

Getaway to the Windy City

Chicago, Illinois

September 23 – 27, 2013



Local myth would have us believe that the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 was started when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a kerosene lantern. Regardless of the cause, only a few buildings survive from this time. Debris was dumped into Lake Michigan as landfill to rebuild. In 1893, the World's Columbian Exposition celebrated the city's comeback.

Chicago is a sprawling metropolis, the birthplace of the 'skyscraper'. The city is known for its architecture from 19th century skyscrapers to 20th century architectural masterpieces by such as Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright and Mies van der Rohe.

In 2009, Chicago celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Chicago Plan, architect Daniel Burnham's grand scheme for the city which defined the City Beautiful movement. Chief among the groundbreaking ideas was to make the Lake Michigan waterfront accessible to all with a network of parks, piers, beaches and public spaces which, 104 years later, are the city's pride.

To celebrate this achievement, Chicago now has Renzo Piano's addition to the Art Institute of Chicago, facing Millennium Park with Frank Gehry's bandshell, the Pritzker Pavilion. Well known architects have fashioned sculpted spaces such as Cloud Gate, locally known as "The Bean".

We will visit two homes by Frank Lloyd Wright, which illustrate his evolving design concepts; two outstanding museums; and two sites in Wisconsin: the Milwaukee Art Museum, with its Santiago Calatrava addition, and the S.C. Johnson headquarters in Racine (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), renowned for Frank Lloyd Wright's buildings.

Tour Itinerary & Highlights

Day 1

Tour begins with individual arrivals at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport (ORD). Bus transfer to hotel for those arriving by 11:00 am. Lunch at Pizano's Pizza and Pasta. Chicago Architectural Foundation river cruise. Welcome Reception and Dinner at Trattoria 10.

Day 2

Private tours of the Chicago Cultural Center and The Art Institute of Chicago, with lunch at the Institute's Terzo Piano restaurant. Self-guided walking tour of Millennium and Grant Parks. Afternoon at leisure for shopping, or visiting other museums and attractions.

Day 3

Oak Park. Private tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's home and studio. Private walking tour of Oak Park. Lunch at Winberie's Bistro. Wright's Unity Temple. Reception in Bucktown at a private home.

Day 4

Self-guided audio tour of The Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago. Lunch at the Quadrangle Club, the University's Faculty Club. Private tour of Wright's Robie House. Farewell Reception and Dinner at Phil Stefani's 437 Rush.

Day 5

Day trip to Racine, Wisconsin to see Santiago Calatrava's architectural triumph at the Milwaukee Art Museum (box lunch at the museum), followed by a visit to Wright's industrial masterpiece at the S.C. Johnson headquarters. Tour ends at O'Hare International Airport.

Photos

- Chicago skyline, Wikipedia, courtesy J. Crocker
- "The Bean", courtesy Gary Cassidy
- Robie House, Wikipedia

Hotel

The Silversmith Hotel, in the "Loop" area

ROMtravel Coordinator

Gary Cassidy is a ROM tour guide, a former Chairperson of ROMtravel, and manages a ROM education program. Gary has coordinated a past trip to New Orleans.



Tour Cost

Double Occupancy	\$2,525
Single Supplement	615

Tour begins and ends at O'Hare Airport.
Flight costs to/from Chicago NOT included.

Terms & Conditions

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Tour Cost Includes

- Portage of one standard sized suitcase per person.
- Ground transportation in a deluxe bus for transfers and excursions as per itinerary.
- Shared accommodation in double occupancy room with private facilities.
- Meals: full American breakfast daily, 5 lunches, and 2 dinners.
- 2 pre-dinner receptions; reception at a private home.
- Bottled water on the bus as necessary.
- All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.
- All taxes and tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotel, restaurant and guiding staff related to the basic tour; all hotel and local taxes.
- Services of a ROMtravel Coordinator.
- Services of a local guide.
- Pre-trip orientations, and a travel handbook.
- Services of Vision 2000.

Not Included

- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, telephone calls, internet.
- Airline baggage fees where applicable.
- Meals, snacks, and beverages unless specified.
- Trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance.

Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of July 11, 2012. Costs are subject to change without notice. Should tour costs increase, Vision 2000 (as per TICO regulations) reserves the right to increase the price accordingly up to a maximum of 7%. Note that the itinerary may be subject to change without notice.

ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of the Royal Ontario Museum. Individual annual membership is \$97; family annual membership is \$149 (if both partners join the tour, only one needs to be a member). Non-resident family annual membership (outside L/M postal zones) is \$102. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Deposits and Final Payment

An initial non-refundable deposit of **\$700.00 per person** is required at the time of booking. Optional trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance, and single supplement of **\$615.00** are also payable at this time. The balance of payment, **\$1,825.00, is due on June 7, 2013.**

Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made. Vision 2000 and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care and attention beyond that which can be provided.

Cancellations

Should a confirmed participant cancel, notification must be received in writing by Vision 2000. Cancellation charges per person, when not covered by optional trip cancellation insurance, will be as follows:

Initial deposit of \$700.00: 100% of initial deposit is non-refundable
June 7, 2013 to departure: 100% of tour cost is non-refundable

No refund will be issued for unused services. No claim or refund will be considered unless submitted in writing and received by Vision 2000 within 30 days of the termination of the tour.

Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return is required. Neither Vision 2000 nor ROMtravel is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents.

ROMtravel values your Privacy

Your contact information will be published in the Trip Handbook unless you advise NOT to do so. It is for the sole use of trip participants, ROMtravel and the Travel Agency, and will not be shared with anyone else.

Insurance

Comprehensive insurance to afford protection against penalties caused by cancellation of trip due to injury, illness or death of tour participant or member of participant's family is recommended. It is underwritten by Manulife Financial. The insurance premium is non-refundable and must be submitted at time of deposit. A waiver will be necessary if insurance is not taken. HST is included in the quoted prices. The rates quoted below are subject to change until insurance policy is issued.

Based on shared accommodation in double occupancy room					
Age	Compre-hensive	Non-Medical	Age	Compre-hensive	Non-Medical
To 59	\$204.12	\$179.28	70-74	\$371.52	\$233.28
60-64	\$224.64	\$189.00	75-79	\$513.00	\$368.28
65-69	\$265.68	\$208.44	80-84	\$646.92	\$503.28

For single accommodation or for those aged 85 and over, or for non-comprehensive coverage, please contact Walter Unger at Vision 2000.

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