

Contact No : +1 773-327-1512

Website : <http://pequodspizza.com/chicago/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 11:00hrs-02:00hrs Sunday: 11:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Au Cheval:**

Address : 800 W Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60607, USA

Location : 41.8846582,-87.64766680

Contact No : +1 312-929-4580

Website : <http://auchevalchicago.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 11:00hrs-01:00hrs; Sunday: 10:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Alinea:**

Address : 1723 N Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60614, USA

Location : 41.9134555,-87.64816400

Contact No : +1 312-867-0110

Website : <http://alinearestaurant.com/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday to Saturday, and Sunday: 17:00hrs-21:30hrs; Monday and Tuesday: Closed

- **42 Grams:**

Address : 4662 N Broadway St, Chicago, IL 60640, USA

Location : 41.966923000,-87.65873909

Website : <http://www.42gramschicago.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday and Tuesday: Closed; Wednesday to Saturday, and Sunday: 17:45hrs-23:30hrs

- **Grace:**

Address : 652 W Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60661, USA

Location : 41.8848193,-87.64493759

Contact No : +1 312-234-9494

Website : <https://www.grace-restaurant.com/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday and Monday: Closed; Tuesday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

- **Three Dots and a Dash:**

Address : 435 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60654, USA

Location : 41.890316,-87.63058799

Contact No : +1 312-610-4220

Website : <http://threedotschicago.com/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Thursday: 17:00hrs-02:00hrs Friday: 16:00hrs-02:00hrs Saturday: 16:00hrs-03:00hrs

Index**17. Average meal cost**

Meals in Chicago are a bit cheap as compared to Washington DC and Miami. In Chicago, the average cost of a meal is \$15.00 in a less expensive restaurant. A three course meal for a couple costs an average of \$70.00. Local beer goes for \$5.00 and imported beer at \$6.00.



18. Tourist benefits

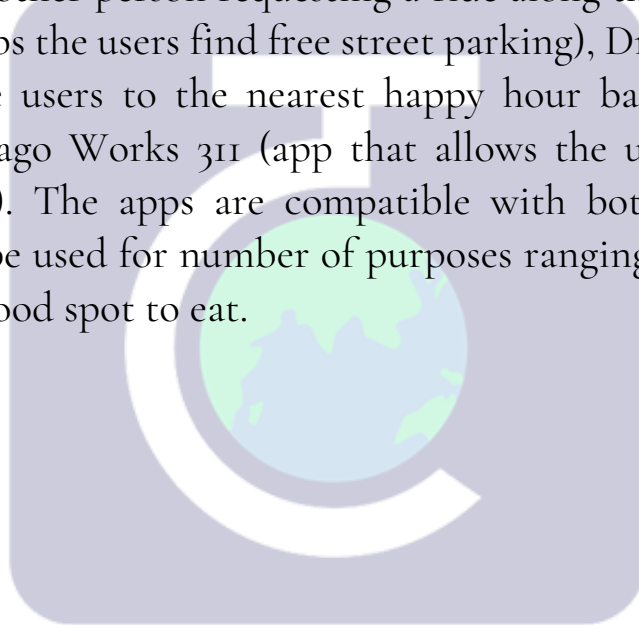
There are no tourist benefits for people who visit Chicago. If you're visiting the city you need to prepare yourself to pay taxes such as service tax and VAT. You will not get a refund for the money you spend on taxes here. You also need to ensure that the items you shop here do not fall under the customs tax. If they do, you need to declare these items at the airport and pay the custom tax before importing it.



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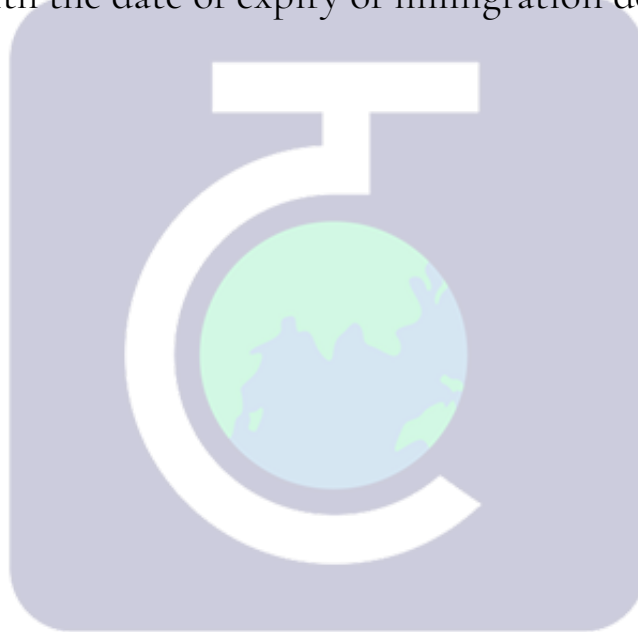
19. Essential local apps

Smartphones have easily become man's favourite travel mate. The hi-tech and busy Chicago has its own set of travel apps. Few of the important mobile apps are Transit App (app that provides the users with the upcoming departure times for all nearby transit lines, and allows the users to request an Uber or book a car2go in the app), uberPool app (app that helps the users to share a ride and split the cost of Uber with another person requesting a ride along the same route), Meter Beaters (app that helps the users find free street parking), Drinks Special Chicago (app that guides the users to the nearest happy hour based on their current locations), and Chicago Works 311 (app that allows the users to make service requests to the city). The apps are compatible with both Android and iOS ecosystems and can be used for number of purposes ranging from booking flight tickets to finding a good spot to eat.



20. Driving

If you're not extremely familiar with the city, it is not a good idea to drive as it's quite easy to get lost. Further, you cannot drive without a United States driver's license. If the period of your visit is short, you do have the option of applying for a temporary driver's license. The same will be granted after due consideration of your immigration documents and it will have the words "temporary visitor" printed in it along with the date of expiry of immigration documents.



Index**21. Travel essentials**

It is necessary to carry a water proof bag pack if you're planning to go hiking. Also carry a power plug adaptor and a power converter. Voltage Levels in the U.S are different from those in Asia and the Europe. The set voltage level is 110V and the set frequency is at 60H. Most electrical appliances are compatible with this range and frequency. The power sockets are usually Type A or Type B two tins or three pins.



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23. Local currency

The local currency of the city of Chicago of Illinois is U. S. Dollars.



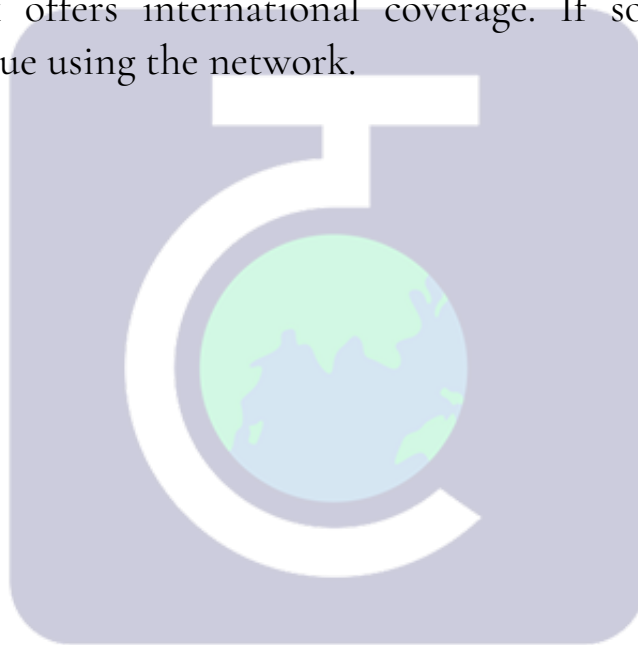
Index**24. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Access to cash will be the last of your worries in this hi tech business hub. The city has many banks, ATMs and currency exchange centers. All shops, restaurants and diners accept credit and debit cards. You may use the cards for shopping and eating out. Even the gas stations and modes of public transport accept cards. Hence only carry limited cash with you for the sake of meeting emergencies.



25. Staying connected

The AT&T network offers great reception and a wide range of calling plans. Hence it is the most preferred network. The other service providers are the T Mobile network, Verizon and Sprint. However, calling rates in the U.S are much more expensive than calling rates in Europe and Asia. Hence, most tourists prefer to buy cheap prepaid phones that are disposable after use. You could check if your home network offers international coverage. If so it would be more economical to continue using the network.



26. Time Zone

The city follows Central Time Zone with UTC – 06:00.



Index**27. Languages**

English is the primary language here. The following languages are Spanish, Polish, Tagalog, Arabic and Chinese.



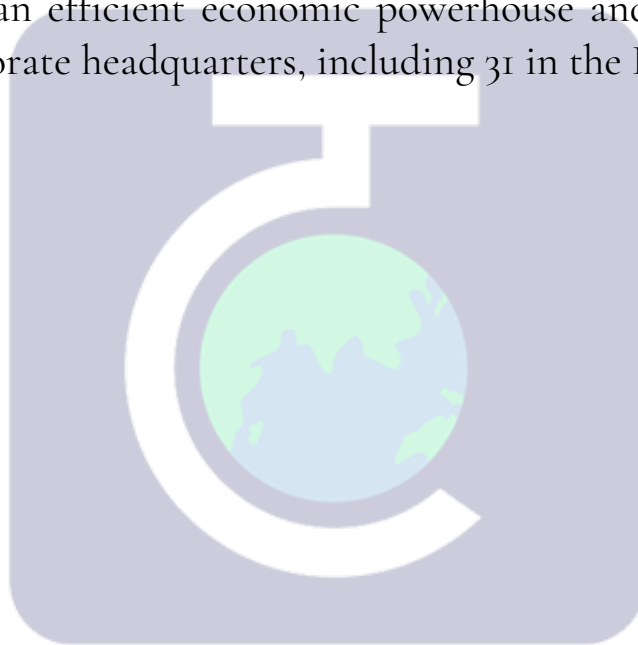
Index**28. Political Scenario**

The government of the city has both legislative and executive branches. The mayor is the chief executive officer of the city. He is assisted by commissioners appointed by him. The city is one of democratic dominance. The last time a Republican was elected was in 1927. The Chicago police department is in charge of law enforcement and public safety.



29. Economic Scenario

Chicago has one of the world's largest and most diversified economies, with more than four million employees working towards its bright future. It generates an annual gross regional product (GRP) of over \$561 billion. Among the most diverse economies in the nation, Chicago plays an integral role in every sector from risk management innovation to manufacturing to information technology to health services. Chicago is an efficient economic powerhouse and it is home to more than 400 major corporate headquarters, including 31 in the Fortune 500.



30. Religious belief

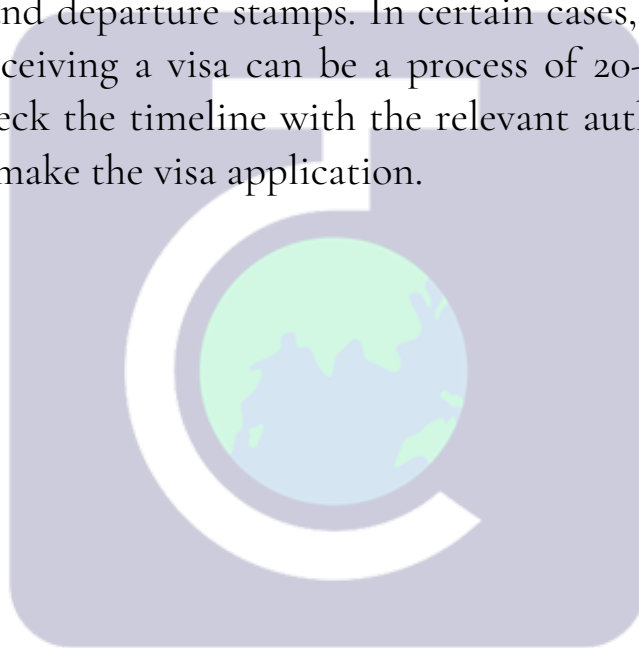
In Chicago, more than a half of the population is religious that is, 59.62%. Out of this, 38.51% are Catholics, 0.32% is LDS, 4.90% are another Christian faith, 1.10% are Jewish, 0.62% are of an eastern faith, and 3.87% belong to the Islamic religion.



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31. Visa requirements

Like every other city in USA, you need a valid visa to enter into Chicago. A tourist needs a B2 visa to enter the city and any person visiting the city for business purposes needs a B1 visa. The visa process is a lengthy process that takes over 15 days. It is thus essential for you to apply for your visa well in advance to avoid any delay in your travel plans. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



Index**32. Essential vaccination**

No vaccinations are required for entry to the states but you may want to get a tetanus booster just to be safe.



33. Theft and Safety

Chicago is a popular city in USA. There are a number of people who live and work here and it's known for people to have money here. While the laws in this city are strict, there crime rate too is high in comparison to the other cities in Illinois. Theft is common here and it is essential for tourists to understand the importance of safety when visiting. Always keep your belongings safe and ask the hotel for a locker service if you have valuables. Remember to keep emergency numbers saved on your phone. Try to avoid travelling alone during late night in Chicago.



Index**34. Embassy/Consulate**

The city of Chicago of Illinois has various consulates and embassies. There are presently more than 80 foreign representations in Chicago out of which 60 are consulates general, 24 are consulates, and there's one representative office. For more information please visit: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/united-states>.



35. Accessibility

Chicago is a wheelchair accessible city and people who are wheelchair bound can travel with ease here. You'll find a number of transportation options that are available for people on the wheelchair. There are also a large number of hotels that cater to wheelchair bound people.



Index**36. Emergencies**

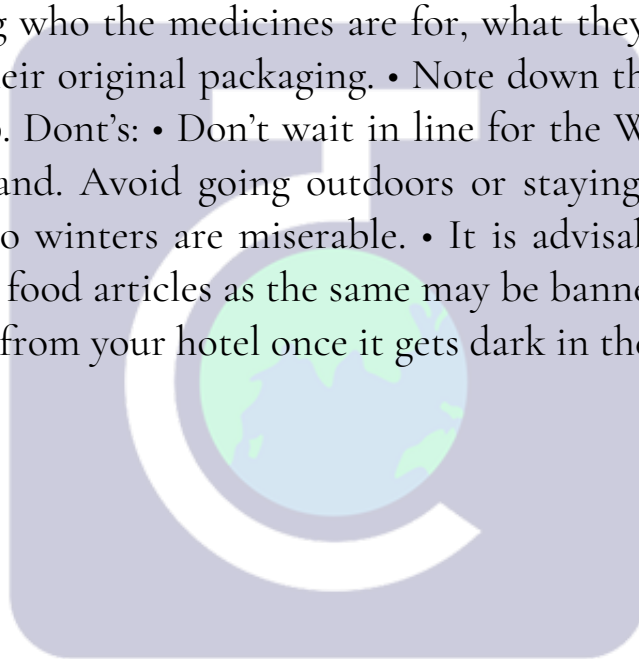
Chicago has a number of hospitals, medical emergency rooms and pharmacies, most of which are available 24/7. Kindly grab your travel insurance for easy paying off bills. Few of the major hospitals in the city include Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Rush University Medical Center, and University of Chicago Medical Center. For any SOS services, call 911.



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37. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • Take care of your belongings, especially in the crowded places like shopping malls or shopping outlets and do not keep the belongings including your visa unattended anywhere. • Arrange for sufficient medicines to meet your personal medical needs. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure your medicine is legal in the countries you are travelling to. Obtain a doctor's letter stating who the medicines are for, what they are, the dosage, and leave medicines in their original packaging. • Note down the cab number before entering into the cab. Don't's: • Don't wait in line for the Willis Tower Skydeck. Buy Tickets beforehand. Avoid going outdoors or staying out for long during winters since Chicago winters are miserable. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Don't venture out far away from your hotel once it gets dark in the city.



Index**38.Tipping basics**

There is no need to tip a waiter at any restaurant in Chicago since the restaurant will add a service tax to your bill which includes the waiter tip. It does not look rude to leave without a tip. You can however tip the taxi driver or the local bell boy at your hotel.



39.Pet info

Chicago is a pet friendly city. There are a number of activities you can do here with your pet. Visiting Chicago with your pet can be a fun experience. You will find a number of pet friendly hotels in the city that provide comfortable accommodation to you and your pet. In order to visit Chicago with your pet you need a pet visa. This visa must be issued along with your visa, so you need to make sure you submit all your pet certificates and documents for the visa approval.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Chicago is the third city in the United States in terms of the population, and with over 2.7 million residents it is the most populated city in the state of Illinois. It is one of the most famous cities in the United States, the home of Chicago Bulls! Chicago became a city in 1837 and since then it's is and epicenter of technology, commerce, industry and finance on the international level. Chicago is a beautiful place and has many attractions. You can visit it during any part of the year. The Willis Tower, earlier known as Sears Tower is one among the tallest freestanding structures of the world. It is 1400 feet tall and has 103 floors. It is an alpha global city and stands 7th in the world. It has many nicknames, like the 'Windy City', 'Second City', Chi Town, the City of Big Shoulders. Visiting Chicago is a wonderful experience. There are always some exciting events to be enjoyed. The Taste of Chicago is a famous festival which celebrates the great variety of cuisine in Chicago. Locals and outsiders get together for this biggest food festival of the Midwest. The Chicago Blues Festival and the Jazz Festival are free music festivals held in summer every year. The Chicago Marathon and the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival are some other notable events. You can take an Interior Architecture Tour which is a fun filled, guided walking tour to explore history, culture and architecture. You can see secret indoor spaces and underground passages too. For a fun filled day out with your family you must visit 360 Chicago, earlier known as John Hancock Center. Here you will find the well-known John Hancock observatory and also restaurants and shops. If you like to explore the ancient cultures, the dinosaurs of Mesozoic Era and rare wildlife visit the Field Museum. To entertain children with educational and interactive exhibits you can go to the Children's Museum. Or visit the Science Industry Museum which is an amazing historical museum and has 75 halls, a movie theater, a food court, and hosts more than 2000 exhibitions. The Shedd Aquarium has more than 25000 mammals and fishes, like seals, beluga whales and white sided dolphins. It hosts a large number of interactive exhibitions, 4 D movies, and shows.

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