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CHICAGO TOURIST INFORMATION

Wednesday 13 August 2003 is a free day at the Lepton Photon 2003 Symposium. The Symposium banquet will be held in the evening at Navy Pier in downtown Chicago. It will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. There will be a lakefront fireworks display right off the pier at 9:30 p.m. Buses will depart from Navy Pier around 10:00 p.m.

We hope that many of you will take advantage of the time to visit Chicago. We will run several buses to Chicago in the morning. There will be a few additional buses in the afternoon. Detailed schedules will be available at the beginning of the conference and sign-up for the bus transportation is requested.

We have some suggestions for tours you might take or sights you might see depending on your interests. Please be aware that many of the attractions are internationally renowned and, depending on the time of the year and the weather, can be quite crowded and have long waits for admission. In some cases, you can get tickets in advance through the web or Ticketron. All times and fees are for Wednesday, 13 August 2003 and do vary from day to day. More information is available in the materials we have provided in the registration packet and at the official city of Chicago Website: http://www.cityofchicago.org. It is possible to buy a "citypass" that permits you to visit the five top museums we list below plus the Hancock Observatory for \$49. This represents a significant savings over purchasing them individually. You can buy the pass at the first of the six attractions you visit or you can buy it online at http://www.citypass.com.

If you are in the city, and want help in planning your day, there is a tourist bureau on Chicago Avenue near Michigan Avenue that can help.

While we have tried to get our facts straight, please check your Chicago Visitors Guide or the appropriate web sites. We are not professionals and even they don't always get it right.

Museums

Three of Chicago's premier museums are located together on the "Museum Campus" right along Lake Michigan's shore. We recommend starting there with the Shedd Aquarium or the Field Museum. The Adler Planetarium may or may not be something you would want to see since it covers familiar territory but nevertheless presents it in an exciting way. We also strongly recommend a visit to the Art Institute. After that, if time permits, you might consider one of the smaller museums or attractions listed below. If you arrive at Navy Pier early, there is plenty to do there, as well.

Shedd Aquarium: The world's largest aquarium boasts 6600 species of colorful and odd-looking fish, but that's just the beginning at this expansive museum. At the Oceanarium, see beluga whales, seals and dolphins along with playful penguins frolicking in a simulated ocean

environment. The Shedd recently opened its new wing, Wild Reef, which features a living reef and close up access to dozens of varieties of sharks.

Hours: 9:00am to 6:00 pm Fee: \$21 (all access pass)

Field Museum: One of Chicago's most famous residents—Sue, the largest and most complete T. Rex skeleton—greets visitors at the Field Museum where they can explore the cultures of Ancient Egypt, Africa or learn about Animal Biology and the Lions of East Africa. Zoology, geology, botany and anthropology exhibits crowd this fascinating museum. There will be physicists from Lepton Photon 2003 at the Field Museum on Wednesday 13 August 2003 to perform demonstrations for the public.

Hours: 9:00am to 5:00 pm Fee: Basic \$10 adults, \$5 children (3-11) Special events cost

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Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum: Take a trip to the moon or Mars at the Adler Planetarium. Exhibits tell you what your weight is on different planets or let you play with astronomers' tools. The IMAX theater shows a variety of documentaries several times a day. Hours: 9:00am to 6:00 pm

Fee: adults \$13, children (4-17) \$11

From the Museum Campus you can take a bus or walk along the lakefront to the Art Institute of Chicago. See below for directions.

Art Institute of Chicago: It's easy to spend all day at the Art Institute, with its vast and varied collection of painting and sculpture that encompasses almost any imaginable era in art. The Impressionist and Post-Impressionist collections are particularly impressive including a wide array of Monets, Picasso's *Blue Guitarist*, and many works of Degas and Renoir. Of course, no trip to the Art Institute would be complete without a trip through the armor room—a romp through the weaponry of medieval Europe and Samurai Japan—and a walk by Chagall's *America* stained glass windows.

Hours: 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fee: recommended donation: adults \$10, children \$5

If you still have time consider one of these great museums:

Museum of Science and Industry: Leave your particle accelerator at home but be ready to get your hands dirty with a healthy dose of hands-on science exhibits at this museum. Take a trip into the depths of a coal mine, walk down the streets of turn of the century Chicago and peek into an elaborate fairy tale dollhouse.

Directions: From downtown Chicago, take the #6 Jeffrey Express bus south to 56th Street, or the #10 Museum of Science and Industry bus which runs everyday during the summer and weekends-only the rest of the year right to our front door. Or take a Red or Green line train to Garfield station and transfer to an eastbound #55 Garfield bus. Call (773) 836-7000 for more information. The Museum's north entrance, overlooking the front lawn, is the nearest access to public transportation. Taxis will drop you at the North entrance.

Hours: 9:30am to 4:00 pm Fee: adults \$9(\$15 with Omnimax), children (3-11) 5\$(\$10)

While the "big five" museums above are must see if you haven't ever been to them or haven't visited them recently, there are many smaller museums that are well worth a visit:

Terra Museum of American Art: This small museum is easy to miss nestled among the upscale shops on Michigan Avenue, but it's worth searching it out. The Terra specializes in American art,

and temporary exhibits and the rotating pieces of the permanent collection keep the museum in a constant state of metamorphosis. Whatever the Terra has on its walls, it's guaranteed to be good. Hours: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Fee: Free

Museum of Contemporary Art: Another of the smaller museums in Chicago, the Museum of Contemporary Art houses temporary exhibitions and a permanent collection. This eclectic museum specializes in modern art that often mixes media, including sculpture, video, music and painting. The museum is located near Water Tower Place on East Chicago Avenue. Hours: 10:00am to 5:00 pm Fee: \$10 (children under 12 free)

Spertus Museum: A small but moving Holocaust memorial forms the centerpiece of this museum on Jewish history. Housed within the Spertus College, the museum has rotating exhibits on various topics in the history and culture of Jews worldwide. The Rosenbaum Artifact Center provides a hands-on archaeology experience.

Hours: 10:00am to 5:00 pm Fee: Adults \$15, Students, children \$3 (Note:Rosenbaum Artifact Center is only open from 1:00pm to 4:30pm)

Chicago Children's Museum: Located at Navy Pier, no child . . . or parent . . . will want to miss Chicago Children's Museum, where a galaxy of creative and educational activities, programs and exhibits for children exists. This interactive and educational oasis is one of the most popular children's museums in the United States. Current attraction is Richard Scarry's Busytown. Hours: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Fee: \$7, children and adults

The Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows: Located at Navy Pier, this is a permanent display of 150 stained glass windows housed in an 800-ft.-long series of galleries along the lower level terraces of Festival Hall. Open since February 2000, it is the first museum in the United States dedicated solely to stained glass windows. It showcases both secular and religious windows and is divided by artistic theme into four categories: Victorian, Prairie, Modern and Contemporary. All of the windows were designed by prominent local, national and European studios and most were originally installed in Chicago area residential, commercial and religious buildings.

Hours: Sundays through Thursdays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. Fee: Free

Early Arrivers at Navy Pier

There are many things to do on the Pier. Here are some of the many attractions. **Amusements:** Ferris wheel, Carousel, Wave Swinger, Miniature Golf, Cliff climb, Navy Pier Big Bounce, Amazing Chicago, FUNhouse

Museums: Chicago's Children's Museum, Smith Museum (see above)

Theatres: IMAX theatre, Chicago Shakespeare Theatre
There are two performances at the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre: The Little Mermaid at 11:00 am (75 minutes), cost \$14 and Short Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream (75 minutes) at 2:00pm, cost \$18.

Restaurants: Bubba-Gump Shrimp, Joe's BeBop Café, Riva (Seafood), Charlie's Ale, Billy Goat Tavern, Häagen-Dazs, plus many excellent outdoor food stands.

Other: Build a Bear Workshop

The Magnificent Mile/North Michigan Avenue Shop Til You Drop Tour

There are two large concentrations of shops in the downtown area that are worth visiting if you like to shop. The Magnificent Mile (North Michigan Avenue) is a long stretch of upscale shops and major department stores, along North Michigan Avenue. It also includes some genuine Chicago landmarks. Water Tower Square is the location of the former Chicago waterworks, one of the few structures to survive the great Chicago fire of 1871. The Hancock Building towers over the area and its skywalk offers a spectacular view of the city on a clear day. The Terra Museum (see above) is tucked in amidst the many shops. The Museum of Contemporary Art (see above) is on East Chicago Street just behind Water Tower Place.

Among the many, many shops, you will find

?? Bloomingdales ?? Cartiers

?? Nieman-Marcus ?? Crabtree and Evelyne

?? Hammacher Schlemmer
 ?? Ferragamo
 ?? Saks 5th Avenue
 ?? MaxMara
 ?? Tiffany
 ?? C.D. Peacocks

?? Nordstrom, ?? Nike Town, the GAP, Levi's

?? Burbury's

There is a large Borders opposite Water Tower Place.

For those of you with young daughters, the American Girl Store (the actual "mother church") is located at Chicago Avenue, right near Michigan Avenue.

Water Tower Place is a large indoor mall featuring Marshall Fields and many specialty shops and eating places.

At the Hancock Center there is a special performance on August 13th, by "a captivating Latin jazz ensemble". The concert is Noon - 1:30 p.m. This is a free concert at John Hancock Center prior to or after observatory visit. See more about the Hancock Observatory below.

State Street, that Great Street

Another concentration of stores is on State Street. Famous stores that started in Chicago are:

- ?? Marshall Fields
- ?? Carson Pirie Scott, whose building is an example of the work of famous architect Louis Sullivan.
- ?? Sears

Architecture Tours

The website http://www.architecture.org/tours.html has all the information about architecture tours.

The Chicago Architecture River Cruise: From their web site,

http://www.architecture.org/river.html. Marvel at Chicago's soaring towers while enjoying a 90-minute, narrated river cruise. This tour spotlights more than 50 architecturally significant sites where you will discover a new perspective on the city. Come aboard either of our well-appointed vessels, Chicago's First Lady or Chicago's Little Lady, where both open-air and climate-

controlled indoor seating will make your journey comfortable. Snacks and beverages are available

Times: Hourly, 10am-3:00pm Cost: \$23

Historic Skyscrapers: This is described on http://www.architecture.org/tours 2.html#05, from which this is excerpted: The prototype of the modern industrial metropolis arose from the charred landscape left by the Great Fire of 1871. Discover the historic beginnings of the Chicago School of Architecture and the earliest skyscrapers, built between the 1870s and the 1930s. This tour features the art deco Chicago Board of Trade Building; the Auditorium Building, a Louis Sullivan masterpiece; and the Rookery, a National Historic Landmark.

The tour departs from the CAF ArchiCenter Shop in the Sante Fe Building, 224 S. Michigan Avenue. The Tour lasts two hours.

Times: 10:00 am and 2:30 pm Cost: \$12

Look on the main web site for additional tours that discuss French, Italian, and German influences on Chicago architecture and are given in those languages.

Heavy Investor Tour

Chicago Board of Trade: The Visitors Center has grown to become one of the most visited financial attractions in Chicago. In 1999, over 124,000 visitors from 124 countries experienced the excitement of the bustling agricultural and financial trading floors from the Visitors Center observation galleries. Adjacent to the agricultural gallery is a lovely historical mini-museum featuring artifacts and photos tracing the early days of commodity trading. Here, visitors can view century-old grain measuring and grinding devices. In addition, there is an interesting visual history of the exchange that includes photographs, drawings, documents, and architecture from its beginnings to the present day.

Chicago Stock Exchange: 440 S La Salle Street, # 3200

Chicago, IL 60605

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Chicago Mercantile Exchange: 30 South Wacker, South Tower Chicago, Illinois 60606 If you want to feel the excitement and the pulse of the busy world of futures trading, a visit to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Visitor Center provides you with what you're looking for. The Visitors Center overlooks the trading floor, on which a wide range of financial instruments and commodities are traded. It is staffed by professionals who are available to answer questions. It serves more than 100,000 annual visitors. Some of Chicago's most spectacular views can be seen amongst the whirling colorful jackets of nearly 6,500 daily traders and their rapid-fire hand signals as they make and complete transactions in the open outcry markets. The Visitors Center can be accessed from its entrance on Wacker Drive near the Madison Street intersection. Come and check out the exhilarating action.

Masochist Tour

Baseball game: The Chicago Cubs are in town from August 11-17. The 11th and 12th are night games. The others are day games including an exciting defeat to the Houston Astros on Wednesday afternoon. It should end in time for you to get to Navy Pier, unless it goes deep into extra innings.

Billy Goat Tavern: The original Billy Goat Tavern is located on the lower Level of Michigan Avenue, near the Tribune Building. It provided the inspiration to the Second City Alumni who appeared on Saturday Night Live for the "Cheeseboorgher, Cheeseboorgher" skits. However, its significance to baseball fans is (from http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/h2g2/alabaster/A145441):

"The Billy Goat Tavern is a Chicago restaurant and bar that has been around since the 1930s. In 1945, the original owner tried to bring his pet goat to a World Series game between the Cubs and the Detroit Tigers. According to legend, when he was denied admission to the game, the tavern owner put a hex on the Cubs. He vowed that the Cubs would never win a championship until the goat was allowed in the ballpark. As mentioned previously, the Cubs haven't played in the World Series since.

In 1983, a descendant of the goat was invited to a regular season game. The Cubs failed to make the playoffs that year, but the following year they made the playoffs for the first time since the hex was put on the team. Despite this, the Cubs still haven't won a championship and the hex has never been fully lifted."

Untouchable Tour

For those who like a little weirdness, an easy-paced two hours takes you through the haunts, hot spots, and finales of Chicago's many famous gangsters. We went one weekday morning, meeting in front of the Rock & Roll McDonald's at the corner of Clark and Ohio (if you are new to Chicago and covet the treasures that the interior of a McDonald's possesses, come a few moments earlier to plow through the memorabilia tucked inside this Velvet Elvis of the world's Happy Meal producer). The tour is conducted from a big school bus painted "gangsta" black and two tour guides dressed in their Prohibition era duds. They combined dinner theater with (not always hilarious) standup and history as we embarked on a tour of gangster Chicago. The tour began with an explanation of how the Prohibition led to Chicago's infamy for its open warfare for control of the city's hooch trade. There were Irish Northsiders like Dion O'Bannion (who ran his bootlegging from his flower shop) and Italian Southsiders like, duh, Al Capone. (adapted from http://www.plume-noir.com/tripping/gangsters.html)

Professional Tours

There are numerous tours offered by professional operators. For those of you in good shape, there are even bike tours. Please consult the web sites for times, fees, etc.

See http://www.cityofchicago.org/Tourism/ThingsToDo/Tours.html

Bike Chicago Rentals & Tours

600 E. Grand Avenue At Navy Pier Chicago, Illinois 60680 Phone: 312-595-9600

Fax:

http://www.bikechicago.com

Chicago Trolley

4400 S. Racine Chicago, Illinois 60609 Phone: 773-648-5000 Fax: 773-648-5555

http://www.chicagotrolley.com

Shoreline Sightseeing & Charters

Board at Navy Pier Chicago, Illinois 60611 Phone: 312-222-9328 Fax: 312-321-0632

http://www.shorelinesightseeing.com

Chicago's First Lady Cruises

Michigan Avenue & Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois 60611 Phone: 847-358-1330

Fax: 847-991-5255

http://www.cruisechicago.com

Spirit of Chicago Harbor Cruises

Board At Navy Pier Chicago, Illinois Phone: 312-321-1241 Fax: 312-836-7889

http://www.spiritcruises.com

Chicago Architecture Foundation

224 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60604 Phone: 312-922-3432 Fax: 312-922-2607

http://www.architecture.org

Wendella Sightseeing Co. Inc.

400 N. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60611 Phone: 312-337-1446 Fax: 312-222-9225

http://www.wendellaboats.com

Other attractions

45th Annual Chicago Air and Water Show: August 16 and 17, 2003.

Buckingham Fountain: see the instructions for walking from the Art Institute to the Museum campus below.

Grant Park: This is the park around Buckingham Fountain.

Riverwalk/Gateway Murals: As you cross the Michigan Avenue Bridge, just as you get to the end of the bridge, you can go down a staircase on the right hand and walk along the Chicago River towards Lake Michigan. There are shops, restaurants, and some nice condominiums along the way. When you reach the second bridge over the river at Lake Shore Drive you can go over to the other side of the river and take a quick look at the Gateway Murals. These are described in the City of Chicago Website as:

"Chicago's largest work of public art to date, *Riverwalk Gateway* by Ellen Lanyon tells the history of Chicago and its river. The magnificent 336-foot long wall installation consists of sixteen narrative panels and twelve decorative panels. Each panel is six-feet by nine-feet, overglaze painted and fired on ceramic tile. The narratives, which are told through a combination of scenes, vignettes, and objects, begin in 1673 with the explorations of Marquette and Joliet, followed by a mural with scenes from 1782 of Jean Baptiste DuSable and 1803 when Fort Dearborn was built. Paintings record the development of Chicago's bridges and commemorate landmark events and important sites along the river and the lake, concluding in 2000 with the recreational use of the Chicago River."

As you walk back over the bridge to the other (north) side, you will see a sign for Navy Pier.

The Daley Building (Chicago City government center) – famous Picasso Statue in front. Also, noted Blues Brother locale.

Lincoln Park Zoo and Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum: It will take a bit of effort to get there, but these are good places if you have children accompanying you.

Sears Tower Skyway: Open from 10:00 am to 10:00pm, cost is \$9.75 for adults and \$6.75 for children.

Hancock Observatory: Open from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm, on clear days you can see up to 80 miles and look at four states. Fee is \$9.75 adults and \$6 for children (5-12).

Chicago Blues Exchange: The Chicago Blues Exchange exhibits imagery and artifacts that illustrate the development of blues out of the Mississippi Delta through Memphis, Tennessee, to Chicago, which would become the Blues Capital of the World. The exhibition highlights the lives of legendary blues artists, their contributions to blues music and the milestones they reached on the road to becoming world-renowned performers. Located at the Chicago Tourism Center, 72 E. Randolph, open Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sunday noon – 4 p.m. Admission: free.

Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series: Wednesdays 12:15pm at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street, 312.670.6888 Admission: Free Classical music wafts through the Chicago Cultural Center during these weekly concerts presented by the International Music Foundation.

Transportation Guide

Our buses will let people off at the Museum Campus in the morning and at Navy Pier in the afternoon. Here is a brief "guide" if you need to get from place to place. Methods of transportation include free trolley, CTA bus, taxi, and walking. The best means depends on the weather, the time of day, and your health/mood.

Once you get to Navy Pier, it is easy to find the Crystal Garden. It is just before the large Ferris Wheel, not too far from the Pier entrance. (There are other banquet facilities farther down the Pier, so remember this.)

Museum Campus to Art Institute/Loop area

Free Trolley Shuttle: There are free buses, that look like trolleys, that run from 10am to 6pm and stop at the following places: Union Station, Ogilvie Center, Marshall Fields (State Street), Art Institute, Spertus Museum, CTA Station for Red/Green/Orange Line, Field Museum, Adler Planetarium, and Shedd Aquarium. They run about every 20 minutes. It is a good way to get from the Museum Campus (Shedd, Adler, Field) back to the Art Institute or to the Loop. However, being free, it is very popular and you may need to wait in line to actually get on a bus. Note that a free trolley has a sign in the window that says "free trolley." Be careful, there are also paid trolley tours that may look similar. The stop to get from the Art Institute to the Museum Campus is on the side of the street opposite the Art Institute and is marked by a sign, as they all are. The trolley to get back from the Museum Campus stops at the rear of the Art Institute on Columbus Drive.

<u>Taxi</u>: Taxi's are abundant and the cost is \$6-8, depending on the traffic. The time is dominated by traffic conditions but should be about 20 minutes in normally horrific traffic conditions (NHTC).

<u>CTA bus</u>: The 127 CTA bus runs along Michigan Avenue, passes by the Art Institute and runs to the Museum Campus. Another option is the 146 CTA bus that runs from the corner of Congress and Michigan to the Museum Campus. Congress Street is a few blocks south (left exiting the museum on Michigan Avenue). The fare is \$1.50/passenger and exact change is required. Dollar bills are accepted.

<u>Walking</u>: We recommend that you walk between the Art Institute and the Museum Campus if it's not too hot and not too wet. The scenic route from the Museum Campus is to find the stairs down

to the lakefront until you reach the area near Buckingham Fountain, which should be obvious. Then, turn left, cross the street (Lake Shore Drive), and make a half circle around the fountain. Cross the next street, Columbus Drive, and walk straight ahead on Congress Parkway. Turn right on Michigan Avenue. The Art Institute is a few blocks down on Michigan. The walk should take 20 minutes at a leisurely pace.

Art Institute to North Michigan Avenue

<u>CTA bus</u>: You can take the number 3 Bus/King Drive from just outside the Art Institute. The bus you want is on the same side of the street as the Art Institute. You can get off at Water Tower Square or the Hancock Building. The cost of the ride is \$1.50/person and you need to have exact change. The time depends on the traffic but should be 20 minutes under NHTC.

<u>Taxi</u>: Taxis are abundant. Again, the cost should be around \$6 and the time depends on the traffic but takes about 20 minutes under NHTC.

<u>Walking</u>: This is by far the best way if the weather is ok. You will walk over the Michigan Avenue Bridge and down Chicago's Magnificent Mile. If you can avoid stopping at the many wonderful shops, you should be able to reach Water Tower Square and the Hancock Building plaza in 20-25 minutes without hurrying.

<u>Free Trolley</u>: When you leave the Art Institute walk to Adams and State Street (a few minutes) and catch the Red Trolley to the Water Tower. Again, 20 minutes.

Art Institute to Navy Pier

<u>Free Trolley</u>: Walk to State and Washington. Look for the first trolley sign after Washington and catch the trolley (yellow branch) to Navy Pier.

Walking: From the Art Institute entrance on Michigan Ave, go right along Michigan Ave until Randolph Street. Turn right on Randolph. Follow Randolph until you reach the lakefront. Turn left and follow the lakefront. Cross by foot over the Lake Shore Drive bridge. You should see a sign for Navy Pier that takes you off to your right and will eventually lead you to the pier. We estimate a 20-25 minute walk.

CTA bus: Walk to State Street and take the 29 bus towards Navy Pier.

<u>Taxi</u>: There are plenty near the Art Institute, again at a cost of \$5-10. Time depends critically on traffic heading into Navy Pier.

North Michigan Ave to Navy Pier

<u>Free Trolley</u>: Take the trolley from the back of Water Tower Park (along Michigan Avenue on the opposite side of the street from Water Tower Place and the Hancock Building). The trip is short, 15 minutes, but the time will depend on the amount of traffic flowing into the Pier.

<u>CTA Bus</u>: Go to the corner of Chicago Avenue and Michigan, which is on the side of the street opposite the Hancock building and just south of Water Tower Park. Take the CTA 66 bus to Navy Pier. It takes 15 minutes.

<u>Walking</u>: Go down Michigan Avenue back towards the Art Institute (Chicago River) to Grand St and turn left onto Grand. Follow Grand all the way down to the Pier.

Taxi: Same story. A short ride which should costs around \$6.

Museum Campus directly to Navy Pier

Water Taxi: This is the most direct route. The water taxi leaves from the base on the Shedd Aquarium on the lakefront. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. The time is 15 minutes. This is a great way to get a sense of the lakefront if you don't have time for a full tour.

Taxi is another direct route. It should take about ½ hour. We estimate a cost of \$10-12.

To take the bus or free trolley, you basically follow our instructions to get to the Art Institute and then follow our instructions to get from the Art Institute to Navy Pier.

To walk, you can follow the path along the Lakefront until you reach the Lakeshore Drive Bridge over the Chicago River. Then, you should see a sign on your left directing you to Navy Pier.

Navy Pier to Naperville Hotels

If, for some reason, you should miss the bus returning to the hotels and Fermilab from Navy Pier, you will have to use a combination of taxis and trains to get back to your hotel. First, take a taxi to Union Station. It should be easy to find a taxi at the exit of Navy Pier. Next, at Union Station, take the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Line (towards Aurora). Trains run at 10:30pm, 11:30pm, and 00:40am. After that, the next train is at 5:55 am. If you are staying in the conference hotels, you get off the train at Naperville, which is the second stop from the end and is just after Lisle. From the train station, you will need to take a taxi to get to the hotel (or you can try calling the hotel and see if they still have a shuttle operating). The numbers for some of the local taxi services are:

 ?? AAA Universal Taxi
 Phone: (630) 778-8294

 ?? American Taxi Dispatch Inc
 Phone: (630) 305-0700

 ?? Naperville Dupage Taxi
 Phone: (630) 235-2530

 ?? Suburban Taxi
 Phone: (630) 369-3879

If you are taking the train and have time at Union Station, it would be wise to call the taxi and arrange to have it meet you at the Naperville train station.

Food along the way

You should have no trouble finding food along the way. Each of the museums has at least one restaurant and there are outdoor stands at the Museum Campus. Near the Art Institute, there are two outdoor cafés (south on the opposite side of the street): Artist's Snacks and Café Bacci. Opposite the Art Institute is a Bennigan's. Just to the north are more restaurants including the Cosi Sandwich Shop and My Thai. There are many places as well along Michigan Avenue. The Grand Luxe Café is an upscale sandwich shop. There is a food court in Water Tower place and several restaurants in 900 North Michigan Avenue (Bloomingdales). If you want a big lunch, Eli's Place for Steaks is on Chicago Avenue, right near Water Tower Place. The restaurants at Navy Pier are listed above.

Safety and Security Tips

Chicago, like most large cities in the US, has great diversity. This means that areas of the city have differing levels of public transportation, tourist services, and physical safety. The main areas from the Museum Campus to North Michigan Avenue are mainstream tourist areas and are relatively easy to get around in and reasonably safe. However, even here, you should exercise normal caution and common sense. You are advised against going wandering into other areas of the city unless you already know your way around in them.