CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE CENTER RIVER CRUISE
ABOARD CHICAGO’S FIRST LADY

GET THE REAL STORY™

For more than 25 years, this tour has been the gold standard and is the only Chicago architecture boat tour led by highly-trained, expert docents. In 90 minutes, our tour provides an overview of historic and modern architectural styles, plus stories about the people who designed and built Chicago. No visit to Chicago is complete without experiencing this unique tour, so accept no substitutes.

THINGS TO KNOW

• 90-minute tours depart daily from late March to mid-November
• Frequent and multiple departures available mornings, afternoons and evenings
• Departing from Chicago’s Riverwalk at Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive (112 E. Wacker Drive)
• Mobility access and motorcoach drop-off on Sub-Wacker Drive at river level
• Beverage packages available
• Private departures can be arranged for groups of 80 to 250
• Rates include applicable tax
• Add-on a visit to the Chicago Architecture Center for $5 per person

2024 RATES

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To learn more about the CAFC River Cruise aboard Chicago’s First Lady, visit architecture.org/cruise

*Group and tour operator discounts for the CAFC River Cruise aboard Chicago’s First Lady are not available during holiday weekends: Memorial Day (May 26–29), Independence Day (June 30–July 4), Labor Day (September 1–4), and the Chicago Marathon (October 6–9).

CAC is proud to partner with Chicago’s First Lady, home of Chicago’s finest fleet of yachts. Vessels hold a maximum of 125–250 passengers and are equipped with a full-service bar, climate-controlled lower cabins and upscale marble and mahogany bathrooms. A cruise on one of their boats is sure to please. Visit cruisechicago.com to learn more.

BOOK YOUR GROUP NOW! Contact the CAC Group Sales Department at groupsales@architecture.org or 312.322.1130
WALKING TOURS
Groups of 10 or more are welcome to book private departures of our most popular tours (listed below). Group walking tour rates are $23 per person, 1 leader complimentary. Student groups require 1 adult chaperone for every 10 students, chaperones are complementary within a 1:10 ratio. Contact our group sales team at 312.322.1130 to discuss your options.

CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE: A WALK THROUGH TIME • 1.5 hours
Get a comprehensive look at Chicago’s architectural history on this unique tour that covers buildings in chronological order. Hear important stories about the city while viewing some of its earliest buildings and new, super-tall high rises.

HISTORIC TREASURES OF CHICAGO’S GOLDEN AGE • 1.5 hours
Learn about the great architectural landmarks of Michigan Avenue and State Street, with glimpses inside beautiful buildings from the 1890s–1930s. Highlights include the dazzling interiors of the Palmer House Hotel and the Chicago Cultural Center.

CHICAGO’S FIRST SKYSCRAPERS • 1.5 hours
Chicago is home to some of the world’s earliest skyscrapers. Get an up-close look at these 19th century marvels, learn about innovations used to build them and discover how they transformed Chicago into a center of skyscraper design and engineering.

MUST-SEE CHICAGO • 1.5 hours
Must-See Chicago is a fast-paced, 90-minute introductory tour of Chicago featuring some of its most famous buildings, including the Wrigley Building, Tribune Tower, the Art Institute of Chicago, Willis (Sears) Tower, the Chicago Theatre and more!

ART DECO SKYSCRAPERS—THE RIVERFRONT • 1.5 hours
Tour the lobbies of five opulent Art Deco skyscrapers built near the banks of the Chicago River during the business boom of the Roaring ‘20s. Learn how Art Deco reflected the era’s fun-loving optimism with lavish materials and geometric ornament.

CHICAGO ICONS: CONNECTING PAST AND PRESENT • 1.75 hours
This lively overview of Chicago architecture explores iconic buildings from the 1890s to present. We’ll compare and contrast a wide range of buildings with varying architectural styles and see how older structures connect to new skyline additions.

EXHIBITS
Admission: Retail $14 • Groups $12
The Chicago Architecture Center exhibits focus on Chicago’s diverse neighborhoods, leading architects and future projects. See the largest scale model of the city, with more than 4,250 miniature buildings, interactive touchscreens and a cinematic backdrop. Also on view are special rotating exhibitions exploring themes of design and the future of architecture across the world.

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BUS TOUR SERVICES
Ask us about Step-On Docents
We are happy to arrange a docent to guide your group on an architecture tour using your bus. We have several itineraries themed on Architectural Highlights, Frank Lloyd Wright in Oak Park or the Devil in the White City. Contact us for more details.