

Things to Do In Chicago:

General Information: www.travel.usnews.com/Chicago_IL/Things_To_Do

It lists the Top museums, parks, river cruise with sites to get tickets and has things listed that are free, or 1-day, 2-day... There is an interactive map

Sports, Music, Comedy and Nightlife: www.choosechicago.com/things-to-do

Museums:

Most are located along the Chicago Lakefront area

Museum of Natural History: www.fieldmuseum.org

The Field Museum of Natural History, also known as The Field Museum, is a natural history museum in the city of Chicago and is one of the largest such museums in the world.

Shedd Aquarium: www.sheddaquarium.org

One of the world's largest indoor aquariums. Located on the lakefront with great views from the auditorium.

Planetarium: www.adlerplanetarium.org

Located by the Shedd Aquarium and Field Natural History Museum. Founded in 1930 by Max Adler and was the first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere.

Art Institute: www.artic.edu

The **Art Institute's** American Art collection contains some of the best-known works in the American canon, including Edward Hopper's **Nighthawks**, Grant Wood's **American Gothic**, and Mary Cassatt's The Child's Bath.

Museum of Science and Industry: www.msichicago.org

Welcome to the **Museum of Science and Industry**, Chicago—the largest science center in the Western Hemisphere.

Field Museum: <https://www.fieldmuseum.org/>

Together, the centers increase the Museum's ability to understand the past, explore the present, and shape a future rich with biological and cultural diversity. The Gantz Family Collections Center focuses on maximizing accessibility of our top collections for researchers, conservation professionals, and educators worldwide. The Integrative Research Center focuses on inquiry-driven research based on our collections, promoting interdisciplinary work across the biological, social, and earth sciences to deepen perspective and answer crucial questions of our times. The Keller Science Action Center puts museum science to work for conservation and cultural understanding, building on our record of success in the Chicago region and in the Andes-Amazon forests. The Learning Center uses real objects and current science to engage multiple audiences in active, experience-based learning.

Parks:

Millinium Park

<https://www.choosechicago.com/things-to-do/parks-and-outdoors/millennium-park/art-architecture-and-gardens>

Location of the "Bean" which looks like a femoral condylar replacement

Grant Park:

Proudly referred to as "**Chicago's** Front Yard," **Grant Park** is a 319-acre public park located in **Chicago's** central business district in the Loop Community area. **Grant Park's** most notable features include Millennium Park, Maggie Daley Park, Buckingham Fountain, the Art Institute of **Chicago** and the Museum Campus. Where many festivals are located like "taste of Chicago", Lalapalooza etc. There is a bicycle path along the lake front that extends for miles. You can rent bicycles and explore.

Lincoln Park Zoo: FREE www.lpzoo.org/

Lincoln Park Zoo is a 35-acre zoo located in Lincoln Park in Chicago, Illinois. The zoo was founded in 1868, making it among the oldest zoos in North America. It is also one of a few free admission zoos in the United States.

NAVY PIER, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT LANDMARK: WWW.NAVYPIER.ORG

Originally completed in 1916 as part of Daniel Burnham's plan for Chicago, Navy Pier is an iconic city landmark inspiring discovery and wonder. Since its reopening in 1995, more than 180 million visitors have come to enjoy the Pier's 50 acres of unparalleled attractions and experiences. As Navy Pier enters its second century, the venue is evolving into an accessible, year-round centerpiece for Chicago's diverse arts and cultural treasures.

VIEWS:

Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower) and the Observation Deck:
<http://www.willistower.com>

<http://theskydeck.com>

The **Willis Tower**, built as and still commonly referred to as the **Sears Tower**, is a 110-story, 1,450-foot (442.1 m) skyscraper in Chicago, Illinois, United States. At completion in 1973, it surpassed the World Trade Center towers in New York to become the tallest building in the world, a title it held for nearly 25 years; ...

John Hancock Building: Restaurant and Observation

<http://www.360chicago.com/>

(bar is on the floor above – no reservations needed. Best view of the city for free – from the women's bathroom. Now called 360 Observation Deck)

SHOPPING:

Water Tower Shopping: <https://www.shopwatertower.com/en.html>

Boating:

Architectural Tours: Amazing and unique to Chicago

www.wendellaboats.com/Boat-Tours/Chicago-River-Architecture-Tour

www.cruisechicago.com/architecture-tour

Lakefront cruises: www.chicagolakefrontcruises.com

Chicago water taxi: along the river with stops by Chinatown etc.

www.chicagowatertaxi.com

FOOD TOURS:

Ethnic Diversity in Chicago and Yummy Foods: Many options: This is only some Hungry for a specific food? There are 77 different ethnic neighborhoods in Chicago area. Craving Italian? Chinese? Greek? Tours and history of the neighborhoods.

Spice of Life Tours: Chicago Food Walking Tour - Little India Food Tour
www.spiceoflifetours.com

DISCOVER. The history, culture, architecture, and entertainment offerings that makes **Chicago's ethnic neighborhoods** so unique from the rest of **Chicago**. Discover delicious food, eclectic neighborhoods, and the hidden gems of **Chicago**, plus much more! LEARN MORE ...

Sports/ Concerts: www.vividseats.com/region/chicago-area/sports-tickets.html
www.choosechicago.com/things-to-do/chicago-sports/find-games-and-sporting-events

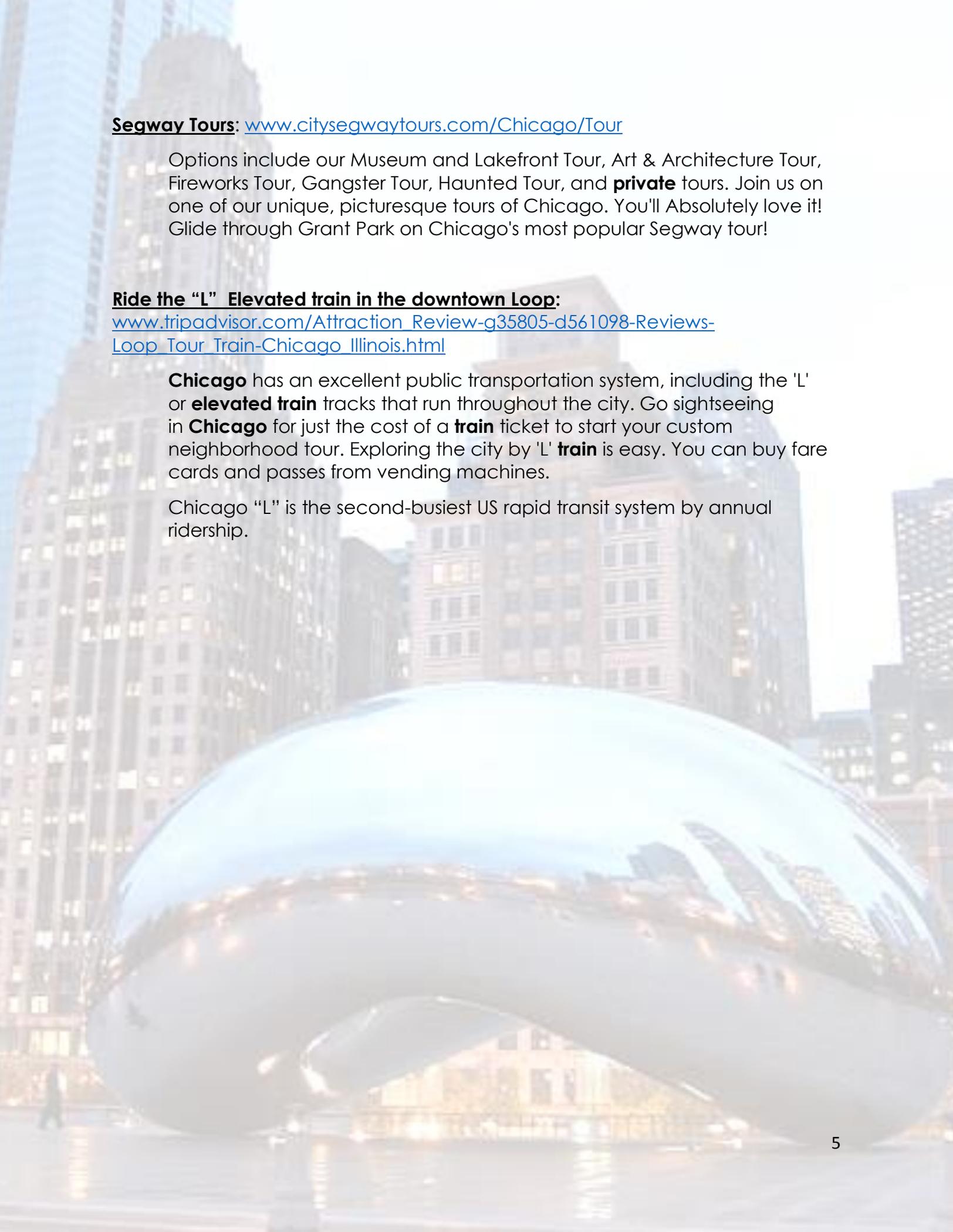
Home of "Da Bears", The Bulls, Cubs (Wrigley Field), White Sox, Blackhawks, and Chicago Fire. The Choose Chicago.com website has tickets for events.

Theater: www.theatreinchicago.com

Theatre in Chicago is your source for what's on stage in Chicago. It includes a comprehensive list of plays in the Chicago area theaters.

Uniquely Chicago: Chicago Crime Tours: www.chicagocrimetours.com

Escape into Chicago's underworld on a crime and mob bus tour. Some of the world's most famous criminals, mobsters and gangsters bamboozled their way through Chicago. Tour on-and-off a luxury, climate-controlled bus and enjoy sightseeing famous Chicago crime scenes from the 19th century through modern times. Explore several historic crime scenes by foot, including where Chicago gangsters John Dillinger and Hymie Weiss stood just before their deaths.



Segway Tours: www.citysegwaytours.com/Chicago/Tour

Options include our Museum and Lakefront Tour, Art & Architecture Tour, Fireworks Tour, Gangster Tour, Haunted Tour, and **private** tours. Join us on one of our unique, picturesque tours of Chicago. You'll Absolutely love it! Glide through Grant Park on Chicago's most popular Segway tour!

Ride the “L” Elevated train in the downtown Loop:

www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g35805-d561098-Reviews-Loop_Tour_Train-Chicago_Illinois.html

Chicago has an excellent public transportation system, including the 'L' or **elevated train** tracks that run throughout the city. Go sightseeing in **Chicago** for just the cost of a **train** ticket to start your custom neighborhood tour. Exploring the city by 'L' **train** is easy. You can buy fare cards and passes from vending machines.

Chicago “L” is the second-busiest US rapid transit system by annual ridership.