



Chicago Better Than Ever!

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There are some places I visit only once and that is enough (one-and-done travel), and there are other places (such as Washington D.C., London, Amsterdam, Tokyo and Chicago) that I am drawn back to over and over again.

I visit [Chicago](#) fairly frequently, meaning at least once every two or three years. I've been there to visit friends, to run the Chicago marathon, to attend frequent flyer events or simply to hang out for a weekend. Provided the weather is okay, it is also a great place to run and walk, which is a big plus in my book. My last visit was in October last year for my birthday with a great stay at the [Hyatt Regency](#). It's definitely time to start planning my next Chicago trip!

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Last week, I attended a reception sponsored by [Choose Chicago](#), and I was updated on Chicago's vibrant art, architecture and design scene. I heard about the cutting edge designers, museums and more that are creating and introducing new experiences to celebrate what the city offers.



OPENING GREETING FROM MARK KELLY



The evening began with opening comments by **Mark Kelly**, the Commissioner of the [Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events \(DCASE\)](#). He spoke with contagious passion and pride about Chicago's artistic vitality and cultural vibrancy!

Art on the MART – AMAZING PUBLIC ART OPENING THIS FALL



[Art on the Mart](#) is a must-see public digital art installation, coming Fall 2018, across more than 2.5 acres of the MART's exterior river-facing façade. This is going to be spectacular!



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Did you know that Chicago has a bustling Downtown Theater District? In fact, it is one of the largest commercial touring homes in the country. **Broadway in Chicago**, sometimes referred to as the Silicon Valley for theater, is best known for attracting pre-Broadway productions as well as long-run engagements to current popular shows like Hamilton!



Jeffrey Seller, Producer of Tony Award-winning musicals *Rent* (1996), *Avenue Q* (2004), *In the Heights* (2008) and, most recently, *Hamilton* (2016), spoke about the exciting theater scene in Chicago as well as the *Hamilton* Exhibition, which will be opening in Chicago this fall.

Chicago Architecture Foundation

Chicago Architecture Center opens Aug. 31

The Chicago Architecture Center will open to the public on Friday, Aug. 31, at 111 E. Wacker Dr. at Michigan Avenue.

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Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) is a nonprofit, cultural organization devoted to celebrating and promoting Chicago as a center of architectural innovation, offering tours, exhibitions, programs and events for all ages.

Chicago's First Lady Cruises



[Chicago's First Lady Cruises](#) What better way is there to see Chicago's legendary architecture than on a cruise along the main branch of the Chicago River?

The award-winning official Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) River Cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady Cruises offers guests breathtaking panoramic views of Chicago's riverfront architecture with in-depth cruise commentary from passionate, CAF-certified volunteer docents. Ranked as the #1 tour in Chicago based on TripAdvisor reviews, the 90-minute tour is lauded as the best way to see world-famous architecture in Chicago, the birthplace of the skyscraper. All cruises depart from the Chicago Riverwalk and offer open-air seating aboard luxurious vessels complete with a temperature controlled interior salon deck and full service bar.



Chicago Humanities Festival

The **Chicago Humanities Festival** connects people to the ideas that shape and define us, and promotes the lifelong exploration of what it means to be human, through an annual series of lectures, concerts and films in Chicago

EXPO Chicago



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EXPO Chicago will be returning to the Navy Pier this September 2018. It will present leading international art galleries alongside one of the highest quality platforms for global contemporary art and culture

ART DESIGN CHICAGO



Art Design Chicago is a spirited celebration of the unique and vital role Chicago plays as America's crossroads of creativity and commerce. Led by the Terra Foundation for American Art, this citywide partnership of cultural organizations explores Chicago's art and design legacy with more than 30 exhibitions and hundreds of events throughout 2018.

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Did I mention that, in addition to all of the above, Chicago also has fabulous hotels and world-renowned restaurants?