

Take in the sights of a city alive with innovation and unforgettable experiences. Walk on bustling sidewalks, trace the seemingly endless waters of Lake Michigan, and be amazed by the opulence of the Magnificent Mile. Chicago has something unique for every visitor!

## Sights

Experience the mix of historic and modern architecture for which Chicago is famous!

- View Chicago from the top of the Willis Tower, America's tallest building!
- See the Water Tower, a limestone castle among the skyscrapers, once responsible for supplying water to the growing city.
- Cool off in the mist of the iconic Buckingham Fountain.

## Science

Chicago has a long history of exploring the world of science.

- Visit the Field Museum and meet Sue – the largest Tyrannosaurus Rex ever found!
- Watch beluga whales glide through the water at the Shedd Aquarium.
- See America's first planetarium at The Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum, which was founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader, Max Adler.

## Fun

Chicago's history is balanced by its fun and playful side!

- Flash a big smile as you and your friends pose for pictures on Navy Pier and bite into Chicago's famous deep dish pizza.
- Gather at "The Bean" in Millennium Park, a lively spot located in the heart of the city. Take in the spectacle of gardens, art, and architecture.
- Discover fantastic creatures at the world famous Lincoln Park Zoo.



## New scholarships bring adventure within reach

We believe that every child should have access to the wonder of educational travel. To support this vision, \$1 million in FLAG Scholarship funding is available for families with an annual adjusted gross income (AGI) up to \$85,000. The FLAG Scholarship application process is completely confidential and simple enough to complete in minutes.\* Contact our Customer Service team at 1-800-468-5899 for more details or to submit an application. Thousands of families will receive travel assistance this year, making it easy to say "yes" to the learning adventure of a lifetime!

\*Application must be completed within 45 days of registering for your program.

A portion of WorldStrides' revenue goes to support these outstanding organizations:



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## Find adventure in the vibrant city of Chicago!

Explore one of the most exciting cities in the United States! Chicago, affectionately known as the Windy City, is one of the nation's largest cities and is home to famous museums, monumental architecture, and fascinating historical sites. Visiting Chicago will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience filled with new places, awesome activities, and exciting adventures with your friends.



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## The WorldStrides Difference

A middle school teacher founded WorldStrides 45 years ago, and since then we have facilitated programs for more than four million participants. WorldStrides employs 450 travel professionals, many of them former educators, who are passionate about creating life-changing learning experiences for every student.



## Safety is our top priority

WorldStrides' unparalleled safety record is proof that the security of our travelers is our first priority. Our unique safety network and preventive measures provide peace of mind for you and your child 24 hours a day. As teachers, mothers, and fathers, we understand that safety is your primary concern, and that's why we treat your child like our own.

- **Always accessible:** Participants can reach a WorldStrides staff member 24 hours a day while traveling by using a toll-free number. This guarantees an enjoyable and safe experience.
- **Identification and orientation:** Throughout the program, all participants carry Identification Badges with WorldStrides' emergency toll-free number and contact information.
- **Preparedness:** In accordance with U.S. Department of Homeland Security recommendations, WorldStrides has a detailed contingency plan, which is reviewed by local planning officials.
- **Sundown safeguard:** WorldStrides provides Night Chaperones who ensure the safety and security of all participants by monitoring hotel hallways from late evening to early morning hours.
- **Doctors on Call Program:** WorldStrides has an exclusive partnership with The George Washington University Department of Emergency Medicine. A George Washington University doctor serves on our staff as the WorldStrides Medical Director, overseeing medical response planning for the organization and providing direct case management in the event of a medical response issue anywhere in the world. Our partnership gives us access to doctors who are available 24 hours a day to provide phone consultations and treatment recommendations for traveling students, parents, and teachers.

## An inclusive travel package

Your WorldStrides DiscoverNow! program price covers round-trip transportation,\* hotel accommodations (quad occupancy) for all participants, a WorldStrides Course Leader, admissions, educational activities and tools, all meals (unless otherwise stated in your registration letter), evening activities, and safety and security features, including personal, accident, and dental insurance.

\*Fees for checked luggage are the responsibility of each traveler.



## A team of passionate professionals

WorldStrides team members are committed to providing the highest level of service to ensure a fun, educational, and unforgettable travel experience. We maintain valued relationships with partner companies who share our commitment to safety and delivering quality programs.

### Nationally recognized brands

- Quality hotels: Marriott, Hilton, Sheraton, Holiday Inn, Hampton Inn, or comparable.

### Experienced and trained on-site staff members and partners

- Course Leaders (guides) receive training through workshops, field visits, and peer learning, and deliver educational content tailored to the appropriate student level.
- Motorcoach Drivers with years of experience are familiar with your destination.

### Constant evaluation and improvement

WorldStrides' staff and our travelers continuously evaluate all components of our programs so that we maintain the highest quality standards.

# Register Today!

Scholarships available (see back panel)

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## Learning beyond classroom walls

Parents have a high level of confidence in WorldStrides because of our unique accredited status. When you register for one of our programs, you enroll your child in a travel study school recognized by regional accrediting bodies throughout the nation. This means your child can:

- **Earn a Certificate of Completion** through our Discovery for Credit program and return to the classroom a step ahead.
- **Supplement his or her studies** with a Discovery Journal designed as a companion to the curriculum of the program and aligned with national and state education standards.
- **Learn from our experienced Course Leaders (guides)** who draw from their own backgrounds and experiences as teachers, authors, journalists, lawyers, historians, and academics to excite and engage students.

## Inspire your child to grow

Some students are forever changed the moment they set foot in Chicago. For others, the defining moment is being away from home for the first time. Travel is a transformative experience that offers an opportunity for students to demonstrate personal responsibility and growth, and create memories that last a lifetime. For many students who've traveled with us, the trip has sparked a passion for learning and has positively influenced coursework, college studies, and even careers.

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