2013
Summer Media Guide

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Navy Pier is the place to be this summer. There is so much to do and see at Navy Pier that whether you’re planning a vacation, staycation or a day with friends and family, you will find exactly what you’re looking for.

Navy Pier attracted more than 9.2 million visitors in 2012 and we make it our mission to be a world class public place that is an eclectic mix of public, cultural, educational, recreational, retail, dining, and other special attractions.

We are kicking of summer 2012 on May 17-19 with a special Armed Forces Day weekend when one of our very own employees will be attempting to break the world record for longest Ferris wheel ride! Come see Clinton’s 48-hour journey and celebrate the men and women who serve our country.

We are also proud to be welcoming Tall Ships Chicago to Navy Pier on August 7 – 11. The public will be able to experience an international fleet of historic Tall Ships as well as witness the thrilling Chicago Match Cup Race. The five-day festival begins with a spectacular Parade of Sail that is free and open to the public on August 7. You will not want to miss this world-class event.

Also, don’t miss Chicago’s best beer garden – the Navy Pier Beer Garden! Wednesdays – Sundays take in the beautiful atmosphere at Navy Pier while enjoying free live-band entertainment. New this year, some of Chicago’s best stand-up comedians will perform during band breaks!

Returning to Navy Pier in its biggest production yet, Cirque Shanghai: Dragon’s Thunder will thrill audiences with astonishing acrobatics. Also, don’t miss BIGart at Navy Pier, a free exhibition of public art in Navy Pier’s Gateway Park.

We also have everything this summer that guests have come to know and love including Navy Pier’s IMAX Theatre, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Chicago Children’s Museum, special cruises aboard Shoreline Sightseeing boats, Seadog, Tall Ship Windy, the Spirit of Chicago, the Odyssey and the Mystic Blue.

And of course, Navy Pier’s summer fireworks, a popular tradition, begin on Saturday, May 25 and will delight visitors and Chicagoans every Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. and every Saturday through Labor Day weekend.

Navy Pier is the perfect summer destination and we welcome you and your loved ones all summer long!
Tall Ships Chicago 2013 at Navy Pier
presented by Pepsi®

August 7 – 11

Navy Pier proudly welcomes an international fleet of majestic and historic Tall Ships. The five-day festival begins with a spectacular Parade of Sail on Wednesday, August 7. Thursday – Sunday, guests will have the opportunity to walk the festival grounds and view these Tall Ships more closely, board and tour participating ships or even take a sail away cruise aboard one of the visiting ships. Admission is required to the festival on August 8-11. No admission is charged on Parade of Sail day. Visit navypier.com/tallshipschicago for more information.

Dockside Boarding Admission (available August 8-11): Includes one day's entrance to the festival which includes the Chicago Match Cup and match race sailing competition AND access to board and tour participating Tall Ships.
Adults: $25
Children (ages 3-12): $12

General Admission (available August 8-11): Includes one day’s entrance to the festival including the Chicago Match Cup. Does not include boarding.
Adults: $5
Children (ages 3 and up): $5

Discounts for groups of 10 or more are now available to Tall Ships Chicago 2013 presented by Pepsi®. Contact the Group Sales Department at (312) 595-5200 or groupsales@navypier.com

Within the Tall Ships festival grounds, modern match racing will meet maritime history on the east end of Navy Pier with The Chicago Match Cup. This $100,000 sailing competition and the only U.S. stop on the Alpari World Match Racing Tour features twelve of the world’s best teams in match race sailing, a form of head-to-head combat similar to the America's Cup. Live commentary compliments the thrills on the water. For more information, visit www.chicagocup.org
World Record for Longest Ferris Wheel Ride & Armed Forces Day

May 17 – 19

Witness history as a Chicagoan and Navy Pier's own Pier Park operations manager, Clinton, attempts to break a world record for the longest marathon on a fairground or theme park attraction!

Clinton’s world record attempt will be dedicated to the men and women of the Armed Forces. He will board the Navy Pier Ferris wheel at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17 and ride for more than 30 hours with no sleep, with the intention of breaking the record at 8:30 p.m. on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 18, capped by a spectacular patriotic themed Navy Pier fireworks display.

Military and their families can check in at the USO to receive wristbands for free and discounted offers at Navy Pier. In conjunction with PepsiCo, the USO of Illinois will offer service men and women free refreshments and children’s activities all day long inside the USO Center at Navy Pier, as well as special Pepsi Pack gift bags to the first 250 military families who check in at the USO booth on Navy Pier’s South Dock.

**Schedule of events***:

**Friday, May 17**

2:30 p.m. – Clinton boards the Ferris wheel

**Saturday, May 18**

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – USO Table on Dock Street for military check-in

10 a.m. – 9 p.m. – USO Center at Navy Pier open for military

Noon – Armed Forces Day Salute Ceremony - Navy Pier’s Grand Staircase, South Dock
Featuring a military Color Guard, military band and keynote speaker, Brigadier General Daniel M. Krumrei, Adjutant General, Illinois National Guard

2 p.m. – 6 p.m. – KISS FM broadcast from the Ferris wheel

8:30 p.m. – Fireworks

**Sunday, May 19**

Noon – 5 p.m. – B96 Broadcast

2:30 p.m. – Clinton scheduled to disembark the Ferris wheel after 48 hours

*Schedule subject to change
Navy Pier is the destination for spectacular fireworks perfectly synchronized to music on Lake Michigan. Join us for a special fireworks show on Saturday, May 18 at 8:30 p.m. in celebration of an attempt to break the world’s longest Ferris wheel ride! Then, the summer schedule begins the following Memorial Day weekend with fireworks every Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10:15 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. Whether you are viewing from the dock or on board an evening cruise, Navy Pier fireworks are the perfect way to end your day at Navy Pier!

*Schedule subject to change or cancellation.

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Navy Pier Beer Garden

Navy Pier’s beer garden, on the East End of Navy Pier, is open to all ages and is a great place to unwind and enjoy Chicago’s lakefront. Residents and visitors alike will enjoy the outdoor atmosphere surrounded by the unique personality of Navy Pier and the Chicago skyline.

The Navy Pier beer garden serves micro-brews and domestic beers, as well as exciting cocktails and frozen drinks. In addition, this destination spot offers all of your favorite picnic foods including pizza, bratwurst, Italian beef, hot wings, hamburgers, Chicago style hot dogs and much more.

Also during the summer months, enjoy entertainment on the Navy Pier Beer Garden Stage featuring outstanding bands and dueling pianos. New this year, certain band breaks in the beer garden will be filled with some of Chicago’s best stand-up comedy talent!

Beer Garden Entertainment:

- Wednesdays: 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.
- Thursdays: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Fridays: 5 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
- Saturdays: 2 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
- Sundays: 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.

*Performers and times are subject to change. Weather permitting. Visit NavyPier.com for the most current schedule.
Cirque Shanghai: Dragon’s Thunder

May 22 – September 2
NAVY PIER® PEPSI® SKYLINE STAGE

*Cirque Shanghai* returns to Navy Pier this summer with a magnificent new show *"Cirque Shanghai: Dragon’s Thunder."* The production will run through September 2, 2013 (Labor Day), rain or shine, at the Navy Pier® Pepsi® Skyline Stage, the 1,500-seat, canopied, open-air theater on Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave.

*"Cirque Shanghai: Dragon’s Thunder"* is a spectacle for audiences of all ages, featuring performers from China who are leaders in their craft of tumbling, juggling, balancing and more. With a total of 36 troupe members, “Dragon’s Thunder” is the largest *Cirque Shanghai* cast to ever visit the U.S.

This year's production features an incredible line up of awe-inspiring acts, including *"The Chinese Flex Bar,“* the heart stopping *“Gravity Swings,"* and the awesome sounds of the traditional Chinese *“Dragon Drums.”* For the first time in Cirque Shanghai’s North American engagement, the traditional Chinese drums will be an integral part in the production, which will also be highlighted by a few "magical" surprises.

*“Cirque Shanghai”* will perform May 22 – Sept. 2, with regular run performances as follows:

- Wednesday at 2, 6 and 8 p.m.
- Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m.
- Friday at 2, 7 and 9 p.m.
- Saturday at 2, 6 and 8 p.m.
- Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m.

There will be additional performances on Wednesday, May 22 and Thursday May, 23 at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, May 26 at 8 p.m., Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day) at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Thursday, July 4 at 2 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day) at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Tickets will be available by calling 800-745-3000 or visiting [www.ticketmaster.com/shanghai](http://www.ticketmaster.com/shanghai). Discounted tickets for groups of 10 or more are currently available by calling GroupTix at 773.327.3778 or visiting [www.grouptix.net](http://www.grouptix.net).
**Hours and Admission**

**Normal Hours:**  
Friday-Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Open Sunday and Friday at 9 a.m. for CCM members)  
Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Summer Hours (May 27 – September 2)**  
Sunday-Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Open Sunday at 9 a.m. for CCM members)  
Thursday-Saturday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Open Friday at 9 a.m. for CCM members)

**Admission:**  
Children - $14.00  
Adults - $14.00  
Seniors - $13.00  
CCM members - Free  
Children under one – Free

CCM is open every holiday except Thanksgiving and Christmas days.

**Kraft Free Family Night**  
Thursday evenings, 5 – 8 p.m.  
Free admission for everyone

**Target Free First Sundays**  
First Sunday of every month  
Free admission all day for ages 15 and under

**Exhibitions**

**Ready, Pet, Go!**  
**Daily during regular business hours**  
What do you get when you cross a best friend with four legs, a beak, gills, floppy ears, scaled skin AND a curly tail? Pets, of course! Ready, Pet, Go!, Chicago Children’s Museum’s brand new exhibit, is dedicated to the special animals in our lives. Become your favorite animal; crawl in, out and around a child-sized pet home; and share stories about the pets in your life. For Mom and Dad, learn the benefits of pets and pet play, and access resources for choosing appropriate family pets. Come chirp like a bird, bark like a dog, or climb like a cat. It’s all allowed in Ready, Pet, Go!
Summer Dance Parties
*Fridays and Saturdays: 5:30 p.m.*
A dance party for the whole family! Enjoy a variety of music, learn popular dance moves and boogie the night away every Friday and Saturday at Chicago Children’s Museum. We’re open late, so come join the fun!

Tinkering Lab
*Daily during regular business hours*
Chicago Children’s Museum has a new permanent exhibit! Inspired by the national Maker Movement, *Tinkering Lab* provides children and families with the inspiration, time, space, materials and freedom to innovate and interact directly with the real, three-dimensional world around them. It's the ultimate workshop inspiring visitors to design, build, test and retest with real tools and materials. *Tinkering Lab: Real tools. Real science. Really for kids.*

Laugh Shack
This August, Chicago Children’s Museum is opening a comedy club just for kids! Welcome to the *Laugh Shack*, a place to hone your funny bone and get seriously silly. Try out some goofy faces, learn a wacky walk or create an arsenal of original knock-knock jokes. Once your material is ready, it’s time to hit the stage and showcase your best bits! Does your comedy personality wear a hat? Use a prop? Or maybe you’re a bit of prankster! Whatever your sense of humor, you’re sure to have your family in stitches at the *Laugh Shack*!

Family Programs

Pet Pals
*Tuesdays in June and July: 1 p.m.*
Meet and greet a furry friend! Our partners from Chicago Humane Society will be in the *Ready, Pet, Go!* exhibit with dogs or other friendly pets.

Floppy Ears
*Daily in June and July, except June 13-15: 11:15 a.m.*
Did you know dogs use their ears for more than just hearing? Learn how dogs communicate emotion with their ears, and create your own expressive, floppy ears you can wear home!

Make a Toy for a Shelter Pet
*Daily in June and July, except June 13, 14, 15, 19: 2:15 p.m.*
Dogs and cats love to play! Make a simple pet toy you can donate to The Anti-Cruelty Society, or take it home for the dog or cat in your life.

Animal Dance Party
*Fridays and Saturdays in June: 5:30 p.m.*
Strut like a chicken, hop like a bunny, rock it like a rowdy rhino, or swing it like sassy salamander! Join us to celebrate the animals we all love and release the animal in you!

Petite Chefs
*Fridays in July: 10:30, 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.*
Our healthy food program will introduce your taste buds to new, wonderful foods. Join chefs from the Washburne Culinary Institute as they share their delicious secrets.
Play For All  
*June 8: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.*  
Join in the fun as CCM welcomes children and families with disabilities for an exciting day of multisensory activities. **Please note: the first hour is for Play For All visitors only.** Pre-registration is required, and the first 100 visitors to register receive free admission (limit 6 per family). To register, visit [http://chicagochildrensmuseum.eventbrite.com](http://chicagochildrensmuseum.eventbrite.com). To request additional information, please call (312) 321-6551.

**Art Activities**

*Chicago Children's Museum offers FREE art classes daily*

**Super-Secret (and Super-Small) Superhero Lairs**  
*June 1-3: 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m.*  
Every defender of truth and justice needs a break once in a while! Whether it’s a cave, fortress or satellite orbiting the moon, create a super lair using beautiful buttons, recycled mini materials and other super stuff.

**Papermaking**  
*June 4, 7-11, 14-18, 21-25, 28-30: 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m.*  
*June 5, 12, 19, 26: 2, 3 and 4 p.m.*  
*June 6, 13, 20, 27: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.*  
Prepare to get wet during this popular project! Learn about the process of papermaking by straining pulp and transforming it into your very own work of art.

**Kids Create**  
*Wednesdays in June and July: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.*  
Share in the joy of process art and sensory exploration as you play with clay, water, paper, paint, wire and other materials. This program takes place in the Kraft Artabounds Studio.

**Clay Days**  
*July 1-2, 5-9, 12-16, 19-23, 26-30: 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m.*  
*July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: 2, 3 and 4 p.m.*  
*July 4, 11, 18, 25: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.*  
Pound, smash, roll, slip and slice while playing with clay! Fun for all ages and abilities.

**Early Learning**

**Open Playgroup**  
*June and July*  
**Sunday: 1-4 p.m.**  
**Monday-Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**Thursday: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 5 – 8 p.m.**  
**Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. - noon & 1 – 3 p.m.**  
Join CCM’s open playgroup every day in the Pritzker Playspace – it’s exclusively for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, and it’s a great place to meet other families, get inspired and play.
**Kraft Free Family Night**

Join us every Thursday evening for Kraft Free Family Nights, when admission is free for all! Groups of 15 or more must pre-register their visit. Transportation is available for qualified non-profit organizations. Pre-register your group visit by calling Chicago Children's Museum at (312) 464-8249 or email SonjaM@chicagochildrensmuseum.org.

**Open Programming**

*June 6, 13, July 11, 18 & 25: 5 – 8 p.m.*

Explore the museum at your own pace. In addition to exploring all of our interactive exhibits, take part in fun drop-in activities designed for the whole family!

**Spotlight at Night**

*June 20: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.*

Enjoy an amazing performance by a local performing artist. Then, take to the stage to sing, dance or play a musical instrument. Whatever your talent, don’t miss the fun of this inspiring evening!

**Health and Wellness Night: Move!**

*June 27: 5 – 8 p.m.*

Did you know that you're learning as you move? Get your hearts and imaginations racing with an evening of fun activities, and discover all the different ways your body can move!

**Made in Chicago**

*July 4: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.*

Share your culture and talents during our showcase that’s all about Chicago kids! Visitors of all ages and abilities can take to the stage to sing, dance or play a musical instrument. Whatever your talent, don't miss the fun of this inspiring evening.
Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre (CST) produces a summer program annually featuring a festival of plays – from family musicals to international guest artists to classical and re-imagined productions of Shakespeare’s canon – attracting Chicagoans and tourists alike.

Summer Productions

**Othello: The Remix**
Written, directed and music by: GQ and JQ
Developed with: Rick Boynton
Dates: Now playing through June 15
Venue: Upstairs at Chicago Shakespeare

Othello, the remix, the CST-commissioned hip-hop adaptation of William Shakespeare’s tragedy, spun out and lyrically rewritten over original beats, is home for a limited engagement following an acclaimed world premiere in London.

**Henry VIII**
Written By: William Shakespeare
Directed By: Barbara Gaines
Dates: April 30 – June 16
Venue: CST’s Courtyard Theater

CST presents the Chicago premiere of *Henry VIII*, staged by Artistic Director Barbara Gaines. Written in the decade following the death of Queen Elizabeth I, *Henry VIII* dramatized the king’s historic divorce from Katherine of Aragon and his tumultuous marriage to Anne Boleyn.

**Roadkill**
Text by: Stef Smith
Conceived and directed by: Cora Bissett
Dates: May 11-26

Following sold-out runs in London and Paris, *Roadkill* has its American premiere at Chicago Shakespeare Theater as part of the World Stage Series. Based on the real life experience of a young
woman trafficked from Nigeria Scottish writer/director Cora Bissett's critically acclaimed, site-specific theatrical and multi-media event explores the terrifying complexities of human trafficking.

**Inner Voices**

Written by: Eduardo De Filippo  
Directed by: Toni Servillo  
Dates: June 25 – 29  
Venue: CST's Courtyard Theater

CST joins the Italian Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago to commemorate the Year of Italian Culture in America with the American premiere of *Inner Voices*, a production by one of Italy's most important theaters.

**Shrek the Musical**

Book and lyrics by: David Lindsay-Abaire  
Music by: Jeanine Tesori  
Directed and choreographed by: Rachel Rockwell  
Dates: July 13 – September 1  
Venue: CST's Courtyard Theater

CST celebrates summer on Navy Pier with a production to attract families of all ages, *Shrek the Musical*, staged and choreographed by Jeff Award-winning director Rachel Rockwell. Based on the Academy Award winning DreamWorks film and the book by William Steig, the 75-minute musical tells the story of a swamp dwelling ogre who goes on a life-changing adventure to reclaim his once-secluded home.

Free for all: Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks

**The Comedy of Errors**

Written by: William Shakespeare  
Directed and adapted by: David H. Bell  
Dates: July 26 – August 25, 2013  
Venue: Neighborhoods parks across Chicago

Partnering for the second year, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Chicago Park District and The Boeing Company come together for a summer of FREE, professional Shakespeare performances in neighborhoods parks all across Chicago.
Navy Pier’s IMAX Theatre

IMAX is an entertainment experience so real you feel it in your bones, so magical it takes you places you have never been; so all-encompassing you’re not just peeking through the window, but part of the action. Behind it is a world of high technology – proprietary software, architecture and equipment pioneered by IMAX.

IMAX is unique – not an entertainment or technology or distribution company but all three at once: an innovator with patented technology; a Hollywood insider that partners with the world’s most celebrated moviemakers to enhance their biggest blockbusters and documentaries; and a global enterprise with more than 660 theatres in 52 countries.

Visit Navy Pier’s IMAX Theatre with fantastic shows this summer including:

- Star Trek Into Darkness 3D – now playing
- Iron Man 3 3D – now playing
- The Last Reef 3D – now playing
- Man of Steel 3D – opens June 14
- Pacific Rim – Opens July 12

Navy Pier’s Gateway Park

BIGart at Navy Pier is an annual, free outdoor art exhibition at the Pier. For this year’s exhibition, Navy Pier partnered with the Gagosian Gallery to display the artistic talent of world-renowned artists. A signature Lichtenstein sculpture – Brushstroke Group – will be one of the sculptures on display as well as Nancy Rubins’ Monochrome II.

A full list of works can be found at bigartnavypier.com
Pier Park

Located on the upper deck of Navy Pier between the Crystal Gardens and the Pepsi® Skyline Stage® is Pier Park, a beautifully landscaped outdoor oasis that serves as host to the 150-foot-high Ferris wheel, a musical carousel and the invigorating Wave Swinger.

Also at Pier Park is the 18-hole miniature golf course where visitors are invited to putt their way around Pier Park weaving around the base of the Ferris wheel and the kid-friendly Light Tower Ride. Visitors can also navigate around Pier Park Lagoon by operating one of eight remote-controlled toy boats.

Admission:

Single ride on Ferris wheel or Wave Swinger: $6
Single ride on Carousel, Light Tower Ride or Mini Golf: $5
Three Ride Combo: $13
Five Ride Combo: $16
Amazing Chicago’s Funhouse Maze and Time Freak Chicago

Everyday staring at 10 am

The Maze: Squeezing, stomping, spinning... double over laughing... delightfully dizzy, twisting and turning - can you find your way out? Navigate your way through 4000 square feet of exhilarating sensory experiences. Lose yourself in the Mirror Maze, stumble your way through the Spinning Tunnel, stomp out the Great Chicago Fire and much more! Find out for yourself why over 1 million guests have gotten lost here.

Time Freak: Time Freak is a thrilling race against time! Time Freak challenges players to compete against the clock while pushing buttons as they light up. The more buttons you push, the higher your score is. Time Freak is great for all ages. See if YOU have what it takes to be a TIME FREAK!

Admission Prices:

Prices start at $9.99 per person.
1 Game of Time Freak is $2.00 per person.

Amazing Chicago’s Funhouse Maze offers group rates to parties of 10 or more. To order group ticket for Amazing Chicago’s Funhouse Maze, please call (312) 595-5375.
Absolutely Chicago Segway Tours

May - October

Segway tours designed specifically for Navy Pier include a North Bound Lincoln Park Tour (Oak Street beach, Ohio Street, Lincoln Park and the Gold Coast) and a One Hour Adventure that takes the best of the guided tours and condensed them into one. You'll get the best of Chicago’s scenic views including the gorgeous parks, magnificent skyline and incredible art and architecture. Reservations can be made by calling 312.552.5100 or at www.ChicagoSegways.com.

Boats and Cruises

Tall Ship Windy

Set sail aboard Windy, Chicago’s very own Tall Ship! This majestic 148-foot schooner is modeled after a traditional Great Lakes trading ship and boasts all the character and charm of the Golden Age of Sail. Tall Ship Windy offers 60-75 minute sailing adventures, departing from Navy Pier. Cruises depart daytime and evenings, April through October. Field trips, group discounts, and private charters available. For more information about sailing on Tall Ship Windy, call (312) 451-2700 or visit www.tallshipwindy.com.
Seadog I, II, IV and Extreme

Prepare for the ultimate speedboat adventure offering fun and excitement for all ages! Seadogs I, II, and IV offer exhilarating Lakefront Speedboat Rides and amusing River Architectural Tours. You can also cruise into a truly wet and wild experience with the Seadog EXTREME. All Seadog vessels depart daily from the Pier’s Dock Street. Cruises run April – October, weather permitting. For more information about these exciting Seadog excursions, please call (888) 636-7737 or visit www.seadogcruises.com/chicago/.

Shoreline Sightseeing

Offering 30-minute Skyline Lake Tours from the west end of Navy Pier, Shoreline Sightseeing boats are the perfect way for the entire family to experience the majesty of Chicago’s lakefront. Shoreline also offers one-hour Architecture Cruises departing from Ogden Slip at Navy Pier. Shoreline’s fast, fun Water Taxis travel two routes from their dock at the southwest corner of Navy Pier: on the Lake to the Museum Campus or on the River to the Michigan Avenue Bridge and on to Willis Tower. For more information call (312) 222-9328 or visit www.shorelinesightseeing.com.
Dining Cruises on Odyssey, Mystic Blue and Sprit of Chicago

The luxurious Odyssey, the fun and festive Sprit of Chicago and the contemporary Mystic Blue all offer dining, entertainment and spectacular views for brunch, lunch or dinner cruises. Each vessel offers special Mother’s/Father’s Day cruises, Full Moon Cruises, Fireworks Cruises and Independence Day cruises.

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CHICAGO’S SHORELINE SIGHTSEEING SETS SAIL FOR SUMMER

Architecture River Tours, Skyline Lake Tours, Walking Tours, Water Taxis and Special Event Cruises Depart Daily

(Chicago, IL)  Shoreline Sightseeing, Chicago’s largest and most diverse boat touring company, celebrates its 74th season with a variety of exciting tours and cruises spring through fall. In addition to Shoreline’s famous Chicago River Architecture Tours, Lake Michigan Skyline Tours and convenient Water Taxis, Shoreline will offer dramatic Fireworks Cruises, Walking Tours, Sunset Cruises, Brew Cruises, Wine Tasting Cruises and special events including Tall Ship Cruises during the 2013 season.

Tours, Schedules and Locations

Shoreline Architecture River Tours depart daily April through October from two locations: Gateway Park (southwest corner) at Navy Pier and from the Michigan Avenue Bridge (northeast corner). Entertaining guides highlight more than 40 landmark buildings along the historic Chicago River. Passengers enjoy the dramatic story of Chicago’s rise from the ashes of the Great Fire of 1871 to become the birthplace of the skyscraper and the home of Modern American Architecture as they cruise past some of the city’s most prominent architectural gems of the 19th to 21st Century.

Shoreline’s Lake Michigan Skyline Tours depart daily from Navy Pier May through September and weekends in the spring and fall. These 30-minute tours explore the entire panorama of Chicago’s famous lakefront and feature a professional narration recounting the city’s vibrant history and famous landmarks.

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**Shoreline’s Water Taxis** provide scenic transportation between top Chicago touring destinations from docks at Navy Pier, the Michigan Avenue Bridge, Willis (Sears) Tower and the Museum Campus. Daily service from 10:00 a.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day and weekend service spring and fall. Shoreline Commuter Taxis serve Navy Pier, Michigan Avenue Bridge and Erie Street from 7:00 a.m. mornings with return service in the afternoons starting at 4:00 p.m.

**Fireworks Cruises** depart from the west end of Navy Pier for a lake cruise and front-row seats to view the Navy Pier Fireworks Saturdays starting May 25, at 9:30 p.m. and Wednesdays starting May 29 at 8:45 p.m. **Architecture/Fireworks Cruises** depart from Gateway Park (southwest corner) at Navy Pier and from the Michigan Avenue Bridge. (northeast corner) on Saturdays at 9:15 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. Enjoy guided nighttime Architecture Cruise and ideal view of the fireworks from the mouth of the Chicago River. **Sunset Cruises**: Sailing approximately one-half hour before sunset from Navy Pier.

**Walking Tours** The drama, history and architecture of the city come alive on these guided tours. Begin with a Chicago River ride from either Navy Pier or the Michigan Avenue Bridge and continue with walks through some of Chicago’s most famous areas including the Loop, Michigan Avenue Gold Coast and LaSalle Street. May through September. (See website for complete details.)

**Special Cruises and Charters:**
- **Brew Cruises with Rock Bottom Brewery:** June 14, July 12, and August 23. Enjoy beer tastings, special brewmasters station with "brewers choice" samplings and delicious appetizers on 90-minute lake cruises leaving from Gateway Park (southwest corner) at Navy Pier.
- **Wine Tasting Cruises** with Chicago’s own Lynfred Winery coming up July 25 and September 12.
- **Shoreline Private Charters** are the perfect venue for your private social or corporate event. Custom charters for 50 to 200 guests aboard your choice of vessels including the four-season Celebration.

**Daily Schedules:** Shoreline tour schedules are updated daily at [shorelinesightseeing.com](http://shorelinesightseeing.com). For information, group rates, reservations and tickets visit the website or call 312-222-9328.

*On Chicago's waterways since 1939, Shoreline Sightseeing has been family-owned and operated for three generations.*
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ODYSSEY MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR RENOVATION

This April, Chicago-based Entertainment Cruises will unveil an unprecedented, multi-million dollar makeover of their Odyssey cruise ship. Completed just in time for the 2013 spring season, Odyssey’s renovation will exude chic, modern décor and design throughout all of her interior dining rooms and outer decks. Sailing year-round from Navy Pier, Chicago’s largest and most iconic cruise ship will deliver a unique combination of high-end cuisine and beverages along with exciting entertainment and spectacular skyline views for parties of two to 749.

Entertainment Cruises Vice President Dan Russell says, “We are very excited about the multi-million dollar renovation of our flagship Odyssey at Navy Pier. Spectacular lighting, rich color palettes, high-definition sound, flat screen audio visual systems and a plush new outer deck lounge will highlight Chicago’s finest yacht, which is truly being reborn.”

Odyssey’s Executive Chef Leonel Martinez partnered with Food Network’s “Chopped” champion, Eric LeVine, to elevate Odyssey’s brunch, lunch and dinner menus featuring locally sourced ingredients. Plated, multi-course degustations will include seasonal chef’s tastings, Midwestern-sourced produce, choice steaks, organic chicken and fresh seafood and shellfish procured and prepared daily by Odyssey chefs. Themed “wandering” food stations, including Asian Dim-sum, carved steak and salmon, hand-tossed salads and roasted local vegetables, raw ceviche bars, and house made sweets, will also be added for group events.

Local craft beers, organic wines and mixologist created cocktails will highlight a fresh, new beverage list, while modern DJ sounds, vibrant lighting and dance floors will round out Odyssey’s remade experience.

Chicago’s “Best in America” skyline will continue to provide an amazing backdrop for all guests aboard the New Odyssey that will be better than ever. The ship looks forward to entertaining guests in spring 2013.

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FIREWORKS SKYLINE CRUISES ABOARD THE ODYSSEY, SPIRIT OF CHICAGO, MYSTIC BLUE AND SEADOG

Wednesdays & Saturdays Memorial Day Through Labor Day

Entertainment Cruises is pleased to announce a full schedule of fireworks dinner cruises aboard the Odyssey, Spirit of Chicago and Mystic Blue. Chicagoans are invited to catch the Navy Pier Fireworks display most Wednesdays and Saturdays Memorial Day through Labor Day. Special Fireworks Cruises will also be available for the Fourth of July and other select holidays.

Seadog also offers a special 60-minute Lakefront Fireworks Speedboat Ride. Cruise along Lake Michigan for an exciting speedboat ride paired with an informative tour of the Chicago Skyline and top it all off with watching the dazzling fireworks show from the best seats in the city.

SPECIAL OFFER
This summer, Entertainment Cruises offers guests 15% off their Seadog Fireworks Cruises when they book in advance. Guests can use promo code BLAST15. Offer valid through Labor Day. Does not include holidays.
Restrictions: Not to be combined with other offers. Certain restrictions apply. Subject to availability. Limit one discount per order.

All prices below are per person and do not yet include taxes and other fees. Dates and times are subject to change. Complete menus, photos and further details are available upon request.

ODYSSEY FIREWORKS DINNER CRUISES
Odyssey’s Fireworks Dinner Cruises feature plated dinner, dancing and amazing views of the Navy Pier Fireworks Display.

Wednesdays: Board 6 p.m., Cruise 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., from $104.90
Saturdays: Board 7:30 p.m., Cruise 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m., from $129.90

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 888.957.2320 or visiting www.odyssey.com.

SPIRIT OF CHICAGO FIREWORKS DINNER CRUISES
Guests will feast on a sumptuous dinner buffet while enjoying an interactive emcee for dancing with spectacular views of the Navy Pier Fireworks display.

Wednesdays: Board 6:30 p.m., Cruise: 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., from $87.90
Saturdays: Board 7:45 p.m., Cruise: 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m., from $104.90
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**MYSTIC BLUE FIREWORKS DINNER CRUISES**
Indulge in a tasty dinner buffet while enjoying cool DJ tunes, contemporary decor and the Navy Pier Fireworks Display.

**Wednesdays:** Board 6:30 p.m., Cruise: 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., from $84.90  
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Reservations are required and can be made by calling 888.333.9150 or by visiting [www.mysticbluecruises.com](http://www.mysticbluecruises.com).

**SEADOG FIREWORKS CRUISES**
Seadog’s lakefront fireworks cruises offer an extended speedboat ride, tour narration, music and front-row seats to the Navy Pier Fireworks Display.

**Wednesdays:** Board 8:45 p.m., Cruise: 9 p.m. - 10 p.m., from $29.95  
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FULL MOON CRUISES ABOARD THE ODYSSEY,
SPIRIT OF CHICAGO AND MYSTIC BLUE
Select Dates Throughout the Year

Entertainment Cruises is pleased to announce a schedule of full moon cruises aboard the Odyssey, Spirit of Chicago and Mystic Blue. A full moon occurs when the geocentric longitudes of the sun and moon differ by 180 degrees, and the following is a more simple explanation of ways the phenomenon can be enjoyed aboard the elegant Odyssey, the festive Spirit of Chicago or contemporary Mystic Blue. Cruises include dinner along with DJ entertainment and spectacular skyline views under a full moon.

All prices below are per person and do not yet include taxes and other fees. Complete menus, photos and further details are available upon request.

ODYSSEY FULL MOON DINNER CRUISES
WHEN: Sunday, June 23, 2013
        Board 5:30 p.m., Cruise 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

        Tuesday, August 20, 2013
        Board 6 p.m., Cruise 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

        Wednesday, September 19, 2013
        Board 6 p.m., Cruise 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

        Friday, October 18, 2013
        Board 6:30 p.m., Cruise 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

COST: Starting at $87.90

RESERVE: Reservations are required and can be made by calling 888.957.2320 or by visiting www.odyssey.com.

SPIRIT OF CHICAGO FULL MOON DINNER CRUISES
WHEN: Wednesday, March 27, 2013
        Board 6:30 p.m., Cruise 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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        Board 5:30 p.m., Cruise 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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**WHEN:**  
Friday, May 24, 2013  
Board 7:30 p.m., Cruise 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

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