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Hello travelers!

Are you a group leader? If so, I am ready to help you make the best of your next trip to Chicago. Our services go above and beyond great accommodations. We have lots of ideas for what to do, and I have worked out many special deals with Chicago's best attractions, just for you.

Give me a call or send an email, and let's get to work on your trip to Chicago.

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Dear Emily,



The summer has been great at Hostelling International Chicago. Now is the prime time to visit Chicago and enjoy the summer fun and HI is the place to be! Groups and individuals have been checking in, making record sales in the months of June and July. With a great rate of \$27-\$33 per night, and a location in the center of downtown, HI-Chicago is ideal for all travelers. Please contact me with any questions, and stop by to experience all that HI-Chicago has to offer. I hope to see you soon!

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SPECIAL OFFERS FROM HI-CHICAGO!



Buy one entree, get one free during lunch at Tuscany Cafe

CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

Visit \$3 off of Chicago Architecture Foundation Walking Tours



20% off Sears Tower tickets!



25% off John Hancock Observatory tickets

Museum of Contemporary Art



\$5 off admission to Museum of Contemporary Art

Bobby's Bike Tour



\$10-15 off for hostel guests!

The Field Museum

Our Volunteers: Local traveler's experts!

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Things to do around Chicago

Niki In the Garden



Do not miss out on this great exhibit by internationally-renowned artist Niki de Saint Phalle. Take the free Niki Express Train on Saturday and Sunday from the Randolph/Wabash Green Line station.

Loop Tour Train



FREE! FREE! Take a free Loop Architecture Tour every Saturday morning on the 'el' train. Pick up passes at the Chicago Cultural Centers Visitors Information Center.

What's up at HI-Chicago?

Take the tour with Emily !

July has been full of events, and the pictures below speak for themselves !

Hostelling International Chicago hosted a group of 54 musicians from Luxembourg in July. The group, ages 13 to 25 years old played in Chicago Daley Plaza. They enjoyed playing original pieces for symphonic bands and composers of Luxembourg and other European countries, as well as pop music from America.



"We had a nice time in the hostel, and our group was able to stay together thanks to 6 a 10 bed rooms. Sharing rooms was ideal for enhancing the team spirit of our orchestra. We stayed only 2 days in Chicago, thus we appreciated the downtown location of HI-Chicago and the numerous attractions surrounding the hostel." (Serge Kettenmeyer Diffwinds Group Leader)

After visiting Chicago, the orchestra went to Ann Arbor Michigan.



Chicago Public School has multiple groups stay at HI-Chicago, and we love to welcome



\$12 VIP Tickets!



Check our website for more offers

FEATURES OF THE HOSTEL



Sleeping Room



Free breakfast every morning from 7am to 10am



Computer room and free WIFI in the hostel



Hostel Lobby

'Discover Chicago Tour' groups. This program brings teachers from across US to discover all that Chicago has to offer! Throughout the week they visit schools around Chicago for job placement. The organizer of the July tour, Nikki Butler heard about HI-Chicago through a co-worker. She has found the staff easy to work with and the accommodates the needs of her group. The hostel serves as a great location for this group because it is easily accessible from anywhere in the city. The first night's orientation Pizza Party, held in the hostel's meeting room, was a great beginning! The group also took advantage of the hostel's free continental breakfast every morning. Hostelling International Chicago was a perfect fit for the CPS group. The price is right and the atmosphere is great!

Unexpected places to go in Chicago!

Our volunteers as local travelers' experience

Chicago is full of nice, inexpensive places. For each e-newsletter, I ask one of our volunteers to recommend a local place in Chicago.

Straight from our volunteers' mouths, this is great information you couldn't find in guidebook!



Karen says: **Go to Heaven on Seven!**

This Louisiana cuisine restaurant is my favorite place for having lunch downtown Chicago. I like going there because it is an authentic place. Only a 15 minute walk from the hostel, you have a complete lunch for \$15. Bon Appetit!

Heaven on Seven
111 North Wabash, 7th floor

www.heavenonseven.com

Find The Gnome in Chicago!

In each issue of the newsletter we will provide a photo of the Hostels' resident gnome at a different Chicago landmark. We'll provide a few clues but the rest is up to you. So suit up and get ready to discover some of Chicago's greatest attractions. Be sure to check the next newsletter for the correct answer and for another new gnome sighting!



shiny all over?

* Although you wouldn't know it now, the ground on which this Chicago landmark sits used to be a railroad yard.

* Since 2004, millions of people have reflected on the clouds, the skyline, and themselves at this attraction.

* What weighs 110 tons, is 66 feet long, and



Self Service Kitchen

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**Last issue's Gnome was hanging out at Daley Plaza, next to the untitled Picasso sculpture.*

Have a good travel story?

Share it with our reader

Share your travel adventures with the HI-Chicago community by sending in your stories to my email address:

epaxson@hichicago.org.

Include a photo to accent your story!



Hi, I'm Brent a summer intern at Hostelling International Chicago! When I think back on my travels, one particular experience pops in my head where I made a tremendous realization that will benefit me personally for a lifetime. While traveling through London, I particularly noticed what a great melting pot the city really was! It seemed that every block I walked

down; I heard at least five languages being spoken, which made me come to my realization. It was extremely captivating to view so many other cultures in one city conversing with one another, maybe to ask for directions or to just make small talk, etc. I spotted individuals from the U.K., France, Germany, Italy, the U.S., Turkey, Iran, Australia, plus many, many more with different backgrounds, upbringings, religions and belief systems all getting along. For me, it seems that when the traveling community goes out to explore the world in which we live in, we can look at our differences and put our politics aside for once to truly appreciate an atmosphere that is culturally diverse. I think that when one travels, it blows away all stereotypes and misconceptions we may have concerning other cultures. Traveling to London certainly helped me to realize that we must promote peace and understanding across the cultural divide in order to help ourselves realize what a truly great and unique world we all live in.

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[Hostelling International Tunisia](#)

Hostelling International USA is proud of our four participants from the U.S. who are currently attending the third [IOU Respect International Exchange program](#) in Bizerte, Tunisia. The program aims to create positive connections and learning between Arab and Western Countries. Megan Johnson, Education

Coordinator at Hostelling International-Chicago, is the team leader for HI-USA. At the program the participants, young people ages 20 to 25 years old from the USA, Tunisia, Germany, Morocco and France, will engage in dialogue sessions, cultural activities and workshops in an effort to bridge cultural divides.

Participants will be staying at HI-Bizerte, one of eleven hostels in Tunisia, is situated in a scenic forest on a beach. Bizerte is a coastal town located approximately one hour from Tunis. Tunisia is a wonderful country to visit,

prevalent with beaches, sandy deserts and fascinating Roman ruins and archaeological sites. Turkish baths are a great way to experience the local way of living in this area. Whether spending a few days in the sun on a white-sand beach or learning about the country's rich history, Tunisia and its numerous hostels offer a wide range of attractions.

I hope to see you this coming fall in [HI-Chicago!](#)

Sincerely,

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Hostelling International Chicago

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