

Mid-West College Tour 10 day College Tour

Day One

Arrival at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport
Meet your deluxe Motorcoach and Tour Manager at baggage claim

CHICAGO, Known as the Windy City but not to describe the weather... It was to describe the cities long winded politicians! The Indians once lived on the shores of Lake Michigan. The area was then known to them as Chicaugou. Explorers from France discovered Chicago who established the city around the 1770. Chicago is the third largest metropolitan area in the US. Seven million people live here. The great fire of 1871 destroyed most of the city. The fire killed 300 people and left thousands homeless. Most of the buildings were destroyed in the fire. Architects flowed into the city to rebuild. Famous architects included Louis Sullivan, William Jenny and John M Van Osdel – beautiful buildings that you can see today.

Tonight enjoy a Chicago Tradition...the Deep Dish Pizza
Then go to the top of the **WILLIS Tower** for an unbelievable view of this great city!
Standing at 1,450 feet and 110 stories high, Willis Tower is the tallest building in the western hemisphere. Step outside the tallest building in the western hemisphere and the third tallest in the world. At 1,353 feet in the air, the Ledge's glass boxes extend out 4.3 feet from Skydeck. Go out on the Ledge, if you dare!

Overnight: Hotel TBD
Private security on duty from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM throughout the tour.



Day Two

Included breakfast at your hotel
This morning **visit NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**



NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Northwestern University combines innovative teaching and pioneering research in a highly collaborative environment that transcends traditional academic boundaries. It provides students and faculty exceptional opportunities for intellectual, personal and professional growth in a setting enhanced by the richness of Chicago.

Northwestern University is a private institution founded in 1851 to serve the Northwest Territory, an area that now includes the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and parts of Minnesota. In 1853 the founders purchased a 379-acre tract of land on the shore of Lake Michigan 12 miles north of Chicago. They established a campus and developed the land near it, naming the surrounding town Evanston in honor of one of the University's founders, John Evans. After completing its first building in 1855, Northwestern began classes that fall with two faculty members and 10 students.

Northwestern has three campuses. Two campuses are located on Lake Michigan: a 240-acre campus in Evanston, the first suburb north of Chicago, and a 25-acre campus in Chicago. One campus is located in Doha, Qatar.

Northwestern is recognized both nationally and internationally for the quality of its educational programs at all levels. *U.S. News & World Report* consistently ranks the University's undergraduate programs among the best in the country.

Among graduate programs, the Kellogg School of Management regularly ranks among the top five business schools in the country for both its traditional curriculum and its executive master's program. *U.S. News & World Report* rankings placed Northwestern's School of Law 11th, the Feinberg School of Medicine in the top 20.

Lunch, on own on campus following the information session and campus tour.

Afternoon enjoy a campus visit and information session at **DePAUL University**

At DePaul, teaching and learning is our priority. That might seem obvious, but of the nation's 10 largest private universities, DePaul University is the only one whose faculty priority is teaching. We're also the nation's largest Catholic university, committed to an educational experience that weaves together mind, place, people and heart. Academic excellence that translates beyond the classroom DePaul is known and respected for its more than 275 graduate and undergraduate programs, and for the high caliber students who graduate with our degrees. We think the recognition and rankings are evidence of a challenging, very current learning environment that does more than just guide students through academic hoops.



Classes that bring the world to learning

When our professors aren't teaching, many of them are working in Chicago as consultants, researchers, lawyers and entrepreneurs. Not surprisingly, their teaching style incorporates a variety of real-world examples and applications—the world is both brought into the classroom, and the classroom is taken out to engage in the world, where students are considered partners in research and community action.

A campus enmeshed in a world-class city

Chicago itself is an ideal classroom, so we take full advantage of it, for everything from research and internships to museums and service learning opportunities. The city helps bring theory to life and synthesizes learning across disciplines in very current and practical ways.

After a full day, we set out for a fun night at Chicago's **NAVY PIER!**

Historic Navy Pier® is Chicago's lakefront playground. And it's the Midwest's #1 tourist and leisure destination, attracting more than 8.6 million visitors a year.

Navy Pier is the place where all of Chicagoland and tourists from around the world have come together since 1995 to enjoy the beauty and the thrills of a day on Lake Michigan. From rides to restaurants, exhibitions to entertainment, shopping to dining cruises and tour boats, Navy Pier has it all - in a location unlike any other!



There's so much to do in our 50 acres of parks, promenades, gardens, shops, eateries and attractions.

Take a ride on our 15-story tall Ferris wheel. Catch a movie at the IMAX® Theatre. Visit three floors of hands-on fun at the Chicago Children's Museum inside the Family Pavilion. Experience any one of the cruise boat rides departing from Navy Pier's South Dock. Navy Pier also offers dining opportunities as diverse as Chicago itself. Dine at one of the fine restaurants

or sample a variety of great tastes to be found at the food court in the Family Pavilion. You can find everything from bikes to books and from souvenirs to sunglasses at the retail shops in the Family Pavilion open year-round.

Included dinner by cash stipend

Day Three

Included breakfast and pack for departure

Travel to Calumet

This morning visit PURDUE UNIVERSITY – CALMUMET

Purdue is home to some of the best minds on earth and a launching pad for some of the brightest new talent. We hope your experience with us will reveal what makes our campus community so proud to be called the "Boilermakers." Purdue Calumet is a national leader in the field of experiential education, which recognizes the value of getting students out of the classroom to apply what they've learned in the real world. All students are required to complete at least two Experiential Learning courses.



That's a formal term for getting college credit to work at a structured role in the student's field of study, complete an internship or special project, study abroad, volunteer in the community or participate in a variety of other approved programs. You'll know your student is learning through experience as part of his or her competitive Purdue degree. Because the University and our faculty have partnered with area businesses, nonprofit organizations, service groups and other potential employers, in many cases the workplace partnership is helping develop the community as well as the student

Enjoy lunch (on own) on the Purdue Campus

Afternoon visit the **UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME**, South Bend IN

The gilded Golden Dome and statue of Mary atop the Main Building proclaim the Notre Dame campus as a place where faith is treasured and diverse traditions shared and respected. Our students represent all 50 states and over 100 countries. Rigorous academics, NCAA Division I athletics, and numerous events and activities create an environment in which our students are ignited with a passion to learn and to live to their fullest capacity.



Notre Dame is one of the few universities to regularly rank in the top 25 in the U.S. News & World Report survey of America's best colleges.

Founded in 1842, Notre Dame stands on 1,250 acres considered by many to be among the most beautiful possessed by any university in the nation. From the collegiate Gothic architecture and park-like landscape to exquisite outdoor sculpture and breathtaking views, Notre Dame's campus is a visual splendor.

Notre Dame has a unique spirit. It is traditional, yet open to change. It is dedicated to religious belief no less than scientific knowledge. It has always stood for values in a world of facts. It has kept faith with Father Sorin's vision.

Travel **East Lansing MI** for your next overnight (3 hour ride)

Included dinner and night at the movies

Day Four

Included breakfast at your hotel before your campus visit to **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**



Spartans work every day to advance the common good in uncommon ways.

Together, we tackle some of the world's toughest problems to find solutions that make life better—from alternative energy to better food safety to breakthrough medical and environmental applications achieved through rare isotope research. We teach. We explore and we discover. We collaborate and lead. We innovate, inspire, and empower. We achieve our potential and create circumstances that help our students and others achieve theirs.

We're good at it, and we've been at it for more than 150 years.

The nation's pioneer land-grant university, MSU began as a bold experiment that democratized higher education and helped bring science and innovation into everyday life. The revolutionary concept

became a model for the nation.

Today, MSU is one of the top research universities in the world—on one of the biggest, greenest campuses in the nation. Home to nationally ranked and recognized academic, residential college, and service-learning programs, we're a diverse community of dedicated students and scholars, athletes and artists, scientists and leaders.

In ways both practical and profound, we work to create a stronger, more sustainable, and more hopeful future for all.

Enjoy lunch on campus (on own)

12:30 PM we depart for Ann Arbor, MI

2:30 PM Arrival on the campus of the **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor**

Three campuses and more than 58,000 students -- 1,400 student organizations -- 571 major buildings -- more than 8.5 million library volumes -- and one great fight song.

From a campus that inspired Robert Frost, Arthur Miller, and Jessye Norman, the University of Michigan showcases song and dance, literature and politics, drama and art, from our students and from artists drawn to Ann Arbor. Such distinguished guests as President Bill Clinton, the Dalai Lama, and Christiane Amanpour have inspired and intrigued U-M audiences in recent years. The resources of our libraries are among the deepest in the country. Our museums and theaters attract world-renowned talent and open a window to science and art. And our playing fields are home to an intercollegiate athletics program known globally for the competitive spirit of the maize and blue.



Included dinner and overnight in Ann Arbor.
Evening activity TBD

Day Five

Included breakfast at your hotel.

This morning travel to Columbus, OH (3.5 hours)

Lunch on Campus upon arrival

Afternoon Visit **OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Ohio State University isn't just a campus in Columbus. As a land-grant university, Ohio State has a physical presence throughout the state, with campuses and research centers located around Ohio.

Ohio State's largest campus, located in Columbus, was established in 1870 around a natural spring (now Mirror Lake). Today the campus is a mixture of green spaces and historic and high-tech buildings, and is ever-evolving to meet the needs of the campus community. The Columbus campus offers over 175 areas of study and 475 specializations, and its location in the heart of the nation's 15th largest city means great opportunities for students and graduates.

Ohio State offers over 175 majors, hundreds of specializations and minors, and the opportunity to double major. Search the database below for majors. Also explore:

- Personalized Study Program to create your own major.
- Pre-professional programs if you're interested in pre-law, pre-med, and more.
- University Exploration for individualized advising and resources if you're undecided.
- General information for a quick overview of five popular areas of study.

Career Pathways series

Download these in-depth guides to studying business, health care, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) at Ohio State. Each describes Ohio State majors leading to a degree in the profession, as well as career possibilities.

Late afternoon travel to Cincinnati, OH for your next overnight (2 hours)

Check into your hotel in the Cincinnati area

Evening night of Bowling or movies



Day Six

Included breakfast at your hotel

This morning visit the **UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI**

The University of Cincinnati, Ohio's premier urban research university, traces its origins to 1819. In that year both Cincinnati College and the Medical College of Ohio were chartered. In 1870, the City of Cincinnati established the University of Cincinnati, which later absorbed the two predecessor institutions. In 1906, the University of Cincinnati created the first cooperative education program in the world. For many years, the University of Cincinnati was the second oldest and second largest municipal university in the country. In 1968, UC became a

"municipally sponsored, state affiliated" institution, entering a transitional period culminating on July 1, 1977, when UC joined the university system of Ohio. Today, the University of Cincinnati is classified as a Research University (Very High Research Activity) by the Carnegie Commission and is ranked as one of America's top 25 public research universities by the National Science Foundation.



U.S. News has ranked UC in the Top Tier of America's Best Colleges. The Chronicle of Higher Education calls UC a "research heavyweight." Forbes and Delta Sky magazines have named UC one of the world's most beautiful campuses. UC has been named a "green university" by Princeton Review.

The University of Cincinnati offers students a balance of educational excellence and real-world experience. UC is a public research university with an enrollment of more than 42,000 students.

Since its founding in 1819, UC has been the source of many discoveries creating positive change for society, including the first antihistamine, co-op education, the first electronic organ, the Golden Gate Bridge designer and the oral polio vaccine.

Enjoy lunch on campus (student expense) before we continue onto Indianapolis

2:00 PM Board coach and travel 127 miles to Bloomington, IN

5:00 PM Arrival in Bloomington and check into your hotel

Included dinner

Time to use the Indoor Pool

Day Seven

Included breakfast at your hotel

Visit **INDIANA UNIVERSITY, Bloomington**

Indiana University Bloomington attracts students from around the globe who want the ideal college experience—great traditions, a gorgeous campus, international culture, Big Ten sports, and an active academic climate.



Founded in 1820, IU Bloomington is the flagship campus of Indiana University's eight campuses statewide.

Innovation, creativity, and academic freedom are hallmarks of IU Bloomington and its world-class contributions in research and the arts. For our traditions like the world-famous Little 500 bicycle race and our commitment to emerging technologies, IU was named the "Hottest Big State School" in 2005 by Newsweek, America's Hot Colleges.

We nurture bright minds with an exceptional support network and breadth of programs. For technology infrastructure and support, our campus was named "most wired" among public universities by PC Magazine in 2006. U.S. News & World Report has recognized IU for outstanding freshman programs and residential learning communities, and Time magazine praised our commitment to freshmen when it named IU "College of the Year" in 2001.

Lunch after your tour. Then travel to Champaign IL for your next overnight

Day Eight

Included breakfast at your hotel

This morning visit **the UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS** – Urbana/Champaign



Illinois is ...

- A world leader in research, teaching and public engagement
- Distinguished by the breadth of our programs, broad academic excellence, and internationally renowned faculty

Our prominent alumni are ...

- Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners
- Outstanding athletes, including Olympic medalists
- astronauts and scientists

•leaders of international corporations

Learn more about the rich experiences we offer beyond the classroom, from the best performing arts to Big Ten Conference sports.

What We Do

We serve the state, the nation, and the world by creating knowledge, preparing students for lives of impact, and addressing critical societal needs through the transfer and application of knowledge.

Enjoy lunch on campus before we continue onto Madison Wisconsin

Overnight in Madison

Included dinner

Day Nine

Included breakfast at your hotel

Morning visit **the UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, Madison**

The University of Wisconsin is a world-class university, nationally and internationally recognized for our academic excellence, incredible students, inspiring faculty, exceptional value, and an amazing campus and community. We invite you to learn more about UW–Madison and our academic programs, admission process, costs and financial aid, campus visits and more.

Students:42,595

Faculty:2,027

Undergraduate majors:157

Master’s programs:150

Doctoral programs:108

The Wisconsin Experience is based on the idea that, together, we create and apply learning to make the world a better place, and is defined by student leaders who inspire one another, advocate for change, and apply their campus experience beyond the classroom. Opportunities for leadership and engagement abound through service learning, community outreach activities, and student organizations.



Enjoy lunch on campus before we continue onto Milwaukee

Afternoon visit **MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY**



Marquette is a Catholic, Jesuit University in Milwaukee, Wis., dedicated to serving God by serving our students and contributing to the advancement of knowledge. Our students, whether traditional or non-traditional, undergraduate, graduate or professional, come to Marquette University to share our commitment to the pursuit of excellence in all things as a lifelong endeavor. They come to join a community whose members — faculty, staff, students, trustees, alumni and friends alike — believe that education must encompass the whole person: spiritual and moral as well as intellectual, the heart as well as the mind. And they come seeking the educational, professional and cultural advantages of a

university located in the heart of the city. We, in turn, take seriously our responsibility to foster and support excellence in teaching and research, to keep a Marquette education accessible to a diverse population of students, and to offer personal attention and care to each member of the Marquette community

Enrollment: Approximately 8,100 undergraduate and 3,700 graduate and professional students; nearly all states and 68 countries represented

Undergraduate programs: 116 majors and 65 minors and pre-professional programs in dentistry, law and medicine **Postgraduate programs:** 50 doctoral and master's degree programs, more than 30 graduate certificate programs, and a School of Dentistry and Law School **Faculty:** More than 1,100 (almost 700 full time)

Late afternoon check into your hotel
Included dinner FAREWELL DINNER

Day Ten

Our last day in the Mid-West!

Enjoy breakfast before packing for departure

Our last stop on this college tour is the **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

Located in the community of Hyde Park on Chicago’s South Side, just 15 minutes from the city center, the University of Chicago is uniquely positioned to contribute to, and draw from, the strength and diversity of this world-class metropolis. We have also made an indelible mark on the world at large Our undergraduate program is known for its emphasis on critical thinking and broad interdisciplinary exposure to the full range of intellectual discovery. Our College classrooms have a reputation for being hotbeds of exhilarating discourse. Discussions that start in the classroom often move to the dormitory hall, to the lunch table, and into the community. A Chicago education is a life-changing experience.



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Enjoy lunch on campus before heading for Chicago’s O’Hare Airport and your home destination.

Tour includes:

Round trip deluxe motor coach transportation and driver gratuity

9 night's hotel, taxes and private security

9 breakfasts

9 Dinners

Coordination of all college visits

Admission to:

1 Willis Tower

2 Navy Pier

3 Movie

4 bowling

Full time tour manager

Airfare additional

Note: At times Restaurant menus may change at the discretion of the Restaurant Management. These circumstances are beyond our control.

ALL TOURS AND RESERVATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY BASED UPON TIME OF BOOKING.