

Things To Do in Chicago

From a Chicago CLA Member

Here's a very partial list of good places for a beginner to Chicago, in no particular order...

1. Navy Pier
2. Oak Street Beach by your hotel
3. The Drake, grand hotel by where you're staying for the gorgeous lobby and high tea
- 3.5 The Palmer House grand hotel and beautiful lobby and high tea, too, I think
4. Walk along Michigan Ave...good for shopping
5. Millennium Park, including the Bean silver sculpture
6. Museums are outstanding: Art Institute, Field museum (dinosaurs; mummies), Science and Industry, Shedd Aquarium
7. Catch a Cubs or White Sox baseball game (buy tickets in advance)
8. Try Chicago's many highly-rated restaurants
9. One of the Billy Goat Tavern's, or especially the original one on lower Wacker Dr
10. Deep dish pizza at the original Pizzeria Uno, Lou Malnati's, Gino East
11. Chicago neighborhoods to wander around in: Chinatown, Lincoln Park by our retreat center, etc.
12. Hancock Building 96th floor lounge (free to get in) and the spectacular views
13. Willis Tower viewing deck
14. Chicago river and lake architectural boat cruise on several different boat companies...suggest doing one where it goes into the lake and down the Chicago river
15. Outside Chicago: Oak Park and the Frank Lloyd Wright home and studio tour, Northwestern University in Evanston, the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe
16. Try some of the many rooftop bars in the city
17. Try Italian Beef sandwich, Chicago red hot (hot dogs that contain 7 ingredients, and none of them are EVER ketchup)
18. Go listen to the blues at venues around the city, including Buddy Guy's Legends
19. Also listen to the famous jazz music around the city
20. The Chicago Cultural Center Tiffany domes

There are a bunch of bus tours, hop on hop off buses, high speed boat rides, theatre, the music scene, etc... that are awesome as well! Have fun!