

Lutheran High School Northwest Interim Program Description April 2 – 5, 2024

Exploring the Wonders of Chicago, IL.

Description: Who is ready to explore the wonders of Chicago, Illinois? Spend four days and three nights exploring the sites of the Windy City. This trip includes motor coach transportation, a professional tour manager to guide travelers through the entire trip, hotel accommodations in the Chicago area; a uniformed security guard to monitor the hallway of rooms during the night, and entry to many educational and fun activities.

Cost:

Quad Room: \$1,440 (four people; two beds) Triple Room: \$1,486 (three people; two beds) Double Room: \$1,577 (two people; two beds) **Leaders:** Mr. Alwardt and Mrs. DeLanoy

Participants: A minimum of 26

Daily Experiences:

Day One - Tuesday, April 2

Travelers will meet at LHNW and will board the charter bus by 6:30 a.m. The bus will depart LHNW by 6:45 a.m. and travel directly to Chicago. Travelers will stop at least once during the drive for a quick restroom and snack break. Upon arrival in Chicago, travelers will meet their tour guide and will have lunch at Water Tower Place shopping mall on the Magnificent Mile. A \$15.00 lunch voucher will be issued. After lunch, travelers will enjoy an architecture river cruise through downtown Chicago. Upon completion of the cruise, travelers will visit Millennium Park to continue their architecture tour of the Windy City. Dinner will follow in Greektown before checking into the hotel for the night.

Day Two - Wednesday, April 3

Travelers will have breakfast at the hotel. From there, travelers will board the bus and depart for the first stop of the day: The Color Factory. The Color Factory is a celebration of the senses. Travelers will tap into the joy of color through the expression of art to create experiences that make people of all ages smile, connect, remember, and feel like kids again. Travelers will engage in over one dozen immersive activities that expand

boundaries and perceptions while engaging the senses in unexpected ways. Following this experience, travelers will enjoy spectacular views spanning four states from the top of the Chicago Skydeck. Travelers will then proceed to Navy Pier located on the shoreline of Lake Michigan. Navy Pier showcases a unique collection of restaurants and shops in addition to unequaled recreational and exhibition facilities. Travelers will receive a \$15.00 voucher for lunch. The day's adventure will continue with a trip to the ice cream museum. Travelers will step into an ice cream wonderland that is bound to ignite the senses through a theatrical experience that will serve UNLIMITED ice cream treats through 14 magical installations. Travelers will ride on the pink *Sprink-L ine;* they will test their golf skills on the putt-putt course and can take a dip in a pool filled with millions of sprinkles. Following this experience, travelers will visit the legendary Wrigley Field and will participate in a tour of the facility. Dinner will follow at Pizzano's Pizza and Pasta. After dinner, travelers will attend a performance of the musical, PETER PAN. Travelers will then return to the hotel for the night.

Day Three - Thursday, April 4

Travelers will have breakfast at the hotel. From there, they will visit the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. They will learn, explore, share, and remember the history and lessons of the Holocaust and how it continues to impact today. Following the visit to the Holocaust Museum, travelers will receive a \$15.00 lunch voucher for lunch at Big Star Mexican Restaurant. After lunch, travelers will visit the Field Museum – one of America's premier natural history museums. The Field's "Live over Time" exhibit houses "Sue," the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex ever discovered. Next, travelers will visit the Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum. This was the first planetarium built in the Western Hemisphere and is the oldest in existence today. Travelers will attend a show that will explore the galaxy and universe. Travelers will follow this experience with an opportunity to shop along the Magnificent Mile before arriving at Pinstripes for dinner and bowling. Travelers will return to their hotel for the night.

Day Four - Friday, April 5

Travelers will begin the morning with breakfast at the hotel before checking out of the hotel. After breakfast, they will travel to the Museum of Science and Industry. They will spend a few hours exploring the largest science museum in the Western Hemisphere. Exhibits include a U-505 Submarine, a baby chick hatchery, the great train story, and numerous hands-on exhibits. Travelers will receive a voucher for lunch at the museum. Next, travelers will visit the Art Institute of Chicago where they will meet with a docent who will guide the travelers through the museum while explaining the history and background of many pieces of art. Travelers will also participate in a workshop called, Art Across Culture by exploring 3 to 4 specific pieces of art and learning how culture impacts art. Following this visit, travelers will board the bus and return to LHNW. Travelers will stop at least once for a quick dinner and restroom break. Time of return – TBD.

About the Trip:

- This travel package is arranged through ETAdventures.com.
- NOTE: Activities listed are subject to change a final itinerary is provided close to departure. If an activity is changed, another activity of equal value will replace it.
- Trip Insurance is available for purchase. With this insurance, participants can cancel with minimal penalty.
- The travel company will provide an on-line link for payments and updated information.
- The trip includes 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners. Travelers should bring additional money for extra snacks, souvenirs, and added activities that could occur (added activities will be nominal in cost).
- A mandatory meeting with parents and students will take place prior to the trip to review the final itinerary and discuss expectations while students travel.
- Parents are invited and encouraged to travel with their children. The same travel prices apply. If you would like to travel with your son/daughter, please contact Mr. Alwardt (JAlwardt@lhsa.com).