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## Henrico County Dept. Of Parks & Recreation Presents “The Windy City of Chicago” June 26 - July 1, 2011

*Chicago, also known as “The Windy City,” is the third largest city in the United States and home to nearly three million people. Located on the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan, it is steeped in culture, architecture, live theatre, sports and history. Chicago’s storied past brings up memories of the Great Depression, Prohibition, Gangsters and Al Capone. It also brings back recollections of great sports teams, outstanding theatre, the Sears Tower and of course its famous pizza and hotdogs! Chicago is the “city of firsts” with the Nation’s first skyscraper, first car radio - Motorola, first TV remote - Zenith, first refrigerated rail car - Swift, first mail order retailer - Sears and Montgomery Ward and the birthplace of “Historic Route 66!” Come join us for a fantastic getaway in “The Windy City.”*

**June 26 - Sunday:** (Continental Breakfast/Dinner)

**Richmond to Toledo, OH**

6:30 & 7:00 AM departures from Richmond begin a fantastic six-day summer sojourn to “*The Windy City.*” A stop will be made en route for a *continental breakfast.* Additional stops will be made throughout the day and tour for the necessary rest, meal and comfort breaks. Lunch is midday and on your own. Arrive in **Toledo, Ohio** this afternoon for check-in at the *Hampton Inn Toledo.* A delicious dinner follows later this evening at the *Navy Bistro,* the centerpiece of downtown Toledo’s waterfront. Its nautical theme and spectacular skyline views are the perfect beginning to your tour. Please choose from one of the following . . . Enjoy a peaceful night’s rest at your hotel.

**June 27 - Monday:** (Continental Breakfast/Dinner)

**Toledo to Chicago**

A delicious *continental breakfast* at the hotel is followed by checkout, departure and a midday arrival in **Chicago, IL!** Enjoy a quick lunch on your own before touring *Shedd Aquarium.* Discover the Caribbean Reef, journey through the Amazon and see sharks in the spectacular 400,000 gallon Wild Reef Habitat. You’ll also have an opportunity to watch the amazing natural behaviors of penguins, dolphins and whales during *Fantasia,* the exciting new aquatic show. This afternoon, check into the iconic, World-Class downtown *Palmer House Hotel.* Relax and unwind in your elegant new surroundings. Your hotel is located near . . . *Millennium Park, Grant Park, Lake Michigan, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Theatre District and the Magnificent Mile!*

**Dinner** this evening is very special as you are dinner guests in the famous *Walnut Room* in *Macy’s* (formerly *Marshall Field’s Department Store.*) Generations of Chicagoans have eaten in the *Walnut Room* where it is now a “Holiday Tradition” to eat under the “tree” during the holidays. The first restaurant in any department store began when a salesperson at Marshall Field’s brought in her Chicken Pot pies for customers to eat. Enjoy this very same menu of *Marshall Field Pot Pie, Salad* and their famous *Frango Mint Pie.*

**June 28 - Tuesday:** (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

**Chicago**

Your day in the “*Windy City*” begins with **breakfast** at the *Corner Bakery,* and is followed by departure for an informative *Chicago Highlights Tour!* Say hello to your professional tour guide as you board the motorcoach and travel to *Skydeck Chicago* (formerly Sear’s Tower.) Travel in the world’s fastest elevators en route to the 103<sup>rd</sup> floor of the country’s tallest building, situated 1354 feet above ground. The new *Skydeck Ledge* adds an exhilarating experience as you are actually suspended in mid air with views of the city never before seen! On a clear day, guests standing on the observation deck have the vantage point to see more than 50 miles and four states!

Next, your guide takes you on a **“Riding City Tour,”** pointing out the historic and significant sights along the way! Spectacular lake front views of the Chicago skyline and Lake Michigan make for an excellent chance to get that special photo. Points of interest also include . . . *The Magnificent Mile, Buckingham Fountain and the Landmark Water Tower that survived the great fire of 1871.* You’ll also have an opportunity to learn about Chicago’s colorful past and to see the diverse and beautiful city as it is today, making it one of America’s most treasured cities. One of today’s highlights is a fabulous **Luncheon Cruise on Lake Michigan!** Amazing views of Chicago’s iconic skyline and the beautiful waters of Lake Michigan offer picturesque vistas throughout the cruise. Your next is the **Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows**, a permanent display of 150 stained glass windows housed in an 800-foot long series of galleries at *Navy Pier*. Showcasing both secular and religious windows, it’s the first museum in the United States dedicated solely to stained glass windows. Next is a visit to the **Lincoln Park Conservatory**, Chicago’s beautiful indoor garden which features exotic plants, unusual trees and flowers as well as a fabulous collection of orchids. Drive around historic **Wrigley Field**, home to the **“Lovable Losers,” the Chicago Cubs.** (Site of Babe Ruth’s “called shot,” the old-fashioned scoreboard and the famous sign.) A delicious dinner at a local Loop landmark, the **Italian Village** closes the day and what a day it will have been!

### **June 29 - Wednesday:**

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Chicago

Enjoy **breakfast** at the **Corner Bakery** before meeting your friendly guide once again for a full day of sightseeing! This morning’s travels take you on a *South Side of Chicago Tour!* You’ll have the opportunity to see *Prairie Avenue*, where George Pullman had his mansion which was the site of *Al Capone’s Headquarters!* Other prominent points of interest include *Bronzeville, Hyde Park* and the neighborhood of *President Obama.* Also on the agenda is the *Palace of Fine Arts, World’s Columbian Exposition, Statue of the Republic, Frank Lloyd Wright’s Robie House, the University of Chicago and more!* Later this morning, visit *Millennium Park*, Chicago’s newest attraction. Here you’ll find the sculpture *Cloud Gate* - known as **“The Bean”** to Chicagoans, *Crown Fountain, Lurie Garden, BP Bridge* and the *Nichols Bridgeway.*

11:00 - 2:00 PM is scheduled at the **Museum of Science & Industry.** Lunch today is on your own. There is time to explore the 800 interactive exhibits, the Henry Crown Space Center and a walk-through heart. Other top attractions are Colleen Moore’s Fairy Castle, the Great Train story (enormous model railroad, the Silver Streak Zephyr) and the U-505 Submarine (newly refurbished, and the only German submarine in the U.S., now a national memorial to the 55,000 sailors who gave their lives on the high seas during WW1 and WW11. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to enjoy shopping and strolling along the **Magnificent Mile.** The world-famous avenue is lined with glittering department stores and boutiques, the famous *Nike Town, American Girl Place* and the must-see *Water Tower* vertical shopping mall! See the historic *Water Tower* and the *Pumping Station* that survived the Great Chicago Fire, the walls of the *Tribune Tower* - embedded with rocks and stones from famous structures throughout the world, the beautiful *Wrigley Building* - headquarters of Wrigley Chewing Gum and the *4<sup>th</sup> Presbyterian Church* with its beautiful stained glass windows. Return to the *Palmer House* for a chance to freshen up before an evening of food fun and laughter at **Tommy Gun’s Garage**, a Chicago roaring 20’s speakeasy. Enjoy a musical comedy review by *da gansters, da flappers and you’s guys.* Da mugs and da dolls dance and sing da Charleston and belt out musical selections from Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Fats Waller, Duke Ellington and more. On da menu . . . Big Jim Colosimo’s Lasagna or Don’t Call Me Chicken or King Pin Prime Rib or last but not least da Salmon. You’s guys need to remember da password . . . **“Little Jake Sent Me,”** if you’s want to get in da place!

### **June 30 - Thursday:**

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Chicago to New Philadelphia, OH

**Breakfast** is followed by checkout and departure for one last **“must-do”** attraction in Chicago . . . **The Architecture River Cruise!** The top attraction in Chicago, allows you one last look at the **“Windy City”** from views along the Chicago River waterway! Your cruise guide recounts the dramatic story of the rise of Chicago following the Great Fire of 1871 and how the city became home to modern skyscrapers and the cradle of modern American architecture. It’s the perfect ending to your sensational Chicago Experience! Following the cruise bid a fond farewell to Chicago and board your motorcoach for the journey home. Lunch is on your own prior to a late afternoon arrival and check-in at your hotel. Out of the ordinary but very much extraordinary can be said about your private tour and dinner this evening at *Warther’s Carvings.* People who have dined at *Warther’s* praise the culinary delights and we’re sure tonight is no exception. Not only is the food exceptional, Earnest **“Mooney” Warther** is best known for his ivory and

ebony carvings of steam engines, which recently were appraised by the Smithsonian as "Priceless Works of Art." It's an evening we know you'll find most enjoyable!

**July 1 - Friday:** (Breakfast) New Philadelphia to Richmond  
Breakfast at the hotel begins your last day and is followed by checkout and departure for home. En route to Richmond a very moving and emotional stop is planned in *Shanksville, PA* at the *Flight #93 Memorial*. The permanent *Memorial* is set to be dedicated September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. It will honor the heroes of *Flight 93* who banded together to fight the terrorists saving countless numbers of innocent lives on that fateful morning nearly ten years ago. Visit complete, board the motorcoach and begin the last segment of your homeward journey. Stops will be made for lunch on your own, along with the necessary comfort breaks. Approximate time of return is 8:00 PM.

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**Your "Windy City" Package Includes:**

Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation  
Five (5) Nights Hotel Accommodations  
Baggage Handling (1 large bag per person)  
Two (2) Continental Breakfasts  
Four (4) Breakfasts  
One (1) Lunch  
Five (5) Dinners  
Listed Chicago Inclusions  
Warther's Carvings Tour  
Visit to Flight #93 Memorial  
Tax & Gratuity on Hotel & Included Meals  
Refreshments on board Motorcoach  
Tour Guide Gratuity  
Driver Gratuity

**Accommodations:**

Hampton Inn & Suites  
5865 Hagman Road  
Toledo, OH 43612  
(419) 727-8725

**Accommodations:**

The Palmer House  
17 East Monroe Street  
Chicago, IL 60603  
(312) 726-7500

**Accommodations:**

Schoenbrunn Inn  
1186 West High Avenue  
New Philadelphia, OH 44663  
(330) 339-4334

**Deposit/Payment Policy:**

\$250.00 Confirms Reservation  
\$500.00 Due March 20, 2011  
Balance in Full Due May 20, 2011

**Reservations/Information:**

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**Your Package Cost Per Person:**

Single: \$ 1,755.00  
Double: \$ 1,385.00  
Triple: \$ 1,265.00  
Quad: \$ 1,205.00

**Departure Locations & Times:**

Location . . .	Departs:	Return:
	6:30 AM	8:00 PM
	7:00 AM	8:30 PM

**Cancellation Insurance:**

Canceling a tour very often results in the loss of All or Most of your hard earned money. More and more frequently, companies are no longer refunding payments or deposits for individuals who cancel. Protecting your investment with Cancellation Protection, guarantees a full refund. For just pennies on the dollar, you can get the "peace of mind" you deserve. Insurance literature is sent upon request. Should be purchased with your initial reservation deposit.