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Enjoy Chicago without Spending a Dime

There are lots of world-famous attractions in Chicago that cost money and they're worth every penny. But you don't have to dig deep into your pockets to enjoy a host of wonderful experiences because so many of them will cost you absolutely nothing! It's part of what makes Chicago a great town.

Chicago Cultural Center

[78 E. Washington Street | 312-744-6630](#)

As one of the most comprehensive free arts showcases in the United States, the Chicago Cultural Center is a landmark building providing visitors a great place to start their journey in our great city. Expect to find exciting daily programming covering a wide range of the performing, visual, and literary arts. From an extensive visitor center to admission-free exhibitions, this beautiful jewel of Chicago is a must-see!

The building's most notable features are its spectacular stained-glass domes. The 38-foot dome in the Preston Bradley Hall in the south end of the building is the world's largest Tiffany stained-glass dome, valued at an estimated \$35 million. In the north end of the building, the stained-glass dome in the G.A.R. Rotunda was executed in an intricate Renaissance pattern.

Lincoln Park Zoo

[2001 N. Clark Street | 312-742-2000](#)

Come to Lincoln Park Zoo, the wildest spot in Chicago, where in the shadow of skyscrapers, you can see gorillas climb trees, sea lions frolic in their pool, and lions roar in the open air. Best of all, this wonderful zoo is open every day of the year and always free!

Garfield Park and Lincoln Park Conservatories

[300 N. Central Park Avenue | 312-746-5100](#)

One of the largest gardens under glass in the nation, Garfield Park Conservatory features five permanent collections, an indoor children's garden, outdoor gardens and five annual flower shows. Admission and parking are free.

Also free are the peaceful and enchanting gardens in the Lincoln Park Conservatory in the heart of Lincoln Park, adjacent to the Lincoln Park Zoo.



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Chicago Greeter

Why not let a friendly local show you around? You can make a reservation and a Chicago Greeter will gladly take you on a tour of the city. More than 100 Chicago Greeter volunteers speak 13 different languages. The Chicago Greeter registration system matches greeters with visitors based on language and interest. This service is entirely free! To reserve a Chicago Greeter, visit <http://chicagogreeter.com/> or call 312-744-8000.

Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum

1300 S. Lake Shore Drive | 312-922-7827

Don't miss Discount Days at Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum. Charter One Discount Days at the Adler are made possible by the generous support of the Charter One Foundation. On Discount Days, museum admission is free. For a list of Discount Days, visit <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/plan/discounts>.

Shedd Aquarium

1200 S. Lake Shore Drive | 312-939-2438

On Community Discount Days, general admission is free and packages including Wild Reef are available at a discounted rate. Shedd's 52 discount days a year take advantage of civic and school holidays to make family visits more convenient. For more information on Discount Days, visit <http://www.sheddaquarium.org/discounts.html>.

Museum of Science & Industry

5700 S. Lakeshore Drive | 773-684-1414

Be sure to check out the Museum of Science & Industry's Free Day Schedule. On Free Days, general admission is free and omnimax tickets are available at a discounted rate. For more information on Free Days, visit <http://www.msichicago.org/visit-the-museum/museum-info/admission/free-days/>.

The Field Museum

1400 S. Lake Shore Drive | 312-922-9410

The Field Museum is offering 52 days a year when general admission is FREE! The Field Museum offers FREE general admission on the second Monday of each month. For more information, visit <http://www.fieldmuseum.org/visit/field-museum-discount-days>.



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Free by Day

A number of Chicago favorites offer free admission on certain days of the week or month or during special hours. Visit each site for complete details.

Mondays

- **Chicago History Museum**
- **Field Museum - Second Mondays**

Tuesdays

- **International Museum of Surgical Science**
- **LUMA – Loyola University Museum of Art**
- **Museum of Contemporary Art**
- **Swedish American Museum - Second Tuesdays** (including Children's Museum of Immigration)

Wednesdays

- **Art Institute of Chicago - First and Second Wednesdays** (Free to Illinois Residents)
- **Café Society**
- **Clarke House Museum**
- **Glessner House Museum**
- **Charnley-Persky House Museum**

Thursdays

- **The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum**
- **Chicago Children's Museum 5-8 PM**

Fridays

- **Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art**
- **Fine Arts Building Open Studios - Second Fridays**

Sundays

- **Chicago Children's Museum - First Sundays**
- **DuSable Museum of African American History**
- **Maxwell Street Market**

Free 52 Days a Year

These popular attractions offer 52 free days at various times of the year. Visit each site for complete details.

- **Adler Planetarium**
- **Field Museum**
- **Museum of Science & Industry**
- **Shedd Aquarium**



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Always Free in Chicago

Many Chicago attractions offer free admission all the time. Visit each site for hours, location and other details.

- **Chicago Architecture Foundation Archicenter/CitySpace Gallery**
- **Chicago Botanic Garden** (parking fee applies)
- **Chicago Cultural Center**
- **Chicago Fed Money Museum** (M-F)
- **Chicago Greeter Program**
- **Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME Group) Visitor Centers** (M-F)
- **Chicago Water Works Visitor Information Center**
- **City Gallery at Historic Water Tower**
- **Gallery 37 Center for the Arts**
- **Garfield Park Conservatory**
- **Harold Washington Library Center**
- **Hyde Park Art Center**
- **Intuit: The Center for Intuitive & Outsider Art**
- **Jane Addams Hull-House Museum**
- **Lincoln Park Conservatory**
- **Lincoln Park Zoo**
- **Millennium Park**
- **Museum of Contemporary Photography**
- **National Museum of Mexican Art**
- **Navy Pier**
- **Navy Pier Daily Shows**
- **The Newberry Library** (closed Sunday/Monday)
- **The Oriental Institute** (closed Monday)
- **The Renaissance Society at the University of Chicago** (closed Monday)
- **Smart Museum of Art** (closed Monday)
- **Smith Museum of Stained Glass**
- **Southside Community Art Center** (closed Monday and Tuesday)