



TRAVEL ADVENTURES
Expanding Young Minds. Exploring New Worlds.

Travel Adventures Presents
Chicago
Fort Gratiot Middle School Band
March 22-24, 2012



DAY ONE

Thursday, Mar 22, 2012

7:45 TRIP CHECK-IN
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8:15 TRIP DEPARTURE
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SACK BREAKFAST ON COACH

(Bring From Home On Your Own!)

REST AREA STOP ENROUTE

1:00 **LUNCH-LALO'S**
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(Included)

SHEDD AQUARIUM/OCEANARIUM

-Dolphin Show

The four-level Oceanarium brings you face to face with the Pacific Northwest natural habitat of dolphins, whales, sea otters and seals. Its massive pools assure the animals have varied and interesting swimming routes; Whale Harbor alone contains 2 million gallons. Visitors may also watch the animals from an underwater viewing area, or witness a feeding. Informational films are regularly shown in the auditorium. www.sheddaquarium.org

5:45 **DINNER-GINO'S EAST**
CT

(Included)

8:00 **"BLUE MAN GROUP"**
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This unique theater experience features three actors who are also musicians/philosophers/comedians that are bald and covered in blue paint. They never speak but say more than the words in a thousand books. You'll laugh and wish you could see it again and again.

HOTEL CHECK-IN

ALL STUDENTS IN ROOMS

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DAY TWO

Friday, Mar 23, 2012

7:00 **BREAKFAST AT HOTEL** (Included)

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DEPART FOR CLINIC SITE

10:00 **MUSIC CLINIC**

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LUNCH (Included)

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY (self-guided)

The Field Museum has extraordinary exhibits on wildlife, Native American cultures, Africa, the Pacific Coastline, gemstones, and dinosaurs, including "Sue," the largest T-Rex skeleton ever found. Students can also enter a reconstruction of an Egyptian pyramid, complete with real mummies and artifacts. The museum requires 1 adult chaperone per 10 students to accompany the student group. www.fieldmuseum.org

JOHN HANCOCK BUILDING-CHICAGO

The John Hancock Center is a 100-story complex which stands 1,127 feet high and contains offices, apartments, shops, and parking facilities. The X-frames on the tower are the building's distinguishing features. The 94th floor observatory is over 1000 feet above Chicago and features an outdoor "skywalk." www.hancockobservatory.com

4:30 **WATER TOWER PLACE SHOPPING**

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Explore the seven stories and more than 100 shops and boutiques at Water Tower Place which anchored by Macy's.

DEPART FOR MEDIEVAL TIMES

DINNER-MEDIEVAL TIMES (Included)

MEDIEVAL TIMES TOURNAMENT (Souvenir Program on your own)

Experience the romance and adventure of the Middle Ages at Medieval Times. Dine on a royal feast (in medieval style, of course, with no silverware!) as you watch knights battle for their kingdoms. Enjoy a display of horsemanship by majestic Andalusian stallions and thrilling jousting events. A popular attraction, this Schaumburg, Illinois "castle" welcomes more than 1,400 noble guests per show.

ALL STUDENTS IN ROOMS

DAY THREE

Saturday, Mar 24, 2012

8:00 **BREAKFAST AT HOTEL** (Included)

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DAY THREE

Saturday, Mar 24, 2012

HOTEL CHECK-OUT

LINCOLN PARK ZOO

Among the oldest zoological gardens in the country (established in 1868), Lincoln Park Zoo is also among the most modern-a leader in wildlife conservation, community education and recreation. A premier Chicago attraction, its intimate setting enables guests to experience the thrill of gazing directly into the eyes of a lowland gorilla and standing toe to toe with an African elephant. Famous also for its historical structures, the zoo is open 365 days a year.

LUNCH

(Allowance Provided)

A large food court provides a fantastic variety of foods. Students will most likely be drawn to what the Navy Pier bills as the "world's largest McDonald's."

NAVY PIER SHOPPING

This large complex was redeveloped before reopening as a shopping and entertainment center in 1995. Walk the boardwalk, watch the IMAX movie in 3D Chromovision, ride the gigantic ferris wheel, or just enjoy the food court and shopping. The Chicago Shakespeare Theater and the Smith Museum of Stained Glass (free) are also located at Navy Pier. This is Chicago's #1 visitor attraction! There is a large food court as well as many full-service restaurants.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY

The largest science museum in the Western Hemisphere, The Museum of Science and Industry is home to more than 35,000 artifacts and 14 acres of hands-on exhibits. Among the museum's most popular are The Great Train Story, a dynamic model train display; The Coal Mine, a reproduction of an Illinois coal mine that takes you 50 feet to the bottom of a mineshaft; Take Flight, which uses a real 727 plane to explain commercial flights; and Genetics: Decoding Life, which helps you understand the basics of DNA.

DEPART FOR HOME

DINNER ENROUTE

(Allowance Provided)

11:00 TRIP RETURNS
ET



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OTHER INCLUDED SERVICES

"PRICE GUARD" PROTECTION

When you book a trip with Brightspark Travel, your group is automatically enrolled in "Price Guard Pricing Protection," which locks-in your price* and guarantees that you know exactly what you'll be paying for student travel even if the trip is months away. We never add any motorcoach fuel surcharges!

* Changes in trip dates, inclusions, and/or number of participants may affect trip pricing.

24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

A toll-free telephone number and 24 hour Emergency Service are always available should a participant become separated from the group, or if someone in the group needs to be contacted due to an emergency.

CUSTOMER DEPOSITS PROTECTION

We carry \$1 million in coverage for Customer Deposits Protection which guarantees that your payments to us are 100% safe.

EXPERIENCED TOUR DIRECTOR

A tour director accompanies your group to assure that all parts of the trip occur smoothly. Our tour directors are often professionally trained tour escorts or retired school staff who receive several days of specialized classroom training from Brightspark Travel, as well as, training on-site at our major destinations.

HEALTH & ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Brightspark Travel provides Accident and Illness primary coverage for participants in all tours. Included in the coverage is medical, hospital, dental, and accident insurance.

MEMBER OF NTA, SYTA, USTOA & ABA

Brightspark Travel is an active member of the National Tour Association and a founding member of the Student Youth and Travel Association. Both organizations are leaders in the tour industry and only accept highly qualified companies as members. In addition, Travel Adventures was the first company in the country to become an Accredited Member of SYTA, and we are members of the United States Tour Operator Association (USTOA) and the American Bus Association (ABA).

NAME TAGS

Available in a variety of designs, our nametags offer a way to identify students as part of your group, as well as, providing the toll-free telephone number to our 24 hour emergency service.

ONLINE TRIP RESOURCES

This customized resource is designed to assist you with sample letters, forms, general information, and ideas to create a successful trip. It is available to you on-line through our website after you book your trip with us.

TRIP DELAY PROTECTION

Once the trip is on the road, any expenses associated with the delay of the trip, for whatever reason, will be covered by Brightspark. Some examples include: mechanical failures, bad weather, or flight cancellations (when booked by us). Simply put: We will take care of our customers in case of any contingencies that are not under our control. We will not pass these costs onto parents or the school.

WEBSITE SERVICES

You can access our website at www.traveladventures.com to get specific information about your trip. The current itinerary, hotel and motorcoach information, and trip payment balances can all be viewed on-line with a special password that will be provided to you. Rooming lists, bus lists, and evaluations can also be done easily on-line through our website.



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CANCELLATION PROTECTION STANDARD

Travel Adventures will refund the traveler the full amount they have paid, less the non-refundable registration fee and an airline ticket (if applicable) based on the following:

If the traveler cancels due to:

- * Transferring out of the class traveling or to another school prior to trip departure
- * Accidental bodily injury or sickness (which travel would aggravate such condition)
- * Serious illness or the death of a family member within 7 days of departure

If a serious illness of yourself or family member, or death of a family member occurs during the tour, any missed travel arrangements which were part of the tour will be refunded.

Your trip funds are secure with Travel Adventures.



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