

2015 AERA Annual Meeting
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HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS

***Chicago Marriot Downtown Magnificent Mile**

540 North Michigan Avenue

The Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile is located on North Michigan Avenue in Chicago, IL. This property stands adjacent to Chicago's Magnificent Mile shops where business and entertainment intersect. The hotel is centrally located to dining, shopping and entertainment. In addition, the hotel is conveniently located to some of Chicago's premiere attractions to include Navy Pier, the John Hancock Building, and the Art Institute of Chicago, and the famous Willis Tower. The hotel features an urban style that reflects organic symmetry and clean architectural lines. A spiral staircase leads to the hotel's primary restaurant that serves contemporary and classic American fare enhanced with seasonal Midwest ingredients. A Starbucks outlet prepares coffee specialties and offers light fare. Additionally, a FedEx Kinko's Business Center offers extensive business services to include computer/printer stations. This 46-story hotel offers 1,198 earth-tone-decorated guestrooms and suites. Rooms are equipped with wired high-speed Internet access for a fee, and 32-inch flat-screen televisions. Beds are dressed with 300-thread count linens, down duvets and decorative bed scarves. Refrigerators are available, on request. Laptop-compatible in-room safes, and health club are complimentary.

Courtyard By Marriott Magnificent Mile

165 East Ontario Street

Ideally situated in the heart of Chicago, the Courtyard Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile is just a half block from Michigan Avenue and the legendary Magnificent Mile. This convenient location is also close to Millennium Park, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Loop Business District. The renovated Lobby at the Courtyard Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile features a chic design with modern amenities including free Wi-Fi. Guests dining onsite at Viand American Bistro, where they can enjoy a delicious menu of American favorites infused with the heritage of Chicago and paired with signature cocktails from the Viand Bar Lounge. The onsite Starbucks cafe is the perfect way to jump-start your day, and maintain your healthy lifestyle in the onsite fitness center and indoor pool. The Remodeled Guest Rooms feature a chic design with modern finishes. Sleep peacefully in downtown Chicago with Marriott's Luxury Bedding featuring plush mattresses, crisp linens, and fluffy pillows, or sit back and enjoy the flat-screen TVs with premium cable and free HBO. These spacious guest rooms offer a work desk with ergonomic chair and high-speed Wi-Fi internet access to get some work done on the road, or you can call down for room service from the Viand American Bistro for a bite to eat.

Courtyard Chicago Downtown/River North

30 East Hubbard Street

This Courtyard by Marriott hotel is in the River North neighborhood, 2 blocks from the shops and restaurants of Michigan Avenue, and 0.5 mile from Millennium Park. Courtyard by Marriott Chicago Downtown River North features a complimentary fitness room, an indoor lap pool, and a spa tub. A lobby restaurant serves Italian American fare for breakfast, lunch and dinner. In addition, an innovative coffee shop (Glazed and Infused) provides a quick breakfast in the morning or afternoon snack. A 24-hour business center provides complimentary printing and high-speed Internet access. Limited garage parking and valet parking are available for a surcharge. Accommodations at Courtyard by Marriott Chicago Downtown River North are non-smoking and provide beds with pillow top mattresses and 300-thread count linens. Amenities include 37-inch flat-panel televisions, connectivity panels with MP3 docks, and complimentary wireless (high-speed) Internet access. Desks with ergonomic chairs, coffeemakers, and refrigerators are provided. Microwaves are available on request.

***Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park**

200 North Columbus Drive

The Fairmont Chicago is located in Chicago, Ill., one block from Millennium Park. This property stands less than one mile from the Art Institute of Chicago and the Magnificent Mile. Overlooking Grant and Millennium Parks, the Fairmont Chicago features 687 guest rooms including 65 suites, 84 Fairmont Gold rooms and 22 Fairmont PURE rooms. Fairmont Chicago guests have access to world class amenities and extraordinary service without ever stepping outside the front door. mySpa is an 11,000 sq ft urban sanctuary featuring 8 treatment rooms and a fitness studio. Aria restaurant is new world Asian cuisine featuring local grown ingredients with an Asian flair serving breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. East meets west at aria bar, Chicago's only sushi club. Eno Wine Room is a dazzling taste and sensory experience devoted to the culinary world's three most sensual indulgences - wine, cheese and chocolate. A full service Business Center stands ready to assist you. Ideally located just steps from Navy Pier, the Magnificent Mile, the Theatre District and world renowned museums, the Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park is perfect for business or pleasure. This 45-story property offers 687 guestrooms equipped with high-speed wired and wireless Internet access, for a fee. Beds are dressed with pillow top mattresses and high-thread count linens. Marble bathrooms offer bathrobes and Miller Harris toiletries. Rooms include Nespresso coffeemakers and small refrigerators are available, for a fee. Laptop-compatible, in-room safes are complimentary. Tech-savvy features include 42-inch LCD televisions and iPod docks.

Hampton Inn and Suites

33 West Illinois Street

This super-central hotel is a 20-minute walk from the wide-ranging activities of the Millennium Park, as well as the historic Navy Pier with its amusement park. Bustling North Michigan Avenue (Magnificent Mile) with its boutiques and restaurants is just a block away. Stroll 10 minutes to the Chicago Riverwalk with its waterfront cafes - great standpoint to discover the city's surprising architecture along with the Willis Tower, just a mile away (1.6 kilometers). Kids will love the Lincoln Park Zoo, 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) from the hotel. Free daily continental breakfast, plus two restaurants serving freshly made dishes, ranging from a mix of modern and local cuisine to American king steaks. Work at the 24-hour business center with free WiFi, and then relax in the indoor pool and hot tub, or at the fitness center open 24-hour. Modern and stylish furniture for the spacious guestrooms, all with flat screen TVs offering premium channels, and Hampton bedding program featuring down comforters. Free WiFi and in-room lap desks to stay connected from the comfort of your bed.

Hilton Garden Inn

10 East Grand Avenue

The Hilton Garden Inn Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile is located two blocks from the Magnificent Mile's shops and Rush Street's bars and restaurants. The theater district begins four blocks away. The hotel lobby displays Art Deco-inspired décor and a cherry-wood, black-trimmed reception desk. Palm trees, sage-and-gray seating areas, and a Starbucks kiosk establish the lobby's casual setting. The Weber Grill serves American fare such as baby-back ribs and steaks prepared in an exhibition kitchen on charcoal Weber grills. The 24-hour Pavilion Pantry is located adjacent to the front desk and offers snacks, microwaveable meals, beverages and sundries. A business center houses four computer stations and offers print, scan, fax and photocopy services. Wireless Internet access is complimentary in public areas. The 24-hour fitness room contains resistance machines and cardiovascular equipment with personal televisions. A limited-hour indoor pool is bordered by a spa tub. This 23-story property offers 361 guestrooms equipped with MP3 adaptors and complimentary wired and wireless Internet access. Beds feature adjustable-firmness pillow top mattresses, down comforters and white duvets. All rooms include micro-fridges and coffeemakers. The Hilton Garden Inn is a smoke-free property.

Homewood Suites by Hilton Chicago Downtown

40 East Grand Avenue

This all-suites Chicago hotel is in the vibrant River North area, across from Nordstrom. Michigan Avenue shopping, the free trolley to Navy Pier, and the CTA Red Line's "Baseball Train" to Wrigley and U.S. Cellular Fields are all just a block away. An indoor pool and fitness center, located on the 19th floor, offer panoramic city views. Complimentary daily breakfast buffet includes hot and cold selections. Monday – Thursday evenings, the hotel hosts a manager's reception with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, salads, desserts, beer, wine, and soda. Spacious, city-view suites include fully equipped kitchens with refrigerators, two-burner stovetops, microwaves, dishwashers, cookware, and dishes. Sitting areas have sofa beds, 32-inch LCD TVs, and tables/work desks. Wireless and wired high-speed Internet access are complimentary. Clock radios come with MP3 connectors. Bathrooms offer Neutrogena products

Hotel Chicago, A Marriott Autograph Collection

333 North Dearborn Street

This luxury hotel is located in the vibrant downtown area, surrounded by an array of shopping, nightlife and restaurants. Visit world-famous music venue House of Blues, or take a stroll along the nearby Chicago River and enjoy the sights of the famous Magnificent Mile. Rent a Segway to zip through the central city in style, hit the shops along the buzzing Michigan Ave, or enjoy nearby attractions such as the Navy Pier, Lincoln Park Zoo and the Chicago Theater. Guests can also make use of the hotel's fitness facility and on-site spa services, or relax with a drink at the hotel bar, Crimson Lounge. Bin 36 is located on-site, and provides American cuisine for lunch and dinner. Rooms include flat-screen TVs, pay movies, fully-stocked minibars, and WiFi (surcharge). Each room is equipped with a safe deposit box, a coffee/tea maker, and premium bedding with room service provided during limited hours.

***Hyatt Regency Chicago**

151 East Upper Wacker Drive

Hyatt Regency Chicago is centrally located to give you the chance to see and experience as much as possible during your visit to our great city. The hotel is located in the heart of downtown, just steps away from the Magnificent Mile and close to many of the city's premier businesses, the theatre district, acclaimed shopping, and famous attractions. The hotel's guest rooms feature all the comforts of home, including 37-inch plasma televisions, iHome alarm clocks, wireless internet access, Hyatt's Grand Bed, numerous residential touches, and more. Hyatt Regency Chicago also features four restaurants and lounges including Stetsons Modern Steak + Sushi, BIG Bar, American Craft Kitchen & Bar and Market Chicago. Services and amenities such as a 24-hour complimentary fitness center, full-service business center, Fast Board airline printing stations, wireless lobby Internet, and express check-in kiosks make it easy for guests to enjoy their stay without any hassles or worries. The authentic hospitality received from the moment you arrive to the time you depart tops it all off.

Inn of Chicago Magnificent Mile

162 East Ohio Street

Just a half block from the luxury shops of the Magnificent Mile, this historic boutique hotel is in the heart of Chicago, less than 1 mile from Navy pier and Millennium Park. A flat-screen TV and Ipod docking station are included in each guest room. A work desk and tea and coffee-making facilities are provided in all spacious rooms at the Inn of Chicago. A clock radio and complimentary bath amenities are also included in every room. Inn of Chicago has a lobby lounge, INNbar which carries a variety of beers, creative cocktails and an extensive wine list. Fitness and business facilities are on site for guest convenience. A tour desk with ticket services is also available. The Chicago Theater District, the Willis (Sears) Tower and the beaches on Lake Michigan are less than 2 miles from this hotel.

***InterContinental Chicago (NCME Headquarter Hotel)**

505 North Michigan Avenue

Guests are welcomed into a four-story lobby with a grand staircase and cast-bronze ornamentation. A large indoor pool is adorned with a mosaic-tiled bottom and a fitness center and a sauna are also available. The InterContinental's Michael Jordan Steakhouse serves lunch, and dinner and The Continental serves breakfast. Floor-to-ceiling windows face Michigan Avenue. The Eno lounge offers more than 300 wines, 35 artisanal cheeses, and a rotating menu of truffles and chocolate bars. A Starbucks coffee shop is in the lobby. This property is smoke-free. Guestrooms feature luxury bedding and city or lake views. High-definition LCD TVs come with premium channels. Wireless Internet access is available for a surcharge. Rooms also offer large desks, minibars, CD players, coffeemakers, and complimentary daily newspapers. Italian marble bathrooms include terry bathrobes, makeup/shaving mirrors, and designer bath products. Turndown service is provided each evening. Pets are permitted only in Historic Tower guestrooms.

Residence Inn Chicago Downtown River North

410 North Dearborn Street

Situated in the heart of Chicago, Residence Inn by Marriott Downtown Chicago River North is within walking distance of House of Blues Chicago, Wrigley Building, and Tribune Tower. Also nearby are Millennium Park and Merchandise Mart. Residence Inn by Marriott Downtown Chicago River North has an indoor pool, a spa tub, and a fitness center. Wireless Internet access is complimentary in public areas. Business amenities at this 3-star property include a business center, a meeting room, and limo/town car service. Dining options at this business-friendly aparthotel include 2 restaurants. Guests are served a complimentary breakfast each morning. Additional amenities include multilingual staff, a grocery/convenience store, and laundry facilities. Guest parking is available for a surcharge. This is a smoke-free property. The 270 air-conditioned guestrooms at Residence Inn by Marriott Downtown Chicago River North include complimentary newspapers and coffee/tea makers. Guests can use the in-room complimentary wireless and wired high-speed Internet access. 32-inch flat-screen TVs are equipped with premium satellite channels. All accommodations provide desks and phones. Bathrooms offer shower/tub combinations and hair dryers. All units have kitchens with stovetops, microwaves, refrigerators, and dishwashers. Additional amenities include irons/ironing boards and blackout drapes/curtains. Housekeeping is offered daily.

***Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers**

301 East North Water Street

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers is perfectly located in the heart of downtown Chicago within walking distance of the Magnificent Mile, Millennium Park & Navy Pier. With over 20 years of award-winning service, this hotel is the closest hotel to McCormick Place via the dedicated shuttle bus route! Overlooking the Chicago River, Lake Michigan and city skyline, the hotel offers spectacular views from every room. The irresistible comfort of the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Beds offer restful luxury. Five distinctive restaurants and bars satisfy every appetite for great dining and entertainment, including the LINK @ Sheraton Café and Shula's Steakhouse. Guests enjoy free access to a fully equipped health club offering a wide range of Life Fitness cardiovascular and weight-training machines, as well as a pool and sauna.

Spring Hill Suites Chicago Downtown/River North

410 North Dearborn Street

Located in Chicago (Magnificent Mile - River North), Spring Hill Suites by Marriott Chicago Downtown/ River North is a family-friendly aparthotel close to House of Blues Chicago, Chicago Place Mall, and Shops at North Bridge. Also nearby are Michigan Avenue and State Street. Springhill Suites by Marriott Chicago Downtown/ River North has an indoor pool, a spa tub, and a fitness facility. Complimentary wireless Internet access is available in public areas. Business amenities at this 3-star property include a 24-hour business center, a meeting/conference room, and limo/town car service. Guests are served a complimentary breakfast each morning. Additional amenities include multilingual staff, gift shops/newsstands, and laundry facilities. Guest parking is available on a limited first-come, first-served basis (surcharge). This is a smoke-free property. Rooms have city views. The 253 air-conditioned guestrooms at Springhill Suites by Marriott Chicago Downtown/ River North include coffee/tea makers and complimentary weekday newspapers. Guests can use the in-room complimentary wireless and wired high-speed Internet access. 32-inch flat-screen TVs are equipped with premium satellite channels. All accommodations provide desks, ergonomic chairs, and speakerphones with voice mail; free local calls are offered (restrictions may apply). Bathrooms offer shower/tub combinations and hair dryers. All units feature microwaves and refrigerators. Additional amenities include irons/ironing boards and windows that open. In addition, housekeeping is offered daily and amenities available on request include wake-up calls.

*Swissotel Chicago

323 East Upper Wacker Drive

The Swissotel-Chicago soars 43 stories alongside the Chicago River in downtown Chicago, Ill. This smoke-free property is located three blocks from Lake Michigan and the Lakefront Running Path. An underground passageway connects the hotel to the urban Illinois Center and Michigan Avenue, both located less than four blocks away. The Tribune Tower and the Wrigley Building stand four blocks from the hotel. The triangular glass-enclosed Swissotel-Chicago was specifically designed to offer, from every angle, panoramic views of the Chicago skyline, Lake Michigan and Navy Pier. Sharing the view are dining options including The Palm restaurant that serves steak, seafood and Italian specialties; Geneva's Restaurant, known for its buffet-style breakfast; and the Lobby Lounge, which serves coffee and other drinks. The three-story lobby features a bar with a double-sided fireplace. Room service is 24-hours. A fully-staffed business center offers a range of shipping services, plus fax, photocopy and print services. The 2,500-square-foot fitness center contains cardiovascular and weight-training equipment. The 42nd-floor fitness center and spa offers an extensive menu of Ecocentric™ Spa Services using Pangea Organic Ecocentric Products. Spa treatments include massages, body and facial treatments, and manicures/pedicures. Advance reservations required for massages and spa treatments. The 43-story Swissotel - Chicago offers 661 smoke-free, contemporary guestrooms decorated in autumn colors. Beds are draped with 300-thread count cotton sheets and duvets. Cushioned armchairs are paired with ottomans. Italian marble-clad bathrooms offer bathrobes and contain separate showers and bathtubs. Rooms include flat-screen televisions, fridges, and high-speed wired and wireless Internet access for a fee.

Westin River North

320 North Dearborn Street

The Westin Chicago River North overlooks the Chicago River in the central business district of Chicago, Ill. This high-rise property is located within one mile of the Magnificent Mile shops and fine restaurants. The hotel is positioned four blocks from the EL train that provides transportation to US Cellular Field and Wrigley Field. A sunken lobby offers low, cushioned sofas set amid sleek, contemporary furnishings. Vases of elegant orchids, Asian-style artwork and a cascading fountain create a serene setting. An outdoor garden features a playfully splashing waterfall. Chefs at the casual Ember Grille create American-style cuisine and fire-roasted specialties. Hana Lounge offers a bar menu and cocktails for lunch and dinner. A Kamehachi Sushi Bar is located in the lobby. A business center contains three computer stations and provides complimentary boarding-pass printouts. Complimentary wireless Internet access is provided in the lobby. The fitness room and health club offers floor-to-ceiling, city-view windows and houses television-mounted cardiovascular and weight-training machines, yoga equipment, and free weights (limited hours). The hotel issues complimentary passes to a partner property's pool located five blocks away. The 20-story Westin Chicago River North offers 424 stylish suites. All accommodations include the Westin Heavenly Bed with custom-designed, pillow top mattresses, 230-thread count linens, white duvets and five goose-down or feather-down pillows. Marble bathrooms feature Heavenly Showers with dual massaging showerheads, bathrobes and oversized Brazilian-combed cotton bath towels. All accommodations include honor bars. Coffeemakers are stocked with coffee. High-speed wired and wireless Internet access is available, for a fee. Laptop-compatible in-room safes are complimentary.

*Denotes Co-Headquarter Hotel.

Please note: All information listed is accurate to the best of our knowledge as of November 2014 and subject to change.