

CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

FACT SHEET 2013

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RIVER CRUISE ABOARD CHICAGO'S FIRST LADY CRUISES LAUNCHES ITS 20TH SEASON

Each Chicago Architecture Foundation architecture river cruise is led by a highly trained, volunteer docent, aboard Chicago's First Lady Cruises. These architecture experts guide visitors along the Chicago River for an unparalleled view of Chicago's architecture.

New This Year CAF and its partner Chicago First Lady Cruises is pleased to offer two new tours starting in June 2013:

Capture Chicago Photography Cruise (Saturdays & Sundays only at 9am)

Capture Chicago's beautiful buildings during an exclusive River Cruise designed with the photographer in mind. Guests can move freely around the boat. The tour will pause three times giving you the prime opportunity to capture the city's architecture.

Twilight River Cruise (Fridays only at 7:30pm)

Serene and bathed in softer light, the city's architecture takes on a whole new life in the setting sun. Wind-down from the work-week by enjoying a cocktail with friends and family and experience Chicago's skyline on our luxury boats.

Itinerary The core tour highlights 53 historic and architecturally significant sites, including the NBC Tower, Tribune Tower, the Wrigley Building, Trump Tower, Marina City, 333 W. Wacker, the Willis Tower and River City. The river cruise also includes significant buildings, sites and developments along the North Branch of the Chicago River including Goose Island, the Montgomery Ward Park development and the clustered glass River Cottages by architect Harry Weese. Passengers will also experience up-close and personal views of more than 25 moveable bridges and interesting bridge houses that traverse the Chicago River, complementing the architectural vistas.

Season April 13 through November 17

Location Lower level, southeast corner, Michigan Ave. Bridge at Wacker Dr., 3 blocks north of Millennium Park. Staircase marked by a blue awning.

Tickets \$37.85/per person plus tax for advance sales tickets
At the dock; the Chicago Architecture Foundation Shop, 224 S. Michigan; by phone at 800-982-2787, or online at www.ticketmaster.com/rivercruise. Special Group Rates/groups of 20 or more – 312-322 1131.

Spring: May 4 – May 31, 2013

Monday & Friday: 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1 pm, 2pm, 3pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm

Saturday, Sunday, Holidays 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm

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Summer: June 1 – September 29, 2013

Monday - Wednesday: 10am, 10:30am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 1:30pm, 2pm, 3pm, 3:30pm
Thursday - Friday: 10am, 10:30am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 1:30pm, 2pm, 3pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, Fridays only: 7:30pm
Saturday, Sunday, Holidays: 9:30am, 10am, 11am, 11:30am, 12pm, 1pm, 1:30pm, 2pm, 3pm, 3:30pm, 4pm, 5pm, 5:30pm, Capture Chicago Photography Cruise: 9am (not available on holidays)

Fall: September 30 - October 27, 2013

Monday & Friday: 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm
Tuesday – Thursday: 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm
Saturday, Sunday, Holidays: 9:30am, 10am, 11am, 11:30am, 12pm, 1pm, 1:30pm, 2pm, 3pm, 3:30pm, 5pm

Late Fall: October 28 - November 17, 2013

Monday-Friday: 10am, 12pm, 2pm
Saturday, Sunday, Holidays: 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm

The Chicago Architecture Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspire people to discover why design matters. The Chicago Architecture Foundation pursues this mission through architecture tours, exhibitions, panel discussions and youth and adult education programs. The Chicago Architecture Foundation is located at 224 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60604. For further information visit www.architecture.org or call 312.922.3432 or become a facebook fan: www.facebook.com/chicagoarchitecture or follow on twitter: www.twitter.com/chiarchitecture

Chicago First Lady Cruises have been the official partner of the Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise since 1993, operating more than 1,600 tours annually to the general public with commentary provided by more than 100 CAF-certified volunteer docents during its May-November season. Chicago's First Lady Cruises owns and operates five luxury yachts: Chicago's First Lady, Chicago's Little Lady, Chicago's Fair Lady, Chicago's Leading Lady and Lady Grebe. All are available for private charter cruising each evening. As stewards of Chicago's waterways, Chicago's First Lady is dedicated to helping protect the environment.

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