

CHICAGO

Urban sophistication mixes with Midwestern charm and global cultures in this diverse, world-class city. As the cultural center of the Midwest since the mid-19th century, students of every subject will enjoy the city's art and architecture.

Why Brightspark?

Safety And Security

We regularly conduct strict audits of our vendors, ensuring they act in accordance with safety, security, and quality standards.

Our Tour Directors

You deserve the best, so we only use experienced and enthusiastic Tour Directors who are experts on their destinations.

Quality, Custom Tours

Our programs are designed for you, by you. From STEM-based DC tours to performance trips to some of our country's top music cities, we have a destination for every budget and every passion.

Industry Experience

With over 50 years of experience providing custom tours, Brightspark is a leader in student travel.

Travel Protection & Incident Coverage

With our 24/7 emergency hotline, comprehensive general insurance, and an industry-leading refund guarantee program, we've got you covered.



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Day 1:

- Meet your Tour Director and board your private motor coach.
- Visit **Navy Pier**, one of the city's most popular attractions. The site includes shops and restaurants, the Chicago Shakespeare Theater, and stunning views of Lake Michigan. Its **Centennial Wheel** is open year round and has become an integral part of the Chicago skyline.
- While at Navy Pier, watch a film at the **IMAX movie theater**.
- Hop aboard an **architecture cruise** on the Chicago River. Learn about famed buildings like the Tribune Tower and Marina City, discover hidden gems in the Chicago skyline, and explore the ties between the city and its architecture.
- After dinner, take in a comedy show at **ComedySportz or The Second City**.

Day 2:

- Explore the mysteries of space at the **Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum**. The first planetarium in the western hemisphere (dating back to 1930), this engaging museum features interactive exhibits that inspire curiosity.
- Go under the sea with a visit to the **John G. Shedd Aquarium**. Featuring over 1000 species of fish, birds, reptiles, and amphibians, your visit takes you from the Amazon to the Caribbean to the Great Lakes – with many other stops along the way!
- After lunch at the **Museum Campus**, continue to the **Field Museum**, one of the largest natural history museums in the world. The site is home to a 5,000-year-old mummy tomb, ancient gems, Sue (the famous 42-foot-long T. Rex), and the newest addition: a 112-foot-long model of Máximo the Titanosaur (the world's biggest dinosaur).
- Watch a multi-media performance by the **Blue Man Group**.

Day 3:

- Spend the morning exploring **Millennium Park and Grant Park**. Be sure to stop for photos at **Cloud Gate** (known by locals as "the Bean") and at **Buckingham Fountain**.
- Enjoy the views from the **Willis Tower Skydeck**. Originally built as the Sears Tower, the 110-story building was the tallest in the world for 25 years. It is the second-tallest in the U.S. and 16th-tallest in the world, and it offers magnificent views of the city from the 103rd floor observation deck.
- Explore the wildlife at the **Lincoln Park Zoo**. One of the oldest zoos in North America (founded in 1868), the 35-acre site is an urban oasis. It features 1,100 animals from over 200 species – from apes to lions to zebras.
- Take a **dinner cruise** on Lake Michigan.

Day 4:

- Board your private motor coach and head to Hyde Park, home of the **Museum of Science and Industry**. The museum building is the only one remaining from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition's "White City," and it now houses the largest science museum in the Americas. The museum features interactive exhibits that connect science, math, and technology to our everyday lives.
- After lunch, enjoy free time for shopping and sightseeing on **Michigan Avenue**.
- Depart for home.

