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Family Fun
in Chicago



family field trip to chicago

See why Chicago's a favorite for every generation

No kid (or grown-up) can ever get bored in Chicago. There's too much fun to be had. Like conquering your fear of heights at the top of a skyscraper. Or playing with a beluga. Or meeting a gigantosaurus. Or riding a submarine. There's so much to do in the city of big adventures.



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Architecture Boat Tour



Lou Malnati's



Kayak Tour



TILT

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 a fantastic city the whole family will enjoy. There's something for everyone and so many ways to spend the day. Start out by setting the scene and taking in the full scale of the city on a one-of-a-kind **architecture boat tour**. If you want some exercise, take in the architectural sights with a **kayak tour** or a stroll along the **Chicago Riverwalk**.

Once you've worked up an appetite, dig into some classic Chicago fare. The hard decision? Deep dish pizza or hot dogs. **Lou Malnati's** and **Portillo's** are both must-visit establishments during your time in the city. So our best recommendation is don't choose – try them both!

Now that everyone's refueled, burn off some energy with a stroll north on the **Magnificent Mile**. There's fascinating architecture and a vast array of shopping for all tastes. For a coffee stop that the kids (and adults) will enjoy, head to the 5-story **Starbucks Reserve Chicago Roastery**. Also on the way is local favorite and Illinois Made maker **Garrett Popcorn**, the perfect snack to sustain the walk. Now, time to head up! Way up. **360 Chicago** will give you a whole new perspective on the Chicago skyline. For those wanting a thrill, visitors can also **TILT** out over the city. If that's not a big enough dose of high-flying fun, **Skydeck Chicago** offers incredible views extending to four states. Once you've worked up an appetite again, **Beatrix** is a great option for dinner and has multiple locations.

The Four Seasons Chicago is a great option for families with a heated pool, ice cream and other great activities. Or, book a room at **Embassy Suites by Hilton Chicago Downtown**, which offers spacious suites perfectly suited for families.

📍 Day 2 Chicago

There's nothing like world-class museums and attractions to start your morning. In Chicago, you have plenty of options. The **Shedd Aquarium** and **Field Museum** are great places to start. For all those future engineers and chemistry-curious, the **Museum of Science and Industry** is sure to please. If you're planning on seeing a few museums during your time in the city, a Chicago **CityPASS** is a great way to save some money. For lunch, swing over to **Grand Lux Café** for a unique dining experience overlooking Michigan Ave.

There's still so much to explore! Stroll through **Millennium Park** and **Maggie Daley Park** to make the most of some of the best open spaces in the city.

📍 Day 3 Chicago

If you'd like to get out of downtown for a while, explore some of the city's neighborhoods, like Lincoln Park. Here you'll find one of the oldest, free zoos in America! After you've finished at **Lincoln Park Zoo**, **RJ Grunts** is a great option for lunch – or try the historic **Chicago Pizza and Oven Grinder**, a pizza experience like no other. For dessert, grab a donut from **Do-Rite Donuts**, or visit the cupcake ATM at **Sprinkles Cupcakes**. Finish up your time in the city with an afternoon at the **Art Institute of Chicago**, and when you're there, don't miss the **Thorne Miniature Rooms**.

Have more time? Take a quick trip 30 minutes outside the city to the Oak Park area, a place where there is so much for the family to see and do. If you didn't make it to Lincoln Park Zoo, **Brookfield Zoo** is another fantastic option for a dose of wildlife action. Sail through the trees at nearby **Go Ape Adventures** and discover all kinds of family-friendly restaurants and shops.



Field Museum



Maggie Daley Park



Art Institute of Chicago



Brookfield Zoo

