

2008 URSI General Assembly
Social Program: Day and evening tours

Registration is required by June 15, 2008

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Traditional High Tea at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Chicago
2. **Saturday, August 9, 9:15am-1:00pm, \$40**
Architectural Highlights Bus Tour conducted by the Chicago Architectural Foundation
3. **Saturday, August 9, 5:45pm-10:00pm, \$160**
Odyssey Dinner Cruise on Lake Michigan, includes dinner and entertainment
4. **Sunday, August 10, 9:00am-2:30pm, \$30**
Architectural Boat Tour of Chicago conducted by the Chicago Architectural Foundation
5. **Sunday, August 10, 5:00pm-7:00pm, included in the registration**
Opening Reception
6. **Monday August 11, 9:15-1:00pm, \$35**
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19. **Saturday, August 16, Free**
Chicago's Air & Water Show

1. Friday, August 8, 1:45pm-5:00pm, \$45

Traditional High Tea at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Chicago

You are invited to high tea at the renown Ritz Carlton Hotel in Chicago. Enjoy the Traditional Tea including scones, finger sandwiches and pastries in elegant surroundings in the Garden Terrace at the Ritz. Located right off Michigan Avenue, the Ritz is adjacent to Water Tower Place and other wonderful shops on the Magnificent Mile and Oak Street. You can stroll along the Magnificent Mile and shop either before or after the tea because the Ritz is within walking distance or a short cab ride from the hotel.

Advanced reservations are required as the Garden Terrace Room has a limited seating capacity. Please let us know if you have any food restrictions that need to be accommodated so we can notify the Hotel in advance.

Included: Roundtrip transfer from Hyatt Regency via cab, Traditional Tea.

For details about the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Chicago please visit

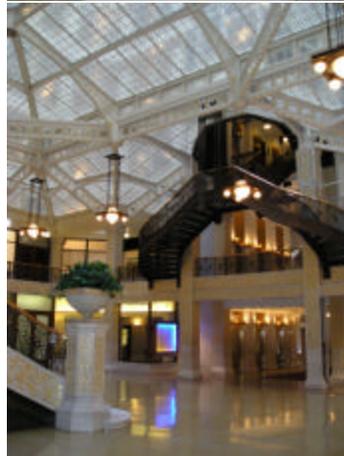
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2. Saturday, August 9, 9:15am-1:00pm, \$40

Architectural Highlights Bus Tour conducted by the Chicago Architectural Foundation

Discover the exciting diversity of Chicago's famous architecture on this wide-ranging odyssey, which traces the city's development from its beginning to the present. This tour covers 30 miles of Chicago architecture, including the Loop, Hyde Park, the Gold Coast, the lakefront, several historic districts, university campuses, parks, and old and new residential neighborhoods. Stops include the Rookery in downtown Chicago, Mies van der Rohe's IIT campus, and an interior tour of Robie House given by the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust.

Included: Roundtrip transportation from the Hyatt Regency, Professional guide, Admission to the Robie House.



3. Saturday, August 9, 5:45pm-10:00pm, \$160

Odyssey Dinner Cruise on Lake Michigan, includes dinner and entertainment

Watch the city transform itself from day into night as you cruise along the lakefront. From a breathtaking vantage point in Lake Michigan watch the sunset and the lights illuminate the city. After a multi-course dinner, there will be music and dancing and an opportunity to admire the skyline from the deck. To end the night, we will see a fireworks display, weather permitting.

Included: Roundtrip transfers from the Hyatt Regency, Cruise, Full Course Dinner, Alcoholic and non-Alcoholic Beverages and Entertainment.



4. Sunday, August 10, 9:00am-2:30pm, \$30

Architectural Boat Tour of Chicago conducted by the Chicago Architectural Foundation

Chicago's most popular River Cruise! CAF-certified expert docents interpret the world-class architecture along the Chicago River. Marvel at Chicago's soaring towers while enjoying a 90-minute, narrated river cruise. This tour spotlights more than 50 architecturally significant sites where you will discover a new perspective on the city. Come aboard the vessels of Chicago's Finest Fleet: Chicago's First Lady, Chicago's Little Lady and Chicago's Fair Lady where both open-air and climate-controlled indoor seating make the journey comfortable. Snacks and beverages are available for purchase on board each vessel.

All passengers boarding vessels for the CAF architecture river cruise (and their carry-on items) are subject to inspection pursuant to U.S. Coast Guard/Department of Homeland Security regulations.

For wheelchair mobility/disability access, visit <http://www.cruisechicago.com/accessible.php>
Advance reservations are required as this tour is sold out early. There are no refunds or substitutions. Tour will be conducted rain or shine



5. Sunday, August 10, 5:00pm-7:00pm, included in the registration
Opening Reception

6. Monday August 11, 9:15-1:00pm, \$35

Grand Tour of Chicago from the North side to the South Shore

Come Explore the neighborhoods of Chicago as we take a bus tour of some of the distinct neighborhoods of the city. We will travel from the north side to the south shore of Lake Michigan.

Bring your cameras as we will stop at the Lincoln Park Conservatory and the Museum Campus

Meal is not provided

Included: Roundtrip transfers from Hyatt Regency, Professional tour guide.



7. Monday August 11, 1:45pm-4:00pm, \$20

Millennium Park Revealed: walking tour of the Lurie Gardens and sculptures located throughout Millennium Park

Though you may have already visited the Park, our in-depth tour is sure to enhance your knowledge and experience. Find out how top architects, artists and engineers collaborated with Chicago's movers and shakers to transform an ugly railway and parking lot into a place that has thrilled millions and become the envy of cities throughout the world. Our docents explain the inspiration for Anish Kapoor's huge reflective Cloud Gate sculpture, nicknamed the "Bean," and Jaume Plensa's ever-changing high-tech Crown Fountain. We explore the art and architecture of Frank Gehry's exuberant Jay Pritzker Music Pavilion and sculptural BP Bridge. Discover the many ways that Kathryn Gustafson's Lurie Garden symbolizes Chicago history and see how the Park has become the world's largest roof garden. Learn how the new addition to the Art Institute, designed by Renzo Piano, will connect to the Park.

Guide will meet participants at the Hyatt Regency for the walking tour.

8. Tuesday August 12, 9:15-1:00pm, \$45

Devil and the White City Tour

A sensational tour of murder and magic and madness, based on Erik Larson's "The Devil and The White City". The city of Chicago and the summer of 1893 would never be the same after the Columbian Exposition. Walk the Grounds of Jackson Park and the University of Chicago with our professional guide.

You will be amazed with the tales of the best and the worst of the Gilded Age. Relive these events by visiting the original sites of the world's fair grounds including a stop at the Wooded Island designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and a visit to the Osaka Gardens. Your tour will travel the Midway Plaisance where the tallest Ferris Wheel once stood. Your guide will narrate and point out significant buildings and sites of the 1893 Fair along the way.

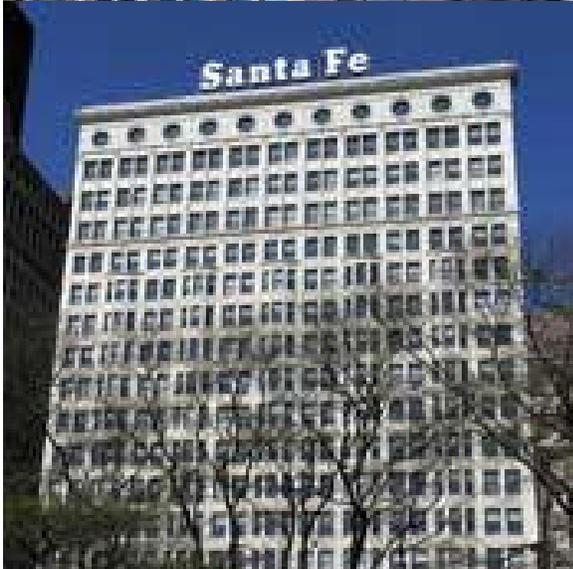
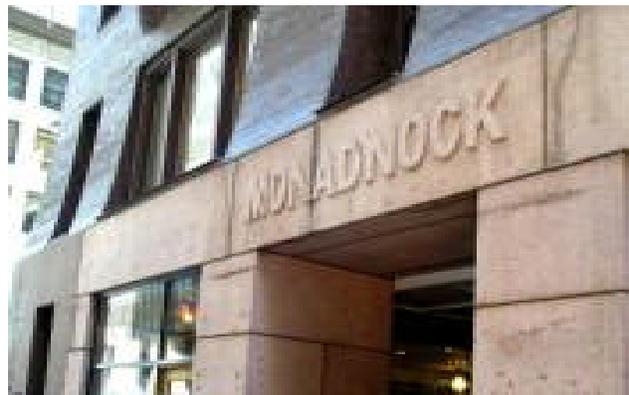
Included: Roundtrip transfer from Hyatt Regency, Professional tour guide

9. Tuesday August 12, 10:15-12:30pm, \$20

Historic Skyscrapers: walking tour and explanation of the skyscrapers that define Chicago. Tour conducted by the Chicago Architectural Foundation.

Chicago is not only the birthplace of the skyscraper, it is also where most of the innovations in early skyscraper design and technology originated! Take a step back in time for an informative look at some of our world famous early skyscrapers including: Burnham and Root's Rookery (1888) with its Moorish revival exterior and restored Frank Lloyd Wright interior; Adler and Sullivan's Auditorium Building (1889) a masterpiece of engineering, design and acoustics; Holabird and Roche's Marquette Building (1895) an outstanding example of the Chicago School of design; and Holabird and Root's Chicago Board of Trade Building (1930), one of the city's most glamorous Art Deco skyscrapers.

Guide will meet participants at the Hyatt Regency.



10. Tuesday August 12, 6:00pm-10:30pm, \$50

Chicago After Dark: dinner in China town, bus tour and stop at the observatory at the John Hancock Building.

Do you want to experience how Chicago comes alive after dark? Then join us on this guided bus tour that will start with dinner in China Town. After dinner you may wander for a time and drink in the flavors and mystery of China Town.

You'll see Chicago's illuminated skyline, Grant Park, McCormick Place and the new Chicago Campus of University of Illinois and during the summer season see the beautiful, colored display of Buckingham Fountain.

We will travel to Museum Campus to experience the magnificent skyline after dark, so bring your cameras. We then will experience downtown Chicago, the near north side and the Magnificent Mile before taking a trip up to the top of the John Hancock Center to take in the breathtaking views of the city, weather permitting.

Includes: Roundtrip transfers from Hyatt Regency, Professional Tour Guide, Dinner in China Town.

11. Wednesday August 13, 8:45am-2:00pm, \$50

Historic Oak Park and Frank Lloyd Wright Home/ Studio tour.

Frank Lloyd Wright, the architect, had his home and studio in Oak Park, Illinois. Join us as we travel west of the City of Chicago to Oak Park to tour Wright's home/studio.

We also will see other Wright designed Homes and Unity Temple, an early masterpiece of Wright's and National Historic Landmark. What is little known is that Ernst Hemingway also lived in Oak Park and will see his house on this tour.

We will stop for lunch (on own), at the Oak Park area, great for browsing and shopping, before returning to the hotel.

Includes: Roundtrip transfers from Hyatt Regency, Professional tour guide, Admissions into Frank Lloyd Wright home /studio

12. Wednesday August 13, 9:30-1:30pm, \$40

Cooking school Le Cordon Blue Program, includes gourmet lunch

We will watch up and coming chefs demonstrate cooking techniques and recipes. We then will sit down and enjoy a multi-course lunch based on what the chef's demonstrated.

Includes: Roundtrip transfers from Hyatt Regency, Professional tour guide, Gourmet Lunch

For further details, please visit

<http://www.chic.edu/>

13. Wednesday August 13, 6:00pm-10:30pm, \$60
Banquet

14. Thursday August 14, 9:15-2:30, \$40

A day at the Museum of Science and Industry

Chicago's museum of Science and Industry, one of the largest science museums in the world is home to more than 35,000 artifacts and nearly 14 acres of hands-on exhibits designed to spark scientific inquiry and creativity. Celebrating their 75th year, they strive to inspire the inventive genius in their visitors of all ages with world-class, permanent exhibits such as the U-505 submarine, the only German U-boat in the United States; or world-premier temporary exhibits such as 2008's Smart Home: Green+ Wired and the Glass Experience. A world of discovery awaits you and your family.

Tour does not include meals or special exhibits with special admissions

Included: Roundtrip transfers from Hyatt Regency.



15. Thursday August 14, 8:30am-4:00pm, \$70

Farnsworth Plus Tour: an opportunity to visit Ludwig Mies van der Rohe designed Farnsworth house.

This extraordinary tour by deluxe motor coach traces the Chicago career of the 20th century's most influential Modernist architect, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, including a selection of his most important buildings and an extended visit to Farnsworth House, considered by many to be the iconic masterpiece of the Modernist movement.

Our first stop is 860-880 North Lakeshore Drive, the buildings that launched the modern skyscraper, and the neighboring Esplanade Apartments. We enjoy views of the IBM Building (the last project directly supervised by Mies) and the Federal Center complex on the way to our next stop, the campus of the [Illinois Institute of Technology](#). Here we see the beautifully restored Crown Hall and IIT Commons (Mies's first "clear span" building); plus two recent and remarkable additions to the campus: Helmut Jahn's State Street Village and McCormick-Tribune Campus Center by Rem Koolhaas.

Then on to Farnsworth House, designed by Mies as an idyllic retreat on the Fox River and jointly owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Landmarks Illinois. The tour is led by CAF docents, with Landmarks Illinois docents guiding at Farnsworth House, and includes an informal lunch at the [Homestead B&B](#) in Plano (The Lewis Steward House, 1854), an evocative historic site that helps set the stage for Mies' revolutionary vision.

Included: transportation from Chicago Architectural Foundation, Professional Guide, Lunch and Admission to Farnsworth House.



16. Thursday August 14, 4:45pm-9:00pm, \$50

An evening at the Art Institute of Chicago

Founded in 1879, the Art Institute of Chicago is an encyclopedic museum of art with over 300,000 works. The Art Institute's collection has works from around the globe representing over 5,000 years of human artistic creation. It has one of the most extensive collections of French Impressionism outside of France. Join us for a late afternoon/evening at the Art Institute. You will have an opportunity to explore the galleries, listen to music in the Art Institute's Garden (located in the center of the museum and only visible from within the museum) and enjoy a light snack with a glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverage.

Advanced reservations are required as the museum limits the number of participants.

Included: Roundtrip transfers from Hyatt Regency, Professional tour guide

17. Friday August 15, 9:15am-2:30pm, \$65

A day at the Field Museum and Shedd Aquarium

Begin your day at either the Field Museum or the Shedd Aquarium. Buses will transport to and pick you up at the appointed time at either the museum or the aquarium, which are located right next to each other on the Museum Campus.

Field Museum

Discover Sue, the largest and most completely preserved T. rex ever found! The actual skeleton, which stands 13 feet tall at the hips and is 42 feet long, is on display. But that is not all the museum has to offer. The core of the Field Museum exhibits are biological and anthropological collections, which were originally assembled for the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, but have grown through world-wide expeditions, exchange, purchase, and gifts to more than twenty million specimens.

Shedd Aquarium

Strap a mask and flippers onto your imagination and chart a course to Shedd Aquarium. Have you ever sailed the Pacific Northwest on a whale-watching cruise? Gotten eye-to-eye with a shark? Or followed a sea turtle as she soared through the Caribbean? At Shedd, it's all possible. At the Shedd, enjoy the Oceanarium, Amazon Rising and the Wild Reef.

Lunch and admissions to special exhibits are on your own.

Included: Roundtrip transfers from Hyatt Regency, General Admissions to the Field Museum and the Shedd Aquarium

18 Friday August 15, 9:15am-2:30pm, \$50

Buffet lunch on the 95th floor of the John Hancock building with excellent view of the Air and Water Show

The 2008 Chicago Air and Water Show celebrates 50 years with three days of daredevil thrills in the air and on the water at North Avenue Beach and along Chicago's magnificent lakefront Friday August 15. Over the years, the show has become a summer tradition featuring aviation's top military and civilian pilots. The 50th Annual Chicago Air & Water Show presented by Shell Oil Products U.S. and the City of Chicago promises to be like no other for the first time there will be a Friday night show and evening concert at North Avenue Beach.



19. Saturday, August 16, Free
Chicago's Air & Water Show

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will kick off the festivities at 3:00 p.m. followed by the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team. Immediately following the headliners there will be a FREE concert at the North Avenue Beach Boat House. The night show will conclude at 9:00 p.m. with a spectacular fireworks display. You don't want to miss this show!

Civilian performers include Lima Lima Flight Team, Aeroshell Aerobatic Team and audience favorite, Sean Tucker and Team Oracle. The Chicago Air and Water Show is held along the lakefront from Fullerton to Oak Street, with North Avenue Beach as the focal point. On Saturday, August 16 the water show begins at 9 a.m. and air show runs from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. both days.