



World's Most Spectacular Sites

Toddling Around Chicago

(NAPSA)—When arriving in Chicago, many visitors find that starting at the top may be the way to go.

After \$4 million in renovations, the Sears Tower Skydeck offers more than just a breathtaking view. It now provides a unique historical and cultural perspective, making it a perfect first stop for orientation to the Second City.

After exhibits and a movie downstairs, the elevator “launches” passengers vertically 1,600 feet-per-minute while treating them to a lighthearted movie. The doors open at the 103rd floor to an awesome sight: a bird’s-eye view of Chicago and beyond. On a clear day, you can see up to 50 miles.

The Skydeck also includes “The Sights and Soul of Chicago,” 375 feet of museum-quality murals that detail Chicago’s rich history.

Interactive computer displays as well as “Knee-High Chicago” (at a kid’s-eye level) provide a creative approach to exploring the city’s colorful history.

From there, pick up one of the city’s free trolleys (Red Trolley-Shopping Line at Metra LaSalle Street Station) to the lakefront Museum Campus. Experience the StarRider Theater, an interactive space voyage at the Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum. Meet Sue the Dinosaur at the Field Museum and hop on a double-decker tour bus or trolley. Find out why Chicago is really called the Windy City. (Hint: It has nothing to do with the weather.)

Learn about undersea life at the Marine Mammal presentation at the Shedd Aquarium and Oceanarium back at the Museum Campus. Opened in 1929, it is



among the world’s oldest public aquaria. The entrancing “Sea-horse Symphony” presents the mystical beauty of an entire family of sea creatures.

For the more shopping inclined, the historic Marshall Field’s flagship State Street store is just a five-minute cab ride away from the Sears Tower Skydeck and not to be missed. Highlights include the exquisite Tiffany Dome, the graceful Burnham fountain and the world-famous Walnut Room Restaurant. The Trend House is a 2,500-square-foot model home built within the furniture department.

Don’t miss the Navy Pier, also easily accessible—and free!—from the Sears Tower Skydeck (Gold Trolley—Metra Navy Pier). Since 1916, the pier has been an entertainment destination for locals and tourists alike. Catch the massive IMAX movie screen or the Duck, a unique boat, where folks cruise the lakefront while enjoying lunch. Architectural boat cruises also launch daily from the North Pier docks.