75 THINGS TO DO IN CHICAGO

A lot of visitors think pizza and gangsters when they think of Chicago. But this city has so much more to offer its visitors! As the third largest city in the United States, Chicago is a metropolis filled with culture, recreation and every kind of ethnic food your appetite can crave. To help you enjoy all this amazing city has to offer, we've compiled a list of 75 things to do while in town this fall to celebrate IREM's 75th. So spend some time with your IREM colleagues and step out and see Chicago! (And we even included places for you to grab some pizza and take a gangster tour, too!)

1 Located just a few blocks north of the Hilton Chicago, Millennium Park is one of Chicago's must-see parks. Just walk around and take in the fountains, the Cloud Gate sculpture (commonly referred to as the bean) and the beautiful landscaping of the Lurie Garden—all free of charge. Also stop by the visitor's entrance to learn all about the park's green efforts and tour its rooftop garden!

2 The Art Institute (111 S. Michigan Ave.) is one of the most recognized buildings in Chicago, with its two green lions sitting outside the entrance. The art collection is extensive, and can take several hours to explore, but it's always well worth it. And general admission is free on Tuesdays!

3 Grab a drink atop the John Hancock Center's Signature Room (875 N. Michigan Ave.). Located on the 95th floor, you'll get a great view of the city and lakefront, while kicking back with a drink.

4 Those of you who read *Devil in the White City* might enjoy a stroll through historic Graceland Cemetery (Clark Street at Irving Park Road). Here you'll find the tombs of many prominent early Chicagoans featured in the book, including Daniel Burnham, the Potter Palmers and Marshall Field.

5 If you saw "The Dark Knight" this summer, you saw Christian Bale in the bat suit jump from atop Chicago's Sears Tower. Standing at 1,450 feet and 110 stories high, the impressive structure is North America's tallest building, and well worth checking out while you are here (233 S. Wacker Dr.).

6 You're in town to celebrate IREM's 75th, so be sure to stop by the IREM headquarters at 430 N. Michigan Ave.

7 IREM's headquarters is located on Michigan Avenue—commonly referred to as the Magnificent Mile. After you stop in to see the IREM office, step out and head north. You'll find more shopping and dining than you could ever hope for!

8 Buckingham Fountain opened up in 1927 and is one of Chicago's most popular attractions. Bounded by Lake Shore, Balbo, Columbus and Jackson Drives, it's just a quick walk from the Chicago Hilton. So long as the weather cooperates, it should still be running in October!

9 Halloween is Mayor Daley's favorite holiday. This year's Chicagoween kicks off at Richard J. Daley Plaza's (50 W. Washington St.) Haunted Village on October 17. Admission is free!

10 If you are stopping by Daley Plaza, be sure to walk by the Picasso statue. Dedicated in 1967, Pablo Picasso's unnamed sculpture weighs in at 162 tons and stands at 50 feet tall.

11 The first Ferris wheel turned in Chicago at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. Take a ride on one built in its honor at Navy Pier (600 E. Grand Ave.). You can also take in a movie while there at the IMAX Theater. For more information, visit **www.navypier.com**.

12 The Harold Washington Library (400 S. State St.) is hard to miss. This majestic structure is located in historic Printer's Row. If you're a lover of books, you'll want to stop by—the sheer size makes it a must-see!

13 Chicago offers neighborhood tours every month! In October, they are offering one that details the area of the Great Chicago Fire, among others. To check dates and availability, visit **www.chicagoneighborhoodtours.com/bookATour/index.html**.

14 History buffs will want to stop by the Chicago History Museum, located at 1601 N. Clark St.. Here you'll find guided tours of Chicago's past, including the 1893 World Exposition and the 1871 Great Chicago Fire. For more information, visit **www.chicagohistory.org**.

15 Hop over to 220 East Chicago Ave. to the Museum of Contemporary Art. "Everything's Here: Jeff Koons and his experience of Chicago," is just one featured exhibit that runs through the end of October.

16 For a Chicago Style hot dog, visit Gold Coast Dogs at 159 N. Wabash, about a mile walk from the Chicago Hilton.

17 Construction for the Merchandise Mart was completed in 1935, at the height of the Great Depression. Up until 1941 when the Pentagon was completed in Washington, DC, the Merchandise Mart was the largest building floor area in the world. This massive structure—once owned by the Kennedys—sits on two city blocks on the north bank of the Chicago river between Wells and Orleans Streets. (Joseph Kennedy later sold it to finance JFK's presidential bid.) Guided tours are available to the public. Visit **www.merchandisemart.com** for more details.

18 Green is a word you have come to know quite a bit about. While in Chicago, check out the Chicago Center for Green Technology. According to its Web site, it's only the third building in the United States to be designed according to the LEED rating system using the highest standards of green technology available, and is the only one of the three that is a renovation of an existing building. Visit and learn how to incorporate environmentally friendly, cost-saving features into your home or business. For more information, check out **www.cityofchicago.org/Environment/GreenTech**.

19 Grant Park is a relaxing, free way to enjoy spectacular city and Lake Michigan views. Located between Michigan Avenue and Lake Michigan (and right across the street from the Chicago Hilton!), this park contains a French-style structure, access to Millennium Park as well as lakefront trails.

20 Nestled along the lakefront is the Adler Planetarium (1300 S. Lake Shore Dr.). With loads of permanent and special exhibits, the planetarium is sure to please any space enthusiast. Visit **www.adlerplanetarium.org** for more information about upcoming shows and for prices.

21 Kick back with a diamontini at IREM's 75th anniversary celebration!

22 Stop by the Field Museum (1400 S. Lake Shore Dr.) and visit Sue, the world's largest, most complete, best preserved *Tyrannosaurus rex*. Of course there are many other exhibits to choose from, including mammals of Africa, bird habitats and the ancient Americas and many more. Check out **www.fieldmuseum.org** for a complete list as well as visitor information.

23 Beluga whales, dolphins, otters—what's not to like? The Shedd Aquarium (**www.sheddaquarium.org**) is located just a hop away from the Field Museum on Chicago's lakefront and is open every day of the year except Christmas. Stop by and visit permanent exhibits, such as Wild Reef, which includes an up-close look at sharks.

24 If you have some time, visit the many animals at the Lincoln Park Zoo. It's just a few miles north of downtown, is open every day and is always free!

25 Visitors to Chicago like to have a slice of deep dish pizza. One of the best spots is Gino's East, located at 633 N. Wells St., just a quick cab ride from the Chicago Hilton.

26 If you were fond of the 1970s and 1980s, you'll want to stop by the Reagle Beagle. (Yes, as in the same place where Jack, Chrissy and Janet used to hang.) It's located right near IREM's headquarters (160 E. Grand Ave.) Decked out with an ode to television shows of the decade, they serve drinks and nonstop TV shows from this time period on plasma screens. For more information, just visit **www.reaglebeaglechicago.com**.

27 The Chicago Cultural Center—located in Chicago's Loop at 78 E. Washington—was completed in 1897. The design is based on the neo-classical style from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago. Admission is free!

28 Named after late film critic Gene Siskel, the Gene Siskel Film Center presents independent, international and classic cinema at 164 N. State St. Visit **www.siskelfilmcenter.com** for films showing in October.

29 By boat, bus, trolley or foot, Chicago offers tours of its exquisite architecture. Visit the Chicago Architecture Foundation at **www.architecture.org** for information about the various tours offered through the organization.

30 The Architecture Foundation also offers a new tour called "Green Inside and Out." This tour offers a glimpse of how Chicago's architects have (or haven't) taken the environment into consideration when planning buildings in the Loop. You'll also learn about current trends of green architecture including district cooling plants, rooftop gardens and commercial interiors. Visit **www.architecture.org** for more information.

31 If music is your thing, it's worth heading north for Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music (4544 N. Lincoln Ave.). For concerts playing in October, visit **www.oldtownschool.org**.

32 Chicago is home to some great musical theatre. You can find a list of shows playing in Chicago's Theatre District by visiting **www.theatreinchicago.com**. The ever-popular "Wicked" is enjoying an indefinite run at the Ford Oriental Theatre (24 W. Randolph St.).

33 If you do get a chance to see a show in the theatre district, you will want to stop by Petterino's before or after. Located at Dearborn and Randolph Streets in the heart of the Theatre District, it fills up quickly near popular show times. It's best to plan ahead and make a reservation (312-422-0150). They serve up prime steaks, fresh seafood as well as other classic fares (**www.petterinos.com**).

34 The Museum of Science of Industry (57th Street and Lake Shore Drive) is the largest science museum in the Western hemisphere—and it's right here in Chicago! And exhibiting through January 2009 is "Smart Home: Green + Wired." You can tour a real, three-story modular

and sustainable "green" home and learn about reusable resources, smart energy consumption, sustainable gardens and more.

35 You know when you're close to one—the smell of their popcorn will make your mouth water. Make sure you grab some Garrett's popcorn from one of their many Loop locations: **www.garrettpopcorn.com/locator**.

36 Chicago Union Station (210 S. Canal St.) is more than just a train hub. Originally designed by Daniel Burnham, the Great Hall is one of the most beautiful indoor spaces you'll find in Chicago. Once you enter the 20,000-foot classic Beaux Arts-style room, you'll notice the 18 Corinthian columns, terracotta walls, a pink Tennessee marble floor—all capped off by a five-story, barrel-vaulted, atrium ceiling. Visit **www.chicagounionstation.com** for more information.

37 Located on Chicago's Near North Side, the Green Door Tavern (678 N. Orleans St.) is one of the few buildings to survive the Great Chicago Fire. It's been around for 130 years!

38 For a quick tour of Chicago's Loop, hop on the "L". The Green, Brown, Pink and Orange Lines all run above ground, offering some unique views at a price that can't be beat ($2 per trip). For maps of the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) visit **www.transitchicago.com**.

39 Architect Bertrand Goldberg poses with a model of his Marina City on the cover of the Summer 1961 issue of *JPM*. Today, the two corncob-like towers are an easily recognizable part of the Chicago skyline. Stand on top of the Michigan Avenue Bridge for a great photo op of these unique structures.

40 If the weather is still nice, head over to rooftop patio of C-View (166 E Superior St.). Located 29 stories atop the Affinia Hotel, you can grab a cocktail and munch on bar snacks as you overlook the spectacular Chicago skyline.

41 You can visit Chicago's oldest house—Clarke House Museum—at 1827 S. Indiana Ave. The house was built in 1836 and even survived the Great Chicago Fire. It sits in the Prairie Avenue Historic District, which was once home to some of the wealthiest residents of Chicago. For tour information, contact the Glessner House Museum at 312-326-1480.

42 If you are walking up North Michigan Avenue, it's hard to miss the Old Water Tower building. Located at 800 N. Michigan Ave., this castle-like structure was built in 1869, and also survived the Great Chicago Fire.

43 You can explore Chicago's shady gangster past with one of the Untouchable Tours. You'll tour the gangster hotspots of the 1920s and 1930s. For prices and tour times, visit **www.gangstertour.com**.

44 Though it's unlikely you'll score free tickets to one of Oprah's shows, fans of the media mogul often like to stop by Harpo Studios to take a picture in front of it. The studio is located just a hop away from the downtown area at 1058 W. Washington Blvd. Note: public tours are not offered, but the Oprah Store recently opened. This specialty store is full of merchandise that represents the style and taste Oprah celebrates and shares in her media brands.

45 If you are looking for a unique way to tour the city, try a Segway tour. You can choose from a two to two-and-a-half hour tour and from options that take you along the lakefront to those that explore Chicago's architecture. For more information, visit **www.mysegwayexperience.com/tours.html**.

46 Right next to IREM's offices and as the southern-most point to the Magnificent Mile is one of Chicago's architectural gems—the Wrigley Building. Tip: take a walk by it at night, to see how the night-time lighting illuminates it and really shows its beauty.

47 If you are up near the north end of Lincoln Park Zoo, be sure to stop by the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool Gardens. Caldwell called the pool "a hidden garden for the people of Megalopolis." Its serene landscape offers you a place for bird watching or even just a cozy spot to de-stress. Visit **www.cityofchicago.org/Landmarks/C/CaldwellLilyPool.html** for more information.

48 The McCormick Tribune Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum (376 N. Michigan Ave.) sits in a historic five-story bridge tower at the southwest tower of the Michigan Avenue Bridge. Here, visitors can learn about the history of the river and view the giant gears of this double-deck bridge.

49 Chicago's Chinatown is well worth a visit. Bounded by 18th Street on the north, 23rd Street on the south, State Street on the east and the Chicago River on the west, this area has arguably the best Asian cuisine the city has to offer. You'll also find gift shops, grocery stores and a number of other services that cater to those interested in Chinese culture.

50 Wrigley Field is always a popular destination for tourists, even when the Cubs aren't in town. Located about 7 miles north of the Hilton at Addison and Clark, it's been home to the Chicago Cubs since 1916. It's easily accessible by public transportation or is a quick cab ride away.

51 If it's the Chicago White Sox you cheer for, visit U.S. Cellular Field. The ballpark sits about 5 miles south of the Hilton at 35th Street & Shields Avenue. It's also easily accessible by the Red Line "L" or by cab.

52 The Chicago Theatre is another one of this city's most recognizable landmarks. When it was built in 1921, it cost $4 million. Located on the famous State Street at 175 N. State St., it's definitely worth stopping by, even if just for a photo op! Visit **www.thechicagotheatre.com** for more information.

53 Second City has so many famous alums, we'd need another page to list them. But come see a comedy show where the likes of Billy Murray, John Belushi, Gilda Radnar, Dan Akroyd and Martin Short got their start. It offers a variety of nightly shows that are sure to make you laugh. For information, such as current shows and prices, visit **www.secondcity.com**.

54 If you have a taste for Greek food, then head just west of the Loop to Greektown. This area is roughly located between Van Buren and Madison Streets, along Halsted Street. You can pick from any number of restaurants to satisfy your Mediterranean tastes.

55 October can be a tricky month in Chicago…it can go from being 75 degrees and sunny one day, to 40 degrees and blustery the next. Even so, with its 29 miles of walking, jogging and cycling paths along the lake (which is just a hop away from the Hilton Chicago) Chicago's lakefront offers a beautiful view of all the city has to offer.

56 If you make it to the Museum of Science and Industry, take a minute to explore the history of the neighborhood. Hyde Park may be best known for where the 1893 World's Columbian Exhibition took place—in Jackson Park and the Midway Plaisance. It is also home to the University of Chicago campus. You may recognize the location as the place where several popular movies were filmed, including "The Blues Brothers," "When Harry Met Sally" and "The Fugitive."

57 If you want the best in Italian food, head over to Little Italy. This area is located to the west of the Loop near the University of Illinois Chicago campus. The neighborhood encompasses 12 blocks and is home to famous restaurants like Rosebud and Tuscany on Taylor.

58 Hershey's Chicago, located at 822 N. Michigan Ave. (312-337-7711) on the Magnificent Mile, offers a 30-minute tour every weekday. For just $6.95, a trained, chocolate professional will take you on an interactive chocolate tasting experience. Along the way, you'll also sample six types of chocolate and leave with a special Hershey's gift!

59 In the heart of Lincoln Park and just steps from Lake Shore Drive sits the Notebaert Nature Museum. The highlight is the 2,700 square-foot greenhouse filled with butterflies, including those never-before-seen in the Chicago area. On any given day, you'll see 1,000 butterflies flying by. Also check out the museum's Web site (**www.naturemuseum.org**) for programs. They host adult lecture series that often relate to making your environment a greener one.

60 While walking along State Street, you'll find tons of shopping. It's also worth admiring the original Marshall Field & Company building. It's easily recognized by the famous antique clocks hanging from the building's corners. Now a Macy's, for most Chicagoans, it'll always be Marshall Field!

61 The Garfield Park Conservatory is often referred to as "landscape art under glass." Celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, the conservatory occupies 4.5 acres of beautiful landscape both inside and outside. This fall the conservatory will celebrate everything autumn with a re-creation of the indoor Chrysanthemum Show that was so popular at the Conservatory in the 1920s.
Admission is free! For more information, visit **www.garfieldconservatory.org**.

62 You know you've made it when Saturday Night Live does a skit about you. In 1978, Chicago's Billy Goat Tavern was immortalized on the show with a skit performed that included the phrase: "Cheezborger! Cheezborger!" Open since 1934, the Billy Goat Tavern is located in the lower level of IREM's Michigan Avenue headquarters.

63 Enjoy dinner and a view of Chicago's skyline that can't be beat! The Spirit of Chicago offers reasonable packages that include a meal and a cruise around Lake Michigan. For times and prices, visit www.spirtofchicago.com.

64 If you are only in town for a few days, you might be overwhelmed by the food options—so many places to try, so little time. That's where Chicago Food Planet Food Tours comes in. Their guided and narrated tour of Chicago's Near North Side includes eight delicious food stops in areas such as the Gold Coast, Old Town and Lincoln Park. Stops include a Jewish deli, confectioner specialty store, a gourmet food and cheese stop, and more! The $42 ticket includes all the food and should be filling enough for lunch for most participants. Just bring yourself, comfortable shoes and your appetite! Visit www.chicagofoodplanet.com for more information.

65 The Civic Opera Building—located at 20 N. Wacker Dr. on the east bank of the Chicago River—opened on November 4, 1929, just six days after the stock-market crash. Home to the Lyric Opera, this 3,563-seat capacity theater's exterior is designed to look like a throne. If you are an opera lover, coincide your "Success Series" visit with a trip to this the second-largest opera auditorium in North America. Visit www.lyricopera.org for shows and times.

66 If football is your passion, you may want to plan your trip so that you'll be in Chicago for a Bears' game. Located just a few steps away from the Field Museum at 425 E. Mcfetridge Dr., arrive there before game time and do a little tailgating!

67 The Museum of Contemporary Photography is the only museum in the Midwest dedicated exclusively to the art of photography. Located on the campus of Columbia College Chicago at 600 S. Michigan Ave., the museum is just a block north of the Hilton. It's open seven days a week and admission is free! For upcoming exhibits, events and lectures, visit www.mocp.org.

68 For those of you looking for a savory and glamorous place to dine, consider the Pump Room. This swanky restaurant opened in 1938 in the Ambassador East Hotel (1301 N. State Pkwy). The list of those who have sat in the famous Booth One is staggering: Salvador Dalí drew on its tablecloth; Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall celebrated their wedding there, as did Robert Wagner and Natalie Wood; Liza Minelli dined there with her mother, Judy Garland. There is a dress code and reservations are required: 312-266-0360.

69 If you aren't able to take an architecture tour, one spot worth stopping by is the Rookery Building (209 S. LaSalle St.). This Chicago landmark was designed by the famed pair, Daniel Burnham and John Root from 1885-1888. The lobby got a facelift in 1905 by Frank Lloyd Wright. The structure of the building showcases that it was built during a transitional construction time—it employs both masonry wall-bearing and skeletal frame construction techniques.

70 If you arrive in town a few days early, considering finding a spot along the 26.2 mile course of the Chicago Marathon. This year's event takes place on October 12. Set up a spot near Buckingham Fountain, where you'll see the participants cross the finish line. To view a map of the course, visit **www.chicagomarathon.com**.

71 Jane Addams lived and worked in Hull-House—the social, secular settlement she co-founded on Chicago's West Side—up until her death in 1935. You can tour through the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum and learn about the trailblazing work she did for women, children and immigrant rights. Admission to the museum is free, but it is closed on Saturdays and Mondays. For more information, visit **www.uic.edu/jaddams/hull**.

72 If you are a fan of ballet, than you should plan to stop by the Joffrey Ballet Chicago. The company's October-May ballets take place in the beautiful Auditorium Theatre or Roosevelt University (50 East Congress Pkwy.), just a few blocks from the Hilton Chicago. To find out about upcoming performances, visit **www.joffrey.com**.

73 The Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange recently merged to form the CME group. Both buildings have a visitor center, but the CBOT building at 141 W. Jackson is more structurally interesting. Even though tours overlooking the trading floors are restricted to academic and industry-related groups, anyone can still stop by the lobby-level visitor centers. Visit **www.cmegroup.com/company/visit/index.html** for more information.

74 Take some time out for afternoon tea, served every day from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Russian Tea Time in Chicago's Loop (77 E. Adams St.). Along with your tea, you'll dine on scones, savories and mini-desserts. Dinner and other tea times are also available. For more information, visit **www.russianteatime.com**.

75 And perhaps we'll all be able to attend (or at least kick back and watch!) a cross-town World Series between the White Sox and the Cubs? To be determined… □

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