

CHRISTMASTIME IN CHICAGO

DECEMBER 3 - 6, 2024

Group TravelMasters



Day 1 – Tuesday December 3, 2024

Group will leave their hometown in their own motor coach. Stop for lunch (included) and arrive in Chicago this afternoon. Check into the Hampton Inn downtown Chicago located at 33 West Illinois St. Chicago, IL. Tonight have dinner (included) and spend time at Navy Pier. Visitors will enjoy great spaces and unparalleled skyline views along the mile-long pier. The Pier houses a variety of attractions, including the Crystal Garden, Carousel and the Ferris Wheel. The very first Ferris Wheel was designed and constructed by George Ferris Jr. as a landmark for the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. [B,D]



Day 2 - Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Have breakfast and enjoy the city that shines in all of its finery on a narrated sightseeing tour of downtown Chicago with a professional guide. Experience a city that has a perfect mixture of big city sophistication and neighborhood charm. Drive through The Loop and along State Street. See places frequented by Chicago's famous sports icons, media moguls and notable Politian's. View extraordinary landmarks up close and personal. A convenience stop will offer a variety of choices for lunch (on own). Embark on a ride to the 103rd floor of the Willis Tower Skydeck. This is the tallest building on the North American continent. The Skydeck combines information, education and excitement showcasing Chicago from its historic past to the modern city you see today. Step out on the "Ledge." This clear platform lets you view the street 103 stories below

you! This evening enjoy a group dinner (included) in Little Italy features local specialties and the authentic “old neighborhood” feel that is sure to please. Kick off the holiday season with Holiday Trolley Lights Tour. It is a fun and entertaining two-hour lightly narrated tour by your trolley operator. The Magnificent Mile and Daley Center come aglow with lights and is decorated for the Christmas season. Sing carols as the holiday trolley “sleigh ride” whisks you amongst the festive lights and enchanting sights of wintertime in Chicago. Enjoy the nighttime view of The Magnificent Mile, State Street & Macy’s Holiday Windows, Daley Plaza’s 40-foot Tree, and Buckingham Fountain. Stop at Christkindlmarket - A traditional German American Holiday Market with distinctive crafts, artistic glass creations, delicious sweets, holiday food and drinks. Conclude the trip at The Hershey’s Store - Sip delicious hot cocoa and nibble on York Peppermint brownies fresh from this famous chocolatier. [B,L]



Day 3 - Thursday, December 5, 2024

Have breakfast (included) Arrive at the renowned Art Institute of Chicago for a tour. You will marvel at the stunning collection of Impressionists, Renaissance masterpieces, Asian Art, and Antiquities. The Modern Wing over looks Millennium Park. The park has stunning outdoor art and features a fountain with a reflecting pool. Take time for lunch (on own) at the Museum Café. Spend the afternoon at the Museum of Science and Industry. Explore rich holiday traditions from around the globe in *Christmas Around the World* and *Holidays of Light*. It began in 1942 with a single tree. Today, the Museum’s beloved annual celebration features a four-story, floor-to-dome Grand Tree, surrounded by a forest of more than 50 trees and displays decorated by volunteers to represent the holiday traditions from cultures around the globe. Tonight, have dinner (included) and experience Wonderland Express at the Chicago Botanic Garden, in Glencoe, IL. It is a tribute to holiday magic, the joys of winter, and family fun. This unique blend of artistic wizardry, fanciful design, magnificent horticulture, and the whizzing, whistling miniature trains. Have a light lunch amidst the flowers, decorations and displays. [B,D,]



Day 4 - Friday, December 6, 2024

Have **breakfast** and leave Chicago. Stop for lunch (included) and return to Home by early evening. [B,L]



**4-Day Motor Coach Tour (Customer Provides Motorcoach)
Based on 30 paying passengers**

\$889 per person (2 per room)

\$1129 per person (1 per room)

Includes:

- **Lodging for 3 nights**
- **Meals: As indicated B - Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner**
- **Attractions outlined in itinerary**
- **Free trip for the trip leader, who will host the tour**
- **Bus drivers lodging, meals and most attractions have a driver's lounge seating area**
- **Gratuities on included meals and attractions in the itinerary. Driver and escort tips are not included**

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