

Windy City Youth Choral Festival

In Chicago, Illinois

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Tour #1 (3 nights / 4 days)

Thursday June 26, 2008

Morning arrival in the Windy City and meet your MCI Tour Manager
As time permits, take a panoramic motorcoach tour of downtown Chicago
11:00am Welcome Lunch Cruise with introductions
Late afternoon check-in at a downtown hotel
Dinner on own
Evening Rehearsals
Return to the hotel for overnight



Friday June 27th

Breakfast
Morning Rehearsals (non-singing participants may enjoy additional sight-seeing opportunities on own during the rehearsals)
Lunch (on own)
Afternoon guided tour of Chicago's historic downtown Loop, with visits to the Field Museum of Natural History and the Museum of Science & Industry
Dinner at Ed Debevis's feisty Fifties Diner, the Rainforest Café, or similar
Evening Concert (all participating choirs will have the opportunity to sing for each other)
Return to the hotel for overnight



Saturday June 28th

Breakfast
Morning Rehearsals
Lunch (on own)
Early afternoon Dress Rehearsal
Afternoon free for individual sightseeing and preparing for the Finale concert
Early light dinner or possibly a box dinner
Evening Festival Finale Concert in Chicago's historic Orchestra Hall
Post-concert reception - time to unwind, mingle with the other choirs and have fun!
Return to the hotel for overnight



Sunday June 29th

Breakfast
Check out of hotel
Groups will have the option of choral participation in a morning worship service at one of Chicagoland's cathedrals or churches
As schedule permits, time for last minute sightseeing and/or shopping
Depart for home



NOTE: Choral clinics with the Festival Directors are available. In this very full itinerary, such clinics would likely necessitate eliminating some sightseeing or arriving a day earlier.