

CHICAGO AND . . . DA 1920's & ITS NOTORIOUS PAST

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This fascinating new tour package has both old and new inclusions enroute as well as in Chicago. In this expanded package we will have five meals, including a dinner-show each night, one with a gala horse pageantry and another steeped in Chicago's notorious past. No one will go away hungry at either dinner. In addition to the sights and great food, we'll be touring Long Grove Confectionary, a maker of gourmet chocolates that traces its roots back to 1887 in downtown Chicago. One of the store's unique features is a vintage beveled-glass window which still allows visitors to view candy production.

Our guide will be taking us on a tour of many of Chicago's highlights and we'll be ending up in a Chicago "Speak Easy" . . . if you "knows da password", that is. You'll be transported back to "da 1920's" with Roaring Twenties music and a lot of memorabilia . . . at the second of our included dinner shows. We will be making a visit to Water Tower Place on the Magnificent Mile to shop and dine. This shopping mall, located within a 74-story skyscraper, was originally conceived in the late 1960's by Marshall Field & Company. The landmark water tower, built in 1869 was one of the only structures that survived the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and remains a symbol of Old Chicago, much of which you'll be discovering.



Speaking of history, we'll be visiting a museum dedicated to transportation, starting back to 1852 when Henry and Clement Studebaker opened the H & C Studebaker Blacksmith Shop, later to become the world's largest manufacturer of wagons and buggies . . . and then electric and gasoline-powered automobiles. It is best known for its bullet-nosed land cruiser which some folks claimed you could not be sure "whether it was coming or going". Totally unique, we'll also make a visit to a dairy farm for a surprising perspective on milk and cheese production. It's an amazing facility with about eighty calves being born each day and the milk cows each producing about ten gallons of milk daily, and has been featured on several television shows.