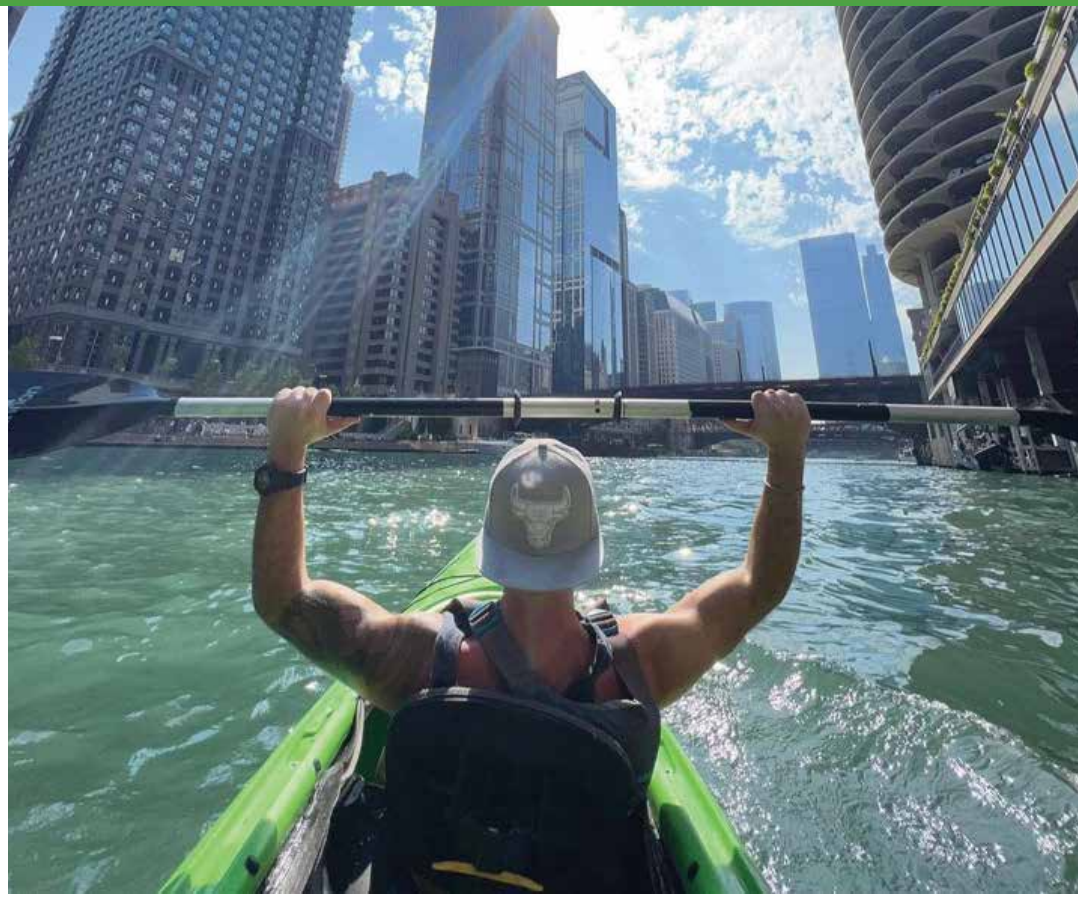
URBAN KAYAKS

TOURS & RENTALS

GROUPS & PRIVATE EVENTS



ABOUT US

Urban Kayaks provides group kayaking and paddleboarding adventures at two premier downtown locations: the Chicago Riverwalk and the Lakefront location at Monroe Harbor. Experience a stunning sunset paddle or enjoy the magic of Navy Pier fireworks as you glide along the Chicago River. After your group paddle head next door to Taco Rio and enjoy 10% discount on food and drinks. See last page for more details.

Venue Capacity 150 People

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Tour DETAILS

DESCRIPTION

Urban Kayaks offers group paddles at two prime downtown locations: the Chicago Riverwalk and the Lakefront location at Monroe Harbor. Join us for a guided adventure along the main branch of the Chicago River, where you'll paddle through a breathtaking modern skyline while uncovering the city's rich history. As Chicago developed along the river, this journey provides a unique opportunity to experience its vibrant urban landscape while exploring historic landmarks along the way. For a quieter, more serene experience, visit our second Lakefront location, where calmer waters and stunning views of the city skyline create the perfect setting for a relaxing paddle.

TOUR LENGTH

We offer both 60-minute and 120-minute paddling experiences along the Main Branch of the river or the Lakefront at Monroe Harbor. During the 120-minute tour, the lead guide makes periodic stops to share stories and insights about Chicago's rich history.

There is a 20-minute pre-tour session on land, where our guides go over safety issues, “rules of the river” and provide a brief paddling demonstration for those who are new or novice kayakers.

Tour CAPACITY

GUEST CAPACITY

We can host groups of up to 150 people, with a recommended limit of 40 participants per group on the water at a time to ensure safety and a high-quality experience. Our fleet of approximately 150 kayaks includes a mix of single and tandem options. For larger groups, we can stagger launches, with Groups A, B, and C —each with up to 40 participants—departing at 15-minute intervals.

GUESTS PER GROUP / GUIDE RATIO

Each tour typically includes one guide for every 6-8 kayaks, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants.

EQUIPMENT

All tours and rentals include a paddle, life jacket, and locker rental. We also offer small add-ons for purchase, such as water, snacks, waterproof phone cases, ponchos, sunglasses, hats, and more.

PRIVATE TOURS AND PADDLES

PRICING

CHICAGO RIVERWALK: 120 MIN INCL. CHICAGO HISTORY

weekday mon - thurs

- 1-3 people: **$80 p/person**
- 3-6 people: **$75 p/person**
- 7-12 people: **$70 p/person**
- 13-18 people: **$65 p/person**
- 19-34 people: **$55 p/person**
- 35+ people: **$45 p person**

weekend fri - sun

- 1-3 people: **$85 p/person**
- 3-6 people: **$80 p/person**
- 7-12 people: **$75 p/person**
- 13-18 people: **$70 p/person**
- 19-34 people: **$65 p/person**
- 35+ people: **$55 p/ person**

CHICAGO RIVERWALK: 60 MIN GUIDED PADDLE

- weekday mon - thurs: 6+ people: **$40 p/person**
- weekend fri - sun: 6+ people: **$50 p/person**

LAKEFRONT LOCATION: 60 MIN GUIDED PADDLE

- weekday mon - thurs: 6+ people: **$35 p/person**
- weekend fri - sun: 6+ people: **$45 p/person**

PRIVATE FIREWORKS TOURS AND PADDLES

PRICING

PRIVATE FIREWORKS TOUR: 120 MIN GUIDED WITH TOUR

wednesday fireworks

- 1-3 people: **$100 p/person**
- 3-6 people: **$95 p/person**
- 7-12 people: **$90 p/person**
- 13-18 people: **$85 p/person**
- 19-34 people: **$80 p/person**
- 35+ people: **$75 p/person**

saturday night fireworks

- 1-3 people: **$105 p/person**
- 3-6 people: **$100 p/person**
- 7-12 people: **$95 p/person**
- 13-18 people: **$90 p/person**
- 19-34 people: **$85 p/person**
- 35+ people: **$80 p/person**

PRIVATE FIREWORKS PADDLE: 60 MIN GUIDED

wednesday fireworks

- 1-6 people: **$80 p/person**
- 7-18 people: **$70 p/person**
- 18+ people: **$65 p/person**

saturday night fireworks

- 1-6 people: **$85 p/person**
- 7-18 people: **$75 p/person**
- 18+ people: **$70 p/person**

BOOKING & REFUND POLICY

PAYMENT & FEES

- A 15% service charge — covering staff gratuity and a 5% administrative fee — will be added to your subtotal.
- You'll receive a private booking link to complete your reservation and submit payment by credit card. Final headcount is due 48 hours before your tour.
- Pricing adjusts with attendance changes (see tiered pricing).

CANCELLATION & REFUND

- The deposit is refundable if the reservation is canceled at least 48 hours before the scheduled tour date.
- Within 48 hours of the tour, payments are only refundable if we need to cancel due to inclement weather (e.g., thunderstorms).
- Changes to the headcount within 48 hours are non-refundable.

LOCATION INFO

RIVERWALK LOCATION INFO

Our Riverwalk location is in the heart of the city along Chicago's newly renovated Riverwalk. Unlike any other kayak launch site in the city you are instantly surrounded by world famous architecture and engineering marvels.

ADDRESS
Urban Kayaks on the Chicago River
435 E Riverwalk
Chicago, IL 60601

DIRECTIONS

1. Find one of the many marked entrances to the Riverwalk labeled with a blue sign. They are located along the North side of Waker Dr.
2. Take staircase down to Riverwalk
3. Once facing the River, turn right to walk in the Eastward direction
4. We are located about a quarter mile beyond the Columbus bridge

LAKEFRONT LOCATION INFO

Urban Kayaks is proud to announce our Lakefront location at Monroe Harbor! Operating directly south of the Columbia Yacht Club, the Lakefront offers kayak and stand-up paddle board rentals, tours, and lessons. We are located a 10 minute walk from our Riverwalk base and 2 blocks south of Navy Pier.

ADDRESS
Urban Kayaks Lakefront Location
111 N. Lake Shore Dr
Chicago, IL 60601

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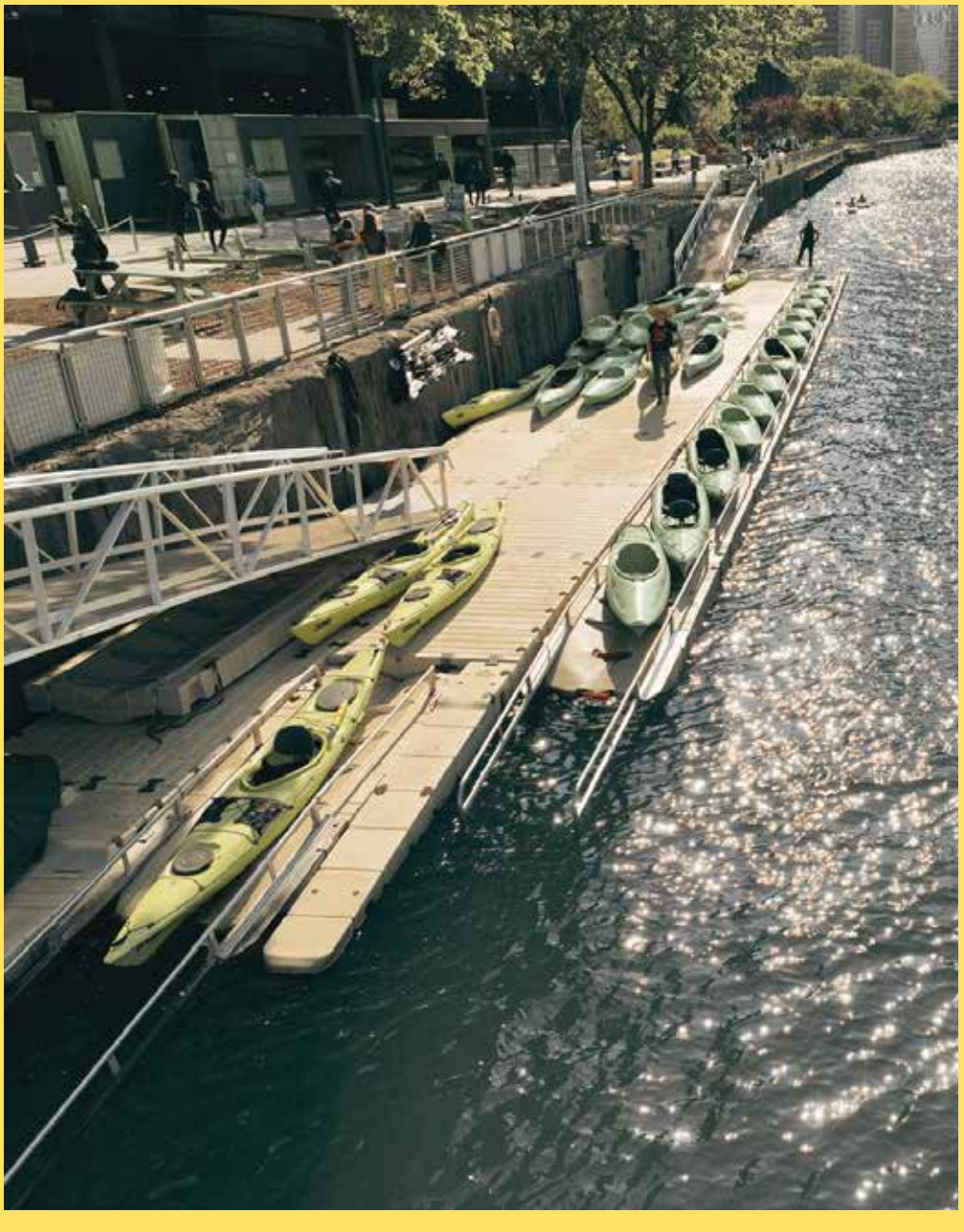

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HOTEL MONACO

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AFTER YOUR PADDLE, CONSIDER DINING NEXT DOOR AT TACO RIO, THE PREMIER EVENT VENUE ON THE CHICAGO RIVERWALK. ENJOY BREATHTAKING VIEWS, AUTHENTIC MEXICAN CUISINE, AND HANDCRAFTED COCKTAILS MADE WITH FRESH-SQUEEZED JUICES. AS AN ADDED PERK, ALL URBAN KAYAKS CUSTOMERS RECEIVE 10% OFF THEIR MEAL.
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