Chicago, Illinois

Marina City
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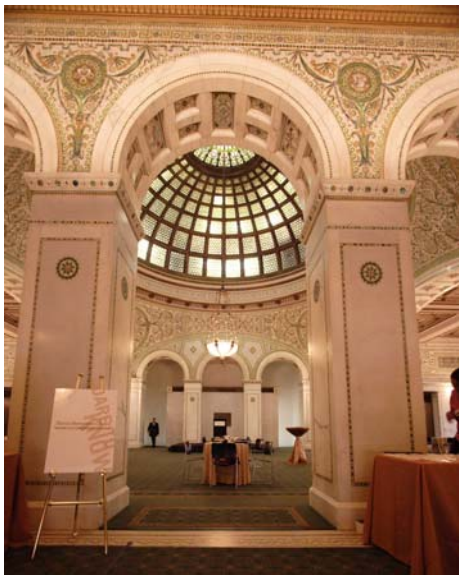
When you think of modern architecture, you think of Chicago, the birthplace of the skyscraper, the cradle of twentieth-century American design, and the home of enduring works by such iconic figures as Louis Sullivan, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, and Frank Lloyd Wright. Idealized through tourism and celebrated in the groves of academe, the city's majestic skyline and landmark buildings remain a living testament to the modern movement.

Numerous architectural foundations and interest groups illuminate the importance of the cultivation of an international audience for Chicago's architecture. Come to Chicago to explore the pivotal role of real estate developers, finance and insurance sectors, and speculative capital markets in the development of the city itself. Most notably, examine a wide variety of overlooked architectural works and their creators—individuals who did not fit into the dominant modernist narrative.

This trip is filled with opportunities to offer new insights on Chicago public housing; to view the Columbian Exposition and Marina City; examine the city's grid system; learn about the place of women architects in the story of Chicago modernism; and enjoy a subjective experience inside some of Chicago's most well known buildings. Discovering Chicago's architecture and its enormous scope and vision will be an experience to remember!



Tiffany Dome
Holabird & Root

Lake Point Tower
John Heinrich and George Schipporeit

Hotel in Chicago

Hard Rock Hotel Chicago

The Hard Rock Hotel Chicago is located on Michigan Avenue in the spectacular historic landmark Carbide & Carbon building. The property is four diamond and part of the distinguished Preferred Hotels & Resorts portfolio. Located steps away from the theater district, the museum campus, Millennium Park and an endless array of Chicago's finest dining and entertainment options.

Completed in 1929, the Carbide & Carbon Building may be considered a typical Art Deco Chicago skyscraper, it is not. What makes the Carbide & Carbon Building so unique are the colors that cover its façade. Most of Chicago's Art Deco architecture is clad in light gray Bedford limestone. The Carbide & Carbon Building, however, is composed of a polished black granite base and a tower covered in deep green terra cotta, making it a one-of-a-kind landmark on the Michigan Avenue skyline.

Boasting 40 floors and standing over 150 meters tall, the building is the product of Daniel and Hubert Burnham, the sons of famed Chicago architect and city planner Daniel H. Burnham. Popular legend connects the design of the building to a champagne bottle, with the terra cotta exterior corresponding to the green glass bottle and the golden tower alluding to the shiny foil top. It is no surprise; therefore, that Hard Rock Hotel Chicago has found its home in the Carbide & Carbon Building, with its celebratory origins.

Please see websites below for Carbide & Carbon building historic information:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbide_&_Carbon_Building
http://www.chicagoarchitecture.info/Building/1015/Carbide_and_Carbon_Building.php

Day One – Architecture in Chicago

10:00 am Group departs hotel for daytime activities.

10:30 am ***Architectural River Cruise***

This ninety-minute river cruise places you at the feet of over a hundred skyscrapers, each designed or inspired by the Modernists of nearly a century ago. As you travel through the birthplace of modern architecture, a specially trained docent describes the work of those who revolutionized the building arts, and how they are linked structurally and architecturally. This tour spotlights more than 50 architecturally significant sites where you will discover a new perspective on the city.

12:15 pm ***Lunch at Gino's East***

The Gino's East story began in 1966 when two taxi drivers and a friend, frustrated with rush hour traffic, decided to open a pizzeria just off Michigan Ave. and Superior St. in Chicago. The Original Gino's East became an instant legend with local Chicagoans, national celebrities and visitors from around the world.

Their famous deep-dish pizza tastes the same as it did back then. Each pizza is made by hand and features its own unique look. Each legendary pizza is created with a secret, golden crust, fresh vine-ripened tomatoes, and loaded with your choice of fresh ingredients. Once baked to perfection these enormous pies are brought to your table in our well-seasoned pans.

2:00 pm ***Architectural Photo Safari***

Experience a photography workshop while actually visiting the famous architectural sites and destinations throughout the city of Chicago. This one of a kind photo safari begins at Millennium Park's Bean structure where professional photographer gives an orientation on good photography technique and how to highlight the best of the structures you are photographing. Also, he will give great advice on how to use the camera's features properly to make your Chicago pictures truly come alive!

At each point on the tour, professional photographers will give constructive criticism on the photos that are taken to maximize the quality of your photo mementos. This hands-on training safari will give you priceless photo experience and techniques for all of your future travels.

4:30 pm Group arrives back at the hotel for free time until evening activities.

6:30 pm Group departs from the hotel for transport to dinner.

6:45 pm ***Zed451***

Let go of everything you use to think about dining and enter a warm and stylish world of artful design and relaxing and indulging abundance. At ZED 451 guests are catered to by an engaging staff in an environment that evokes a warm landscape of natural elements with a highly stylized edge. ZED is dining, redefined. Start the meal off by visiting the Harvest Tables which include delicious salads, cold pastas, and homemade soups. Then the talented chefs of Zed 451 will visit tableside to serve you their creations of steak, seafood, and poultry. A truly personal gourmet experience!

8:30 pm ***A Conversation with the Critics: Imagining the Future of the City***

This unique event presents Chicagoans with an opportunity to hear leading voices in the field of architectural criticism discuss the future of cities worldwide. With a focus on urban planning, infrastructure, and architecture, the critics will consider ideas about model cities and how design serves as a catalyst for change. Participants include: Jonathan Glancey from *The Guardian*, Paul Goldberger from *The New Yorker*, Sarah Williams Goldhagen from *The New Republic*, and Blair Kamin from the *Chicago Tribune*. The panel will be moderated by Edward Lifson**,** cultural critic and creator of Chicago Public Radio's *Hello Beautiful!*