



3 Days in

Chicago





Highlights

- 1 Michigan Avenue
- 2 River cruise
- 3 Millenium Park and The Bean
- 4 Art Institute of Chicago
- 5 Chicago Zoo
- 6 Navy Pier
- 7 360 Chicago

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Stay

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Special Moments

Travel is about those special moments that make the trip memorable.
Here are the best from Chicago.

Your first bite
of the famous deep
dish pizza



Enjoying Chicago
from the water



Cheering on a sports
team with almost
crazy Chicago fans



Watching the sunset
from 360 Chicago



Walking the
beach and taking
a dip in the water





Daily Itinerary

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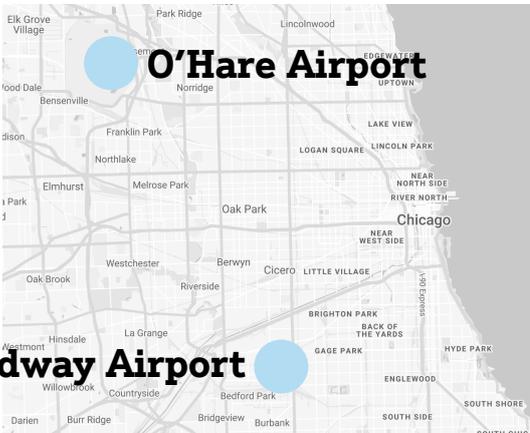
Arrive in Chicago Depends

1 Head towards North Michigan Avenue Depends

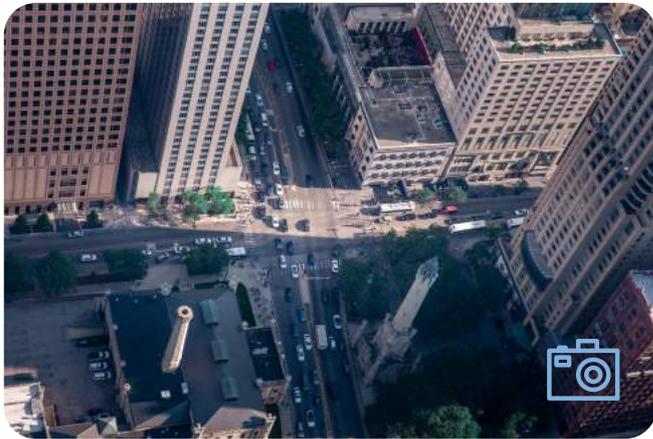
Explore the surroundings 1-2 hours

1 Dinner at Pizzeria Due 1.5 hours (\$-\$\$)

Grab some ice cream at Cold Stone Creamery and walk the river 30 minutes



Midway Airport



Arrival Chicago

Chicago has 2 main airports - O'Hare and Midway. O'Hare is further away than Midway and is a 40-45 minute ride on the Blue Line into the city. Cost of ticket is circa \$5. Midway is closer at 20-25 minutes and circa \$2.50 for a ticket. Taxi is another option but is more expensive, naturally, at around \$40 from O'Hare and \$25 from Midway in perfect conditions.



02 | Day



Daily Itinerary

 Breakfast at Café Integral at Freehand Chicago Depends

2  River cruise with Wendella 2 hours

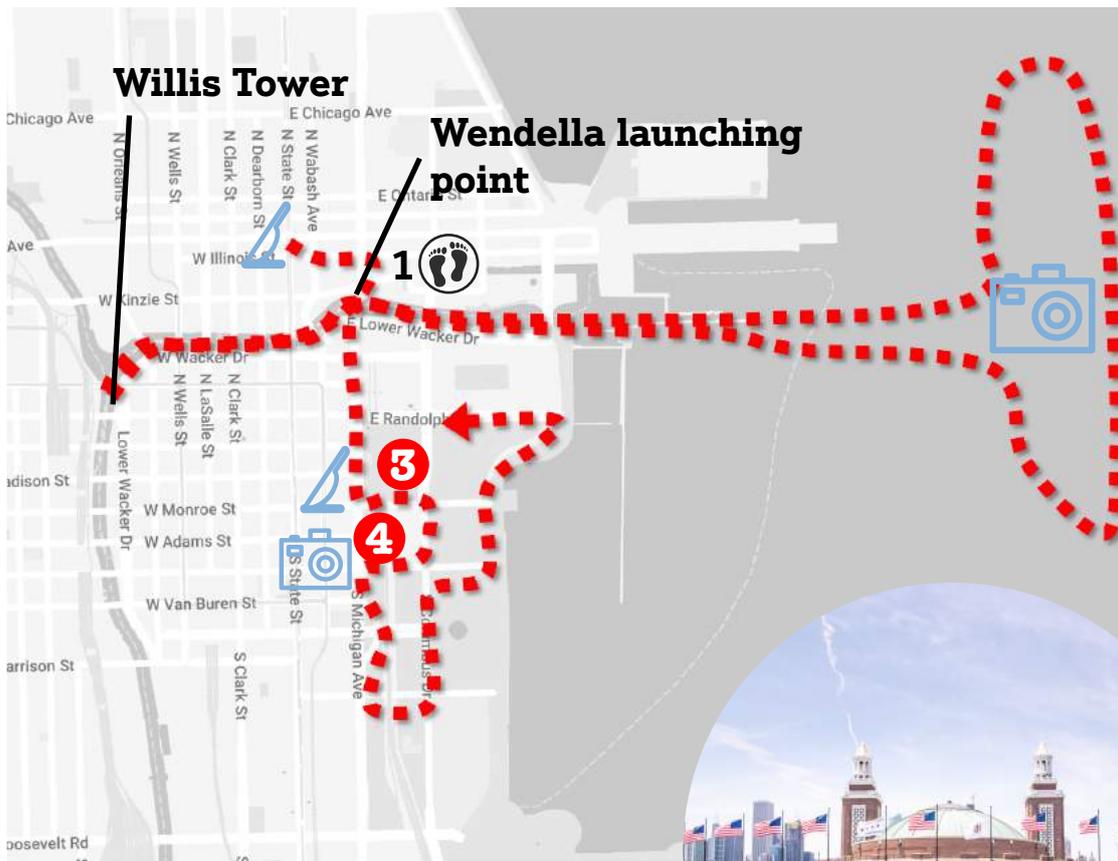
 Lunch at Panera Bread (\$-\$\$) 1 hour

3 Millennium park and the Bean 1 hour

4 Art institute of Chicago 2-3 hours

3  Sporting event 3 hours

 Chicago style hot dog at game





Daily Itinerary



Breakfast at cafe near hotel/Airbnb

Depends



Chicago Zoo

1 hour



North Avenue Beach

2 hours



Lunch at Castaways

1 hour



Navy Pier

1 hours



360 Chicago

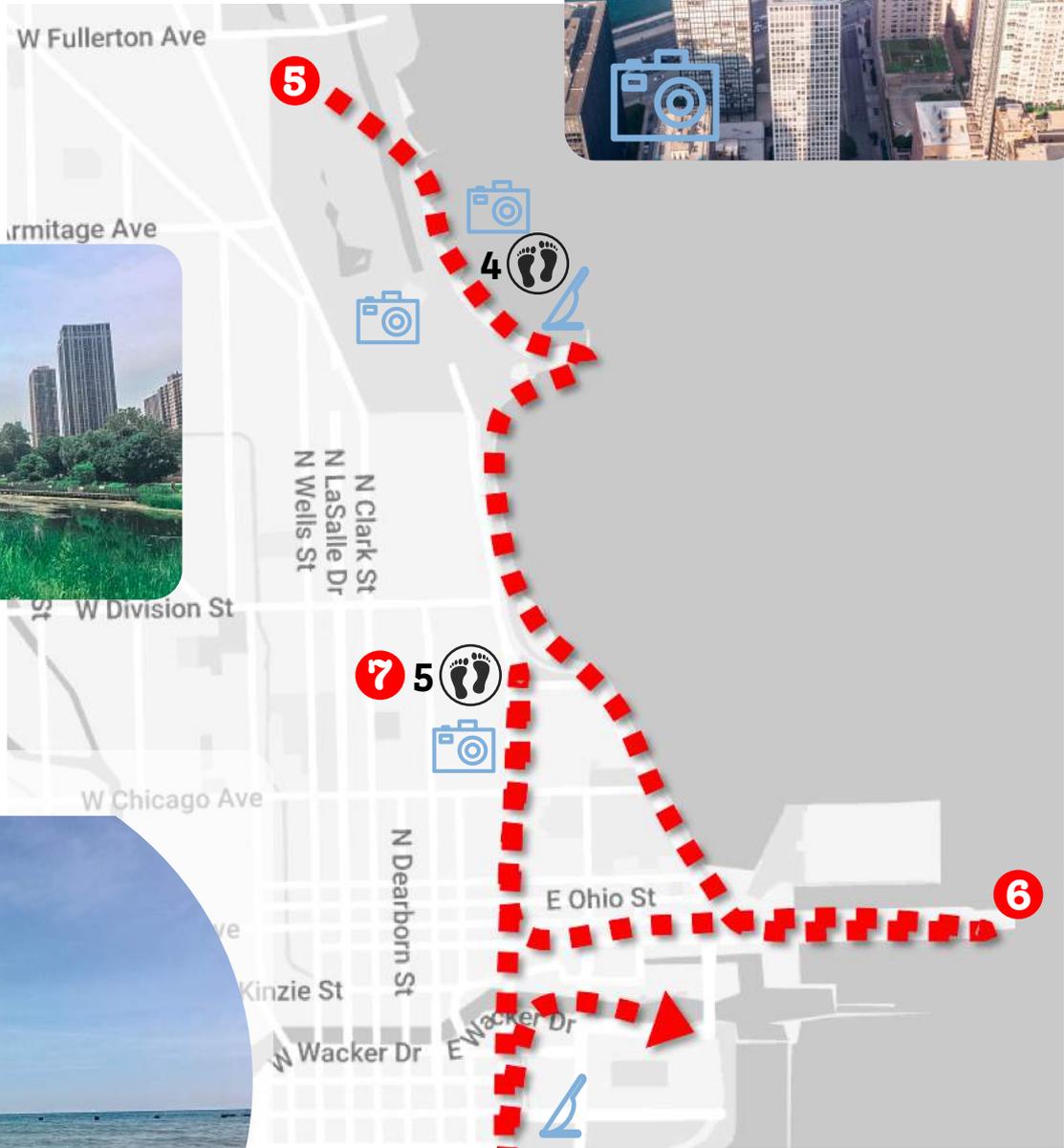
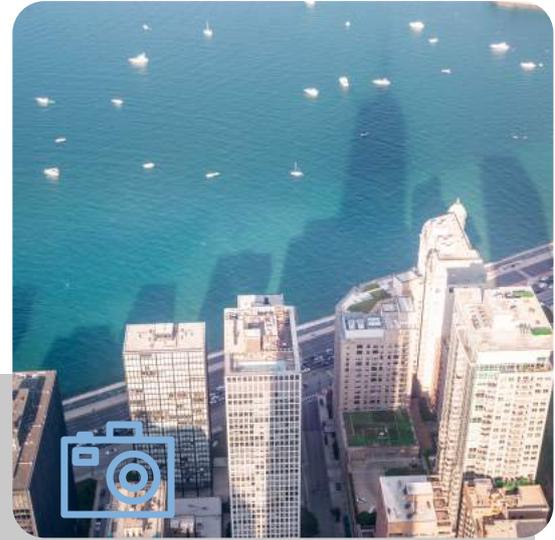
As long as you want



Pizza at Giordano's

1-2 hours

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Important Info for each day

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1 Michigan Ave.

The famous shopping street in Chicago is known for high fashion and big names, but it is also one of the prettiest streets in the city and leads right to the river.

2 River Cruise

We did our river cruise through Wendella. The launch point is really easy from Michigan Avenue (DuSable) Bridge. We recommend the 90 minute tour at 11:00am. Price \$39 adult, \$18 for child (2020).

4 Art Institute

Second largest art museum in US. Open Sat - Tue 10:30-17:00, Wed-Fri 10:30-20:00. Price \$25 adult, \$19 for teens, students, seniors (2020).

3 Sport Game

Depending on season you can watch ice hockey (Blackhawks), basketball (Bulls), football (Bears), or baseball (Cubs or White Sox). Pick your favorite and head there for a fun evening!

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5 Lincoln Park Zoo

The Chicago Zoo (Lincoln Park Zoo) is a perfect place for an easy stroll and some family time if the need arises! It is also one of the few free sites in all of Chicago! Open 7:00-18:00

5 Chicago 360

The thrill of seeing a city from sky high is one we always chase. Open from 9:00-23:00, Chicago 360 is a perfect place to fill that thrill. Basic entry fee is \$17.60 for adults and \$12 for kids. You can also pay extra for other things - drinks, the Tilt experience, etc.

6 Navy Pier

With lots of food and shopping, Navy Pier is a good place to be. The best is to try and catch the fireworks on Wednesday (21:30) and Saturday (21:00) evenings, end of May to end of September, check online to be sure.

Summary

Things to do up front:

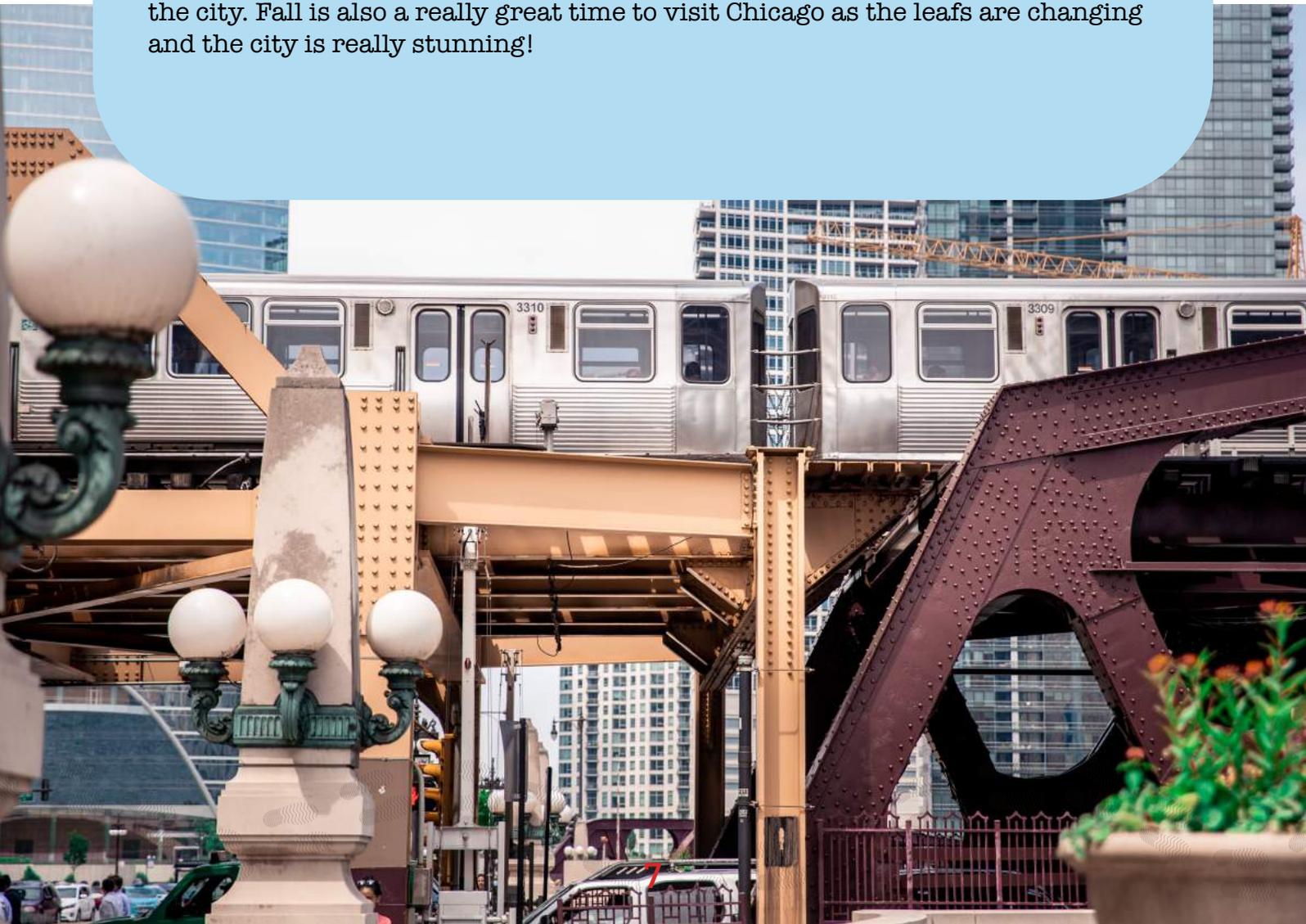
Book accommodation as soon as you can to get the best deals. Chicago has some pretty dangerous areas, so do your research. Obviously, the closer you get to the city center the better - but do your research first. We stayed at an Airbnb that was highly rated about a 10 minute walk from the zoo area.

Money: Chicago is pretty much a card ready city, no reason to really worry about cash. With that said, you should always have some cash on you. It is also a pretty expensive city, but there are good street food vans with cheaper food. Hot dogs are always a good idea too.

Transportation: Chicago is a well connected when it comes to public transportation. We used the subway and buses to get around and into the city each day. From there everything is manageable by foot.

Best times to visit:

Chicago is really best from about April to October. Otherwise, you can get into the snowy and really cold season. The summers bring high heat, but used the opportunity to swim in the lake each day in the morning before sweating a bit in the city. Fall is also a really great time to visit Chicago as the leaves are changing and the city is really stunning!



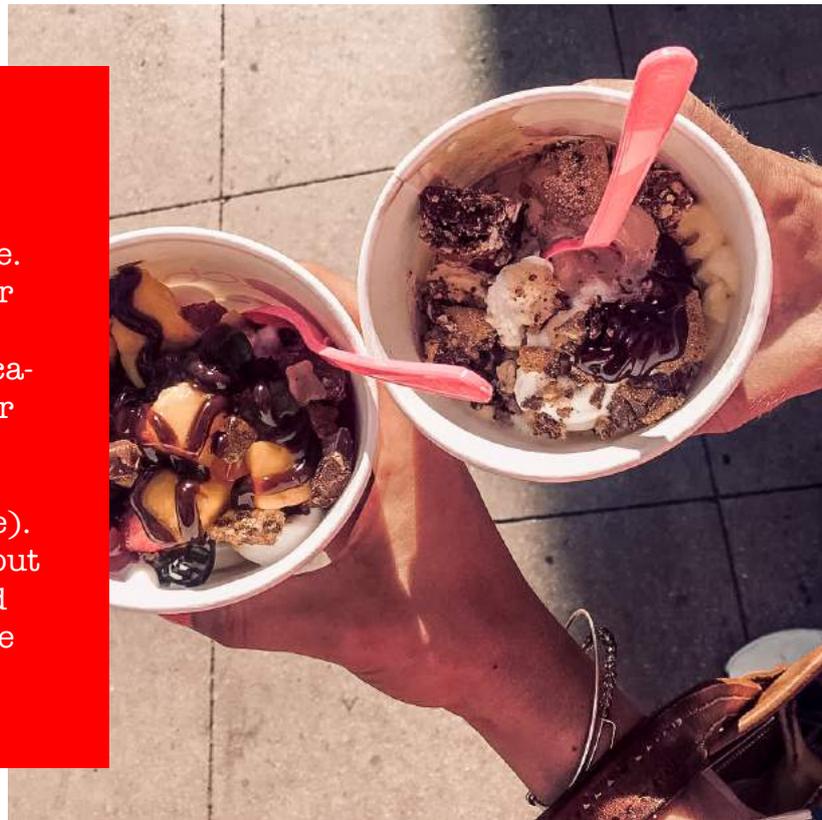


Where to Stay

The best places to stay are definitely as close to the city center (Millenium Park or Michigan Ave), but there are other places a little bit outside the city that are nice. Just double check the reviews for general safety of the area and how other travelers felt. We found an Airbnb about 15 minutes from the zoo and were really happy and felt safe.

Where to Eat

We listed restaurants here that aren't fast food but also aren't \$\$\$\$ on Google. Most are around \$\$ on Google and offer meals for about 10-15 USD per dish. There are so many places to eat in Chicago that you can find something for your budget in literally every corner. Make sure to eat some pizza and a hot dog Chicago style (if you eat meat of course). If on a budget, you may be best eating out of a grocery store with sandwiches and things of the sort, but definitely splurge at least one night.





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