

2 Girls Who Travel Take Chicago



Millennium Park

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Chicago. The Windy City. Chi-Town. Home of the World Series champion Chicago Cubs. Hometown of President Barack Obama.

However you refer to the magnificent city makes no difference. The beauty of Chicago lies in its people, its history and its uniqueness. I mean, what's the first place you think of when you want deep dish pizza? It's that special branding and so much more that makes Chicago an awesome vacation spot for us.

Chicago is one of those cities you can visit time and time again and do something different each visit. We had both been, but not collectively as 2 Girls Who Travel ... and with the help of Choose Chicago, this was an awesome and busy trip.

We opted to stay at Loew's Chicago, the decked out hotel downtown – and close to Millennium Park and other attractions, so most things were a walk or short Uber/Lyft ride away.

We spent four days in Chicago with pleasantly cool (sometimes cold) weather and experienced some of the best food, attractions and entertainment. Check out the highlights in what we like to call **2 Girls Who Travel's Chi-Town Bucket List!** -



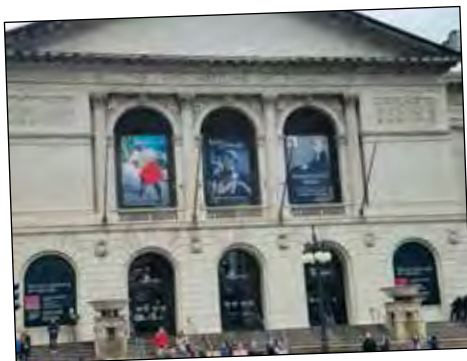
• **Giordano's** – We knew we wanted to eat authentic deep dish pizza, but there were so many choices. So when our Lyft driver swore by Giordano's, we had to check it out. Chicago has a few locations, so take your pick. Our wait was well worth it. The cheese did the lovely pull apart thing we loved and quite frankly, if we weren't stuffed to the limit, we would have finished it in one sitting.



Loew's Hotel



• **Garrett Popcorn** – This was literally one of our first stops. If you know, then you know. If you don't, then get familiar! Garrett Popcorn in Chicago is hands-down the best gourmet popcorn you can find in the States – not up for debate. Order the Chicago mix – caramel with cheese! It's delicious.



• **Art Institute of Chicago** – We frequent quite a few museums on our travels and the Art Institute of Chicago did not disappoint. Located in Grant Park and home to more than 300,000 works of art, plan to spend at least a few hours marveling in the masterpieces. We loved the audio devices available to assist you in learning more about the art.



• **DuSable Museum** – This is the oldest African American Museum in the United States, so we felt privileged to visit. The building itself is beautiful and when inside, you'll see and hear stories of notable figures in black history – including the story of Harold Washington, the first African American mayor elected in the City of Chicago.



• **The Bean (at Millennium Park)** – Nobody should come to Chicago without dropping by Millennium Park. Always bustling with visitors and residents, Cloud Gate (also known as The Bean) is the massive sculpture that serves as the centerpiece to the Park. It's reflective and downright cool. You will want to take a picture in front of The Bean. Trust us.



• **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater** – Technically, this was a matter of us being in the right place at the right time. Alvin Ailey is a traveling act, but when we saw they were performing in Chicago during our stay, we just had to check it out. Words won't do it justice. It's a performance you have to experience yourself.



• **Skydeck Chicago** – Located on the 103rd floor of the Willis Tower, the Skydeck is the quintessential go-to spot for a jaw-dropping picture of the city. Be aware of the clouds though. When they're doing their thing, like during our visit, they obstruct your views so there's 0 visibility. But on a clear day ... that's when you get your **money shot**.



• **Barack Obama's family home** – Where there's a will, there's a way. Though guarded by trees, gates all around and 24-hour Secret Service, we still managed to get a view of the very home that the beloved Obama family calls home. It's beautiful – and worth the work to get the picture!