

Escapade in Chicago (5 days / 4 nights)

Day 1:

- ✓ Arrival by plane.
- ✓ Check-In at the Hotel.
- ✓ Guided tour by boat. **Duration: Depends on each company, but about 75 min / Cost: About US \$ 40 / person (depends on each company).**
- ✓ Walk along the edge of the Chicago River from DuSable Bridge to Merchandise Mart. You will be able to enjoy the Wrigley Building, the Trump Tower and the Tribune Tower and admire the various bridges and the view that they offer on the city. **Duration: At your leisure. / Cost: FREE!**
- ✓ See you at Buddy Guy's Legend for a Blues dinner & show.

Day 2:

- ✓ Bike rental for the day. **Duration: At your leisure. / Cost: About US \$ 30 / day.**
- ✓ Bike ride through Millenium Park (go take a look at Jay Pritzker Pavilion and Cloud Gate). Visit Buckingham Fountain in Grant Park. Go to the Planetarium and admire the view of the city. **Duration: At your leisure (for info, it's 15 min non-stop bike from Millennium Park to the Planetarium). / Cost: FREE!**
- ✓ During this bike ride, you will come across different museums (The Art Institute of Chicago, the Field Museum, the Shedd Aquarium and the Adler Planetarium). You are welcome to visit them. **Duration and costs: Depends on each museum.**
- ✓ Plan to bring a small lunch and you can have lunch in one of the many parks you will cross. Otherwise, you can buy food near the Buckingham Fountain.
- ✓ Finish your bike ride along the beach. If weather permit, you can take the time to relax on the beach and swim there. **Duration: At your leisure / Cost: FREE!**

Day 3:

- ✓ Walking Tour: Wacker Drive, Merchandise Mart, Willis Tower, Union Station, LaSalle Canyon, Chicago Theater, James R. Thompson Center, Chicago City Hall. **Duration: 1h30 (or more if you visit some sites) / Cost: FREE!**
- ✓ Visit the Chicago Theater (really interesting and beautiful). **Duration: 1h. / Cost: US \$ 15 / person.**
- ✓ In the evening, you can go see a show. For my part, I loved the Blue Man Group. Very funny (but very difficult to describe) and it is not necessary to understand English well to appreciate it. **Duration: Depends on each show / Cost: Depends on the show. (For info, Blue Man Group is about \$ 60 to \$ 90 US / person.**

Day 4:

- ✓ John Hancock Observatory. **Duration: at your leisure! / Cost: US \$ 21 / person.**
- ✓ Take the opportunity to take a look at the Water Tower and the Pumping Station, located close to the John Hancock Observatory. **Duration: at your leisure! / Cost: FREE!**
- ✓ Shopping in the Magnificent Mile.
- ✓ Dinner at Uno Restaurant (and enjoy a Deep Dish Pizza, a typical Chicago dish).
- ✓ Navy Pier:
 - Walk to Navy Pier. **Duration: at your leisure! / Cost: FREE!**
 - Ferris wheel tour with great view of Chicago **Duration: 10 min (from my memory) / Cost: When I went there, it was only a few dollars (about \$ 3, it was worth it)!**
 - Fireworks every Wednesday and Saturday (not to be missed!!) **Duration: 30 min (from my memory) / Cost: FREE!**

Day 5:

- ✓ Depending on the time of your return flight, you can return for a walk to the places you liked (Chicago River, Millenium Park, etc.).