



If you only have a few hours to see City, our ULI Chicago members have put together a list of those “must-see” attractions. Take a break and see what makes Chicago so special. *Please call ahead for hours/days of operation. Times listed indicate average travel time from McCormick Place Convention Center during off-hours.*

## Top-Rated Attractions in Chicago

### [31<sup>st</sup> Street Harbor](#) (5 min)

31<sup>st</sup> St. and Lake Shore Drive

31st Street Harbor is the newest and most anticipated addition to the Chicago harbor system. Completed in 2012 with a sustainable, eco-friendly design unrivaled in the industry, it provides an exceptional experience for boaters (and runners alike). A 63,000 sq. ft. green roof, rentable indoor community space, and brand new playground make 31st Street Harbor a welcome addition to the neighboring community.

### [The Art Institute of Chicago](#) (10 min)

111 S. Michigan Ave.

The Art Institute, founded in 1879, now has approximately 300,000 works of art in its permanent collection, housed in eight buildings—nearly one million square feet—at the heart of Chicago, one block from Lake Michigan.

### [Chicago Architecture Foundation Architectural Boat Cruise](#) (15 min)

SE Corner of Michigan Ave. Bridge

Cruises continue on the Chicago River into late Fall. The Tour is a “must” for out-of-towners and Chicagoans alike. CAF certified volunteer tour guides—called docents—interpret more than 50 buildings along the Chicago River, revealing how the city grew from a small back-country outpost into one of the world’s most important crossroads in less than 100 years. *U.S. News & World Report Travel* rated Chicago Architecture Foundation #1 on the list of “Best Things to do in Chicago.”

### [Chicago Cultural Center](#) (10 min)

78 E. Washington St.

The stunning landmark building is home to two magnificent stained-glass domes (the world's largest Tiffany stained-glass dome), as well as free music, dance and theater events, films, lectures, art exhibitions and family events.

### [Chicago History Museum](#) (30 min)

1601 N. Clark St.

The Chicago History Museum cares for, showcases, and interprets millions of authentic pieces of Chicago and U.S. history.

### [The Chicago Theatre](#) (10 min)

175 N. State St.

The grandeur of The Chicago Theatre often leaves its visitors breathless. The elegant lobby, majestic staircase and beautiful auditorium complete with murals above the stage and on the ceiling, are components of an amazing building called “the Wonder Theatre of the World” when it opened on October 26, 1921. Tours available.

### **Chicago Theater Scene**

A guide to what's playing in the City, both large and smaller venues.

### **Divvy Bikes** (2 min)

Rent for an hour or two and cycle north on Lakeshore to see Millennium Park and Buckingham Fountain. For the adventurous ride all the way north to Lincoln Park and walk the Nature Boardwalk by the Chicago Nature Museum. Cycle south on Lakeshore to see 31<sup>st</sup> Street Harbor. Bike station right near McCormick Place Convention Center.

### **Field Museum** (5 min)

1400 S. Lake Shore Dr.

The Museum's 25 million objects—from Antarctic dinosaurs to Peruvian plants, from Inuit masks to Tanzanian mammals—are the lifeblood of the Museum, and an unparalleled resource to the world scientific community. The plan for the Museum was included in Daniel Burnham's Plan for Chicago (1909).

### **Garfield Park Conservatory** (20 min)

300 N. Central Park Ave.

The Conservatory opened in April of 1908. The Conservatory's 100th birthday was celebrated in 2008. The Conservatory Campus covers about 14 acres in total. The indoor display houses total about 2 acres, and the outdoor public gardens total about 9 ½ acres. The Garfield Park Conservatory was once the largest Conservatory in the country; it is now in the top 5 largest Conservatories in the country.

### **John Hancock Observatory** (20 min)

Enjoy breathtaking 360° views stretching across 4 states, and Lake Michigan. Watch the spectacular sunset from 1,000 feet, or come up at night to see Chicago shining in lights. Located 1,000 feet above The Magnificent Mile.

### **Millennium Park** (10 min)

Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison Streets

The ice skating rink is open to the public and is free if you have your own skates. If you need to rent skates, they are available at the rink for a \$10 charge. (Be sure to bring your own socks.)

### **Museum of Science and Industry** (15 min)

5700 S. Lake Shore Dr.

The Museum of Science and Industry opened its doors in 1933 and is the largest science museum in the Western Hemisphere. The Museum is home to more than 35,000 artifacts and nearly 14 acres of hands-on exhibits designed to spark scientific inquiry and creativity. The Museum's current building, the Palace of Fine Arts, was constructed for the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893.

### **Navy Pier** (15 min)

600 E. Grand

Navy Pier is one of Chicago's most popular attractions due to its fantastic attractions, amazing restaurants, epic views of Lake Michigan and Chicago's city skyline and its family friendly atmosphere.

### **Second City** (30 Min)

1616 N. Wells St.

World's premier comedy club/theater/improv

### **Shedd Aquarium** (5 min)

The Shedd Aquarium is one of the largest indoor aquariums in the world, standout animals include the Pacific white-sided dolphins and beluga whales. Terrific shows are performed several times a day and tours are also available.

### **SkyDeck Chicago** (15 min)

233 S. Wacker Dr.

Check out the view from the tallest building in the western hemisphere. At 1,353 feet in the air, the glass box ledges off of the Skydeck extend out from the building so visitors can see straight down.

[Water Tower Place](#) & Michigan Avenue Shopping (20 min)

825 N. Michigan Ave.

World-class shopping for a “magnificent mile”.