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Trains, Trolleys & Treasures

Hop aboard at America's largest railway museum, **Illinois Railway Museum**, and visit vintage trains, trolleys and interurbans. Barn after barn of historic locomotives, signs, lights, and other railroad fixtures await your eyes. Enjoy a peaceful ride at the historic **Fox Trolley Museum** along the beautiful Fox River on a trolley line that dates back to the turn of the century. The electric transport era helped the Chicago region grow to become one of North America's great metropolitan areas. Enjoy a great lunch buffet at **On-Q/Hennessy's Steak and Seafood Restaurant**. Outdoor dining overlooking a beautiful pond will delight and engage your senses. During your visit be sure to stroll along the Fox River at the **Blackhawk Forest Preserve** and enjoy what nature has to offer. Your visit to Chicagoland's Northern Fox River Valley will educate those of all ages.

Photos from left: Illinois Railway Museum, photo by Jimi Allen. Train along the Fox River, photo by Brent Edwards.

The Jewels Along the Lake — Chicago's North Shore

Nothing compares to the unsurpassed beauty and distinctive charm of Chicago's North Shore and Lake County. Affluent old towns with gracious houses and mansions hug the shores of Lake Michigan. The drive up Sheridan Road is rich in architectural history with astounding homes and natural sites of wonder. Driving up the North Shore from Evanston to Lake Forest, stops can be made at Evanston, a cosmopolitan college town (Northwestern University) on Lake Michigan, the Bahá'í House of Worship, **Grosse Point Lighthouse**, a National Landmark and one of the finest lighthouse structures on the Great Lakes, the **Chicago Botanic Garden**, featuring 385 acres and 23 gardens including an exquisite Japanese garden, a waterfall garden, an English Walled Garden, and 11 bridges spanning sparkling lakes. The **Cuneo Museum & Gardens**, a historic Venetian style mansion featuring art, tapestries, European furnishings and formal gardens.

Photos from left: Grosse Point Lighthouse, Lighthouse, Grand Parlor in the Cuneo Museum.

Aurora & Fox River Area — Slashed Shopping and a Stellar Structure

About 60 miles west of Chicago in pastoral Lake Michigan and viewed Chicago from atop the Sears Tower or the John Hancock building, you think you've seen it all? Not by a long shot! The areas outside of Chicago's downtown will amply reward a visit. Whether you enjoy architecture, world-class gardens and the bounty of nature, shopping for unique antiques or the diverse dining options available in our region, there will be something special to lure you out of the city for a unforgettable day of adventure. Chicago's environs hold a treasure trove of attractions and sightseeing opportunities that you can't afford to miss!

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Photos from left: Farnsworth House, Chicago Premium Outlets. Photos by Jimi Allen.

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Travel Itineraries Beyond Chicago



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Lock and Dams

Arrive in historic Lockport where the **Illinois and Michigan Canal (I&M)** became a center of shipping and passenger activity. The I&M runs from Chicago to LaSalle-Peru. With the opening in 1848, one could go from the east coast to the Gulf of Mexico via this historical waterway. Designated in 1984 as the Nation's First National Heritage Corridor, this area has been preserved for all to learn of its historical significance to the Midwest. The first lock is still intact today and the area known as the **Old Public Landing** consists of a hands-on exhibit, interpretive park featuring a statue of Lincoln (opening February 2009) and tow-path trails. A plated lunch is available at the **Gaylord Building** in the Public Landing Restaurant. Return through Lemont, the canal town which was settled in 1863 for a look and feel of the past combined with a progressive eye to the future. Stop in downtown Lemont to browse in several specialty shops which include antiques and crafts.

Photos from left: Heritage Public Landing in Lockport, Gaylord Building.



Chicagoland's Arboretum Corridor: DuPage/Lisle

Visit **The Morton Arboretum** in Lisle, one of the world's foremost public gardens, noted for its exceptional plant collection, Visitors Center, Ginkgo Restaurant and ever-changing landscape. Enjoy the beauty of nature as an Arboretum guide conducts a one-hour narrated tour aboard the bus, highlighting the Arboretum's legacy and the Morton Salt family dynasty. Seasonally, you'll see blossoming trees, wildflowers and fall foliage. Spend the afternoon in **downtown Naperville** with its mixture of Midwest hospitality and metropolitan sophistication. Naturally appealing, this community includes unique and family-owned shops. Enjoy three miles of winding brick paths along the DuPage River in the adjacent Riverwalk, featuring covered bridges, gazebos and playgrounds.

Photos from left: Morton Arboretum, DuPage River.



The Wright Destination

Start your visit at the Visitors Center, located within walking distance of major architectural and historical attractions, numerous restaurants and specialty shops. Then take a tour of the **Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio**, which served as the world-renowned architect's residence and studio from 1889 to 1909. A guided walking tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District allows you to discover "an outdoor museum of architectural history." Also be sure to stroll to **Frank Lloyd Wright's Unity Temple**, Wright's first public commission and only surviving public building from his Prairie period. Also visit the **Ernest Hemingway Birthplace Home and Museum** to find displays featuring rare photos, early writings and memorabilia from this Nobel Prize-winning author's life. And be sure to stop at the 30-room **Pleasant Home**, designed by architect George W. Maher in 1897, where visitors will find the Edgar Rice Burroughs Tarzan Museum. Explore Oak Park, less than ten miles from downtown Chicago.

Photos from left: Ernest Hemingway Birthplace Home and Museum, Frank Lloyd Wright's Unity Temple.



Tearoom Lunch in a Quaint Village

Enjoy a leisurely visit to **Historic Frankfort**. This modern community has retained the history and charm of early America. Founded in 1855, Frankfort's rich heritage continues to be evident throughout the Village. From its historic downtown district to the Prairie-style architecture of many buildings, heritage has been carefully preserved. Upon arrival, you will be greeted for a 10 minute narration. Browse through several specialty and antique shops, as well as the historical society museum. The **Trolley Barn** and **Breidert's Green** are just two interesting locations in Frankfort. The 1840s brought German settlers from the Pennsylvania area to Frankfort. Frankfort township was named by Frederick Cappel after his native city, Frankfurt-Am-Main in Germany. Built in 1885, the Trolley Barn once housed trolleys on the old Joliet and Northern Indiana Trolley Line. Numerous other rail lines passed through Frankfort, which was known at that time as a "stop on your way West." Today, Frankfort is thriving and has become known as the "Jewel of the South Suburbs".

Photos from left: Downtown Historic Frankfort, Antiques in Frankfort.



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Antiquing & Flea Marketing in St. Charles

St. Charles is an antique lover's destination. This pretty city on the Fox River is a perfect destination to find a wide selection of antiques and collectibles. Explore the Antique Markets in historic downtown St. Charles. Over 60 dealers display their wares at **Antique Markets I & III**.

Photos from left: Shopping at Kane County Flea Market, Interesting treasures at Kane County Flea Market.

Put on your tennis shoes and explore the expansive **Kane County Flea Market** featuring over 1,000 dealers. Find that special collectible, antique or eclectic piece that fills the fairgrounds buildings inside and out. Sample the delicious food fest at the Flea Market from roasted nuts, mouth watering corn to a down home country breakfast on Sunday. Held the first Sunday of every month and the preceding Saturday.



Shopping & Dining in St. Charles and Geneva

Naturally charming St. Charles and historic Geneva offer unique boutique & antique shopping and dining experiences. Geneva's **Historic Third Street** has shops of distinction, including the Little Traveler, a shopper's delight since 1922. Next stop—a tour of Geneva's **Fabyan Windmill**. Restored to its original mid 1800's grandeur, the windmill, in a picturesque Fox River setting, is the nation's best example of an authentic Dutch windmill.

Photos from left: View of the Fox River, Shopping in Downtown Geneva.

Lunchtime at St. Charles' **Rex's Cork & Fork** is not to be missed. This family-owned restaurant boasts incredible favorites in a fireside setting served by a staff who warmly welcomes visitors. Once re-energized by a great meal, discover a superb collection of shops and antique stores in **Old St. Charles**, **Fox Island Square** and **Century Corners**, each quaintly situated on St. Charles' east and west river sides.



A Royal Day in Chicagoland

Enjoy a delicious lunch at the nationally famous **Bob Chinn's Crab House**, Chicagoland's highest volume restaurant serving jet-fresh seafood from all over the world, the Midwest's best steaks and Bob Chinn's world famous Mai Tais – all in a fun casual atmosphere!

Photos from left: Arlington Park Racecourse, Bob Chinn's Crab House.

A visit to **Arlington Park Racecourse**, one of America's premier racecourses, is the only way to enjoy the "Sport of kings" with spirited Thoroughbreds vying for high stake rewards. The view from the Million Room high atop the grandstand, owners talking to jockeys in the paddock area, and on weekends the picnic area with a petting zoo for the families all add to the ambiance of the experience.



A Great Day in Woodfield Chicago North west

Start the day in the Woodfield Chicago Northwest area, one of the country's largest and most complete shopping areas. With nearly 300 stores and restaurants, **Woodfield Mall** is Illinois' number one tourist destination. At Woodfield, you'll find many of the country's top retailers, along with dozens of the newest concepts and specialty shops, which can't be found anywhere else in the Midwest. During your visit to Woodfield, be sure to dine at one of its 30 plus restaurants and specialty food stores, such as, The Cheesecake Factory, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Rainforest Café, Red Robin, Stir Crazy, or Todai Seafood Buffet. Don't forget to have a laugh at the new IMPROV Comedy Club.

Photos from left: Woodfield Mall, Lynfred Winery

Finish off a day of power shopping and enjoy a couple of mellow hours at the **Lynfred Winery**, the oldest and largest winery in Illinois. Producing over 50 varietals and 25,000 cases of wine per year, this winery offers tasting and tours.



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