

Wrap Up in the Windy City Wonderland

4 Days: December 8-11, 2010



This travel package planned & escorted by Kathy Hawkins.

Kick off your holiday season with a trip to Chicago filled with music, lights, food, and a whole lot of holiday spirit! Be sure to bring along your wish list as you never know when you might run into the red-suited charmer!

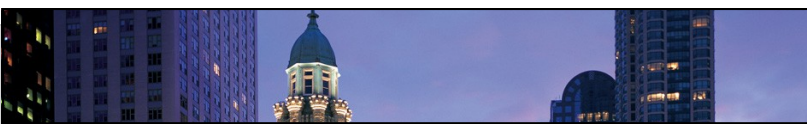
December 8 our luxury "sleighs" depart from our guaranteed departure cities as we head for Chicago. We'll travel to Dundee, IL, for a wonderful **buffet lunch and performance of "Seasons Greetings, Big Band Style" at the Milk Pail**. We then check in at our hotel in St. Charles, IL. We should have some time for shopping on **3rd Street in Geneva, IL**, famous for **the Little Traveler**, which offers unique gifts and treasures from around the world. This evening, delight in **dinner and "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" at Pheasant Run Resort** in St. Charles, IL. Inspired by the beloved American holiday classic, you'll become a part of WVJ Radio's live broadcast, bringing the story of George Bailey to life.



December 9 after **breakfast**, we'll head to Chicago and the **Museum of Science & Industry**, for **"Christmas Around the World" and "Holiday of Lights."** This time-honored celebration began in 1942 as a United Nations Day salute to American allies during the war and now features more than 50 dazzling trees and displays, decorated by members of Chicago's ethnic community. You will also have time to explore the permanent exhibits of the museum, including the German U-505 submarine, Silver Streak Pioneer Zephyr train, the latest in farm technological innovations, the Henry Crown Space Center, Navy technology at sea, the Great Train Story – a complex of over 30 working model trains, and much, much more. This afternoon we check in at our marvelous hotel right in downtown Chicago for a 2-night stay. You will have time to explore **Navy Pier** for some shopping, dinner, and an optional walk to the **Museum of Stained Glass** at the far end of the pier. This is a fabulous collection of stained glass windows and doors from 19th century Chicago homes, buildings, and churches. This evening, we are entertained by the **Blue Man Group** at the Briar Street Theatre. Art, music, comedy and unbelievable skill blend to make this a truly memorable experience. This intensely exciting experience which will leave you in a blissful, euphoric state!



December 10 after **breakfast**, we travel north to **Chicago Botanic Garden** where we take a magical trip to a winter wonderland of twinkling lights and holiday beauty. Enjoy a **holiday lunch** after strolling through the gardens and displays adorned with lights and wreaths, and a visit to the **Wonderland Express**, featuring miniature trains winding their way through a 10,000 square foot, beautifully landscaped exhibit. This afternoon we visit the **Chicago Cultural Center**, a stunning landmark building and home to the world's largest stained glass Tiffany dome, mosaics of mother-of-pearl and colored stone, as



well as music and art exhibitions. Then we'll have time for dinner and shopping along Chicago's **Magnificent Mile**, a grand boulevard with exclusive shops and restaurants on Michigan Avenue.

Reservations & Information: 1-877-694-8687 or www.northlandtravel.com



December 11 after a leisurely **breakfast** we say goodbye to downtown Chicago and travel to **Conover Square** in Oregon, IL for a unique shopping experience. This shopping village was the former Cable Piano factory. It features a coffee & chocolate shop, bakery, basket shop and crafter's corner, coin shop, antiques, boutiques, jewelry, pottery, fudge shops and more. Then to Byron, IL, to **Hailey's Winery & Vineyard** for **lunch, a winery tour and tasting**. We then begin our homeward journey, hearts filled with the sights and sounds of the holiday season.

Your 4-day package includes: Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 3 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admissions to bolded attractions, 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 1 dinner (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$845 per person, double occupancy

\$815 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$1,025 single room accommodations

Early Booking Discount: \$50 discount applied toward final balance if deposit is received by September 21

Reservations: anytime, as long as space remains

Deposit: \$80 per person, due with reservation

Balance Due: November 8

Cancel by: November 8 for penalty free cancellations

Peace of Mind Protection: 5% of trip cost, due with deposit

Guaranteed Departure Cities: Fort Dodge, Webster City, Williams, Ames, Des Moines, Newton, Coralville, Decorah, West Union, Independence, Cedar Rapids, Coralville, Clear Lake, Charles City, Waverly, Waterloo, and Independence