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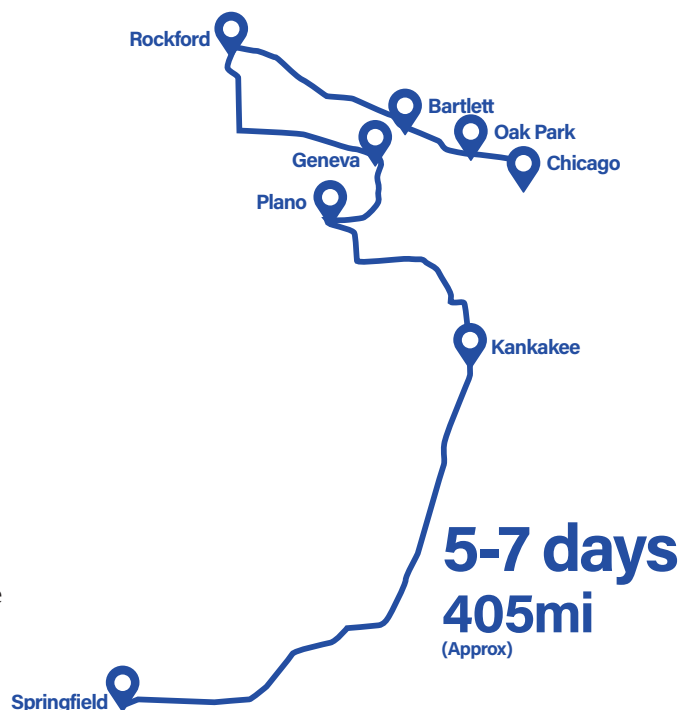
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5-7 days
405mi
(Approx)

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Chicago Architecture Boat Cruise



The Magnificent Mile



TILT



3 Arts Club Café Image courtesy of the 3 Arts Club Café

Many attractions have reopened with limited capacity or different operating hours. Inquire with attractions ahead of time for up-to-date travel policies and health and safety information.

📍 Day 1 Chicago

Chicago is known for its impressive skyline and storied architectural past. To kick off your itinerary, start at the **Chicago Architecture Center** and get yourself booked on an **architecture boat cruise** along the Chicago River. You'll hear from knowledgeable guides about a vast array of architectural wonders lining the river. Then, stroll **The Magnificent Mile** north for an abundance of shopping destinations and impressive structures. For a view, the **360 Chicago + TILT** experience is sure to leave you speechless as you look out (and down if you're brave) over the city.

Once you're back on the ground, head to **Restoration Hardware** in the Gold Coast where you can shop and then lunch at their gorgeous courtyard restaurant, **3 Arts Club Café**. Then head over to the **Charnley-Persky House Museum**, one of the few surviving residential works of Louis Sullivan which features major contributions by Frank Lloyd Wright.

📍 Day 2 Chicago

Enjoy some time in the sun as you check off **Millennium Park** and **Cloud Gate** (aka "The Bean") before admiring the vast **Pritzker Pavilion**. Then, walk **The Nichols Bridgeway** to the third floor of the West Pavilion of the **Modern Wing of the Art Institute of Chicago**. Before you leave downtown, make a stop at the **Aqua Tower**, a breathtaking 82-story building designed by Jeanne Gang and her Studio Gang team.

Next, head south to Hyde Park where you'll find the **Frederick C. Robie House**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the most innovative and forward thinking of all Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie houses.

📍 Day 3 Chicago

Finish your exploration of downtown Chicago at **The Rookery**, one of Burnham and Root's masterpiece buildings which is considered the oldest standing high-rise in the city.

Now it's time to venture a bit outside of the city. Head to Chicago's North Shore where you'll find the **Bahá'í House of Worship**. It's the oldest surviving Bahá'í House of Worship, and one of seven continental temples, constructed to represent all of North America. Take a moment to admire its intricate design while utilizing this special, quiet space for inward reflection and revitalization. While you're in the area, check out the symbolic design of the **Illinois Holocaust Museum** and stop by **Hewn** for delicious artisan breads and baked goods.

📍 Day 4 Oak Park, Bartlett, Rockford

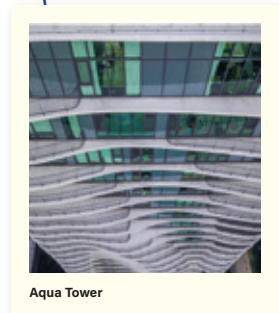
You got a sample of Frank Lloyd Wright – and now it's time for more (lots more!) Oak Park just 30 minutes outside the city, features both the **Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio** and **Unity Temple**, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. His home and studio have been restored to their 1909 appearance, the last year Wright lived there with his family. The **Little Gem Cafe** is a great relaxed choice for upscale fare after your visit.

Continue the journey onwards to Bartlett where you'll find the **Baps Shri Swaminarayan Mandir**, a traditional Hindu place of worship built of hand-carved marble and limestone.

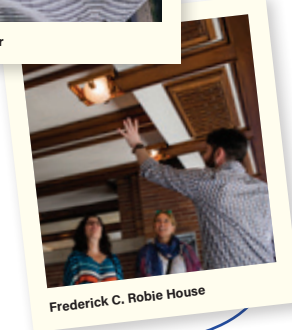
Your last stop for the day is Rockford. Spend the night at the **Hilton Garden Inn** or **Embassy Suites by Hilton Rockford Riverfront**.



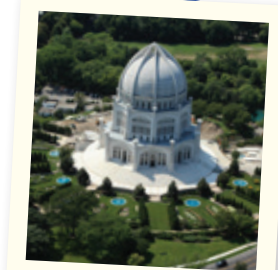
Cloud Gate



Aqua Tower



Frederick C. Robie House



Bahá'í House of Worship



Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio

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📍 Day 5 Rockford, Geneva, Plano, Kankakee

Start your day in Rockford with the famous Swedish pancakes at the **Stockholm Inn**, then head over to the **Kenneth and Phyllis Laurent House**. Continue on to Geneva to the **Fabyan Villa Museum**, which was remodeled by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1907.

In Plano you'll find **Farnsworth House**, designed and built by architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe from 1949-1951. It is one of the most widely-studied structures built in the 20th century. Grab lunch at Illinois Made Maker **Hardware Sustainable Gastropub & Brewery** in Plano.

Back on the road! Next, continue your Frank Lloyd Wright journey with the **Finding Frank** mural series in downtown Kankakee. For another look at the real thing, head to Wright's **B. Harley Bradley House**.

📍 Day 6 Springfield

You're truly in the Land of Lincoln now! Explore and compare the **Illinois State Capitol** and **Old State Capitol**. Take some time to look out for Lincoln-related photo ops while you're admiring these structures. And finally, cross off the last FLW stop on your list with a visit to the **Dana Thomas House**.

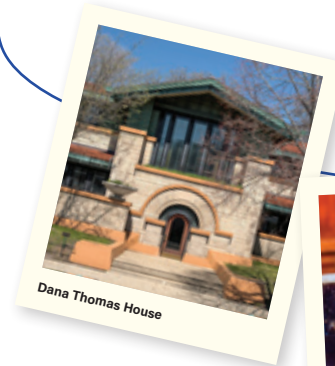
For lunch or dinner, dine at another Illinois Made Maker, **Obed & Isaacs Microbrewery & Eatery**.



Farnsworth House



Illinois State Capitol



Dana Thomas House



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