

Tours

NECA 2008 Chicago

Chicago—home of incredible architecture, scenic beauty, and the Bulls, the Bears, and the Cubs! Be sure not to miss any of the excitement and beauty by joining in on one of these tours during NECA 2008 Chicago. Don't let your tour leave without you...simply choose your tour or tours, fill out the form on the reverse side, and return it to Precision Meetings by **September 8!**

Friday, October 3

Cuneo Mansion & Long Grove Village

9 am–4:30 pm • \$85 per person

Enjoy a special guided tour of the magnificent Cuneo Mansion in Vernon Hills. Built in 1914 for industrialist Samuel Insull, this opulent showplace boasts 32 rooms filled with collections of antique furniture, Italian Renaissance paintings, 17th century tapestries and Oriental carpets. Just a short distance beyond lies the village of Long Grove, an early nineteenth century town that retains the charm of yesteryear. Its old-fashioned buildings house a quaint stores and boutiques. Lunch at the Seasons restaurant, a charming, one-time farmhouse known for its delicious buffet, is included.

Explore Chicago's North Shore

9:30 am–3:30 pm • \$80 per person

Pass through historic North Shore communities, see the awe-inspiring Baha'i Temple, and enjoy the afternoon at Chicago's beautiful Botanic Gardens. The Baha'i House of Worship—the Mother Temple of the West—took decades to build and incorporates architectural and stylistic elements from all the world's religions. From the Temple, continue to the Botanic Gardens and enjoy a setting unmatched for beauty, relaxation and discovery. A 40-minute tram tour provides an overview of the garden's 385 acres—waterfalls, English walled and rose gardens, native prairies, water gardens, warm greenhouses and more, uniquely situated on nine islands surrounded by lakes. Enjoy a delicious boxed lunch in an area especially reserved for NECA.



Saturday, October 4

Highlights of Chicago and John Hancock Observatory

8:30 am–12:30 pm • \$55 per person

It is impossible to visit all the wonderful sights in Chicago, but this tour covers the city's major features in the downtown area, north and south sides. See the vistas from Chicago's major parks, learn how modern architectural styles evolved, and experience first-hand why multitudes acclaim Chicago as "an outdoor museum of architecture." Enjoy the varied views of the city's crown jewel—the over 300-mile long and 100-mile wide "inland sea" of Lake Michigan. Following the bus tour, visit the observation deck of the Hancock Tower to view the amazing Chicago skyline.

Architecture of Early Chicago

9 am–1 pm • \$58 per person

The tour begins with the Robie House, the Frank Lloyd Wright Prairie-style house considered one of the most important buildings in the history of American architecture. Although it was designed more than 90 years ago, the building remains a masterpiece of modern architecture. From there, explore Prairie Avenue, where Chicago's famous families—Pullman, Kimball, Armour and Field—built their opulent mansions. Start with a visit to the Clark House, Chicago's oldest building, and then tour Glessner House, one of Prairie Avenue's grandest homes and "the perfect urban residence" that is the last surviving work of architect H.H. Richardson.

Monday, October 6

Chicago Sports Spectacular

1 pm–5 pm • \$68 per person

Whether it is the Chicago Bulls and Michael Jordan, 'da Bears, or the Cubs, Chicago truly caters to sports fans. The first stop is a guided tour of Soldier Field, the home of the Chicago Bears, featuring both a historic and modern-day journey that includes the South Courtyard, Doughboy Statue, Grand Concourse, the Cadillac Club and Colonnades, Sky Suites, Visitor's Locker Room and West Den. Then take a tour through some of Chicago's unique neighborhoods surrounding the United Center, Michael Jordan's old stomping grounds. Complete the day at the legendary Wrigley Field, where the history and the spirit of the Cubs ring throughout the neighborhood even beyond the baseball season. **Soldier Field subject to availability based on the Bears schedule.*



River Cruise Charter and Walking Tour

1:30 pm–5:30 pm • \$68 per person

Visitors and Chicagoans alike say that the best way to really see the city's profile is on architectural cruise along the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Learn how the modern city evolved from a trading post to the world's fastest growing metropolis. View an extraordinary array of great structures, including Lake Point Tower, Wrigley Building, IBM Building, NBC Tower, Tribune Tower, Civic Opera House, Sears Tower, and scores more. An architectural docent will provide live narration featuring an overview of architecture and history and little-known facts about the history of Chicago's buildings.

