

CHICAGO PERFORMANCE TOUR

The Second City's arts scene is first-rate, with over 200 theatres and professional ensembles of the highest caliber. Take part in workshops, perform at historic venues, and enjoy live shows by renowned dance, theatre, or musical ensembles.

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Safety And Security

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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.
- Hop aboard a **lunch cruise on Lake Michigan**.
- 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 on the way!
- After dinner, take in a performance by the **Chicago Symphony Orchestra**. These world-renowned musicians have been captivating audiences since 1891 with a variety of Classical productions.

Day 2:

- Hone your skills at **performance clinics** led by professional artists. Workshops are available for dance, theatre, choir, band, or orchestra groups.
- After lunch, discover the famous collections and exhibits at the **Art Institute of Chicago**. Founded as a museum and a school for the fine arts in 1879, it moved to its permanent home (with the iconic lions guarding the front doors) in 1893. The museum features artwork and artifacts from African art to the Renaissance to modern art and photography.
- After dinner, take in the views Chicago's distinct skyline from the **Willis Tower Skydeck** on the 103rd floor. Originally built as the Sears Tower, the 110-story building was the tallest in the world for 25 years.

Day 3:

- Participate in a **performance exchange** with a local school.
- Continue to the **Museum of Science and Industry**. The largest science museum in the Americas features interactive exhibits that connect science, math, and technology to our everyday lives. Step into a World War II-era German submarine at the **U-505 exhibit**.
- Enjoy free time for lunch, shopping, and sightseeing on **Michigan Avenue**.
- **Perform at 360 Chicago**. Smaller ensembles can entertain visitors on the 94th floor and take in the cityscape on the observation deck.
- After dinner, experience a multimedia performance by the **Blue Man Group**.

Day 4:

- Visit the **Field Museum of Natural History**, 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: the 112-foot-long model of Máximo the Titanosaur (the world's biggest dinosaur).
- **Perform** for visitors at the **Field Museum**.
- After lunch at **Museum Campus**, 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.
- Depart for home.

