

WELCOME TO THE CHICAGO INSIDER COLLECTION

Truly memorable meetings and events with authentic local flavor – that is the inspiration behind the InterContinental Insider Collection.

Our network of hotels and resorts is global; our knowledge and expertise local, giving planners guaranteed choice, range and depth to add to any meeting or conference. Each hotel offers its own bespoke selection of services which are firmly rooted in their location and are responsibly guided by our partnership with National Geographic's Center for Sustainable Destinations.

The options are limitless, the local knowledge rich, the service professional and faultless, the delegate experience enriching and rewarding every time.

Sample for yourself some of our wonderful Chicago experiences.

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INSIDER LOCATIONS

Choose an InterContinental venue for your event and a world of possibilities opens up. As locals, your hotel team hold the key to a side of your locality tourists never see. What and who they know gives you an exclusive mix of authentic venues and experiences to play with.

INSIDER SPEAKERS

Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker – someone who can really strike a chord with your delegates and enrich their experience beyond measure. Fascinating and engaging, motivating Insider Speakers range from celebrities and cultural experts to sporting heroes. Whatever their passion, they all have a local connection and you will discover that their unique insights and local know-how make your event one to remember.

INSIDER COMMUNITY

There's nothing quite like immersing yourself in the community to gain an added depth and understanding to your experience in a new destination. Insider Community has been designed to benefit local people and create truly memorable and meaningful experiences for your delegates too.

INSIDER INTERACTIONS

This team-building experience will help your delegates connect with each other as never before. Using the unique character, heritage or geography of your destination to inspire interaction, each experience, whether based on or off-site offers an original way to engage delegates and motivate them to build effective working relationships.

INSIDER BREAKS

With Insider Collection even your breaks are fulfilling experiences. From serving up a delicious lunch of provincial dishes for a taste of regional cuisine to spending some quality time with your Concierge team to get their best insider tips, a few minutes out of your busy schedule becomes a whole experience in itself.

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ENRICHING EXPERIENCES FOR OUR GUESTS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

We believe that a responsible meeting is not only what you experience in the meeting room but also knowing that your hotel respects the destination around it.

We're proud to partner the leaders in geotourism, the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations. Our ambition is that guests enjoy enriching experiences that reveal what makes a place truly special – its heritage, culture and tradition – and the importance of protecting it.

At InterContinental we use a holistic approach to being a responsible business: to work from the grass roots up, recognizing each individual hotel team as the experts best placed to use their local knowledge for developing community and environmental initiatives that meet the specific needs of the destination. This Insider Collection gives delegates access to some of these unique experiences, and for those meetings that stay in the meeting room, you can be assured our hotel is working behind the scenes to protect what is special about the place for fellow travelers.

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ENJOY A GALA EVENT AT THE BEAUTIFUL CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER

Hold your next meeting or gala event against the backdrop of the world's largest Tiffany stained-glass dome. Dine beneath beautifully ornate, multi-colored mosaics, marble and moulding. Once the city's central library, Chicago Cultural Center is now recognized as a Chicago landmark and official reception venue. Here the Mayor of Chicago has welcomed presidents, royalty, diplomats and community leaders in grand style.

The beautiful Chicago Cultural Center has both large, dazzling rooms appropriate for formal occasions such as weddings, cocktail receptions, seated dinners, and events for 800 people, and smaller rooms for meetings and conferences. The venue has also been used for film shoots, vendor fairs, performances and ceremonies.

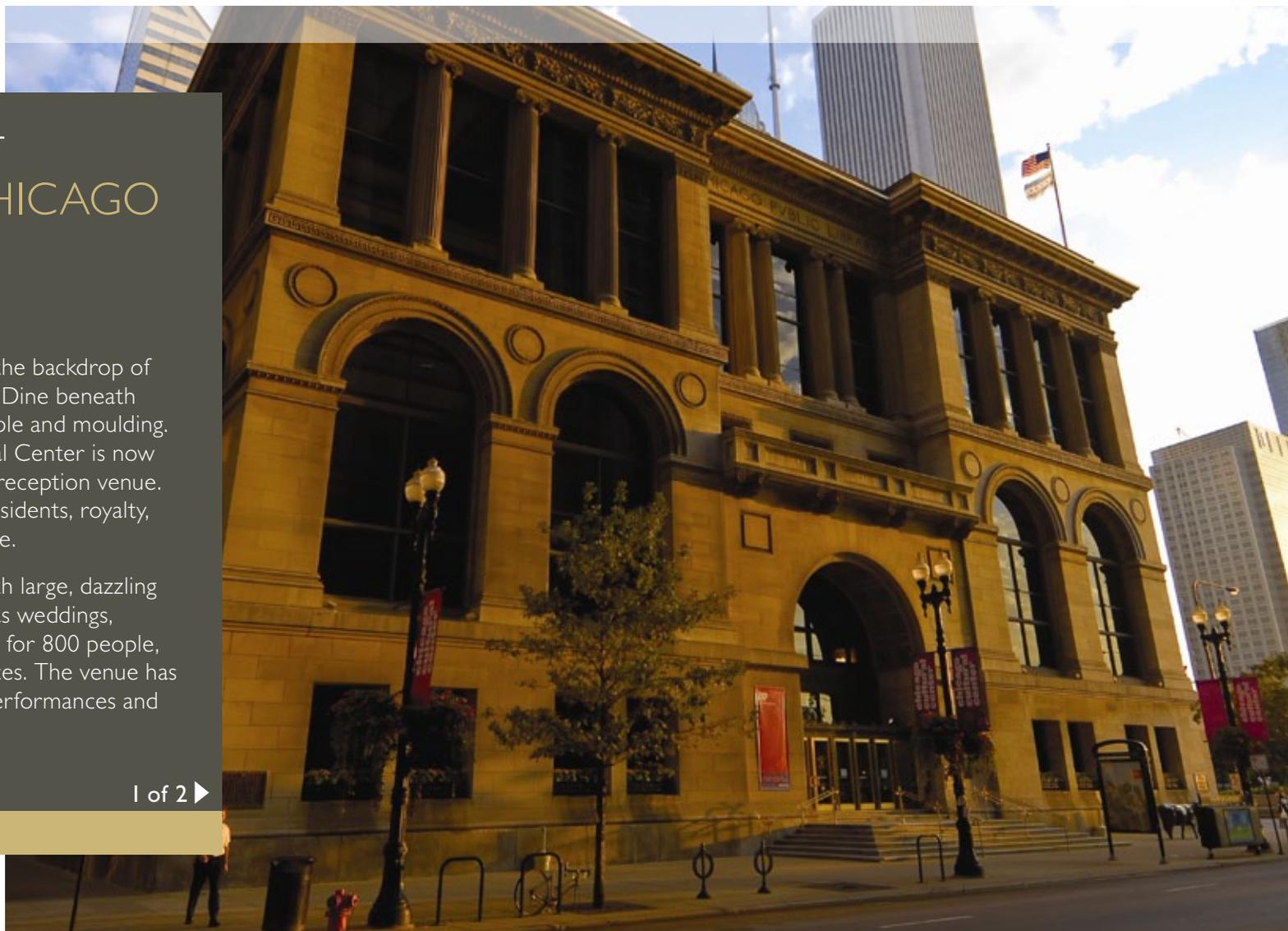
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SPEND PART OF YOUR MEETING AT THE WRIGLEYVILLE ROOFTOPS

Watching a Chicago Cubs baseball game from our Wrigleyville Rooftops is a unique baseball experience. Our three Chicago Cubs Rooftop locations are among the largest at Wrigley Field and have amazing views of the Cubs Game.

Each facility offers an extensive list of amenities, including a professionally catered food and beverage service, a remarkable up close view of the game and premiere elevated seating for a true Wrigley Field experience. Elevators make it easy to get to all the action.

Wrigleyville Rooftops is home of the 'Hall of Fame' Suite. For those days when the weather does not cooperate or you want to relax indoors, our climate-controlled suite provides the perfect environment at no additional cost!

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GREG SCHWEM COMEDY WITH A 'BYTE'

Named one of the Top Ten Chicago Comics by the *Chicago Tribune*, Greg Schwem is an energetic stand-up comedian who has headlined comedy clubs across the nation and appeared on national television shows including VH-1's *Stand-up Spotlight*; A&E's *An Evening at the Improv*; and Comedy Central's *Short Attention Span Theater*. His routine on information technology led critics to dub his act 'comedy with a byte'.

In the amusing, fun-filled session, Greg will delight your delegates with his life experiences, hilarious anecdotes and brilliant story telling. A great way for delegates to let off steam and enjoy a great experience together.

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GET SOME TOP TIPS ON PERSONAL FINANCE WITH TERRY SAVAGE

Terry Savage, nationally syndicated Chicago Sun-Times personal finance columnist, started her career as a stockbroker, and became a founding member – and the first woman trader – on the Chicago Board Options Exchange. Today she is a renowned expert and author on personal finance and a regular television commentator on CNN, CNBC, PBS, and NBC on issues related to investing and financial markets.

In this fascinating talk, Terry will introduce your delegates to a unique insider's view of financial know-how and will pass on some sound advice on personal finance too. Not to be missed.

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GIVE BACK TO CHICAGO'S LESS FORTUNATE BY SERVING A MEAL AT H.E.L.P.

H.E.L.P., in partnership with the Jane Addams Hull House, serves a three course hot meal to over 150 disadvantaged and homeless people every Wednesday. In addition to being served a nutritious meal, guests can also visit with doctors, nurses, psychologists and social workers and sign up for drug rehabilitation, job training programs, homeless shelters and literacy tutoring.

On the day, delegates can help out at the shelter, preparing and serving meals and meeting the guests to learn their life stories. It will also be possible to make a donation to this charity's good work. A rewarding and fulfilling experience for your delegates during their stay in Chicago.

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FIND THE PERFECT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR TEAM

Chicago Cares is a local organization that can help you find the perfect volunteer opportunity for your organization, suggesting appropriate volunteer opportunities for any size group of people. They have a special program called Business Shares which offers expertise in community service to corporations by creating customized, hands-on group volunteer projects that complement team building, leadership development, and philanthropy initiatives.

“Through this program, Chicago Cares will fully develop and coordinate all aspects of your company’s volunteer project. We combine our years of volunteer and project planning expertise with our more than 200 community partners to create a program tailored to your philanthropic interests and goals.”

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WORK AS A TEAM AT THE CHOPPING BLOCK

Bring delegates together to create using the inspiring and interactive nature of food and cooking. A surefire recipe for success and the best way to get your team to 'let go' of the handles and move positively into the future.

Kitchens act as the great equalizer, allowing people from all cultures, ages, interests and abilities to gather together sharing the universal experience of cooking, learning and of course, eating! In collaboration with InterContinental Chicago, 'The Chopping Block' is the only Culinary Teambuilding Program with its own team of highly skilled and experienced chefs who are engaging and inspiring teachers and leaders.

Delegates will have fun working together, learning new skills, and trying their hand at some fantastic local recipes.

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BOAT BUILDING REGATTA

In this highly entertaining and engaging event, delegates divide into teams to build a real boat constructed from cardboard. Boats will be judged on presentation, design, USP/marketing, cohesiveness and functionality.

Yes, the boat has to float! So each team must put at least one member into the boat to compete on the water in a navigational challenge.

At each stage teams will have the opportunity to change roles so that everyone in the group has a chance to be project lead. At the end of the building process, teams will put together a group presentation highlighting their accomplishments and 'sell' their boat to the client. A fantastic team-building event that everyone will enjoy.

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THE WRIGLEYVILLE BREAK

Our authentic Wrigleyville Break will give delegates a genuine taste of Chicago baseball culture!

Our delicious menu selection includes:

Cracker Jacks

Peanuts in the shell

Popcorn

Bavarian Soft Pretzels with Yellow Mustard

Nachos with Jalapeño cheese sauce

Klondike, Dove & Häagen-Dazs ice cream bars

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THE MAGNIFICENT MILE BREAK

The perfect break from a busy meeting, we offer local delicacies from Chicago's best.

Delegates can choose from:

Cheesecake Factory Cheesecake Squares

Garrett's Popcorn Shops
(Caramel Crisp, Cheese Corn and Buttery Corn)

Wrigley Building (Wrigley's Chewing Gum)

Tribune Tower – Chicago Cubs
(Bavarian Soft Pretzels with Nacho Cheese Sauce)

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THANK YOU

Contact us to learn more about the Chicago Insider Collection and how we can help you create a truly memorable experience with authentic local flavor.

Whichever Insider Collection experience is right for you, you can be assured that it reflects the best principles of Responsible Business, a commitment demonstrated by our partnership with the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations.

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