

Navy Pier

312-595-7437 www.navy Pier.com

New Year's Eve Midnight Fireworks

Dec. 31
Family fireworks at 8:15pm and again at midnight.

Bank of America Winter WonderFest

Thru Jan. 3

Windy City Showdown

Jan. 9

Strictly Sail Show

Jan. 28-31

IGI Chicago Style Gymnastics Competition

Feb. 12-14

Chinese New Year at Navy Pier

Feb. 14

JAMfest Cheer and Dance

Feb. 20-21

Chicago Flower and Garden Show

March 6-14

Diabetes Expo

April 10

Green Festival

May 22-23

Sports

Basketball and Hockey

Going to see the Bulls or Blackhawks?

The CTA's #19 United Center Express is an easy connection from Metra's downtown stations.

Baseball

Going to see the Cubs or White Sox?

Wrigley Field and U.S. Cellular Field are easy connections from Metra's downtown stations on the CTA Red Line subway. Call (312) 836-7000 for more information.

Save with Metra Family Fares

Bring the whole family aboard on weekends.
Up to three children 11 and under ride free
with each fare-paying adult.

Parades

Chinese New Year Parade

312-326-5320

Feb. 14

Annual festivities to begin at 1pm on the corner of Wentworth and 24th.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

312-421-1010

March 13

River dyeing takes place at 10:45am, with the parade at noon proceeding down Columbus Dr. from Balbo to Monroe.

Memorial Day Parade

May 29

Starts at noon and proceeds down State St. from Lake to Van Buren.

Millennium Park

312-742-1168

www.millenniumpark.org

Located on Michigan Avenue between Randolph and Monroe Streets, Millennium Park is a must-see experience. Enjoy world-class art, music, architecture and al fresco dining (weather permitting).

Ice Skating 2010

Thru March 14

When you bring your own skates, ice skating on this 16,000 square-foot rink is free and offers visitors one of the best views of Chicago's famed Michigan Avenue. Skate rentals are available.

Lurie Garden

Family Workshop: Sticks and Seeds: Re-Thinking Recycled Art

Jan. 10

Turn something old into something new, making cool crafts from 10am-noon.

Lecture Series: Millennium Park – Creating a Chicago Landmark

Jan. 21

Listen to Ed Uhlir, Director of Design, Architecture and Landscape for the park, as he shares the process of creating the park, its art and architecture. 6pm.

Lecture Series: Henry Chandler Cowles – Chicago's Pioneer Ecologist

Feb. 4

Enjoy this discussion about Henry Chandler Cowles' groundbreaking studies regarding North American ecology. 6pm.

Family Workshop: Snip and Clip: Prepping the Garden for Spring

Feb. 6

Create a multi-media piece of art using cuttings from plants. 2-4pm

Adult Hands-On Workshop: The Lurie Garden's Winter Superstars

Feb. 6

Join the Lurie staff as they point out the best performing cold-weather plants. 10am-noon.

McCormick Place

www.mccormickplace.com

Chicago Boat, RV and Outdoor Show

312-946-6200

Jan. 13-17

Mid-American Horticulture Trade Show

800-223-8761

Jan. 20-22

Chicago Motorcycle Show and Parts Expo

800-800-6034

Feb. 6

Chicago Auto Show

630-495-2282

Feb. 12-21

Champion Spirit Group

866-397-3034

Feb. 13-14

International Cluster of Dogs

773-237-5100

Feb. 25-28

America's Beauty Show & America's Expo for Skin Care & Spa Show

800-883-7808

March 27-29

C2E2 – Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo

888-605-6059

April 16-18



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Special City Events & Attractions

In the Works Theater: Moby Dick

Jan. 28–30 Millennium Park Box Office: 312-742-8497
Watch renowned puppeteers bring Melville's classic novel to life on the stage of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion at 7:30pm.

Snow Days

Jan. 29–31 Spirit of Music Garden in Grant Park
Experience all the warmth of winter, including an ice sculpture exhibit, snowboarding competition and demonstration, dog sled racing, and children's arts and crafts. Open from 4pm–8pm on Friday and 11am–8pm on Saturday and Sunday, this event is not to be missed!

Mayor Daley's Kids and Kites Festival

May 1 312-744-3370 www.cityofchicago.org
Bring the entire family to fly kites around the picturesque Montrose Harbor from 10am–4pm.

14th Annual Celtic Fest Chicago

May 8–9 Millennium Park www.millenniumpark.org
Enjoy Celtic music and culture from seven different nations, watch dancers showcase their talent and parade along with the piper at this annual delight.

A Conversation with Chicago: Contemporary Sculpture from China

Thru Oct. 11 Millennium Park www.millenniumpark.org
Discover why contemporary Chinese art has emerged as one of the fastest growing and most dynamic components of the international art scene with this exhibition of large-scale sculpture on view in the Boeing Galleries.

metramarket

MetraMarket, a vibrant marketplace in Ogilvie Transportation Center focuses on food-related specialties, including an authentic French Market. Offering Chicago its first year-round indoor marketplace, the French Market gives you convenient and personal access to local artisans and purveyors. You'll also find plenty of fresh selections for dining, cooking or taking something to go at Chicago's newest marketplace. Stop in at the MetraMarket Monday through Sunday.

www.metramarket.com

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Museums

Chicago History Museum

312-642-4600 www.chicagohistory.org

Benito Juarez and the Making of Modern Mexico

Thru April 12
During the American Civil War, Mexico was also in the midst of a war leading to the creation of its modern state. This show introduces Mexico's most revered leader, Benito Juarez, who shared a time and impact with America's Abraham Lincoln.

I Do! Chicago Ties the Knot

Opens May 22
Witness an array of wedding costume traditions dating back to the city's founding.

Museum of Science and Industry

773-684-1414 www.msichicago.org

Mysteries of the Great Lakes

Thru Feb. 11
Visit our Omnimax Theater to learn about the 400-year journey a single drop of water makes to travel from the headwaters of Lake Superior to the edge of Lake Ontario, and investigate how humans interact with these waterways.

The Human Body

Thru Feb. 11
Watch stunning real-life images created with groundbreaking computer graphics to see what happens within your body on a daily basis.

The White House: A Look Inside

Thru Feb. 15
Travel this true-to-life version of America's most famous landmark. Walk from the East Wing to the West Wing and see photographs of the renovations and expansions throughout its 200-year history.

Art Institute of Chicago

312-443-3600 www.artic.edu

Chicago Cabinet: C.D. Arnold Photographs of the World's Columbian Exposition

Thru Feb. 28
Peruse this collection of large platinum prints taken by the official photographer of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition and see the spectacle that attracted more than 27 million people.

Modern in America: Works on Paper, 1900–1950s

Jan. 30–April 4
Check out these American Modernism prints and drawings from famed artists, ranging from Edward Hopper's watercolors from 1906 to Willem de Kooning's black enamel drip drawings from 1950.

Matisse: Radical Invention, 1913–1917

March 20–June 20
Near the end of his career, Henri Matisse created some of his most pivotal works. Come see these paintings from 1913 when the famed artist returned from Morocco to his 1917 departure for Nice.

Chicago Children's Museum

312-527-1000 www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org

Play it Safe

Now Open
Developed in conjunction with the Chicago Fire Department, Play it Safe teaches kids about fire safety through play.

Snow Much Fun

Thru March 1
Bring your kids to build a snow fort, throw snowballs, dress a snowman in winter clothes and ice skate indoors in this much-loved winter installation.

Museum of Contemporary Art

312-280-2660 www.mcachicago.org

Production Site: The Artist's Studio Inside-Out

Feb. 6–May 30
Visit the place where artists create their great works in this installation, which brings together multi-channel video projections, photographic light boxes and life-size fabrications of artist's studios.

Rewind: Selected Works from the MCA Collection, 1970s to 1990s

March 13–Sept. 5
Come see an array of exhibitions that have allowed the MCA to distinguish itself throughout its 40-year history, showcasing key artists who defined international contemporary art.

The Field Museum

312-922-9410 www.fieldmuseum.org

Mammoths and Mastodons: Titans of the Ice Age

Opens March 5
Meet Lyuba, the best-preserved baby mammoth in the world during this journey back to the Ice Age. Roam among saber-toothed cats and giant bears, and marvel at some of the oldest human artifacts.

Kip Fulbeck: Part Asian, 100% Hapa

Opens April 2
Interact with this moving demonstration of self-expression, which displays people's complex personal and social identities through a mixture of race, ethnicity, age and religion.

Adler Planetarium

312-922-STAR (7827) www.adlerplanetarium.org
Opening in March, the former Milky Way Galaxy gallery will be the new home of a two-story rocket, space station, and even a new planet to discover!

Lincoln Park Conservatory

312-742-PLAY (7529) www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

Spring Flower Show

Jan. 24–May 10
Get ready for warm weather with this annual flower arrangement, housed in Lincoln Park's hundred-year-old conservatory.

Chicago Cultural Center

312-744-6630 www.cityofchicago.org

Queen of Heaven: Photographs by John Allen Faier

Jan. 2–March 28
Discover the paradox between dark mausoleums and their lush, colorful waiting rooms through these large-scale digital, color photographs.

Up is Down: Paintings by Joel Sheesley

Jan. 9–April 4
See the world as it is reflected up from two puddles outside artist Joel Sheesley's home in Wheaton. Using light to explore the ambiance, Sheesley creates a sense of mystery from the mundane.

Hollis Sigler: Expect the Unexpected

Jan. 30–April 4
Visit this Chicago artist's vibrantly colored paintings that reveal emotionally laden and psychologically complex narratives, such as reflecting on passion, fear, romance, escape and desire.

Shedd Aquarium

312-939-2438 www.sheddaquarium.org

Polar Play Zone

Now Open
Slip into a penguin suit and try being a bird in the icy north, or visit the belugas' Arctic waters in a kid-sized submarine.

Performing Arts

Chicago Opera Theater

312-704-8420 www.chicagooperatheater.org

Chicago Symphony Orchestra

312-294-3000 Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center www.cso.org

The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago

312-739-0120 www.joffrey.com

Lyric Opera of Chicago

312-332-2244 ext.5600 Civic Opera House www.lyricopera.org

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre at Navy Pier

312-595-5600 www.chicagoshakes.com

Tours and Attractions

Chicago Architecture Tours

312-922-3432 www.architecture.org
An exciting mix of over 60 tours sponsored by the Chicago Architecture Foundation.

Hancock Observatory

1-888-875-VIEW (8439) www.hancock-observatory.com
After visiting the multimedia Sky Tour, stop by Espresso by Lavazza, the world's highest cafe and enjoy a delicious cup of coffee.

Willis Tower Skydeck

312-875-9696 www.theskydeck.com
At 1,353 feet up, The Ledge's glass boxes extend out 4.3 feet from the skyscraper's Skydeck on the 103rd floor, providing never-before-seen views of the city.

Chicago Neighborhood Tours

312-742-1190 www.chicagonighborhoodtours.com
This year-round program offers Saturday tours of various Chicago neighborhoods.

Magnificent Mile

312-642-3570 www.themagnificentmile.com
Visit the fabulous stores, galleries and boutiques of N. Michigan Ave.

Chicago Water Works

1-877-CHICAGO (1-877-244-2246)
Visit Chicago's historic Water Tower and Pumping Station, which were built in 1869 and survived the Great Chicago Fire in 1871.

Navy Pier IMAX Theater

312-595-5MAX (5629) www.navypier.com
Featuring Chicago's largest flat movie screen.

Riverwalk Gateway by Ellen Lanyon

312-744-6630 www.cityofchicago.org
Chicago's largest work of public art, Riverwalk Gateway tells the history of Chicago and its river.

Chicago Theater Stories Walking Tours

773-508-4894 Randolph & Michigan www.theatreclubchicago.com
Join experienced tour guides in exploring the city's historic theater district.

The Lakefront Trail

312-742-PLAY (7529) www.chicagoparkdistrict.com
Boasting a beautiful and accessible shoreline, this Chicago attraction includes paved pathways ideal for walking, jogging and roller-blading, weather permitting.

Plan a Fun Day in the City



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