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2012 Chicago Travel Guide

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VISIT CHI-TOWN.

Stop on by some of the city's literary sites and resources! Use AWP's Chicago City Guide at:

<http://www.awpwriter.org/conference/ChicagoGuide/index.html>

Search the Chicago Convention & Tourism's Bureau website for trips to architectural ruins, skyscrapers, Navy Pier, museums, and Broadway shows:

<http://www.choosechicago.com/mychicagotrip/pages/home.aspx>

ALL ABOARD!

Visit CTA, the Chicago Transit Authority's website to view rail, bus, and downtown maps of the city:

<http://www.transitchicago.com/assets/1/brochures/ctaSystemMapBrochure.pdf>

VIEW THE "L" TRAIN MAP.

<http://www.transitchicago.com/assets/1/maps/ctatrainmap.png>

GET TO THE WINDY CITY BY AVIATION.

Fly to Chicago by way of Midway International Airport, or O'Hare International Airport.

<http://flychicago.com/PassengerInformation/AirportMaps.aspx>

HAIL AN AIRPORT TAXI TO THE HOTEL.

✦ **Midway International Airport** (MDW) is just 11-12 miles away from the Hilton Chicago and the Palmer House Hilton Hotels, and costs around \$25 for a 25 minute drive without traffic.

✦ **O'Hare International Airport** (ORD) is about 18-19 miles away from the Hilton Chicago and the Palmer House Hilton Hotels. Hail a cab for around \$35 for a 45 minute drive without traffic.

MID-WAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

TAKE THE SUBWAY FROM **MIDWAY INT. AIRPORT** TO THE HILTON CHICAGO & PALMER HOUSE HOTELS.

✦ At **MIDWAY INT. AIRPORT**, you'll find signs to "CTA Trains" and "Trains to City," as well as an orange painted line on the ground to guide you to the enclosed walkway connecting the airport terminal building to Midway Station. Take the Orange Line "L" train to the end of the line, and exit at Roosevelt Station to get to the HILTON CHICAGO (7 stops away).

✦ Stay on the subway train towards the Loop and exit at Madison/Wabash Station to get to the PALMER HOUSE HILTON (15 stops away). Costs around \$2.25.

SUBWAY WALKING DIRECTIONS FROM MIDWAY INT. AIRPORT TO HOTELS.

✦ *from*

MIDWAY INT. AIRPORT TO HILTON CHICAGO.

- Take walkway from airport terminal building to Midway Station.
- Take Orange Line "L" train to Roosevelt Station.
- Exit station and head east on E Roosevelt Rd. (0.1 mi).
- Turn left on S Michigan Ave, heading north towards the Hilton Chicago Hotel (0.4 mi). *10 min. walking time from train to hotel.*

✦ *to* HILTON CHICAGO 35 min. total travel

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✦ *from*

MIDWAY INT. AIRPORT TO PALMER HOUSE HILTON.

- Take walkway from airport terminal building to Midway Station.
- Take Orange Line "L" train to the Loop.
- Exit at Madison/Wabash Station.
- Head south on S Wabash Ave. towards E Monroe St.
- Make a right turn towards the Palmer House Hilton Hotel. *3 min. walking time from train to hotel.*

✦ *to* PALMER HOUSE HILTON 39 min. total travel

O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

SUBWAY WALKING DIRECTIONS FROM O'HARE INT. AIRPORT TO HOTELS.

✦ *from*

O'HARE INT. AIRPORT

- Find your way to O'Hare Station, located conveniently on the lower level concourse of the airport.
- For domestic and international flights arriving at Terminals 1, 2, or 3, follow the "CTA Trains" or "Trains to City" signs. For international flights arriving at Terminal 5, follow the "Airport Transit System (ATS)" signs. Take the next train and exit at Terminal 2. Continue to follow signs to "CTA Trains" or "Trains to City" signs. *Note: There is no Airline Terminal 4.*
- Next, take the Blue Line "L" train towards Forest Park (47 mins., 20 stops).
- Exit at [LaSalle Station](#) and head east on W Congress Pkwy toward S Clark St. (0.4 mi)
- Turn right on S Michigan Ave., heading towards the Hilton Chicago Hotel (0.2 mi) *12 min. walking time from train to hotel.*
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✦ *to HILTON CHICAGO 59 min. total travel.*

* **TIP:** Skip 12 minutes of walking and take the courtesy AWP Inter-hotel Shuttle from the Palmer House Hilton to the Hilton Chicago Hotel! If you take the subway *and* your arrival time to the Hilton Chicago Hotel is between Thursday - Saturday, March 1-3 between the hours of 8:30 AM - 6:15 PM, you can get off at the [Monroe-Blue Station](#), just (0.1 mi) or 2 minutes away from the Palmer House Hotel. Once you exit from the station, head east on W Monroe St. towards State St. (W Monroe St. becomes E Monroe St.). AWP courtesy shuttles between the Palmer House Hilton and Hilton Chicago Hotels arrive every 10-15 minutes between the hours and dates posted.

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✦ *from*

O'HARE INT. AIRPORT

- Find your way to O'Hare Station, located conveniently on the lower level concourse of the airport.
- For domestic and international flights arriving at Terminals 1, 2, or 3, follow the "CTA Trains" or "Trains to City" signs. For international flights arriving at Terminal 5, follow the "Airport Transit System (ATS)" signs. Take the next train and exit at Terminal 2. Continue to follow signs to "CTA Trains" or "Trains to City" signs. *Note: There is no Airline Terminal 4.*
- Next, take the Blue Line "L" train towards Forest Park
- Exit at [Monroe-Blue Station](#) (43 mins., 18 stops) and walk east on W Monroe St towards S State St. (W Monroe St becomes E Monroe St.). *2 min. walking time from train to hotel.*
- ✦ *to PALMER HOUSE HILTON 45 min. total travel.*

This information was cited from:

http://www.transitchicago.com/riding_cta/airports.aspx

H_{OTEL HOPPING BY INTER-HOTEL SHUTTLE.}

If you're at either of the two headquarter hotels and need to get to the other, take the courtesy Inter-hotel Shuttle.

Shuttles run every 10-15 minutes between the HILTON CHICAGO and PALMER HOUSE HILTON HOTELS, Thursday-Saturday, March 1-3, 2012, between 8:30 am – 6:15 pm.

V_{ALET PARKING AT HOTELS.}

Drivers can park their car at the Hilton Chicago Hotel for \$43 daily. For valet service, pay \$55 each day. At the Palmer House Hilton Hotel, park your own car for \$38 daily. Pay for valet service at \$61 each day.



SpotHero is a company that helps you reserve parking in the city of Chicago. SpotHero has done all the negotiating to get you the best parking rates! The rates advertised at each location below are good for four nights, from 12:00 pm on February 29th, 2012 to 12:00 p.m. on March 4th, 2012. These reservations will allow you to park for the full period of the conference. Cancellations are allowable up to 24 hours before the event. You can also customize your own parking reservation at:

<https://spothero.com/>

To start your adventure, click on any conveniently located parking reservations link:

HILTON CHICAGO HOTEL

(720 S Michigan Ave)

\$72, .13 mi away:

<https://spothero.com/spot/422?starts=2012-02-29T12%3A00%3A00&ends=2012-03-04T12%3A00%3A00>

PALMER HOUSE HILTON HOTEL

(124 S Wabash)

\$72, 0.0mi away:

<https://spothero.com/spot/424?starts=2012-02-29T12%3A00%3A00&ends=2012-03-04T12%3A00%3A00>

RENAISSANCE BLACKSTONE HOTEL

(636 S Michigan Ave),

\$72, .17mi away:

<https://spothero.com/spot/422?starts=2012-02-29T12%3A00%3A00&ends=2012-03-04T12%3A00%3A00>

SWISSHÔTEL

(323 E Wacker Dr)

\$80, .26 mi away:

<https://spothero.com/spot/423?starts=2012-02-29T12%3A00%3A00&ends=2012-03-04T12%3A00%3A00>

FAIRMONT HOTEL

(200 N Columbus Dr)

\$72, .39mi away:

<https://spothero.com/spot/424?starts=2012-02-29T12%3A00%3A00&ends=2012-03-04T12%3A00%3A00>



OFF-SITE EVENTS.

With Over 100 Off-Site Events taking place in the city of Chicago, visit our website to see some fantastic readings, and mark you maps! Explore some of the great landmarks in Chicago, including

<http://www.awpwriter.org/conference/2012offsite.php>



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