

# Guild Trip to **Chicago**



**April 23- 25**

Known as the place to see and be seen, the Hard Rock Hotel Chicago is frequented by celebrities and VIPs who appreciate the hotel's four-star amenities and high degree of personal service. Only three blocks from Harris Theater opera venue and Millennium Park, and a short walk to cultural attractions and shopping. Double Room per day \$179

## **Focus Chicago: Embracing the Generations**

Enjoy an exciting time in the Windy City. The Opera Volunteers International, Chicago Chapter are anxious for you to come and attend the **Chicago Opera Theater**.

(OVI has secured tickets to these COT performances at a very advantageous range!)

***Mosè in Egitto*** by Gioachino Rossini (Friday), last performed in 1863!

Opening night of ***Giasone*** by Francesco Cavalli (Saturday).

### **FRIDAY, April 23**

- Chicago's welcome luncheon on Friday at noon will be an architectural cruise on the Chicago River.
- For those who opt not to take the river cruise tour, a group lunch and visit to the Chicago Lyric Opera for a talk by CLO's Mark Riddleman and hopefully a backstage tour of its theater. This is under construction and an option for travelers who do not wish to take the boat trip. Chicago boasts about this amazing tour.
- Attendance at ***Mosè in Egitto*** in the evening

## **SATURDAY, April 24**

- Saturday afternoon, we'll hear from a multi-generational, performing arts support group; learn how Chicago Opera Theater is using some innovative programs to attract new, non-traditional audiences; and find out what goes into creating opera for children and adults from a noted composer and conductor, Philip Seward. You can see his biography and more at <http://www.philipseward.com/philipseward.html>
- Attendance at *Giasone*, **OR** other evening performances to be identified.

Chicago hasn't fine-tuned the fee yet, but it will be well under \$200 and include the River Cruise, all sessions, lunches, receptions, cast party, etc. Opera tickets can be ordered separately when you register they are front, center section and in the \$60 range.

## **Optional Tours and More to Come!**

### **PANORAMIC & SCENIC NORTH SIDE TOUR**

If you like the hustle and bustle of big city life, this is the tour for you. Experience the culture and life of Chicagoans as we take you through Chicago's main business section, Michigan Avenue, the John Hancock center, Lincoln Park, and much more! \$25 per person

### **DAY ON THE MUSEUM CAMPUS**

Explore The Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, and Adler Planetarium all in one day.

Passengers are transported directly to the Museum Campus from downtown and near north hotels. At 5:30 pm passengers must meet at the Main Entrance of The Field Museum for hotel returns. \$63 per person

### **THE WHITE CITY - THE 1893 COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION TOUR**

A sensational fair and a serial killer - the city of Chicago and the summer of 1893 would never be the same after the Columbian Exposition. Walk the grounds of Jackson Park, the Wooded Island and the University of Chicago with a professional guide - this is the White City brought to life. \$45.00 per person, 5 hour duration

**IF YOU ARE AT ALL INTERESTED, PLEASE RESPOND ASAP TO US SO THAT WE CAN PUT YOU ON AN IMMEDIATE INTEREST LIST. GIVE COMPLETE CONTACT DATA AND NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY.**

Send your tentative reservation to: Miriam Miller: 703-536-7557,  
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Transportation is NOT included but David Ryan has checked out Train Travel on a Double Decker Train--round trip \$450-- Anyone checking on flights please share with Miriam Miller. Arrival should be as early as possible on Friday April 23rd-- to make lunch/boat tour or lunch near Chicago Lyric Opera.

# **SIGN UP FOR THIS OUTSTANDING TRIP!**