

CHICAGO JAZZ & BLUES TOUR

From the banks of the Mississippi River to the shores of Lake Michigan, explore how two uniquely American music traditions came to call Chicago home as you take part in music clinics, perform at iconic venues, and enjoy Blues Fest!

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

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Day 1:

- Meet your Tour Director and board your private motor coach.
- Depart on a **Jazz and Blues Traditions** tour, an interactive excursion through the city's landmark architecture and cultural history. Visit famous venues throughout the city, discover hidden musical treasures in the city's distinct neighborhoods, and learn to play a blues harmonica!
- Take in the views of 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.
- Enjoy dinner and music at **Buddy Guy's Legends**.
- Enter **Millennium Park** for the **Chicago Blues Fest** to watch the evening's headliners!

Day 2:

- Hone your skills at **performance clinics** led by professional artists. Workshops are available for choir, band, or orchestra groups.
- Head to Hyde Park and explore the **DuSable Museum of African American History**, showcasing achievements in the fields of history, culture, and art through a variety of exhibits.
- 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**.
- **Perform** for visitors at the **Museum of Science and Industry**.
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Day 3:

- Feed your hunger and your soul during the **House of Blues Gospel Brunch**.
- 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.
- Enjoy dinner and a show at **Andy's Jazz Club**.
- Return to **Millennium Park** for the **Chicago Blues Fest** to watch the evening's headliners!

Day 4:

- Get to know the Windy City with a visit to the **Chicago History Museum**, which explores the city's rise as an urban hub. Climb aboard the first "L" car, learn about Chicagoans during the First World War, visit a jazz club, and discover "Lincoln's Chicago." Use your five senses to experience the city's rich and diverse culture, from bicycles to hot dogs.
- Hop aboard a **lunch cruise on Lake Michigan**.
- 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.
- Depart for home.

