

All Aboard! Taking the Train to Chicago

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Join Mark Schwanebeck from Jeanie's Journeys on-board a fascinating journey to Chicago on the Empire Builder and new Borealis trains! Experience all the sights and sounds of Chicagoland including The Miracle Mile, Navy Pier & more! With included tours, museums, and entertainment this is a trip not to be missed!

Monday, Day 1 | To Chicago via Train!

This morning meet your Adventure Guide, Mark Schwanebeck and Jeanie from Jeanie's Journeys at Union Station in Saint Paul. They will assist you in checking your luggage and getting your train ticket. You will then board the Empire Builder train with Mark for your journey to Chicago! Sit back and relax in your roomy recliner seat as the countryside passes by. Enjoy lunch on your own on-board the train. Arrive in Chicago in the early evening to board your waiting coach that will take you to dinner at a local icon, the Historic Berghoff Restaurant, for some wonderful German food. You will then check into your Chicagoland Hotel which will be your homebase for the next 4 nights.

Included Meals: Dinner

Tuesday, Day 2 | Touring Chicago & A River Cruise!

After your included breakfast, enjoy a guided tour with a local guide. You'll experience Chicago's "Loop," Buckingham Fountain, Little Italy and Greektown where you will enjoy an included lunch. You will also explore Millennium Park, a 24.5 acre rooftop garden built over an underground parking garage. You will then board an Architecture Cruise boat for a cruise on the Chicago River. You'll learn about Chicago's historic role as the birthplace of modern American architecture gazing upon more than 40 famous buildings along the scenic route. You will then head back to your hotel to relax for the rest of the evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Wednesday, Day 3 | A Whirlwind Day in Chicago!

Following breakfast, depart with your group to visit the world famous 360 Chicago at the top of the former John Hancock Building. 360 Chicago soars 1,000 feet above Lake Michigan overlooking the city's majestic skyline offering visitors like you the most breathtaking



views of downtown Chicago, the lakefront, and the four neighboring states. Add to that their interactive technologies and their 94th floor café, and you have a day to remember! You will then depart 360 Chicago for the Shedd Aquarium and Oceanarium to visit with the fishes in a beautiful Art Deco setting where you will have lunch on your own. After enjoying The Shed Aquarium, depart for an interesting "Untouchable Tour" through the 1920's & 1930's Prohibition Era of Chicago. Visit the hot spots, hit spots, and hideouts made famous by Al Capone. After the tour, your group will be dropped off at Navy Pier to explore all the sights and sounds of this amazing place. Ride the famous ferris wheel, wander the shops, or grab a table outside to enjoy some of Chicagoland's various foods or a local brew! Later on, enjoy fireworks from the pier!

Included Meals: Breakfast

Thursday, Day 4 | Lincoln Park & Drury Lane Dinner Theater!

After breakfast depart for the Lincoln Park Zoo where you can see roaring lions, playful meerkats, and majestic gorillas. View red wolves, peer into a black bear den, and immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Africa with wild dogs, pygmy hippos, and black rhinos. Beyond providing a wild home to hundreds of species, Lincoln Park Zoo also operates one of the largest zoo-based conservation and science programs in the country. After visiting the zoo, head just next door to tour the Conservatory. Built between 1890 and 1895, the historic Lincoln Park Conservatory displays lush, exotic plants from around the world in four display houses. After enjoying all the flora and fauna, depart for Chicago's famous Magnificent Mile where you will enjoy some shopping and touring on your own. The



Magnificent Mile is Chicago's version of Paris' Champs-Élysées - a grand wide boulevard with shops, museums, restaurants and ritzy hotels. Then it's time to head back to your hotel to get a little dressed up for your farewell evening as your group will be departing for Drury Lane to enjoy their famous Dinner Theatre! Experience their amazing food before the performance begins. The show this evening will be "Always, Patsy Cline". Sit back and enjoy some lovely songs and stories from the talented actors at Drury Lane. It will be a great way to end the day and spend our last evening together. You will then head back to your hotel to pack up for the trip home.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Theatre

Friday, Day 5 | Chicago to Home!

Enjoy some time to sleep in before heading off to Union Station in Chicago to board our train home. The train departs at 11:10 AM and will get you into Saint Paul at around 6:45 PM. As you make your way back home, think about all that you saw and enjoyed in the "Windy City" with your new friends from Jeanie's Journeys.

Included Meals: Breakfast

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- 4 Night hotel stays in the Chicago area
- Round Trip Amtrak Train transportation from Saint Paul to Chicago
- 7 Meals
- All Transportation via luxury coach in the Chicagoland area
- Admission to all venues as listed: 360 Chicago, Architectural River Cruise, Gangster tour, Shedd Aquarium, Lincoln Park Zoo & Conservatory, Drury Lane, Navy Pier and Magnificent Mile!

NOT INCLUDED:

- Transportation to and from the Saint Paul Train Station
- Optional sightseeing
- Non included meals
- Tips to Tour Director, Motor-coach Driver, or Local Guides

PER PERSON RATES:

\$1,298 Double \$1,599 Single

DEPOSIT: \$200 per person at time of booking

TRAVEL INSURANCE: PER PERSON Due at Booking

\$106 Double \$131 Single
 Travel insurance cost is Non-Refundable. Purchase anytime on our website.

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: June 1, 2025

Cancellation Policy: Full refund until June 1st, after that date, funds based on recoverable expenses. With travel insurance, full refund anytime with the exception of the cost paid for the insurance. Cancellation is for medical reasons only and covers only the cost of the tour.



Difficulty Level: Level TWO - GO GO Travelers: 3-5 Miles walking per day ~ These tours are Moderate in their Difficulty Level and **require 3-5 miles of walking per day.** Travelers who require the use of a cane, walker or wheelchair or are in need of physical assistance to walk are encouraged to sign up for **Level ONE** Difficulty Tours.

• Any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary.

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