

POPULAR SIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES IN CHICAGO

Downtown Chicago is situated along the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan, with its' harbors and beaches. The Westin Chicago River North is located in the heart of downtown, on the Chicago River, where you'll see tour boats cruise by and can enjoy al fresco dining at riverside restaurants.

Many attractions are walkable from the Westin, and others are a quick cab ride. These are a few of our guests' favorite things to do when they visit Chicago.

ATTRACTIONS

- Millennium Park – has large public art pieces like the Crown Fountain and Cloud Gate (fondly called “The Bean” by Chicagoans).
- Grant Park – has Millennium Park and the Art Institute in it. There are many gardens to explore there.
- Navy Pier – this family friendly attraction has a carnival atmosphere with indoor and outdoor areas. You'll find boat tours, the huge Ferris wheel, and plenty of restaurants and souvenir shopping. For a little culture, try the Shakespeare Theatre.
- Observation Decks – Willis Tower, the tallest building in North America, has the “Skydeck” on the 103rd floor, with its' popular attraction “The Ledge”. And “360 Chicago” is on the 94th floor of the John Hancock building.
- Wrigley Field – now over 100 years old and looking better than ever! Catch a Cubs game or take a tour.

MUSEUMS

- The Field Museum of Natural History houses an enormous collection of historic and cultural artifacts, from all over the world. Shedd Aquarium has freshwater and saltwater habitats, as well as aquatic shows. And Adler Planetarium has amazing star shows in their high tech theatres, as well as exhibits about space and the solar system. They're all located on the Museum Campus along the lake.
- The Art Institute of Chicago has a very large collection of art from all over the world, with a new Modern Wing as well. The Museum of Contemporary Art has a modern art collection.

TOURS

Note: tours sell out on the weekend, so please call concierge in advance or stop by concierge desk for reservations!

- Boat Tours – The Architectural River Cruises are one of our guests' favorite things to do. And the River & Lake Sightseeing tours are popular too. Both are 90 minutes long.
- Bike and Segway tours are a fun way to see the lakefront and parks.
- Trolley and Double Decker bus tours are also great for a first time visitor to Chicago.

SHOPPING

- Michigan Avenue is known as The Magnificent Mile. It has several malls, as well as large flagship stores for many American and European retailers.
- State Street shopping district contains a Chicago treasure – the historic Marshall Field's department store, with 10 stories of shopping, restaurants, and a Tiffany glass dome ceiling. It's owned by Macy's now, and they've retained all of its' old charm.

PERFORMANCE

- For Broadway shows, visit www.broadwayinchicago.com. The Broadway theatres are all near the Westin. Chicago has several critically acclaimed theatres with dramatic and musical productions too, such as the Goodman, Lookingglass, Chicago Shakespeare, and Steppenwolf. See the concierge for details.
- Comedy – Second City sketch comedy and Zanie's stand-up comedy clubs are both terrific.
- There are many Jazz and Blues clubs downtown, some within walking distance of the hotel. See the concierge for details.