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Tour Chicago for National Architecture Week

Chicago Architecture Foundation's (CAF) new and ongoing tours recognize the achievements of the nation's most celebrated designers of the built environment

Chicago, Ill.— Just in time for National Architecture Week April 6-12, CAF offers a series of tours for the year, including new tours like Must-See Chicago, the Monroe Building and Pritzker Library & Museum tour, and Union Station: Icon of a Great Age. Additionally, the extremely popular Chicago Architecture Foundation's River Cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady will launch again for the season on April 5.

From the works of early influential architects like Frank Lloyd Wright and Bertrand Goldberg, to modern firms like Studio Gang and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, CAF's walking, bus, trolley, "L" and river tours bring recognition to the local and global architects who have shaped Chicago. This annual week-long event coincides with the April 12 birthday of Thomas Jefferson, the nation's only architect/president. CAF is proud to take part in National Architecture Week and honor the accomplishments of architects and the profound practical and artistic impact their designs have on our daily lives.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.architecture.org/tours> and by phone at 312.922.8087. Walk-up tickets are also available the CAF Shop & Tour Center, 224 S. Michigan Ave.

See below for details on our new and reinstated tours; photos and additional information available upon request.

Must-See Chicago:

This fast-paced tour introduces you to many of Chicago's most famed buildings, including the Art Institute of Chicago, Sears (Willis) Tower, Wrigley Building, Chicago Theatre and John Hancock Center. As you explore downtown, you'll hop on and off the city's signature "L" trains (stairs are required) crossing over the beautiful Chicago River and wrapping up at the intersection of Michigan and Chicago Avenues, the heart of the Magnificent Mile.

When:

April 12-June 27, 2014:

Thursday, 11:30am

Friday and Saturday, 2:30pm

Sunday, 1:30pm

June 28-March 31, 2015:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:30am

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, 2:30pm

Sunday, 1:30pm

Where: Tour begins at CAF Shop & Tour Center, 224 S. Michigan Avenue

Cost: Adults- \$20, Members- Free

Duration: 1.5 hours

Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise

The Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady is a "must" for out-of-towners and Chicagoans alike. CAF certified volunteer tour guides interpret more than 50 buildings along the Chicago River, revealing how the city grew from a small back-country outpost into one of the world's most important crossroads in less than 100 years.

When: Daily from April 5-November 23; various times available

Where: Tours begin at the Southeast corner of Michigan & Wacker

Cost: \$37.85 per person (plus tax); 2-for-1 discount for CAF Members

Duration: 1.5 hours

Monroe Building and Pritzker Library & Museum

Come discover Chicago's architectural gem the Monroe Building and see its exceptional façade and Rookwood tiled lobby restored to their 1912 style. Additionally, visit tenant floors to see the offices of IA Interior Architects and the Pritzker Military Museum & Library.

When: April 2014-March 2015, 2nd Wednesday of every month, 12:15pm

Where: Tour begins at the lobby of 104 S. Michigan Ave, opposite the elevators

Cost: Adults- \$10, Members- Free

Duration: 2 hours

Union Station: Icon of a Great Age

Take the tour of the iconic landmarked Great Hall of Union Station and learn about the station that was envisioned in Daniel Burnham's 1909 Plan of Chicago.

Where: Tour begins at the Jackson Street entrance between Clinton and Canal Streets

When: 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month, 10:00am

Duration: 1 hour

Cost: Adults- \$10, Members- Free

About the Chicago Architecture Foundation

The Chicago Architecture Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring people to discover why design matters. CAF pursues this mission through architecture tours, exhibitions, panel discussions, and youth and adult education programs. For further information visit www.architecture.org or call 312.922.3432.

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