

Fellow Avianoites,

Greetings from the Windy City of Chicago!

I'm delighted to inform you that after much back-and-forth coordination with hotel, vendors, destinations and transportation elements, we are ready to offer you a full package of exciting visits and cultural experiences in the melting pot of this beloved city. We will embed ourselves in Italian, Chinese, Greek, and Polish communities, admiring their unique settings and enjoying their delightful cuisine. We'll get to know Chicago from inside out.

I am truly honored by the opportunity and confidence deposited in me to lead this effort on your behalf. Through the process, I have gained a great deal of respect and admiration for those who have hosted our reunions in the past. I'm convinced that like me, they were moved and motivated by the love we all share for this organization. It deserves no less.

Here is the Chicago reunion itinerary:

**Day 1 (Sunday, 1 September):**

Check in at the LaSalle Chicago Hotel (208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60604)

**after 2:00**

6:30-8:30 Reception/Business Meeting Seville Hotel Madrid Room

**Day 2 (Monday, 2 September):**

	Breakfast on your own
9:15	Bus departs to Architectural Boat Tour
10:00-11:30	Chicago Architectural Boat Tour
12:00-1:00	Walk around China town
1:00- 2:30	Lunch in China town (Triple Crown)
2:30-3:00	Bus to Willis Tower
3:00-5:00	Willes Tower
5:00-5:30	Bus to Italian Restaurant
5:30-6:30	Dinner Italian Restaurant (Bacchanalia)

**Day 3 (Tuesday, 3 September):**

10:00	Bus Departs to Shedd Aquarium
10:00-12:30	Shedd Aquarium
12:30 – 12:45	Bus to Michigan Ave
12:45-2:45	Shopping on Michigan Ave (Lunch on your own)
2:45 – 3:00	Bus departs Michigan Ave to Buckingham Fountain
3:00-3:30	Buckingham Fountain
3:30-3:45	Bus departs to Bean
3:45-4:15	Bean
4:20-4:40	Bus to Dinner in Greek Town (Greek Islands)
5:00-6:00	Dinner Greek Town
6:00-6:30	Bus to Wrigley Field

6:40-9:00 Cubs vs Pirates Game

**Day 4 (Wed, 4 September):**

10:00 Bus Departs for Field Museum  
10:20-12:30 Field Museum  
12:30-1:30 Lunch at Field Museum – Jimmy John’s  
1:30-2:00 Bus departs for Navy Pier  
2:00-3:30 Navy Pier (free time)  
3:00 Bus departs Navy Pier  
3:00-3:20 Bus to Hotel  
5:00 Bus DEPARTS FOR Navy Pier  
5:15-8:30 Board Odyssey Lake Michigan (formal dress)  
8:45 Bus returns to Hotel

**Day 5 (Thursday, 5 September)**

9:00-10:00 Travel to Great Lakes Naval Station  
10:00-11:30 Tour  
11:30-12:30 Lunch at Naval Base (on your own)  
12:30-1:30 Bus departure for Chicago Art Institute  
1:30-3:30 Chicago Art Institute  
3:30-4:00 Bus departs for hotel  
4:00-5:30 Free time at hotel  
5:30-6:00 Bus departs for restaurant  
6:00-7:30 Dinner – Staropolska (Not confirmed yet)

With all associated costs considered, each person has a final installment of \$300 to Peggy Witt, **not later than August 1st**. It is imperative that Peggy receives your checks by the due date, as final invoices are starting to come in.

I look forward to seeing my fellow traveling ARA friends and to the opportunity to meet new ones.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have. Use this email address or call me at: 309-241-7135.

Cheers.

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