ILLINOIS’ FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT TRAIL: CHICAGO TO SPRINGFIELD

One of America’s greatest architects, Frank Lloyd Wright called Illinois home—and filled it with some of his best works. Take a trip from Chicago to Springfield to discover shining examples of Wright’s signature Prairie style.
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1. EMIL BACH HOUSE
   This is the only Wright residence in Chicago open for vacation rentals and private events as well as tours.

2. THE ROOKERY
   The elaborate main lobby and light court is one of the most spectacular interior spaces in the state.

3. CHARNLEY-PERSKY HOUSE MUSEUM
   Recognized as a pivotal work of modern American architecture, this house was designed by Louis Sullivan with assistance from Wright, his junior draftsman at the time.

4. FREDERICK C. ROBIE HOUSE
   This quintessential Prairie-style home was named one of the 10 most significant buildings of the 20th century by the American Institute of Architects.

5. PRAIRIE SCHOOL
   Enjoy craft cocktails and upscale bar snacks at this chic lounge inspired by Wright’s Prairie style.

6. SIGNATURE ROOM AT THE 95TH & BAR 94
   Located within one of the stars of the Chicago skyline, the Signature Room at the 95th and Bar 94 both offer terrific views of the city while you enjoy food and drinks.

7. ARCHITECTURE CRUISE
   Chicago’s architecture is known around the world—but there’s nothing quite like seeing it from all three branches of the Chicago River.

8. HOME & STUDIO
   Discover the beginning of greatness. This landmark structure served as Wright’s private residence and studio from 1889 to 1909—the first 20 years of his career.

9. UNITY TEMPLE
   Reopened in 2017 after a two-year restoration, this church is the only surviving public building from Wright’s Prairie period.

10. HEMMINGWAY’S BISTRO
    Inside one of Oak Park’s historical hotels, this bistro with fresh seafood offerings captures the essence of charming Parisian restaurants.

11. CARNIVORE
    This farm-to-table butcher and fish shop has a knowledgeable staff and a range of prepared sandwiches.

12. NEIGHBORHOOD WALKING TOUR
    Explore the world’s largest collection of Wright-designed buildings at your own pace on a self-guided audio tour.

13. ERNEST HEMINGWAY BIRTHPLACE
    Step back in time at Hemingway’s Birthplace, a beautifully preserved Victorian home where the famed writer was born and spent the first six years of his life.

14. B. HARLEY BRADLEY HOUSE
    Widely acknowledged as Wright’s first Prairie-style design, the Bradley House was designed by Wright in 1901 along with its neighboring home.

15. BRICKSTONE BREWERY
    Take a break from feasting your eyes by enjoying award-winning hand-crafted beers and American food in a stylish loft-like brewpub.

16. FINDING FRANK MURALS
    Larger-than-life murals blanket the sides of two buildings in downtown Kankakee in honor of Wright’s designs.

17. FRANK L. SMITH BANK
    Reputed to be one of Wright’s largest and most elaborate Prairie-style designs, the house has 35 rooms with more than 100 pieces of original furniture and 250 art glass windows.

18. DANA-THOMAS HOUSE
    This quintessential Prairie-style home was named one of Wright’s designs.

19. MALDANER’S RESTAURANT
    A locally owned French Bakery and Café in the historic Weber House near downtown specializing in artisanal breads, traditional croissants, handmade pastries, specialty cakes, and desserts.

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21. OBED & ISAACS BREWERY
    This quirky establishment in a national historic district offers microbrews and a menu of hearty family favorites.

22. ILLINOIS GOVERNOR’S MANSION
    The third-oldest continuously occupied governor’s mansion in the U.S. will open to the public in summer 2018 after extensive renovations.