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Dear Emily,

Buon giorno! My name is Emily Paxson and I am excited to announce that I am the new Group Sales Manager at Hostelling International Chicago. It has been a great first few weeks at the hostel, with summer quickly approaching! After living in Rome, Italy for the last 18 months it is great to be back in my hometown, Chicago. Hostelling International Chicago is a great place to continue my passion for experiencing different cultures, and now I get to do it in Chicago!! Please contact me soon to book a trip to the hostel! Ciao

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Hostel Highlight



This issue's Hostel Highlight is HI-Chicago! HI- Chicago was recently rated the Best Large Hostel 2006 by hostelworld.com. Over 500,000 ratings by hostel users were compiled throughout 2006 and HI-

Chicago had the best overall ratings for large hostels the world over. All of the staff are excited to be recognized for such a great honor in the travel world. They put a lot of care and hard work into every guest's

Contact Me



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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Help support educational

programs at HI-Chicago! HI-Chicago serves over 800 Chicago Public School students with our

experience, and it shows!

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Discover Chicago! Spring is Here!

[Art Chicago](#) is a "See What You Can See" event April 27-30 in the Merchandise Mart. This great exposition is America's longest running international show of contemporary art. Go check out 125 different amazing galleries and performances by Chicago's best music and dance companies!



The season for [boat tours](#) begins in late April. Reserve your spots now on the awesome architectural tours down the Chicago River. Don't forget to check out Trump Tower, it is going up fast!

Come visit beautiful and historic Wrigley Field for the [Cubs](#) home opener with new manager Lou Piniella April 9th!

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Discover Chicago! Start planning for Summer Festivals!



[Lollapalooza! Lollapalooza!](#) [Lollapalooza!](#) That's right, Lollapalooza is back in Chicago! Three days and 130 shows right here in Grant Park: a five minute walk from the hostel. Tickets go on sale April 3rd. Get them fast!! And be sure to [book your hostel bed](#) at the same time! We are anticipating another sell-out for this great weekend of music.

The [Taste of Chicago](#) is always a favorite, especially for HI-Chicago staff. We are located just a few blocks away from the city's tastiest treats from over 60 different Chicago restaurants. Don't miss the trip June 29-July 8, 2007!

It is time again to enjoy the outdoor fun that Chicagoans dream about throughout the cold winter. Enjoy a pleasant glass of wine at [Enoteca Roma](#) either in their private backyard patio, or along the bustle of Division St. The cozy garden patio is a great retreat from the busy life around, and wine flights are a great way to experience all that this unique bar has to offer!

[Make your reservations today...](#)

Cultural Kitchen and Exchange Neighborhoods programs. Please consider making a donation to help us reach more youth with these strong cultural education programs. Your donation will help more travelers and youth alike to realize that "We are all different people, but if we are understanding about other people we can become a better, more peaceful world." Araceli, Hancock High School Student

Please contact Thomas Applegate, Executive Director, for more information or to make a donation.

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Celebrate Peace With Us!...by Arielle Semmel

Hostelling International Chicago and Girl Scouts of Chicago work together to create peace through joint educational programs. To celebrate these efforts, we have erected a Peace Pole in the entryway to the hostel. The Peace Pole reads "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in the 16 languages most commonly spoken by the international travelers that stay at the hostel. At the dedication ceremony in January, girls shared inspiring quotes from peace activists throughout history. HI-Chicago and Girl Scouts of Chicago welcome troops traveling to Chicago to visit the Peace Pole and share their wishes for peace as well. Donors and volunteers wishing to support these peacebuilding efforts should contact Arielle Semmel (asemmel@hichicago.org) for more information.



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Travel Expert...by Lisa Miller

Planning on taking a trip and you don't know where to go or what to do? How can you decide which country or city to visit? I have some great websites and resources for you to check out to plan and decide which travel destinations are perfect for you. Finding information online has never been easier. Check out bootsnall.com which features a readable traveler forum. The traveler forum will give you insight into what destinations are recommended by seasoned travelers. Also check out worldtraveltips.net. This site offers a ton of resource links to other travel related sites like Lonely Planet, Travel Professor, and Eurail to buy your train tickets right online!



If you prefer to get travel information or ideas for destinations from reading, check out Rick Steves travel guide book series. Rick Steves also has a great travel program on PBS, check out pbs.org for your local listings.

If you want to learn more about where to travel, and gain cool tips and ideas for your upcoming trip you can check out a World Travel 101 travel workshop at your local Hostelling International hostel. Check out hiusa.org for more information about HI travel programs in your home city!

Circle the Globe with Hostelling International

This feature helps point you toward amazing destinations and their hostels. Wherever you go around the globe, chances are you will find one of over 4000 [Hostelling International hostels](#).



It is spring time, so why not take a trip to visit the

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wonderfully historic capital of Switzerland, Bern? Take a tour of the wonderful Parliament building (Bundeshaus) which houses the democratic parliament where they conduct business in both French and German.

Bern takes their city mascot very seriously they even have a bear pit in the center of town for tourists/locals to enjoy. They are quite the attraction!

The Bern Hostel is open to individual travelers and families! They offer a breakfast and have a nice garden to enjoy along with a barbaque. Take advantage of the bicycle rental at the hostel, spin around Bern, the traffic is light and perfect for biking.

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