



The Best of Chicago




MAY 9-14, 2026

COST PER PERSON

DOUBLE	\$3,929
SINGLE	\$4,699
TRIPLE	\$3,679
QUAD	\$3,579

Optional pre-paid AAA Group Travel
Tour Host gratuities **\$30**

Rates are per person based on occupancy and include AAA Member Discount. \$750 per person deposit due at time of booking. Final payment February 15, 2027.

 ROUNDTRIP ECONOMY FLIGHTS FROM BUFFALO, ROCHESTER, OR SYRACUSE TO CHICAGO, IL	 HOTEL ACCOMMODATION NIGHTS	 MEALS WITH GRATUITIES	
 SERVICES OF A LOCAL TOUR GUIDE AND DRIVER	 SERVICES OF AAA GROUP TRAVEL TOUR HOST	 DELUXE TRANSPORTATION ON TOUR	 BAGGAGE HANDLING

ACTIVITY LEVEL ACTIVE

Moderate pace; good mobility needed; stairs and prolonged standing for more than 2 hours at a time; some longer days involving early mornings and/or late evenings; some walking on varied terrain. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with mobility issues such as someone who uses a cane, walker, or wheelchair.

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Discover the best of Chicago on an immersive journey through one of America's most iconic cities, where world-famous architecture, vibrant neighborhoods, and rich cultural history come together. Explore legendary landmarks including Millennium Park, Navy Pier, Wrigley Field, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the dramatic views from the Willis Tower Skydeck. Experience the city from multiple perspectives with a guided Chicago River architecture cruise, neighborhood explorations from Chinatown to Little Italy, and an in-depth look at Frank Lloyd Wright's historic works in Oak Park. From lakefront beauty and skyline views to gangster-era history and a festive dinner cruise on Lake Michigan, this itinerary showcases the energy, character, and unforgettable spirit of the Windy City.

INCLUDES:

- ▶ Roundtrip economy flights from Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse to Chicago
- ▶ 5-nights hotel accommodations
- ▶ 10 meals: 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- ▶ Guided city tour featuring Michigan Avenue, Lake Shore Drive, Millennium Park (including "The Bean"), Buckingham Fountain, and Chicago's vibrant neighborhoods including Chinatown, Pilsen, Little Italy, and Greektown
- ▶ Guided tour of Wrigley Field
- ▶ Free time at Navy Pier
- ▶ 90-minute narrated Chicago Architecture River Cruise
- ▶ Admission to the Art Institute of Chicago (self-guided)
- ▶ Admission to the Field Museum
- ▶ Admission to the Shedd Aquarium
- ▶ Admission to the Willis Tower Skydeck
- ▶ Chicago's Original Gangster Tour featuring Prohibition-era sites and live character guides
- ▶ Interactive "Married to the Mob" murder mystery dinner experience
- ▶ Tour of Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio
- ▶ Walking tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District
- ▶ Tour of Unity Temple
- ▶ Drive-by of the Ernest Hemingway Birthplace Home
- ▶ Dinner cruise aboard the Spirit of Chicago at Navy Pier
- ▶ Baggage handling (1 piece per person)
- ▶ Services of a AAA Group Travel Tour Host
- ▶ All applicable taxes, fees, and included meal gratuities



ITINERARY

DAY 1 – MAY 9

Your journey begins with flights from Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse to Chicago, where you'll arrive in the late morning and meet your AAA Group Travel Tour Host, motorcoach and driver. After collecting luggage, you'll begin your Chicago experience right away with a classic welcome—an included deep-dish pizza lunch at a local favorite restaurant. This is your first taste of Chicago's signature style of hearty, iconic dining. Following lunch, you'll head into the city for a guided introduction to Chicago's most recognizable sights. You'll travel along Lake Shore Drive and Michigan Avenue while taking in sweeping skyline views and learning about the city's architecture and history. Stops include Millennium Park, home of the famous Cloud Gate sculpture ("The Bean"), and the impressive Buckingham Fountain in Grant Park. The afternoon continues with visits through Chicago's diverse neighborhoods, including Chinatown, Pilsen, Little Italy, and Greektown—each offering its own cultural identity, architecture, and history.

Later in the afternoon, you'll check in to your downtown hotel and have time to settle in before the evening begins. Dinner is included tonight at a classic Chicago restaurant.

DAY 2 – MAY 10

After breakfast, your day begins with a scenic drive along Lake Shore Drive before arriving at one of baseball's most iconic venues, Wrigley Field. On a guided tour, you'll explore the historic ballpark, learning about its century-long legacy and the culture surrounding Chicago Cubs baseball.

From there, you'll continue to Navy Pier for free time to explore, enjoy lunch on your own, and take in views of Lake Michigan. Shops, attractions, and waterfront dining make this one of the city's most popular destinations. In the early afternoon, you'll board a narrated cruise on the Chicago Architecture River Cruise, widely considered one of the best ways to experience the city. As you travel along all three branches of the Chicago River, expert guides will bring the skyline to life with stories of the architects and innovations that shaped it. Later, you'll visit the world-renowned Art Institute of Chicago, where you'll enjoy a self-guided visit among masterpieces from around the world. The evening concludes with dinner at a historic Chicago restaurant.

DAY 3 – MAY 11

After breakfast, you'll travel to Chicago's Museum Campus for a full day of exploration. Your first stop is the Field Museum, where exhibits span natural history, archaeology, and science from around the world. You'll have time for lunch on your own during your visit. In the afternoon, you'll continue next door to the Shedd Aquarium, one of the oldest and most renowned aquariums in the world. Here, you'll explore diverse marine life and immersive exhibits featuring species from oceans, rivers, and coral reefs.

The late afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy Chicago at your own pace. You may choose to explore downtown dining, relax along the riverwalk, or experience the city's nightlife.

DAY 4 – MAY 12

Following breakfast, this morning begins with a visit to one of Chicago's most famous landmarks, the Willis Tower Skydeck. From the top of one of the tallest buildings in the Western Hemisphere, you'll take in sweeping views stretching across multiple states. After lunch on your own in the Loop, you'll embark on a unique and entertaining experience: Chicago's Original Gangster Tour. Led by costumed guides, you'll travel through the city while learning about Prohibition-era figures such as Al Capone, exploring sites like the St. Valentine's Day Massacre location and the Biograph Theatre. In the late afternoon, you'll return to your hotel to refresh before heading out for an interactive evening. Tonight features a themed "Married to the Mob" murder mystery dinner experience, combining entertainment, dining, and audience participation in a fun, immersive storyline.

DAY 5 – MAY 13

Today takes you beyond downtown Chicago to nearby Oak Park for a deep dive into architectural history. You'll begin with a guided tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio, where the architect developed his early Prairie Style designs. Next, you'll enjoy a walking tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District, home to the largest collection of Wright-designed residences in the world. You'll also visit Unity Temple, a groundbreaking work in modern architecture. On your return to Chicago, you'll pass by the birthplace home of Ernest Hemingway before returning to your hotel to relax. This evening, you'll conclude your journey with a scenic dinner cruise aboard the Spirit of Chicago. As you sail along Lake Michigan, enjoy dinner, entertainment, and panoramic views of the illuminated skyline—an unforgettable finale to your Chicago experience.

DAY 6 – MAY 14

After breakfast, you'll check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your return flights to Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse. As you head home, you'll carry with you lasting memories of Chicago's architecture, culture, cuisine, and vibrant energy.



HOTEL:

Hampton Inn Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile, Chicago, IL (5 nights)

NOTE: This tour is booked as the above inclusions state. It is possible due to unforeseen circumstances that some inclusions may change in future months. Should that happen, AAA Group Travel will take all necessary steps to find a suitable replacement for the tour.

CANCELLATION POLICY: AAA Western and Central New York recommends the purchase of Allianz Travel Insurance products to protect your trip investment. Visit AAA.com/GroupTravel for full tour Terms & Conditions.

Cancellation Penalties:	
Date of deposit – December 15, 2026	\$150 administrative fee per person
December 16, 2026 – February 15, 2027	Loss of deposit per person
February 16, 2027 – day of departure	100% non-refundable per person

