

Join us for a fabulous Chicago experience for spouses, companions and friends!  
Here are the tentative plans...

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

9:45 am – 3:30 pm

Travel by van to the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road in Glencoe, Illinois. Enjoy the garden and a delicious lunch.



Thursday, May 2, 2013

7:00 am – 5:30 pm

Travel by train and taxi to the elegant Palmer House Hilton Hotel. At 10:00 am, board the Gray Line tour bus for the Inside Chicago Grand Tour and Pizza Experience.

This comprehensive tour will take you all around downtown Chicago - visit Millennium Park, Museum Campus, Shedd Aquarium and much more. At the end of your tour eat your own personal pizza at one of the most popular restaurants in downtown Chicago.



Friday, May 3, 2013

9:15 am – 4:15 pm

Explore the famous Art Institute of Chicago and enjoy lunch in the renowned Museum Café.

The Art Institute of Chicago collects, preserves, and interprets works of art of the highest quality, representing the world's diverse artistic traditions, for the inspiration and education of the public and in accordance with our profession's highest ethical standards and practices. The collection now encompasses more than 5,000 years of human expression from cultures around the world including African, American, Asian, European, Indians of the Americas. Artworks are representative of the full spectrum of history from Ancient and Byzantine to Modern, and include such media as Architecture and Design, Arms and Armor, Decorative Arts, Painting and Sculpture, Photography, Prints and Drawings and Textiles. One unusual and well-loved collection is the Thorne Miniature Rooms. The 68 Thorne Miniature Rooms enable one to glimpse elements of European interiors from the late 13th century to the 1930s and American furnishings from the 17th century to the 1930s. Painstakingly constructed on a scale of one inch to one foot, these fascinating models were conceived by Mrs. James Ward Thorne of Chicago and constructed between 1932 and 1940 by master craftsmen according to her specifications.



Special Exhibition: Picasso and Chicago (February 19-May 12, 2013)

The Art Institute of Chicago is pleased to present a major exhibition that will celebrate its exceptional holdings of works by artist Pablo Picasso (1881–1973). Over 250 of the finest examples of the Art Institute's extraordinary collection of Picasso's paintings, sculpture, prints, and drawings as well as major loans from private collections in the city will be on display. The exhibition will coincide with the centennial of the Armory Show at the Art Institute, the first major exhibition of avant-garde European art presented in the United States and the first time Picasso's works were displayed in an American museum. The exhibition will be the first major Picasso exhibition organized by the Art Institute in almost 30 years.



Pablo Picasso. *The Red Armchair*, 1931. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Saidenberg. © Estate of Pablo Picasso / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York

The Museum Café offers sustainable, local, and seasonal ingredients. The café features a deli station with a variety of sandwiches, salads, and soups; a full grill for burgers; entree specials; an Italian pizza station; and a dessert station with a full array of homemade treats.

Saturday, May 4, 2013

9:45 am – 12:30 pm

Delight in the upscale shops of the Northbrook Court Mall.



Anchored by Macy's, Lord & Taylor and Neiman Marcus, the Northbrook Court Mall also houses such stores as Abercrombie & Fitch, Aveda, Banana Republic, Burberry, Coach, Gap, H&M, Louis Vuitton, Lucky Brand Jeans, Pandora, Sephora, See's Candies, Starbucks, Teavana, Tiffany & Co., Tommy Bahama and Victoria's Secret, to name just a few.