



# NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE WORLD

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## **Navy Pier Presents *Neighborhoods of the World***

*Join Navy Pier for eight Sundays February 17 – April 7 to celebrate Chicago's rich tapestry of cultural traditions*

**CHICAGO** – Navy Pier will pay tribute to Chicago's diverse ethnic communities in its third annual **Neighborhoods of the World** celebration. The event series will run for **eight Sundays February 17 to April 7** in Navy Pier's Crystal Gardens from **noon- 5 p.m.** and is **free for all ages**.

During the next eight Sundays, Navy Pier will transform its **Crystal Garden** into a unique setting where guests can enjoy authentic live music, dance performances, cuisine and folk art from each featured community.

Starting off the Neighborhoods celebration will be **Bell'Italia on Sunday, February 17**. Enjoy performances by Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino, a traditional and very popular seven piece band from Italy, while eating cuisine provided by Taste of Tuscany by Phil Stefani and discovering unique gifts by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans.

**Sunday, February 24** brings a **Chinese Celebration** to Navy Pier presented in partnership with **The Chinese Fine Arts Society**. The afternoon is filled with various music, dance and martial arts performances including the Chicago Chinese Cultural Center Lion Dance and many items for sale including brush paintings, ceramics and jewelry.

**March** opens with **Celebrate Mexico** on the **3<sup>rd</sup>** in partnership with the Consulate General of Mexico and the Mexico Tourism Board. Performances include Club Purhecheri Kungorhekua, Back of the Yards Ballet Folkloric, Latino Arts Strings Program and more.

**Celebrate Lithuanian Independence** on **March 10** with traditional folk music, dance and song presented in partnership with the Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania. Come see why Chicago is often called "Little Lithuania!"

**Amazing India** will wow guests on **March 17** when the dance and music of Chicago's Indian community centered around Devon Avenue takes center stage. The afternoon is presented in partnership with the Consulate General of India and the Indo-American Heritage Museum.

**Philippine Fest Chicago (Piyesta Pinoy sa Chicago)** brings performances by Sama Sama Project, PACF Performing Arts, The Apuli Brothers and many more to the Crystal Gardens on **March 24**. Cuisine is provided by Sunda New Asian and the event is presented in partnership with the consulate General of the Philippines and the Philippine American Cultural Foundation.

Rounding out March is **Africa in Chicago** on the **31<sup>st</sup>** where guests can experience the rich traditions of African heritage presented in partnership with Africa International House and the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

This year's Neighborhoods of the World celebration concludes on **April 7** with **A Greek Journey in the Windy City** presented in partnership with the **Consulate General of Greece**. Greektown comes to Navy Pier as the rich history and traditions of Greece are displayed.

## Neighborhoods of the World Schedule:

- **February 17: Bell' Italia**  
Presented in partnership with the Italian Cultural Institute and the Consulate General of Italy
- **February 24: Chinese Celebration**  
Presented in partnership with the Chinese Fine Arts Society
- **March 3: Celebrate Mexico**  
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of Mexico and the Mexico Tourism Board
- **March 10: Celebrate Lithuanian Independence**  
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania
- **March 17: Amazing India**  
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of India and the Indo-American Heritage Museum
- **March 24: Philippine Fest Chicago (Piyesta Pinoy sa Chicago)**  
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of the Philippine and the Philippine American Cultural Foundation
- **March 31: Africa In Chicago**  
Presented in partnership with Africa International House and the Chicago Commission on Human Relations
- **April 7: A Greek Journey in the Windy City**  
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of Greece

\*Schedule subject to change.

Also, as part of Neighborhoods of the World, Navy Pier is offering one **grand prize winner and a companion round trip main cabin air transportation to select international destinations**, including Beijing and new non-stop service to Dusseldorf, courtesy of American Airlines, the official airline of Navy Pier. Fill out an entry form at the Guest Services desk February 17 – April 7.

\*NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Sweepstakes open to legal residents of the 48 contiguous US and the District of Columbia (excluding New York, Florida and Rhode Island) who are 18 years or older. ARV: \$1,500 - \$10,500, depending on destination chosen. Void where prohibited. Sweepstakes runs 2/17/13 – 4/7/13.

For more information on Neighborhoods of the World and other Navy Pier events, please visit [NavyPier.com](http://NavyPier.com).

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