



Lisa says... Top Tours!

Taking one of Chicago's many guided tours is a great way to explore and learn more of the history and diversity of Chicago. Chicago offers a wide variety of tours for every interest and subject. Here are my ideas to help you in your planning. We have discounts for many of the tours mentioned below. When you arrive, just ask the front desk for a coupon.



archi

Chicago Architecture Foundation www.architecture.org

224 S Michigan Ave. 3 blocks north of the hostel on Michigan Ave. The Chicago Architecture Foundation has a huge variety of tours, from downtown skyscraper walking tours, to Frank Lloyd Wright tours in Oak Park. The CAF tours are a decent bargain. We provide you with a coupon for \$3 off downtown walking tours and also a \$3 off coupon for the Chicago highlights by bus tour.



cruise

Chicago From The Lake www.chicagoline.com

At the North Pier docks. 90-minute boat tours about history and architecture of Chicago. The history cruise goes out into Lake Michigan for some great photos of the skyline, and the architecture cruise travels along the river to see the buildings up close. Discount coupons for \$7 off the ticket price at the hostel.



walk

FREE! Stroll Chicago walking tour at the hostel

The hostel offers you many free walking tours from our great volunteers. The signature tour is called "Stroll Chicago" which is a downtown walking tour developed by super volunteer Tom Judge. You will learn about Chicago's history, culture, and public art. It's a great way to start your stay with us. "Stroll Chicago" is given most Saturday mornings at 10:30am.



bike

Bobby's Bike Hike www.bobbysbikehike.com

At North Pier, 465 N. McClurg Court. Bike tours are a great way to see the city and also get some exercise. Bobby's provides an informative, fun, and interactive 3 hour guided tour. You tour Chicago's neighborhoods, gardens, and lakefront. Evening tours end with the Navy Pier fireworks display on Wednesdays and Saturdays. We have a great deal for you as a hostel guest; you only pay \$20 for each tour (\$35 is regular price).



Tiffany

Chicago Cultural Center (CCC) Free Tour

www.cityofchicago.org/Tourism/CulturalCenter

78 East Washington St. Learn about Chicago's "Peoples Palace" through the free tour. See huge, beautiful Tiffany stained glass domes and learn the history of the grand building which was once Chicago's biggest library. Also, visit the visitors center at the CCC to find discounts and ideas for your time in Chicago.



theater

Broadway in Chicago Theater Tour

http://www.broadwayinchicago.com/theatreinfo_tours.php

Saturdays at 11am. 24 West Randolph. Go behind the scenes and see some of Chicago's finest theaters. See beautiful architecture and hear the stories and folklore of each theater's past. Tour includes the Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, and Cadillac Palace Theatre in Chicago's Randolph St Theater district. Tickets are \$10.



train

FREE Loop Elevated Train Tour

Saturdays, May-September, 11am-1pm. CTA elevated trains offer a unique vantage point for seeing the internationally renowned architecture in the heart of Chicago's business district. Tickets must be obtained in advance on the day of the tour at the Chicago Office of Tourism Visitor Information Center on the first floor of the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph.



bus

Double Decker Bus Tour - on/off all day

[Couch USA / Chicago Trolley](#). The Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Company was voted winner for two of the Chicago Visitor's Choice Awards. - Best Tours/Transportation and Best Service. \$22.50 all day on and off.

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