

Why Chicago in January/February?

- History of Successful Events: APTA, AWP, Promat, Dental, Youth for Christ, Several pharmaceutical groups
- <u>Location</u>: Centrally located in the Midwest; home to two airports (O'Hare and Midway) and major hubs.
 Time saved by all when holding meetings in Chicago.
- Two Major Airports that Stay Open: Chicago stays open during storms, unlike other feeder cities like Philly, Dallas and Atlanta enabling meetings and business to continue.
- <u>Transportation</u>- The city infrastructure is unlike any other offering the affordable CTA "El" train, Pace Bus and Metra train lines. Linking over 40+ blocks, underground pedestrian walkways downtown are convenient modes of transportation.
- Skilled Labor: Chicago's pool of tenured and skilled talent, without question, provides unmatched quality and precision to execute successful events. We can and will offer labor at cost during January and February.

Why Chicago-COST?

- Rates: \$80 and up for all size groups, 300,000 square feet of flexible meeting and exhibit space available COMPLIMENTARY
- <u>Transportation</u>: Hourly flights from major cities, cheap airfare due to United and American both having HUBS at O'Hare. Low cost airlines like Southwest and Airtran out of Midway.
- Accommodations: Over 110 suites with 600 rooms with two full beds and two full bathrooms, unique to any property in the US. Ideal for groups that double up.
- <u>Comp cites</u>: Chicago is cheaper than Boston and Denver. Many more options for off site activities than Minneapolis and Chicago has several more flights per day.
- <u>Availability for 4000 people</u>: Under one roof, no convention center needed. Intimate feel where clients can network effectively and cheaply without incurring expensive shuttle costs.
- <u>Attractions</u>: A plethora of options exist in the city, from cultural experiences
 to the arts, to major sporting events, theatres, dining and nightlife. Plenty of
 unique options in the winter months.





Ideal Groups to meet Q1 in Chicago

- Groups with a lot of space needs, much less guest rooms, questionable ratios
- Groups concerned about bottom line
- Groups wanting a tier one city to elevate profile from Regional to National presence
- International access and exposure
- Groups with high double/quad occupancy





History of Successful Events

In recent years, many events that relocate to Chicago during the first quarter have enjoyed record-breaking attendance increases.

AWP

APTA

IBM (attached reference)

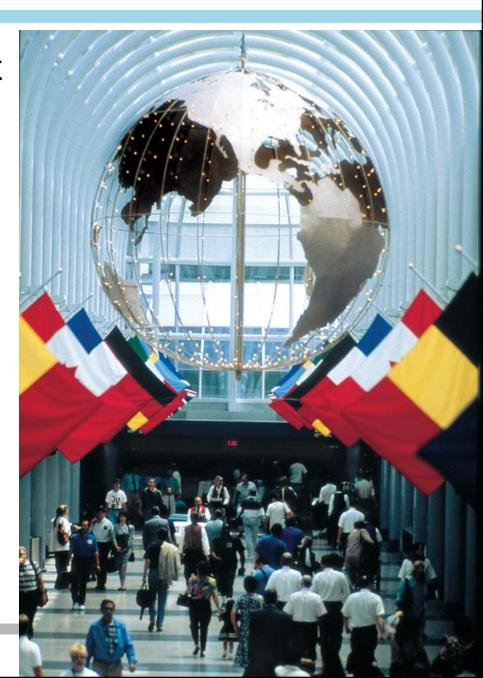
Chicago has more than 300,000 business establishments, including 30 Fortune 500 headquarters.

Location-Central/Reliable

- Chicago is the crossroads of the nation and the world
- Easily and affordably accessible from any spot on the planet
- Chicago boasts two major airports
 - O'Hare International Airport
 - Midway Airport
- Non-stop global gateway to 71 international and 157 domestic business centers, <u>CANNOT AND WILL NOT close down due to weather issues</u>
- In 2011 over 1.1 million flights were flown out of Midway and O'Hare
- Over 10 million international passengers in 2011
- Both airports within 19 miles to downtown

O'Hare International Airport

- Global and domestic hub
 - United Airlines
 - Largest Hub
 - American Airlines
 - 2nd Largest Hub
 - Primary gateway to Europe and Asia
- High volume of flights
 - Affordable
 - Frequency/Convenience
- Accessibility to city
 - 19 Miles from downtown
 - Accessible by CTA's Blue "L" train
 - Affordable, convenient and timely
- In 2011, O'Hare serviced over 828,000 flights and 64.4 million passengers



Airline Carriers at Chicago O'Hare Airport

Aer Lingus

Aero México

Air Canada

Air Canada Jazz

Air Choice One

Air France

Air India

Air Jamaica

Alaska Airlines

Alitalia

All Nippon

American Airlines

American Eagle

America West

Asiana Airlines

Austrian Airlines

British Airways

BMI British Midland

Cayman Airways

Continental Airlines

Delta Air Lines

Etihad Airways

Iberia Airlines

Japan Airlines

(JAL)

Jet Blue

KLM Royal Dutch

Korean Air

LOT Polish Airlines

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Skywest Airlines

Spirit Airlines

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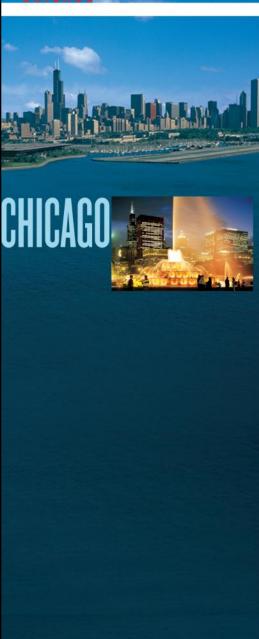
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United Express

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USA 3000





Midway Airport

- Domestic hub
- Accessibility to City
 - 12 miles from downtown
 - CTA Orange "L" Train to city
 - Affordable, convenient, timely
- In 2011, Midway serviced over 244,810 flights
- In 2011, Midway serviced over 17 million passengers

Airline Carriers at Midway Airport

Air Tran Frontier Airlines

Delta Airlines Northwest Airlines

Porter Airlines Southwest Airlines

Flight times to Chicago



Chicago is a central location



Labor Costs

- Chicago has a reputation for being expensive and difficult to work with.
- We are in the business for rooms and food and beverage. In January and February we would like to extend up to a \$40,000 labor credit to the master every January and February to help make us equal to the right to work cities such as Dallas, Orlando and Atlanta. This should more than cover any additional costs and ease any concerns of perspective clients.
 We also would like to extend significant savings in other areas such as power

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NOW BOARDING: 1ST QUARTER

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1st Class Offer 2013, 2014 and 2015 1st Quarter Chicago

FLY INTO JANUARY, FEBRUARY OR MARCH TO LAND THIS GREAT DEAL

- FREE MEETING ROOM INTERNET
- FREE GUEST ROOM INTERNET
- FREE MEETING SPACE
- 50% DISCOUNT ON A/V EQUIPMENT
- 50% DISCOUNT ON SELF-PARKING (HILTON CHICAGO ONLY)
- 25% DISCOUNT ON ALL CATERING
- 15% DISCOUNT AT DESIGNATED HOTEL F&B OUTLETS **
- FREE GUEST ROOM PER 25 PAID AND ACTUALIZED
- FREE SPECIALTY SUITE FOR EVERY 100 GUEST ROOMS ON PEAK NIGHT
- 20% DISCOUNT ON ALL SERVICES OFFERED BY ACCESS CHICAGO DMC PARTNER
- BONUS 20% DISCOUNT ON A 2ND MEETING HELD DURING 2013 OR 2014 ***

Contact your Hilton Worldwide Sales Representative or Hiltons of Chicago at 312-621-7325 to reserve this 1st Class Offer

Terms & Conditions: Offer valid through December 31, 2012 and is subject to change & availability. Not valid for business previously booked or confirmed.

* Exclusive to inchange AV provider. ** Not including alcoholic beverages. *** 20% discount applies to quest from and catering rate for similar size meeting to take place by December 201.



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FLY INTO JANUARY, FEBRUARY OR MARCH TO LAND THIS GREAT DEAL

- UP TO \$5000 IN COMP PRODUCTION COST / 100 GUEST ROOMS ON PEAK NIGHT
- FREE MEETING ROOM INTERNET
- FREE GUEST ROOM INTERNET
- FREE ELECTRIC POWER
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Transportation

Chicago provides affordable and convenient means of transportation throughout the city.

- Chicago Transit Authority ("CTA") operates the nation's second largest public transportation system
 - CTA 'L' train
 - affordable at \$2.25 per ride
 - Frequent stops, averaging every <u>10 minutes during peak hours</u>
 - 1,190 rail cars operate over eight routes and 224.1 miles of track.
 - PACE bus
 - Affordable at \$2.25 per ride
 - Frequent stops, averaging every 10 minutes during peak hours
 - Dedicated Bus way: Getting to McCormick Place is easy with a dedicated bus way between the McCormick Place complex and downtown. By allowing charter buses for convention and trade shows to bypass local traffic, this two-lane, 2.5-mile roadway decreases travel times and subsequently, busing costs, for transporting attendees.
 - CTA has 1,971 buses that operate over 150 routes and 2,517 route miles.
- Underground pedestrian walkways
- Taxis
 - Chicago has the second largest fleet of taxis in the nation, with approximately 6,900 cabs.
- Metra Trains
 - Affordable ranging from \$2.15 \$8.05 per ride
 - Spans over 495 miles to the suburbs and covers 6 different counties

Average Drive Time to Chicago



More people travel to Chicago for overnight business trips than any other destination in the country.





Planning Resources & Tools

Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau

- http://www.choosechicago.com/destinationmarketingkit.com
- http://www.choosechicago.com/meetingplanners.com

Chicago's Official Tourism Site

http://www.explorechicago.org/city/en/travel_tools.html

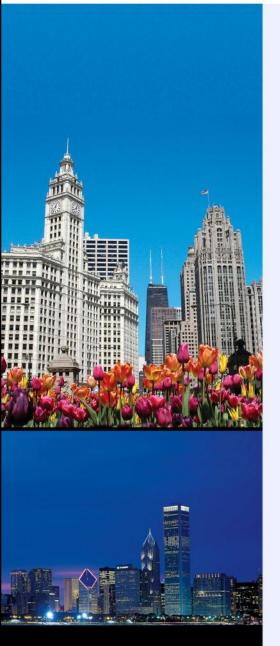
Hilton Chicago Family

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Travel Guides

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