

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**  
**Deep Dish Pizza Lunch &**  
**Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House Tour**

We will depart the Hilton via charter bus at 11:45 AM.

First, we will head to a local eatery for a pizza lunch, including an individual serving, a soft drink, tax and gratuity. From there, we will proceed to the Robie House.

The Robie House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for his client Frederick C. Robie, is considered one of the most important buildings in the history of American architecture. Designed in Wright's Oak Park studio in 1908 and completed in 1910, the building inspired an architectural revolution. Its sweeping horizontal lines, dramatic overhangs, stretches of art glass windows and open floor plan make it a quintessential Prairie style house. Although it was designed more than ninety years ago, the building remains a masterpiece of modern architecture. Tours of the site offer both a first-hand experience of its amazingly contemporary spaces and the current restoration work that is returning the house to its original appearance.

Visit the Robie House website at: <http://gowright.org/visit/robie-house.html>

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The bus will return to the Hilton at 4:00 PM.

Cost is \$50 per person - - includes pizza lunch, Robie House tour, and transportation

**MONDAY, MARCH 15**  
**Chicago Architecture Tour &**  
**Magnificent Mile - Michigan Avenue shopping**

We will depart the Hilton via charter bus at 9:00 AM.

First, we will enjoy a two-hour guided tour highlighting architectural feats of Chicago. We will arrive about 11:00 AM for a visit atop the Hancock Building Observatory - [www.hancock-observatory.com](http://www.hancock-observatory.com). Participants can then enjoy lunch and shopping on their own time and expense in the Water Tower Plaza area and on Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile. Water Tower Place is a stunning eight-level atrium that features more than 100 of your favorite stores and restaurants, plus a mix of distinctive specialty shops and boutiques. It offers a unique, high-energy urban shopping experience you simply won't find anywhere else in the city.

Visit their website at [www.shopwatertower.com](http://www.shopwatertower.com).

The bus will transfer us back to the Hilton hotel at 3:00 PM.

Cost is \$47.00 per person - - includes transportation, guided architecture tour, and admission to the Hancock Observatory

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 16**

### ***Field Museum of Natural History***

We will depart the Hilton at 9:00 AM.

We will go via charter bus to the Field Museum of Natural History.

The Field Museum is home to Sue - the largest, most complete, and best preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex in the world. In addition, at the Field Museum, there are more than 35 world-renowned exhibitions. In 'Underground Adventure', visitors magically 'shrink' to explore a subterranean world where everything is one hundred times its normal size. Here you will find the famous man-eating Lions of Tsavo. You will discover 'Inside Ancient Egypt,' where 23 Egyptian mummies and 5,000-year-old hieroglyphics reside. Visitors can walk amid dinosaurs in 'Evolving Planet' and be among the first to visit life as it existed many years ago in 'The Ancient Americas.' Also included in the price is admission to "The Nature of Diamonds," a traveling exhibition that takes you all the way from the mine to the dealer, and gives you a firsthand look at some breathtaking, one-of-a-kind pieces.

To visit the Field Museum site, go to: [www.fieldmuseum.org](http://www.fieldmuseum.org).

We will return to the Hilton by 1:00 PM.

Cost is \$37 per person - - includes transportation, admission to the Field Museum, and entrance to the special exhibition, *The Nature of Diamonds*

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17- morning**

### ***Museum of Science and Industry***

We will depart the Hilton via charter bus at 9:00 AM.

We will head for Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, one of the largest science museums in the world. It is home to more than 35,000 artifacts and nearly 14 acres of hands-on exhibits designed to spark scientific inquiry and creativity. Among many notable exhibits are the Apollo 8 space module, a German submarine captured during the Second World War, a walk-through model of the human heart and a representation of the human brain. Other items of interest include Coleen Moore's House - a doll house in the form of a fairytale castle, a large model railway layout, and a working replica of a coal mine shaft elevator.

The museum is thought to be the first in the U.S. to incorporate the idea of "hands-on" exhibits. Visitors are encouraged to interact with 800 exhibits and over 2,000 interactive units. It also features the Henry Crown Space Center that includes exhibits on space exploration and travel, as well as the OMNIMAX Theater. Movies presented on the premier wrap-around, five-story OMNIMAX screen provide an incredible multi-media experience that allows the audience to become totally engulfed in the action on the screen.

To visit the museum's site, go to [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org).

We will return to the Hilton by 12:30 PM.

Cost is \$37 per person - - includes transportation, admission to the Museum of Science & Industry, and admission to the OMNIMAX Theater

*(Note: Participants may pay an additional admission fee at the museum to see the U-505 submarine.)*

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 - afternoon**

### **Art Institute of Chicago**

We will depart from the Hilton at 1:00 PM.

We will head via charter bus to the Art Institute of Chicago via charter bus.

The collection of the Art Institute of Chicago encompasses more than 5,000 years of human expression from cultures around the world and contains more than 260,000 works of art. The museum is most famous for its collections of Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, and American paintings. Included in the Impressionist and Post-Impressionist collection are more than 30 paintings by Claude Monet, including six of his *Haystacks* and a number of *Water Lilies*. Also in the collection are important works by Pierre-Auguste Renoir such as *Two Sisters (On the Terrace)* and Paul Cézanne's *The Bathers*, *The Basket of Apples*, and *Madame Cézanne in a Yellow Chair*. *At the Moulin Rouge* by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec is another highlight, as are Georges Seurat's *Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte* and Gustave Caillebotte's *Paris Street; Rainy Day*. Non-French paintings of the Impressionist and Post-Impressionist collection include Vincent Van Gogh's *Bedroom in Arles* and *Self-portrait, 1887*. Among the most important works of the American collection are Grant Wood's *American Gothic* and Edward Hopper's *Nighthawks*.

In addition to paintings, the Art Institute offers a number of other works. Located on the lower level are the Thorne Miniature Rooms. The rooms on a 1:12 scale showcase American, European, and Asian architectural and furniture styles from the Middle Ages to the 1930s. The American Decorative Arts galleries contain furniture pieces designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and Charles and Ray Eames. The Ancient Egyptian, Greek, and Roman galleries hold the mummy and mummy case of Paankhenamun, as well as other ancient artifacts.

The Modern Wing is home to the museum's collection of early 20<sup>th</sup>-century European art, including works by Pablo Picasso, Joan Miró, Henri Matisse, Salvador Dalí, and René Magritte. There is also a section in the Modern Wing dedicated to Contemporary Art, showcasing works by Jackson Pollock, Andy Warhol, Eva Hesse, David Hockney, Jasper Johns, Ellsworth Kelly, Willem de Kooning, and Bruce Nauman and many others.

Visit the Art Institute's website at: [www.artic.edu/aic](http://www.artic.edu/aic).

We will return to the Hilton at approximately 4:30 PM.

Cost is \$28 per person - - includes transportation and admission to the Art Institute of Chicago

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 - evening**

### **St. Patrick's Day on Rush Street**

Buses will begin departing Hilton at 7:00 PM and will run continuous shuttles from the Hilton to Rush Street until 12:00 AM.

At the core of Rush Street is a bustling nightlife nook. This area is one of Chicago's hippest, full of restaurants, bars, and clubs. Within a four block area in any direction from the Rush Street triangle, there is every type of cuisine and bar atmosphere imaginable. The triangle is formed geographically by Chicago Avenue on the south, State Street to the west, and Rush Street as the hypotenuse - though the bars to the north along Division Street are commonly considered part of the Rush Street Triangle experience. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by enjoying a good dinner, then enjoying a drink at one of dozens of bars. There is literally something for everyone here.

Cost is \$12 per person -- includes transportation to and from Rush Street via charter bus only. *(Note: this option is a very affordable way to enjoy an evening out without the hassle of driving or catching a taxi. Parking in this area is approximately \$25, and a taxi would cost approximately \$10 each way.)*

You will be responsible for making your own arrangements for dinner. The following are some suggestions of restaurants in the area:

<b>RESTAURANT</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
P. J. Clarke's	1204 N. State St. <a href="http://www.pjclarkeschicago.com/">http://www.pjclarkeschicago.com/</a>	312-664-1650	Bar Food, American Traditional and Classic, and Italian
Big Bowl	6 E. Cedar St. <a href="http://www.bigbowl.com/">http://www.bigbowl.com/</a>	312-640-8888	Chinese, Fusion Pan Asian, and Noodles
Hugo's Frog Bar	1024 N. Rush St. <a href="http://www.hugosfrogbar.com/">http://www.hugosfrogbar.com/</a>	312-640-0999	Seafood and Steaks
RA Sushi	1139 N. State St. <a href="http://www.rasushi.com/">http://www.rasushi.com/</a>	312-274-0011	Japanese and Sushi
Tavern on Rush	1031 N. Rush St. <a href="http://www.tavernonrush.com/">http://www.tavernonrush.com/</a>	312-664-9600	Seafood, Steaks, and American Traditional and Classic
Gibson's Bar & Steakhouse	1028 N. Rush St. <a href="http://www.gibsonssteakhouse.com/">http://www.gibsonssteakhouse.com/</a>	312-266-8999	Steaks, Seafood, Desserts
Carmine's	1043 N. Rush St. <a href="http://rosebudrestaurants.com/rest2.php">http://rosebudrestaurants.com/rest2.php</a>	312-988-7676	Pasta, steaks and chops, seafood

Finn McCool's	15 W. Division <a href="http://s126613707.onlinehome.us/finns/index.php">http://s126613707.onlinehome.us/finns/index.php</a>	312-337-4349	Bar Food and Burgers
Whiskey Bar & Grill	1015 N. Rush St. <a href="http://www.gerberbars.com/#/chicago/whiskey-bar-and-grill/">http://www.gerberbars.com/#/chicago/whiskey-bar-and-grill/</a>	312-475-0300	Mexican, American Tex-Mex, and American Contemporary
Luxbar	18 E. Bellevue Pl. <a href="http://www.luxbar.com/">http://www.luxbar.com/</a>	312-642-3400	Bar Food, Burgers, and American Traditional and Classic
Bistrot Zinc	1131 N. State St. <a href="http://www.bistrotzinc.com/">http://www.bistrotzinc.com/</a>	312-337-1131	French
Le Colonial	937 N. Rush St. <a href="http://www.lecolonialchicago.com/">http://www.lecolonialchicago.com/</a>	312-255-0088	Vietnamese
Fred's at Barney's	15 E. Oak St. <a href="http://www.barneys.com/Barneys%20New%20York%20Restaurants/RESTAURANTS,default.pg.html">http://www.barneys.com/Barneys%20New%20York%20Restaurants/RESTAURANTS,default.pg.html</a>	312-596-1111	American, American Contemporary, and Italian
The Cedar Hotel	1112 N. State St.	312-944-1112	Bar Food, Burgers, Sandwiches - American Contemporary
Mama's Pizzeria	11 W. Division St.	312-255-0999	New York style brick oven pizza
Argo Tea Café	819 N. Rush <a href="http://www.argotea.com/">http://www.argotea.com/</a>	312-951-5302	Dessert, Dinner, Lunch, and Tea
Downtown Dogs	804 N. Rush St.	312-951-5141	Burgers and Hot Dogs
Original Pancake House	22. E. Bellevue Pl. <a href="http://www.originalpancakehouse.com/">http://www.originalpancakehouse.com/</a>	312-642-7917	Pancakes
Corner Bakery	1121 N. State St. <a href="http://www.cornerbakerycafe.com">http://www.cornerbakerycafe.com</a>	312-787-1969	Bakery and Snack Shop

# ***THURSDAY, MARCH 18***

## ***Evening Reception & Dinner***

### ***At Shedd Aquarium***

Please join us for an evening of fun and entertainment at Chicago's world-famous Shedd Aquarium. As a COABE/ProLiteracy conferee, you will have the opportunity to participate in this private reception and evening meal at Chicago's number one cultural attraction.

Continual charter bus shuttles will run from the Hilton to the Shedd from 6:15 PM to 10:15 PM. The event will begin at 7 PM.

The entire aquarium will be open to the COABE/ProLiteracy group that evening. A few special exhibits will be available for the earlier part of the evening. Due to the sleeping habits of some of the animals, some of the exhibits must close and go dark before the end of our reception.

From 6:30 PM – 8 PM, you can visit the Oceanarium. The Oceanarium immerses you in the vibrant coastal ecosystem of beluga whales, Pacific white-sided dolphins, sea otters and sea lions. You will also find a host of fishes and invertebrates that make their homes where freshwater flows into the ocean or where tides turn seascapes to landscapes and back again each day.

From 6:30 PM – 9 PM, you can also visit the Wild Reef. The Wild Reef will submerge you into a display of more than a million animals; including coral polyps, sharks, rays, seahorses, and multiple colored reefs. You will find yourself surrounded by 750,000 gallons of the Indo-Pacific ecosystems. The entire aquarium will be open from 7 PM – 10 PM, including the displays of the Caribbean Reef, Amazon Rising, and Waters of the World. A diver in the Caribbean Reef will present a narrated feeding presentation.

The dinner buffets will open at 8 PM. The buffet will consist of:

- Mixed green salad with cucumbers, tomatoes, shredded cheddar and either ranch or balsamic dressing
- Grilled chicken breast with mole sauce
- Roasted potato quarters
- cookies
- soda, water, freshly brewed coffee (regular or decaffeinated), and assorted hot teas

Tables and chairs will be set up for eating and visiting with other guests.

A cash bar will be available.

The cost is \$25 for those registered for the COABE/ProLiteracy Conference and \$45 for guests accompanying a registered attendee. This fee includes transportation; admission to the Shedd and all specified exhibits; and the buffet meal.

For more information about The Shedd Aquarium, visit their website at:  
<http://www.sheddaquarium.org/>