

# [Gold] Chicago+ Indianapolis+ Great Smoky Mountains+ Gatlinburg+ Chattanooga+ Mammoth Cave National Park 5-Day Tour

Product information						
Departure city	Chicago -CHI	Tour No.	CT5			
Destination	Chicago -CHI	Way location	Indianapolis、Great Smoky Mountain、Gatlinburg、C hattanooga、Mammoth Cave National Park			
Travel days	5 Day 4 Night	Transportation	Vehicle			
Airport pick-up/drop-off		Currency	USD			

Product price					
Single occupancy: \$1269 / Person	<b>Double occupancy:</b> \$959 / Person				
Triple occupancy: \$859 / Person	Quadruple occupancy: \$809 / Person				

# Departure date

2025 Dates:

May: 05/01/2025, 05/15/2025, 05/29/2025

June: 06/12/2025, 06/26/2025 July: 07/10/2025, 07/24/2025

September: 09/04/2025, 09/18/2025 October: 10/02/2025, 10/16/2025, 10/30/2025 2026 Dates: May: 05/07/2026, 05/21/2026 June: 06/04/2026, 06/18/2026 July: 07/02/2026, 07/16/2026, 07/30/2026 August: 08/13/2026, 08/27/2026 September: 09/10/2026, 09/24/2026 October: 10/08/2026, 10/22/2026 Minimum of 4 people to be operated. **Highlights** 1. Explore Motorsports Hall of Fame. 2. Be in the National Park with most visitors in US -- Great Smoky Mountains. 3. Southern dinner show Dixie Stampede featuring America's civil war. 4. Tour in Lookout Mountain: Rock City, Ruby Falls, Incline Railway. 5. Discover the stories behind the city's most significant buildings such as Cloud Gate and Chicago Theatre. 6. Take an in-depth tour of the city of Chicago and visit 360 Chicago for a full 360-degree panoramic view of Chicago from above. 7. Explore Millenium Park and Grant Park. Join / leave point **Boarding location** 

August: 08/07/2025, 08/21/2025

07:30Departure, Chicago: Chinatown; Address: 218 W Cermak Rd, Chicago, IL 60616;

#### **Drop-off location**

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## **Tour introduction**

## Day 1

Chicago - Vehicle - Indianapolis - Vehicle - London, KY

All day

Today we will set out from Chicago. At noon, we will visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum where there are collections of almost all kinds of race cars from 1909. Following, we will take a quick visit to Indiana Statehouse. Then, we will stay overnight in London, KY.

## **Itinerary:**

Chicago → Indianapolis → Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum (Optional, 60 mins) → Indiana Statehouse (30 mins) → Hotel

## Afternoon

# Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum is an automotive museum on the grounds of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Speedway, Indiana, United States, which houses the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame. It is intrinsically linked to the Indianapolis 500 and Brickyard 400, but it also includes exhibits reflecting other forms of motorsports, passenger cars, and general automotive history. In 2006, it celebrated its 50th anniversary. The museum foundation possesses several former Indianapolis 500-winning cars, and they are regularly rotated onto the display floor exhibits.

## **Indiana Statehouse**

The Indiana State Capitol, built in 1888, is located in Indiana, USA (200 West Washington Avenue, Indianapolis). It houses government agencies including the State Legislature, the State Government, and the Supreme Court. The building is cross-shaped, with a central circular hall with a stained glass roof. The hall connects to the four wings of the building. The building has four floors. The first floor houses the executive branch. The House of Representatives offices are located on the east side of the second floor. The Senate offices are on the west side of the second floor. The Supreme Court Library, with its 70,000-volume collection, is located on the third floor. The third floor also houses offices for the state government, the Senate, and the courts. The fourth floor houses other executive agencies and presentation rooms. The building was originally intended to house all state government agencies, and this purpose was

achieved at the time. Decades later, most government agencies gradually moved out of the building as the agencies grew too large to fit in the building.

Night

Hotel: Quality Inn London KY; Baymont by Wyndham Corbin; similar

## Day 2

London, KY - Vehicle - Great Smoky Mountain Park - Vehicle - Knoxville

All day

In the morning, we will leave London for the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. Many kinds of animals inhabit here, and there are about 1,500 species of bears alone. So it will be a great opprtunity to see the wild bears! Then follow us and take a visit Gatlinburg. You may take the cable car to the mountain top. Following, we will go to Pigeon Forge, where you can visit the Titanic Museum built to commemorate the sinking of the "Titanic" at your own expense.

## Itinerary:

Great Smoky Mountain Park In-depth Tour (Mandatary, 2 hours, including the Great Smoky Mountain Cable Car + Newfound Gap Observation Deck + Clingmans Peak) → Gatlinburg (100 mins) → Pigeon Forge → Titanic Museum (Optional, 60 mins)

#### Afternoon

## **Great Smoky Mountain National Park In-depth Tour**

The Great Smoky Mountains were formed approximately 10,000 years ago at the end of the last ice age. With approximately 10 million visitors annually, it is the most visited national park in the United States. Steam rising from the forests forms a thick fog that lingers between the mountains and fills the canyons. Signs throughout the park urge visitors to witness this "unchanged world." This is a paradise on earth, an outdoor paradise. The 360-degree open observation deck, located at an elevation of 5,046 feet, offers panoramic views of the surrounding mountains, offering a visual feast and a breathtaking breath of fresh mountain air.

# Gatlinburg

Gatlinburg, located in Tennessee, is a renowned tourist destination. Founded by early Native Americans, it flourished with the Great Smoky Mountains' establishment as a national park. Tens of millions of tourists visit the Smoky Mountains each year, making it a renowned tourist town. Located at the foot of the Smoky Mountains' main peak, Gatlinburg is a must-stop for those seeking to hike the peak or ski. They can sample the local cuisine, stay overnight in this quiet valley town, or even purchase some Native American souvenirs. In short, anyone who

has visited the Great Smoky Mountains leaves a lasting impression.

## **Titanic Museum Pigeon Forge**

Let's drive to Pigeon Forge where we will visit the Titanic Museum Attraction to sail the seas in 1912! You will get a feel for what the passengers deluxe hallways looked like and learn about the statistics about the ship. As you enter, you will be given a passenger boarding ticket. On this ticket, is the name of an actual Titanic passenger and the class they were traveling. You will learn the individual stories of several passengers. In the Titanic Memorial Room, find out whether your ticketed passenger survived.

Night

Hotel: Baymont by Wyndham Knoxville/Cedar Bluff; similar

# Day 3 Knoxville - Vehicle - Lookout Mountain

All day

After breakfast, we will head to Chattanooga and explore the magnificent Lookout Mountain and Ruby Falls which is a 145-foot-high underground waterfall located within Lookout Mountain. Following, we will take a visit to Rock City. Finally, we'll take the Lookout Mountain Incline Railway.

## **Itinerary:**

Knoxville → Lookout Mountain → Ruby Fall (Optional, 90 mins) → Rock City (Optional, 75 mins) → Lookout Mountain Incline Railway (Optional, 75 mins) → Hotel

Morning

#### **Ruby Falls**

Ruby Falls is seamlessly integrated with the cave landscape, creating a romantic tourist attraction where visitors can enjoy both the spectacular waterfall and the cave itself. Nestled 1,120 feet below the surface, the falls are the largest and deepest open to the public in the United States, attracting approximately 400,000 visitors annually. Ruby Cave is filled with stunning stalactites, stalagmites, and flowstones. Looking up, one can see a cascading waterfall, its colors shifting from red to yellow, blue to purple, as the lights illuminate it. The source of the falls is unknown; perhaps it's an underground river or perhaps rainwater from the mountains that converges to form a waterfall, causing its flow to vary seasonally. Ruby Falls is adorned with a mysterious legend: explorer Leo and his companions, after immense difficulty, discovered the waterfall, hidden 341 meters below the surface.

After it was opened in 1930, Leo named it after his wife, Ruby, which is how the falls are known today.

## Rock city

Rock City isn't really a city, but rather a unique garden formed by a cluster of rocks on a mountaintop, offering a breathtaking natural beauty. Later, a Tennessee businessman named Carter built a stone staircase suspension bridge, planted flowers and plants, and created a "fairyland" in the numerous caves, inspired by European fairy tales. Stone City's most unique attraction is the "Seven States Wonder." From the summit, you can simultaneously see seven U.S. states: Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. Standing here, you gaze at the endless expanse of green, dotted with crimson leaves and against the blue sky, feeling the vastness of the universe and a profound sense of human insignificance.

## **Incline Railway**

This historic hilltop on the southern border of Tennessee has a colorful history as a place of importance during wartime. Most notably, it was the centerpiece of the Battle of Lookout Mountain during the American Civil War. This team has been running almost continually since 1895 and except for an engine update in 1911, it hasn't changed very much in more than 100 years of operation. The ride stretches about one mile up the mountain and the incline reaches a breathtaking 72.7% grade – almost straight up! Enjoy the "America's Most Amazing Mile" aboard!

Night

Hotel: Baymont by Wyndham Bowling Green; similar

## Day 4

## Mammoth Cave National Park - Vehicle - Chicago

All day

Today, at your own expense, you can visit Mammoth Cave National Park, a World Heritage Site. The caverns boast a myriad of stalagmites and stalactites, each with its own unique and ever-changing formations. The passages reach a height of up to 30 meters, connected by hundreds of vertical shafts, and several underground rivers flow through the caverns. We will then return to Chicago by bus.

**Itinerary:** 

Mammoth Cave National Park (Optional, 120 mins) → Chicago

All day

## **Mammoth Cave National Park**

Mammoth Cave has drawn people from all walks of life for thousands of years to its dark subterranean depths, lush forests, and Green River Valley. Here they endured and left an everlasting impression on the history and

culture of the South-Central Kentucky region. Explore Mammoth Cave's impact on our human story and learn how so many people are forever connected to this land.

Night

Hotel: Comfort Inn O'Hare-Convention Center; similar

# Day 5 Chicago City Tour

All day

Chicago, nestled on the shores of Lake Michigan, is the third largest city in the United States and a model city for the nation's finest architecture. It's a popular destination for architectural pilgrims, boasting numerous landmark pavilions, buildings, parks, and delicious cuisine. The city boasts the world-renowned Millennium Park, the magnificent Cloud Gate, and the giant city mirror, offering a glimpse into the city's beauty. Buckingham Fountain, the world's largest artificial fountain, is also home to Trump Tower, 360 Chicago, the Art Institute of Chicago, and other scenic attractions, all of which are beloved destinations.

## **Itinerary:**

Millennium Park & Cloud Gate (20 mins) → Chicago Architecture Aesthetics Tour (Mandatory, 100 minutes) → Art Institute of Chicago (Optional, 120 mins) → 360 Chicago (Optional 75 mins)

## **Chicago Architecture Aesthetics Tour:**

First stop: Michigan Avenue and surrounding attractions: Chicago Tribune Building → Wings of Liberty Sculpture → St. Regis Tower → Wrigley Building → DuSable Bridge → Trump Tower

Stop 2: McDonald's Headquarters & United Center

Stop 3: Chicago Board of Trade Building → Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago → Art Institute of Chicago

Stop 4: Grant Park & Buckingham Fountain

Pass: Municipal Opera House, CME Group Building, Willis Tower

## Tips:

1. The Chicago Architectural Aesthetics Tour attractions are all exterior, and the tour method is car tour + light hiking, which requires moderate physical strength for guests.

## Morning

## Millennium Park

Millennium Park is a large urban park in Chicago. On one side of the park is Chicago's busiest street, Michigan Avenue, and on the other side is the beautiful Lake Michigan. In the park, you can see the imprint of postmodern architectural style everywhere, so some professionals regard this park as a concentration of postmodern

architectural style. Among them, the open-air concert hall, Cloud Gate and Crown Fountain are the three most representative postmodern buildings in Millennium Park.

#### **Grant Park**

Chicago's famous Grant Park is located in the city's commercial center. In 1901, it was renamed Grant Park in honor of U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant. The park contains performance venues, gardens, artworks, sporting, and harbor facilities. It hosts public gatherings and several large annual events and is popularly referred to as "Chicago's front yard".

## The Art Institute of Chicago

The Art Institute of Chicago was founded in 1891. It is one of the oldest art galleries in the world and one of the three largest art galleries in the United States today. The museum houses art treasures from five thousand years and five continents, and can be called a museum of all nations. In particular, the masterpieces of French Impressionist painters are world-renowned. The masterpieces of masters such as Renoir, Picasso, and Van Gogh are priceless. Even the bronze lion statues on both sides of the gate have become the symbol of Chicago.

#### Afternoon

## **Chicago Architectural Cruise**

Taking a cruise and admiring Chicago's architectural forest is definitely a must-do in Chicago! The Shoreline City riverside tour takes about 75 minutes and is guided by a professional and humorous English tour guide. In addition to seeing the famous landmarks of Chicago and learning about their stories, you can also experience the beauty of the Chicago River up close. There are multiple ferry trips every day at Navy Pier and the Michigan Street Bridge.

or

# A tour of Chicago's architectural aesthetics

This is an in-depth architectural exploration tour led by a professional guide, taking guests into the core of Chicago's architectural art. With this architectural aesthetic tour, tourists will not only "check in", but truly understand and appreciate the cultural heritage and design concepts contained in Chicago's architecture, thereby having a more in-depth and valuable Chicago sightseeing experience.

## 360 Chicago

The John Hancock Center is located on the Michigan Avenue side of Chicago. It is also known as "360° Chicago". It was completed in 1969 and was the tallest skyscraper in the world outside of New York at the time. Standing on the 94th floor, the view will reach 128 kilometers, and the scenery of the four states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan

а	and Wisconsin will be in full view.		
Cos	t Description		
С	cost includes		
1	. Transportation (The type of vehicle used will be based on the number of guests attending that day).		
2	. Bilingual tour guide or driver-guide.		
3	. Hotel (Nights are one day less than the total number of tour days).		
4	. Breakfasts.		
C	cost excludes		
1	. Lunch and dinner (the guide will provide suggestions);		
2	. Air ticket, ferry, and shuttle transfer in some attraction areas/national parks.		
	. Attraction admission fee (Prices are subject to change without prior notice; Tickets should be purchased from ne tour guide).		
	. Service fee (minimum USD\$15/person/day, any child and Infant reserving a seat has to pay that service fee as rell).		

- 5. Personal expenses (such as food & beverage, telephone surcharge, etc.).
- 6. Any expenses are not listed in Fee Included.

# Extra expense

Item name	Days	Price description	Description
Mandatory Fee: A tour of Chicago's architectural aesthetics	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Everyone: \$45.00;	
Great Smoky Mountain Park Indepth Tour (Mandatary)	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Everyone: \$80.00;	Including: the Great Smoky Mountain Cable Car + Newfound Gap Observation Deck + Clingmans Peak
Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Adult: \$15.00; Senior (62+): \$14.00; Child (6-15): \$8.00;	
Titanic Museum Pigeon Forge	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Adult: \$46.54; Child (5-12): \$18.47;	
Ruby Falls	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Adult: \$28.35; Senior (65+): \$27.26; Child (3-12): \$17.43;	
Rock city	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Adult: \$32.05; Senior (65+): \$32.05; Child (3-12): \$21.35;	
Incline Railway	Tour guide	Adult: \$15.00;	

	arranges according itinerary	Senior (65+): \$15.00; Child (3-12): \$7.00;	
Mammoth Cave National Park	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Adult: \$12.00 - \$27.00; Child(6-12): \$9.00 - \$22.00;	*Age restriction: Tour participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult aged 18 and above.
The Art Institute of Chicago	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Adult: \$32.00; Senior(65+): \$26.00; Child (under 14): \$26.00;	
Chicago Architectural Cruise	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Adult: \$44.00; Child(4-12): \$20.00; Child(0-3): \$0.00;	
360 Chicago	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Adult: \$35.00; Senior(65+): \$35.00; Child (3-11): \$23.00;	