Chicago Tour
Thursday, March 27, 2025 – Sunday, March 30, 2025

Itinerary

It is important for everyone to understand that the itinerary is not "set in stone." It serves as a pretty strict guide to the organization of the tour, but it is a flexible document. Because of this, it is important for students and chaperones to listen carefully for possible modifications to the itinerary.

When possible, reminders and updates will be text to the students through Talking Points and/or Cut Time. To allow for this, it is very important that the participants' Cut Time information is up-to-date, especially their **cell phone number.**

THURSDAY

Itinerary for Thursday

Early morn.	Arrive at MCO - Extra time is allotted to get all through security and all luggage checked.
Morning	Depart on Flight to Chicago
Afternoon	Arrive in Chicago and enjoy a panoramic tour of famous Chicago landmarks
Evening	Dinner at a local restaurant (Berghoff) followed by a **Chicago Symphony Orchestra** performance
Night	First night in the Palmer House Hilton Hotel Private Nighttime Security

FRIDAY

Itinerary for Friday

Morning	Breakfast included Museum excursion at the Field Museum of Natural History ***Trip Band Performance at Field Museum of Natural History***
Mid-day	Lunch on your own
Afternoon	Wind Symphony clinic with Jason Fettig, Director of Bands at the University of Michigan and Former Director of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band
Evening	Dinner at a local restaurant (Andy's Jazz Club) Tour of the John Hancock Building, including a visit to 360 Chicago
Night	Second night in the Palmer House Hilton Hotel Private Nighttime Security

SATURDAY

Itinerary for Saturday

Morning	Breakfast included Wind Symphony Sound Check in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center
Mid-day	Walking Tour of Millennium Park Lunch on your own
Afternoon	***Wind Symphony Performance in the Percy Grainger Wind Band Festival in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center***
Evening	Dinner at a local restaurant
Night	Third night in the Palmer House Hilton Hotel Private Nighttime Security

SUNDAY

Itinerary for Tuesday

Morning	Breakfast included Architecture Tour on the Chicago River
Late Morn.	Check out of hotel and head to airport
Afternoon	Depart for MCO
Early eve.	Return to WPHS on buses and return equipment to the Band room

Included in the Tour

- **3** nights at the Palmer House Hilton
- **6** meals – 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- Round trip airfare
- Motor Coach transportation while in Chicago
- Festival T-Shirt for each participant
- Percussion instrument rental
- All admissions and entrance fees for those on the trip

Price

- As of today, with extra padding for unknown price increases/estimated prices:
- **$2,199.00** per student / **$1,999.00** per chaperone
- **Cost based on a current maximum of 106 participants.** If more decide to travel, the cost may change if we need to add another bus and more admission tickets.
- Travel Insurance will be available at an additional cost.

Fundraising

- Unlimited potential for fundraising!
- **Sponsors & Student Dedication Fundraiser** is ongoing and the easiest, biggest "bang-for-your-buck" fundraiser of the year.
- **Widdy Up Online Donation Campaign** also ongoing until September 9.

Questions?