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## HAVE A CHICAGO ADVENTURE THIS SUMMER

Explore Chicago with summertime tours

CHICAGO (June 6, 2012) – This summer, the Chicago History Museum invites guests to discover the Windy City like never before with expert-led tours examining Chicago—past and present. Walking, running, bus, pub, bike, boat, L, and kayak tours give visitors and life-long Chicagoans a unique chance to learn the city’s history first hand while having a blast along the way.

The popular, quick to sell out, **History Pub Crawls** return this summer with a vengeance. These monthly walking or trolley tours allow guests the chance to get a taste of Chicago by visiting four or five historic watering holes. Inside each location, guests enjoy drinks as a guide recounts the history of the establishment and its surrounding neighborhood.

Another opportunity to soak up Chicago history will be the **Beer Boat Tour: *The Pale Ale Sail***. On Sunday, **July 22, from 6-9 p.m.** Sails will set as Wei Fraser, Certified Cicerone™ at River North Distribution, discusses the India Pale Ale and its ties to the history of marine travel.

**Historical kayak tours** take place on **Saturdays and Sundays in July and August from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.** giving guests a chance to explore the picturesque architectural canyons of the city while learning more about its history. Guests can also add a bang to their paddle by catching the fireworks show on the ***Fireworks Paddle*** kayak tour on **Wednesdays, June 6, July 11 and August 1, 7:15–10:45 p.m.** All kayak tours are \$60/\$55 members and paddle approximately 6 miles. No experience is required.

Neighborhood walking tours focus on specific communities to shed light on the little known history of everyday living, including the colorful past and vibrant present of Old Town in the

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***Old Town Trek.*** Get a new perspective on Old Town on **June 16; July 8, 14, 22 and August 4, 12, 25 from 10 -11:30 a.m.**

Explore the park dedicated to our 16<sup>th</sup> president on the ***Lincoln Park Tour.*** Come for a walk in the park on **Saturdays, June 30 and July 28 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Lake Michigan gives Chicago an identity that has been important since its incorporation. The ***Glitzy Gold Coast tour*** offers guests a look at the Gold Coast neighborhood on **June 17; July 7, 15, 21 and August 5, 11, 26 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

The ***Devil in the White City*** bus tour, taking place on **Saturdays, June 16, July 14 and August 11 from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.,** examines the 1893 World's Fair and the devilish doings of serial killer HH Holmes.

Architectural historian Bill Hinchliff keeps guests cool this summer with the ***Jets, Pools, and Waterfalls: Chicago Fountains*** bus tour on **Saturday, August 25, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

In celebration of the Museum's latest exhibition, *Magic*, the ***Magical Mystery Tour*** takes guests on a private tour of the exhibition with curator John Russick. Afterward, the tour visits sites important to Chicago magic, and ends with a private 45-minute performance by Magic Chicago. Come out to see the magic for yourself on Saturday, July 21, 2 p.m.–6 p.m.

Tickets and information on these and all of Chicago History Museum upcoming events can be found by visiting [chicagohistory.org](http://chicagohistory.org) or by calling 312-642-4600.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 73, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is \$14 adults with audio tour, \$12 seniors/students with audio tour, free for children 12 years and younger. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org). The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all the Museum's activities.