

# Travel Right



The *right* way to experience Chicago

## Must See Attraction: The Shedd Aquarium

Pigeons aren't the only animal that call Chicago home. There are more than 32,000 animals slithering, splashing, leaping, and soaring at one of the world's largest indoor aquariums, the Shedd Aquarium. At the 90,000-gallon Caribbean Reef exhibit, you'll find my friend Nickel. She's a rescued sea turtle that now swims rump up as a result of a boat propeller injury in 1998. For some marine mammal fun, go to Shedd's Abbot Oceanarium and experience a breathtaking show put on by Chicago's most talented swimmers—the pacific white sided dolphins! When the show is over, dive down with the dolphins at the underwater viewing to see them close up, as they playfully zip and twirl through the water. The aquarium's penguins will make you giggle as they squawk and hop from rock to rock. If you're brave enough, explore the deep, murky waters of the Wild Reef. You'll get so close to the sharks you're literally on top of them as they glide and dart beneath your feet! Some of my favorite animals at Shedd are the Beluga Whales. They're nicknamed "sea canaries" for the squeaks, chirps, and clicks they use to communicate. These white whales love to play and swim, you might see them blowing air bubbles together! As you can see, the Shedd Aquarium is one of the most fun and educational places to visit in Chicago. It's no wonder that about two million people visit the aquarium every year!

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## A Home for Poems

### Christmas in Chicago

Silent December flurries,  
 Busy city hurries,  
 Bells are ringing,  
 Cash registers dinging,  
 Saxophones are playing "Silver Bells".  
 As we're walking, someone yells,  
 "Merry Christmas Chicago! I'm rooting for the Bears tonight!"

### The Museum of Science and Industry

A coal mine, a farm, and dark outer space  
 An old town, a circus, and many airplanes  
 So much to discover, in just one place!

*"For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come."  
 Hebrews 13:14 ESV*

### Chicago's Jungle

Come see Lions, Gorillas, Monkeys, Rhinoceroses, Turtles, Zebras, and more at the Lincoln Park Zoo located just outside of downtown. Not only will you get a great view of the animals, but of the city as well. The best part is, it's free! Visiting Lincoln Park Zoo is always a lot of fun!

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## Believe it or Not, It's True: Chicago Facts

- Chicago is home the world's largest public library
- You can find about 3,000 hot dog stands in the city
- The historic Route 66 begins here in Grant Park, Chicago
- In the year 2012, a record breaking 100 million people visited Chicago
- The Sears Tower is the tallest tower in the Western Hemisphere (it's 110 stories tall!)
- Chicago has over 15 miles of beaches
- The vacuum cleaner, Twinkie, Ferris Wheel, and deep-dish pizza were all invented in Chicago
- The Lincoln Park Zoo is the world's oldest public zoo
- The first All-American Girls Baseball League was founded in Chicago back in the 1940's
- The Chicago River flows backward
- Wrigley Field, home of the Cubs, was originally named "Weeghman Park"
- Walt Disney was born in Chicago
- Adler Planetarium was the U.S.A.'s first planetarium
- The first skyscraper in Chicago was built in 1885 (it was 10 stories tall)
- Over 135 movies have been filmed in Chicago including *Home Alone* and *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*

## It's Christmastime... in the City

Chicago is always a good idea, but there's all sorts of special events during Christmas time that you can't experience the rest of the year. All the holiday magic is definitely worth braving the cold temperatures for!

- Outdoor Ice Skating in Millennium Park is a lot of fun! The rink is surrounded by bright and festive Christmas lights!
- Christkindlmarket is a unique, open-air German market that comes to town every Christmas season. Have fun shopping, enjoying the delicious food, or just looking around! Come early in the day, it gets very busy!
- The Museum of Science and Industry's "Christmas Around the World" gives you a peek at what the holiday is like all around the world with over 50 beautifully decorated Christmas Trees! Be sure not to miss the "snow" that falls every half hour!
- During Christmas, Macy's isn't just a place to shop. The animated "Holiday Windows" are a Christmas tradition that change every year. To get out of the cold, come inside to view the 45-foot-tall "Great Tree" in the Walnut Room.



### Dear Editor,

Though I absolutely love your magazine, I have decided to boycott it because of the disturbing creep who is on your staff. I've heard that he takes more than one sample at Costco, dropped a candy wrapper outside and left it, chews his popcorn too loudly at the movie theatre, and walks too slowly in front of other people. Until he is no longer working for you, or is put in jail where he belongs, I will no longer be purchasing this magazine.

Warmest Regards,  
*Pete Peever*

Dear Mr. Peever,  
Thank you for writing. I am grateful that you enjoy the magazine and I appreciate that you are doing what you think is right. Do not worry about the "creep" anymore, I fired that cheese head last week when he robbed the bank.

Sincerely,  
*Wendy City*

## How to Build a *Real* Chicago Hot Dog

The only way to eat a hot dog, Chicago style

1. Put your all-beef frankfurter inside a poppy seed bun
2. Cover the hot dog in a squiggle of yellow mustard
3. Spoon some bright green relish on
4. Add some fresh diced onions and tomatoes
5. Lay a cool dill pickle spear on top
6. Add a few sport peppers
7. Sprinkle celery salt over it
8. And if that work, go to Portillo's!

## No Ordinary Park

In Millennium Park, part of Grant Park, you'll find two of my favorite Chicago landmarks: The Bean, and the Crown Fountain! The Bean, officially named "Cloud Gate" is a huge, stainless steel, interactive sculpture unlike anything you've ever seen! Have a splash at the Crown Fountain, an interactive video sculpture. The two towers are each 50 feet tall and spout out water onto visitors. In fact, this fountain uses 11,000 gallons of water per hour!

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# A Preview of Future Issues

## The Smoky Mountain National Park

The old home of many Appalachian mountaineers  
Now a tourist attraction throughout the year  
You might spot a skunk or a bear or a deer  
But there's no need to fear for the rangers are here!

## The Ballad of Sheriff Brick

There once lived a sheriff mighty quick,  
Made his burg proud, that sheriff Brick,  
The outlaws all feared him with vitality,  
They fixed to rid of him so they'd live happy and free,

Lassoed a bad horse, tried to give the sheriff a trick,  
When the sheriff hopped on, they gave it a kick,  
The horse broke in two but Brick didn't fluster,  
For after all, he was the boss Bronc Buster,

The stunned outlaws were all abroad in a freeze,  
The sheriff was now riding the bangtail with ease,  
He whipped out blue lightin' and aimed at the lot,  
He lead the outlaws to the hoosegow with his new  
mount at a trot,

Then he moseyed to the saloon with his new horse  
sidekick,  
Made his burg mighty proud, that grand sheriff Brick.



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