



Welcome to Chicago!

Welcome to Chicago, a destination full of Midwestern hospitality and world-class style. From parks and museums to thousands of unique restaurants, from dynamic sports teams to a fun nightlife – we are proud to call Chicago home, and we are glad you are coming to the Adler Planetarium! During the Heliophysics Educator Ambassador workshop, your schedule will be busy, but we hope you can visit at least a small part of our city during your free time in the evenings. Below is information to help you plan your local travel, excursions, and time.

The NASA Heliophysics Educator Ambassador teacher workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. each day, July 6 through July 10. We plan to end between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. each day July 6 through July 9, and we will end at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 10. Please note that the end time for the weekday workshop days may need to be a little flexible depending on what we hope to accomplish, but we will be done by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

If you have not already scheduled your airline ticket, please try to schedule your outbound flight for no earlier than 5:00 pm on Saturday, July 10. This will ensure your full participation through the end of the workshop.

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A. Helpful Chicago Information

Chicago's Official Visitors Website

Chicago's official visitors website is "Choose Chicago", <http://www.choosechicago.com>. Here you will find comprehensive listings about attractions, nightlife, transportation options, museums, dining, and more.

Getting Around Chicago

For information about Chicago's public transportation options (bus, rail), go to <http://www.transitchicago.com>.

What is "Chicagoland"?

You may hear the term "Chicagoland" or "Chicagoland area" quite a bit while you are here. Chicagoland generally refers to the city of Chicago plus the surrounding several counties that make up suburban Chicago. A little over 2 million people live in Chicago, and around 6 million more live in the suburbs.

Museum Campus

The Adler Planetarium is located on Chicago's Museum Campus, and the Adler's two neighboring museums are world-class institutions in their respective fields. For admission prices, hours, and current exhibits, please go to:

The Field Museum: <http://www.fieldmuseum.org>

The John G. Shedd Aquarium: <http://www.sheddaquarium.org>

Millennium Park

Millennium Park is an award-winning center for art, music, architecture and landscape design. It is located in the heart of downtown Chicago, bordered by Michigan Avenue to the west, Columbus Drive to the east, Randolph Street to the North and Monroe Street to the South. The park is open daily from 6am - 11pm. Admission is always free, and guided tours are available at various times. Visitors to Millennium Park are encouraged to visit the Welcome Center located at 201 E. Randolph Street. For more information about Millennium Park, including park maps and a downloadable audio tour, go to <http://www.millenniumpark.org>.

At Millennium Park during the week of July 5, 2010:

A Conversation With Chicago: Contemporary Sculpture from China (exhibition)

April 9, 2009 through October 11, 2010

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Downtown Sound: New Music Mondays

July 5, 2010 – The Thermals with Disappears – 6:30 p.m.
Jay Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park

Grant Park Music Festival

July 7, 2010 – Memoria del Fuego – 6:30 pm
Jay Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park

Music Without Borders

July 8, 2010 – Dobet Gnahore with Victor Demi – 6:30 p.m.
Jay Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park

Grant Park Music Festival

July 9, 2010 – Sibelius' Second Symphony – 6:30 pm
Jay Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park

Workouts on Saturdays

July 10, 2010 – Stirling Tai Chi Society – 7:00 a.m., Yogaview – 8:00 a.m.

Sears Tower Skydeck and Hancock Observatory

You have not seen Chicago until you have seen it from above! Both the Sears Tower and the Hancock Building have observation decks that are perfect for a birds-eye view of the city. For more information, admission prices, and to purchase tickets, go to:

Sears Tower: <http://www.the-skydeck.com>

Hancock Observatory: <http://www.hancock-observatory.com>

Museum of Science & Industry

Chicago's Museum of Science & Industry, called "MSI" for short, is one of the largest science museums in the world – and home to nearly 14 acres of hands-on exhibits. The building that houses MSI was originally the Palace of Fine Arts at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition – a.k.a. the World's Fair. For more information, admission prices, etc., go to: <http://www.msichicago.org/>.

Navy Pier

Navy Pier is the place where 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! For more information go to: <http://www.navypier.com>

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Chicago Architecture Foundation Boat and Walking Tours

The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) offers many different tours highlighting Chicago's unique architectural styles. Tours are on foot or by boat along the Chicago River and are led by highly knowledgeable CAF volunteers. Reservations are required, and information can be found at: <http://www.architecture.org/>.

The Art Institute of Chicago

Among Chicago's world-renowned museums includes the Art Institute of Chicago, showcasing artistic treasures from the past to the present. For admission prices, hours, and current exhibits, go to: <http://www.artic.edu/aic/index.php>.

Theater in Chicago

Chicago is home to many theaters, both small and large, hosting thousands of performances each year. Many Chicago theater pieces have succeeded on Broadway, and many Broadway shows make their way to Chicago. For a comprehensive listing of what is on stage in Chicago, go to: <http://www.theatreinchicago.com>.

Sports in Chicago

The *Chicago Cubs* are out of town during the workshop dates.

The *Chicago White Sox* are home at U.S. Cellular Field (formerly Comiskey Park):

- Monday, July 5, 2010 – 6:05 pm – vs. L.A. Angels of Anaheim
- Tuesday, July 6, 2010 – 7:10 pm – vs. L.A. Angels of Anaheim
- Wednesday, July 7 – 7:10 pm – vs. L.A. Angels of Anaheim
- Friday, July 9 – 7:10 pm – vs Kansas City Royals

If you are interested in attending a Chicago White Sox game, we recommend obtaining your tickets early. U.S Cellular Field can be accessed via the 35th Street stop on the CTA Red Line. For ticket & schedule information, go to: <http://whitesox.com>.

B. Restaurant Recommendations

Continental breakfast and lunches will be provided each day. Dinners are on your own, so we have provided a list of restaurants to help you navigate the huge number of possibilities. Many Adler Planetarium staff live in the city of Chicago, and this list of restaurants was compiled directly from their recommendations – with some notes included directly from Adler staff themselves. Please check with your hotel front desk staff for directions, transportation options, and expected travel times. *While we made every attempt to confirm the information below, please forgive any flubs, typos, or mistakes.*

Al's Beef (Chicago-style Italian beef sandwiches)

169 West Ontario

(312) 943-3222

Online ordering at: <http://www.alsbeef.com/company/locations.asp>

Avec (contemporary Italian featuring seasonal ingredients)

615 West Randolph Street

<http://www.avecrestaurant.com/>

312-377-2002 (reservations accepted)

*Special note: Crowded, noisy, but features delicious small dishes & great wines you've never heard of. Trust the wait staff for recommendations here.

Bella Bacino's (fantastic pizza)

75 East Wacker Drive

<http://www.bacinos.com>

312-263-2350 (reservations accepted; delivery available)

Billy Goat Tavern Original

Near Tribune Towers and Wrigley Building

430 N. Michigan Ave at Lower Level

312-222-1525

*Special note: You'll recognize it if you are a fan of early Saturday Night Live – "Cheezborger, cheezeborger, no fries – chips!"

Bongo Room

50 East Roosevelt Road

(312) 291-0100

*Special note: Great breakfasts!

Café Iberico (Spanish tapas)

739 North LaSalle Drive

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<http://www.cafeiberico.com/>

312-573-1510 (reservations accepted)

Café Spiaggia

980 North Michigan Avenue

<http://www.spiaggiarestaurant.com>

312-280-2750 (reservations accepted)

*Special note: Same kitchen but much less expensive than famous big brother *Spiaggia*.

Coalfire Pizza

1321 West Grand Avenue

<http://www.coalfirechicago.com/>

312-226-2625

*Special note: Pizza cooked in an 800-degree coal-fueled oven. Mmmm...

Eleven City Diner (delicatessen)

1112 South Wabash Avenue

<http://www.elevencitydiner.com>

312-212-1112 (reservations not accepted)

*Special note: The omelets are wonderful!

Frontera Grill (Mexican)

445 North Clark Street

<http://www.rickbayless.com/restaurants/index.html>

312-661-1434 (reservations not accepted)

Gioco (Italian)

1312 South Wabash Avenue

<http://www.gioco-chicago.com>

312-939-3870 (reservations accepted)

Gold Coast Dogs (Chicago-style hot dogs)

159 North Wabash

(312) 917-1677 (reservations not accepted)

http://chicago.citysearch.com/profile/3632725/chicago_il/gold_coast_dogs.html

Indian Garden Restaurant (Indian)

247 East Ontario Street, 2nd Floor

<http://www.indiangardenchicago.com/>

312-280-4910 (reservations accepted)

Italian Village Restaurants - “The Village” (\$), “La Cantina” (\$\$), and “Vivere” (\$\$\$)

Oldest Italian restaurant in Chicago

71 West Monroe Street

<http://www.italianvillage-chicago.com/>

312-332-7005 (reservations accepted)

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Le Colonial (French-Vietnamese)
937 North Rush Street
<http://www.lecolonialchicago.com/>
312-255-0088 (reservations accepted)

Mercat a la Planxa (Spanish tapas; pronounced “mer-COT a la PLAHN-chuh”)
638 South Michigan Avenue (in the Blackstone Hotel building)
<http://www.mercatchicago.com>
312-765-0524 (reservations accepted & recommended)
*Special note: Fans of the winner of the most recent *The Next Iron Chef* competition will recognize this restaurant.

Mr. Beef (Chicago-style Italian beef sandwiches)
666 North Orleans Street
<http://chicago.citysearch.com/profile/3663623>
312-337-8500 (reservations not accepted)

Opart Thai House (Thai)
1906 South State Street
<http://www.oparthai.com>
312-567-9898

Oysy (pronounced “oh-EE-shee” - sushi)
888 South Michigan Ave
<http://www.oysysushi.com>
(312) 922-1127 (reservations accepted)

Park Grill at Millennium Park (seasonal; Contemporary American)
Located in Millennium Park, just east of Michigan Avenue between Randolph Street
(northern park border) and Monroe Street (southern park border)
<http://parkgrillchicago.com/grill/index.asp>
312-521-PARK (reservations accepted)

Peninsula Hotel (Contemporary)
108 East Superior St.
<http://www.peninsula.com/chicago/en/default.aspx>
*Special note: Breakfasts are expensive here, but wonderful!

Pizzeria Due (Chicago-style deep-dish pizza)
619 North Wabash Avenue
<http://www.unos.com>
312-943-2400
*Special note: Place your order for pizza when you arrive; pizza takes about 45 minutes.

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Russian Tea Time (Russian; afternoon tea service)

77 East Adams Street

<http://www.russianteatime.com>

312-360-0000 (reservations accepted)

Signature Room at the 95th (Contemporary American restaurant on the 95th floor of the Hancock Building)

875 North Michigan Avenue

<https://www.signatureroom.com/>

*Special note: Request a table by the windows, if at all possible!

Trader Vic's (Polynesian)

1030 North State Street

<http://www.tradervics.com/index.html>

312-642-6500 (reservations accepted)

*Special note: Head here for great drinks!

Vermillion (fusion of contemporary Indian & Latin American)

10 West Hubbard Street

<http://www.thevermillionrestaurant.com/>

312-527-4060 (reservations accepted)

Vong's Thai Kitchen (Asian fusion)

6 West Hubbard Street

<http://www.vongsthaikitchen.com/>

312-644-8664 (reservations accepted)

Wow Bao (Chinese “bao” or dumplings)

835 North Michigan Avenue (just inside main entrance of Water Tower Place)

<http://www.wowbao.com/>

312-642-5888 (reservations not accepted)

*Special note: Fantastic sticky buns!

Xoco (Mexican street food; pronounced “SHOW-co”)

449 North Clark Street

<http://www.rickbayless.com/restaurants/xoco.html>

312-334-3688 (reservations not accepted)

*Special note: Rick Bayless' newest casual restaurant. Wonderful food at less expensive prices.

Zapatista's (Mexican)

1307 South Wabash Avenue

<http://www.zapatistacantina.com/>

312-435-1307 (reservations accepted)

*Special note: House-made guacamole created when you order it.

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Greektown

Chicago is lucky to have Greektown, an area just west of downtown that is the hub of Greek life in the city. There are many wonderful restaurants and bars here – too many for us to recommend just one. For more information about Greektown offerings, go to: <http://www.chicagogreektown.com/>. Adler staff particularly love Athena and Greek Isles.

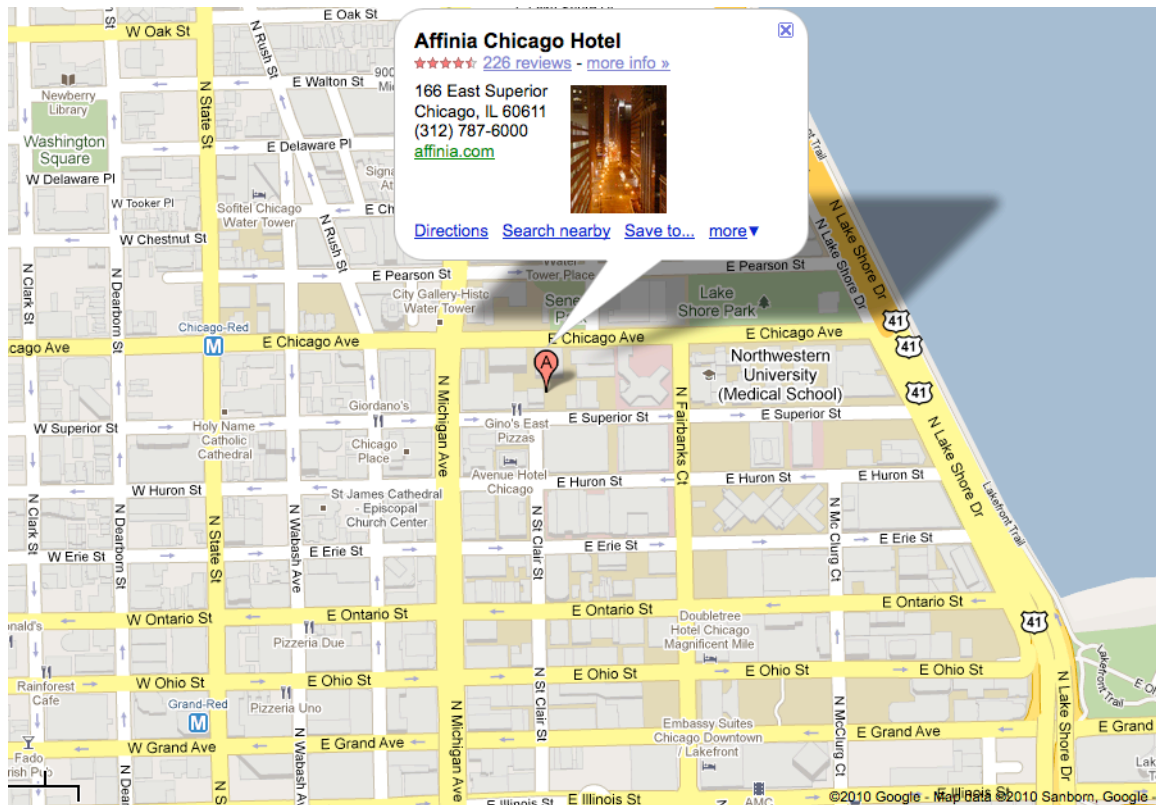
Chinatown

For more information about the dozens of restaurants in Chicago's Chinatown, go to: <http://www.chicagochinatown.org/>. Adler staff recommend Happy Chef Dim Sum House, Three Happiness, or Phoenix for dim sum, and they also recommend Kam Fung for excellent prices & portions.

C. Hotel Information

Affinia Hotel
166 East Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60611

T: 312-787-6000 F: 312-787-4331
Check in at 3 p.m., check out at 12 noon



The Adler Planetarium is south and slightly east of the hotel (2.5 miles).

O'Hare International Airport is northwest of the hotel (20 miles).

Midway Airport is southwest of the hotel (13 miles).

D. Taxi, Public Transportation, and Walking Information

General Chicago Taxi Information

A friendly reminder, we cannot reimburse you for any taxi costs.

Chicago taxi information:

- \$2.25 for flag-pull or the first 1/9th mile or less
- \$0.20 for each additional 1/9th of a mile
- There is an extra \$1.00 charge for the first additional passenger over the age of 12 and under the age of 65, and \$.50 for each additional passenger.
- There is no extra charge for baggage or credit card use, and tipping is optional.
- We make no claims for the ability of the taxi driver to accept credit cards. A frequent “dodge” is that the driver will claim that the credit card machine does not work.
- An additional charge of \$1.00 is added to the total fare on each trip to or from O'Hare or Midway Airports under the State of Illinois Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority (MPEA) Airport Departure Ordinance. The tax should appear on the meter as an "extra" charge.
- If the taxi driver does not know the location for the Adler Planetarium, please tell him/her to travel toward the Shedd Aquarium. The Adler Planetarium, with its distinctive domed roof, is just past the Field Museum and Shedd Aquarium on the Museum Campus.

Public Transportation to/from the airports, hotel and the Adler Planetarium

For additional information on public transportation, please visit www.transitchicago.com.

For any of the travel listed below, please use the CTA farecard that we sent you in the mail. If you forget or lose your card, we will not have extras at the workshop & cannot give you another one. If this happens, you will be responsible for payment of any CTA fares.

We highly recommend that you check out the CTA's online “How To” section for information about how to ride the train, how to ride the bus, paying your fare using the farecard, etc. Go to: http://www.transitchicago.com/riding_cta/default.aspx and scroll down for the various How To links.

O'Hare Airport Instructions

From O'Hare Airport to Affinia Hotel, 166 E. Superior Street

Public Transportation Option: Estimated travel time is 60 minutes, which includes time for waiting for the train/bus and walking time.

1. Take the CTA Blue line train (Direction: Forest Park) to the Chicago Avenue stop. Exit the train, and then exit the station.
2. When you exit at the Chicago Avenue Blue Line stop, you will be at the “six-corners” intersection of Ogden Avenue, Chicago Avenue, and Milwaukee Avenue. Please read street signs carefully to find Chicago Avenue. Chicago Avenue is an east-west street. Milwaukee Avenue is a northwest-to-southeast street.
3. Take the eastbound #66 bus (Direction: Navy Pier) at the southwest corner of Chicago Avenue & Milwaukee Avenue to the corner of Chicago Avenue & Michigan Avenue.
4. When you exit the bus at Chicago & Michigan, you will be on the southwest corner of Chicago & Michigan. Walk one block south along Michigan Avenue to Superior Street, and then walk one block east to get to the Affinia Hotel. The hotel is located on your left on the north side of Superior Street.

From O'Hare Airport to Adler Planetarium, 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive

Public Transportation Option: Estimated travel time is 60-75 minutes.

1. Take the CTA Blue line train (Direction: Forest Park) to the Jackson Street stop.
2. Exit the station and walk 1 block east on Jackson Street to State Street.
3. Wait at the CTA bus stop on the northwest corner of State and Jackson. A southbound #146 CTA bus (Direction: Marine/Michigan to Museum Campus/Soldier Field) arrives approximately every 15 minutes.
4. Take the southbound #146 bus to the Adler Planetarium stop, which is the final stop.

From Affinia Hotel to Adler Planetarium, 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive

Public Transportation Option: Estimated travel time is 30-35 minutes.

1. From the main entrance of the hotel, walk west one block on Superior Street to Michigan Avenue.
2. Wait at the CTA bus stop on the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Superior Street. A southbound #146 (Direction: Marine/Michigan to Museum Campus/Soldier Field) CTA bus arrives approximately every 10-15 minutes.
3. Take the #146 bus to the Adler Planetarium stop, which is the final stop.



From Adler Planetarium to Affinia Hotel, 166 E. Superior Street

Public Transportation Option: Estimated travel time is 40 minutes.

1. The northbound #146 CTA bus (Direction: Inner Drive/Michigan Express to Berwyn Red Line) will pick you up in front of the Adler Planetarium at the bus shelter on the south side of Solidarity Drive. A northbound #146 CTA bus arrives approximately every 10-15 minutes.
2. Take the northbound #146 CTA bus to the Huron Street stop at the southeast corner of Huron & Michigan Avenue.
3. Walk one block north along Michigan Avenue to Superior Street. Turn right.
4. Walk one block east on Superior to the Affinia Hotel. The hotel is located on your left on the north side of Superior Street.

From Adler Planetarium to O'Hare Airport

Public Transportation Option: Estimated travel time is 60-75 minutes.

1. The northbound #146 CTA bus (Direction: Inner Drive/Michigan Express to Berwyn Red Line) will pick you up in front of the Adler Planetarium. A northbound #146 CTA bus arrives approximately every 15 minutes.
2. Take the northbound #146 CTA bus to the Roosevelt Orange/Red/Green Line Stop.
3. Enter the Roosevelt CTA train station and follow signs for the Red line train.
4. Take the CTA Red line (Direction: Howard) to the Jackson stop. Exit the train.
5. Follow signs to transfer to the Blue line train. You will not need to exit the station.
6. Take the Blue line CTA train to O'Hare Airport.

Midway Airport Instructions

From Midway Airport to Affinia Hotel, 166 E. Superior Street

Public Transportation Option: Estimated travel time is 45-60 minutes.

1. Take the CTA Orange line train (Direction: Loop) to the Roosevelt stop. Exit the train. You will be above ground.
2. Follow the signs to go downstairs and then underground to transfer to the CTA Red line train. You will not need to exit the station.
3. Take the northbound Red line train (Direction: Howard) to the Chicago Avenue stop. Exit the station.
4. Walk 3 blocks east along Chicago Avenue to Michigan Avenue. Turn right on Michigan and walk one block south to Superior Street. Turn left to travel east on Superior.
5. Walk one block east on Superior Street to the Affinia Hotel. The hotel is located on your left on the north side of Superior Street.

From Midway Airport to Adler Planetarium, 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive

Public Transportation Option: Estimated travel time is 45-60 minutes.

1. Take the CTA Orange line train (Direction: Loop) to the Roosevelt stop.
2. Exit the station and go to the CTA bus stop on the south side of Roosevelt Road between State Street and Wabash Avenue. The stop is just under the overhead train tracks.
3. A southbound #146 CTA (Direction: Marine/Michigan to Museum Campus/Soldier Field) bus arrives approximately every 15 minutes.
4. Take the #146 CTA bus to the Adler Planetarium stop, which is the final stop.

From Affinia Hotel to Adler Planetarium, 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive

Public Transportation Option: Estimated travel time is 30-35 minutes.

1. From the main entrance of the hotel, walk west on Superior Street to Michigan Avenue.
2. Wait at the CTA bus stop on the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Superior Street. A southbound #146 (Direction: Marine/Michigan to Museum Campus/Soldier Field) CTA bus arrives approximately every 15 minutes.
3. Take the southbound #146 bus to the Adler Planetarium stop, which is the final stop.

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From Adler Planetarium to Affinia Hotel, 166 E. Superior Street

Public Transportation Option: Estimated travel time is 40 minutes.

1. The northbound #146 CTA bus (Direction: Inner Drive/Michigan Express to Berwyn Red Line) will pick you up in front of the Adler Planetarium at the bus shelter on the south side of Solidarity Drive. A northbound #146 CTA bus arrives approximately every 15 minutes.
2. Take the northbound #146 CTA bus to the Huron Street stop at the southeast corner of Huron & Michigan Avenue.
3. Walk one block north along Michigan Avenue to Superior Street. Turn right.
4. Walk one block east on Superior to the Affinia Hotel. The hotel is located on your left on the north side of Superior Street.

From the Adler Planetarium to Midway Airport:

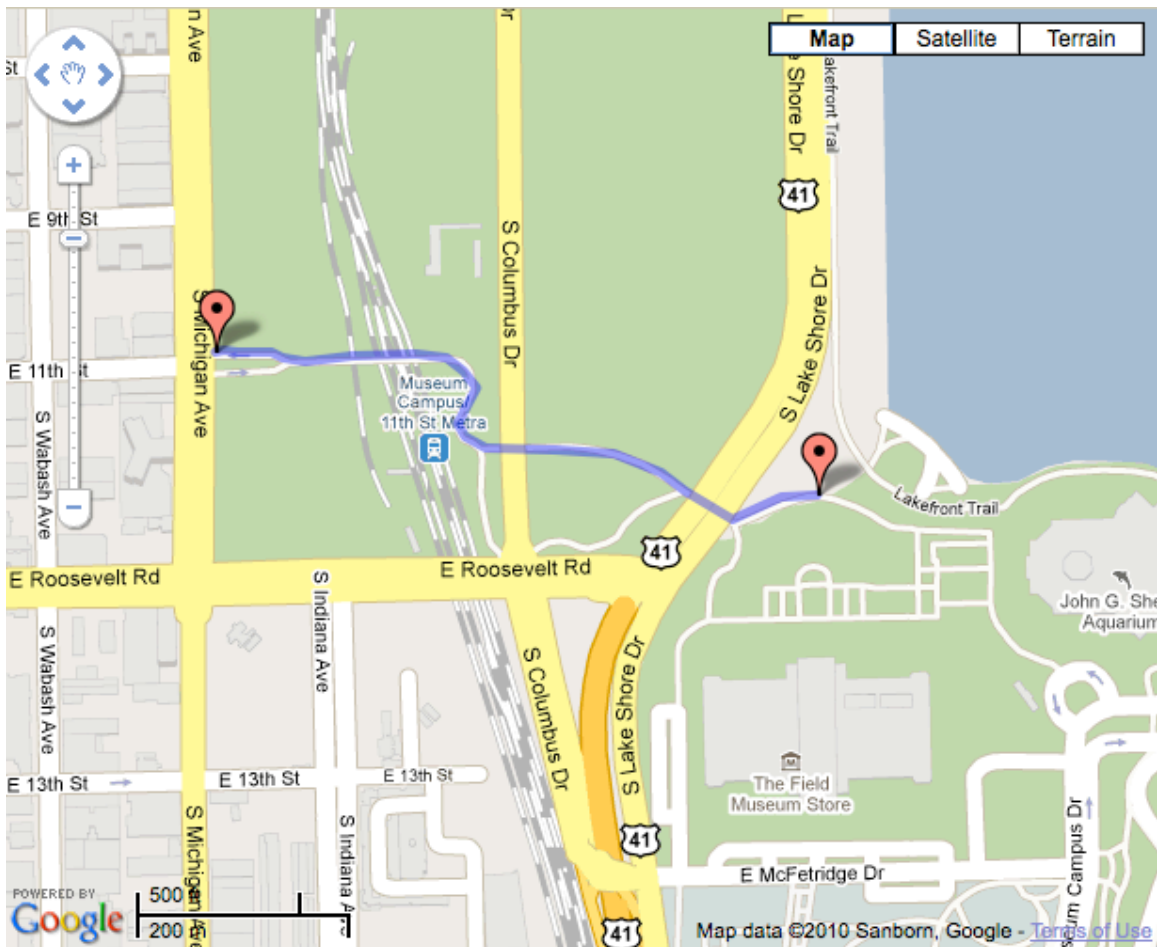
Public Transportation Option: Estimated travel time is 45-60 minutes.

1. The northbound #146 CTA bus (Direction: Inner Drive/Michigan Express to Berwyn Red Line) will pick you up in front of the Adler Planetarium. A northbound #146 CTA bus arrives approximately every 15 minutes.
2. Take the northbound #146 CTA bus to the Roosevelt Orange/Red/Green Line Stop.
3. Enter the CTA train station and follow signs for the Orange line train (up the escalator).
4. Take the CTA Orange line train to Midway Airport.

Walking from Michigan Avenue to the Museum Campus:

The walking distance between the Affinia Hotel (just off of North Michigan Avenue) and the starting point below (South Michigan Avenue) is about 2 miles.

IMPORTANT! Do NOT try to cross Lake Shore Drive (directly) on foot. There are underpasses for pedestrian traffic underneath Columbus Drive and Lake Shore Drive. There are no Museum Campus pedestrian access points south of Roosevelt Road.



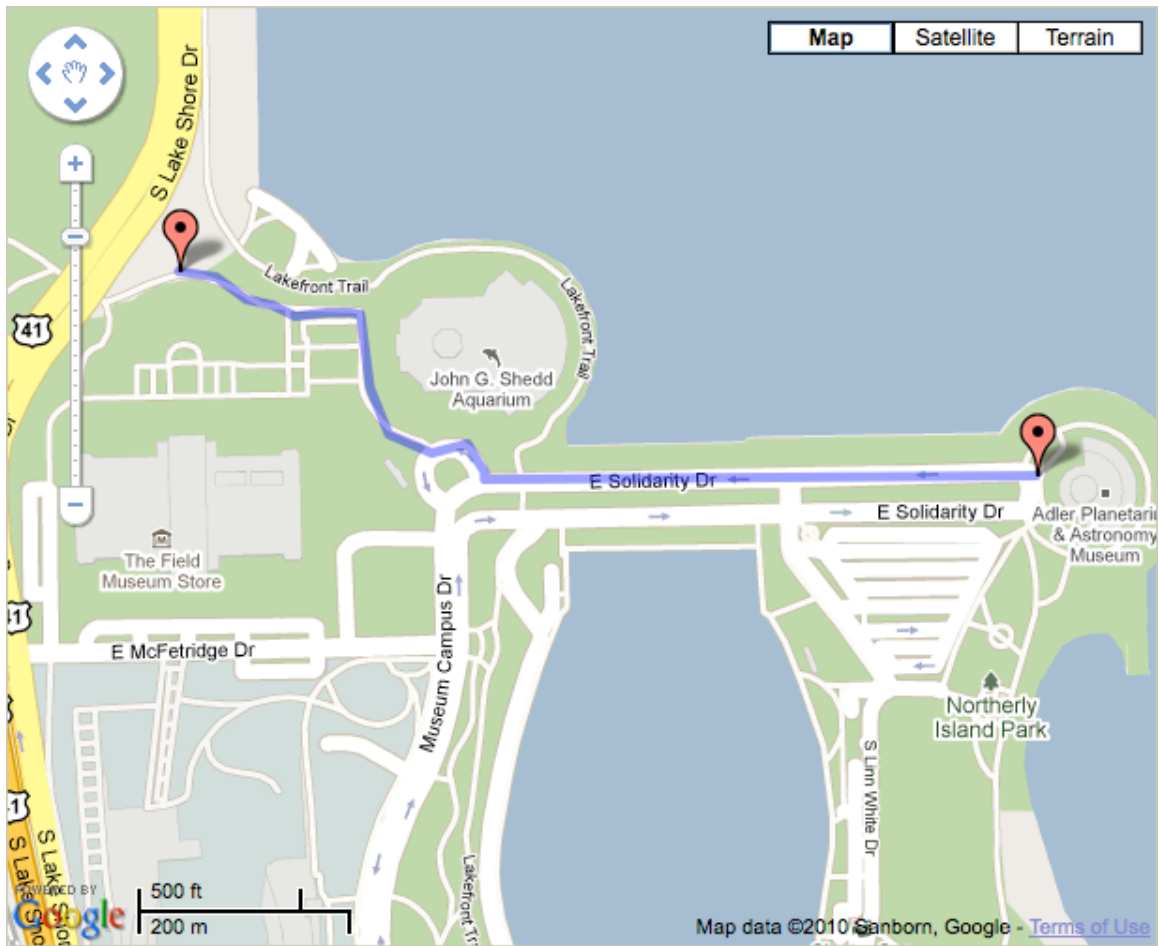
This distance is about 0.3 miles.

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Walking from the front of the Shedd Aquarium to the Adler:



This distance is about 0.6 miles.

E. Important Adler Planetarium & Workshop Information

If you are driving and need to park:

Unfortunately, we do not have an available budget to reimburse any driving or parking costs. There are meters along Solidarity Drive (the road that leads to the Adler), but they are ***not*** open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Please trust us – the Chicago Police ***will*** ticket cars that are parked at the meters - even at 8:59 a.m. - so it is best to park in the parking lot because we will begin at 9:00 a.m. each day. If you arrive late to the workshop and must park at a meter, the cost is \$1.00 per hour (quarters only; expect to pay at least \$8.00 in quarters for a full workshop day). We cannot guarantee the availability of the meters. They are controlled by the Chicago Park District and the City of Chicago.

The Chicago Park District owns the parking lot, not the Adler Planetarium. To enter the lot, drive east on Solidarity Drive toward the Adler Planetarium. Turn right at Lynn White Drive. You will see a parking booth on your left. Enter there. Park in the portion of the lot nearest the Adler Planetarium. Cost is \$11 if you arrive prior to 9:30 a.m., \$16 if you arrive after 9:30 a.m. Payment is cash only; credit cards are not accepted. The Adler Planetarium is not able to make arrangements for parking; parking in the lot is first come, first served, though when you arrive in the morning, there should be plenty of room. ***Standard Parking reserves the right to alter the parking cost without notifying the Adler Planetarium in advance.***

SPECIAL NOTE– There are evening concerts at Charter One Pavilion at Northerly Island, just south of the Adler Planetarium on Wednesday, July 7, Friday, July 9, and Saturday, July 10. The parking meters will be unavailable all day on July 7, 9, and 10 – and frankly, we would not be surprised if the Park District makes the meters unavailable for the entire week. The cost for parking in the parking lot in the morning on these concert days should be \$11 (cash only) prior to 9:30 a.m., and \$16 after 9:30 a.m. It will increase to \$25 after 1:30 p.m. All parking is cash only.

Entering the Adler Planetarium:

Walk toward the Adler Planetarium. On your right, which is the south side of the building, you will see an entrance at street level (also labeled as “Leffmann Education Center”). Do not go up the stairs to the main entrance. That entrance will not be open to the public when you arrive in the morning.

Enter the building and tell the staff person that you are attending the **HEA Workshop**. You will be directed toward the Classrooms just around the corner from the entrance.

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Red star indicates the side of the building where the South Entrance is located.

North →

The Adler Planetarium on the Museum Campus (turn the map 90 degrees to the left to put the direction “north” at the top).



If you need to contact someone at Adler:

On the days of the workshop, if you or a family member need to contact someone at Adler to leave a message, to tell us that you will be later than expected, that there is an emergency, etc., please call or email:

Heather Sibley
312-322-0598

hsibley@adlerplanetarium.org

Heather will try to pass messages along to us as often as possible. Please note that her availability varies due to her other tasks for various Adler departments, so please be patient if you get her voicemail. On Saturday, please call 312-322-0336 and ask the staff member to “please pass along a message to the workshop in the Classrooms”.

Arrival/departure times each day plus food info:

Please allow enough time to travel from the hotel to the Adler via public transportation; 30-40 minutes should be sufficient during Tuesday-Friday morning rush hour. On Saturdays, the buses run less frequently, so please allow a little extra time to wait for the bus, though the actual bus riding time might be a little shorter. We will have a light continental breakfast each morning in the classrooms at Adler beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will begin each day’s session promptly at 9:00 a.m. We will also provide lunch each day at approximately 12:00 noon. There will be a menu of choices for you, and you can select different items each day, if you like. We are aware of any special dietary needs as you might have reported them in your original applications. There should be sufficient choices to handle anyone’s requests, such as vegetarian (“low on the food chain”), items with no poultry products, items with no seafood, and items with no coconut. Our café can also handle requests for minor changes to menu items, such as substituting tofu for chicken, removing an item from a salad or sandwich, putting salad dressing on the side, etc. We are planning to end each day (Tue-Fri) between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. On Saturday, we will end at 2:00 p.m.

Please note that your attendance all day, each day is critical, and payment of the \$600 stipend is dependent on your attendance and full participation. If you have any questions about travel times to the Adler, possibly driving routes, public transportation options, etc., please ask us prior to the week of July 5. Send a note to Michelle Nichols at mnichols@adlerplanetarium.org with any questions. Adler staff live in Chicagoland city and suburban locales, southeastern Wisconsin, and northwestern Indiana areas, so we are well versed in good (and bad!) routes to get to and from our location.



If you need to make a cell phone call:

Just walk outside the Adler entrance around the corner from the Classrooms to make a cell phone call. Please kindly turn your phones to “vibrate” or “off” while you are in the workshop, however.

If you need Internet access during the workshop:

If you plan to bring a laptop, we do have free wireless Internet access available in the Classrooms. We will not have wired (Ethernet) access. The bandwidth may be a little slow because we are sharing the access with the rest of the Adler staff, but it should be sufficient for our needs during the workshop. We ***do not*** require that you bring a laptop to the workshop, but if you have one and wish to bring it, it may be a useful tool for you for notetaking. Available outlets for power are **extremely** limited in the Classrooms, so please make sure your laptop batteries are fully charged each morning before coming to Adler. You will not be able to keep your laptop plugged in for the entire day.

Photography during the workshop:

The Adler Planetarium’s staff photographer will be taking pictures periodically during the workshop days. We plan to share some of these photos with NASA HEA program stakeholders. If you do not wish to be included in these photos, please tell us when you check in on Tuesday, July 6 so we can identify you to our photographer. If we do not hear from you by 9:00 a.m. on July 6, then we will assume it is okay to take your photo.

What to wear:

Be comfortable. Due to the air conditioning at the Adler, that may mean short-sleeved shirts...or possibly a light sweater. You may want to eat lunch outside if we aren’t engaged in a working lunch. Average daytime temperature in early July in Chicago can be 75 degrees...or it could be 95 degrees. It may be dry...or it may be humid. It may not rain the entire week...or we may get severe thunderstorms. If you have a small umbrella that you can pack, please bring it - and don’t forget your sunscreen. Please check noaa.gov or weather.com prior to packing. Our zip code to use for weather lookups online is 60605. Welcome to Chicago in July!

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Available optional graduate credit & applicable fees:

2 semester hours of optional graduate workshop credit are available through National-Louis University (NLU) for the HEA workshop. The total cost is \$140 per semester hour, \$280 total. We will have the form to fill out for this credit at the workshop, so if you wish to sign up for credit, please bring your checkbook or you may also pay by credit card. Mastercard, Visa, American Express, and Discover cards are accepted by NLU as forms of payment. For your reference, the NLU code for this class is SCE 582CF.

Task prior to the workshop:

We may be sending you a link to an online survey to fill out prior to the HEA workshop. Please check your email to be on the lookout for the survey link. The email will come from a member of the Adler Planetarium staff, most likely Michelle Nichols.

You'll be getting LOTS of stuff, so...:

...please allow for extra room in your suitcase or, if possible, please bring an extra small suitcase or large totebag. You will be getting a full curriculum guide (a packet of materials that is 3 inches thick & composed of 4 books, transparency masters, and copy masters) and LOTS of NASA resources including posters, lithographs, and more.

What to bring:

Please bring paper & pen with you for the week. We'll load you up with everything else.