

Chicago Congress Banquets, Tours & Special Events

Opening Reception & Banquet

Aboard the Odyssey Cruise Ship, Sunday, September 7

Renew old acquaintances and make new ones at the opening reception of the 19th IFC. The Congress has reserved the Odyssey—one of Chicago's finest cruise ships—on which the event will take place. With a capacity of 650 people, all are welcome to attend the cruise. A menu of creative seasonal hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, entrees and desserts is prepared fresh, on board daily, and complemented by an excellent wine list.

The two-hour cruise begins heading south along the Chicago Lakefront to the Museum Campus and north, sometimes as far as Evanston, then returns south to Navy Pier. All the while, Odyssey offers unmatched views of our world-famous skyline, from the Sears Tower, the John Hancock, to the Shedd Aquarium, Aon Center and more. Each deck aboard Odyssey offers spacious dance floors and live music—everything from classic jazz to contemporary favorites; from a five-piece band to soft piano music—that won't end until well after the ship returns to the pier.

Business attire (coat and tie) is recommended.



Take in the breathtaking beauty of Chicago's evening skyline aboard the Odyssey during the Opening Reception.

Closing Reception & Banquet

Featuring All That Jazz Chicago Review, Tuesday, September 9

"All That Jazz" Chicago Review brings together a talented cast of performers to deliver all

the drama, humor, and excitement of "Chicago" the musical with their unique presentation of song and dance. The review is primarily driven by the classic and recognizable music

from the show, as well as blues favorites. Hear many of the classic tunes from the show itself such as "All That Jazz" and "Razzle Dazzle" now an indelible part of the American songbook. The cast brings to life a group of the most memorable of characters, both the charismatic and the unseemly. With the addition of spectacular choreography and stunning costuming, these singers will transport you

to a fantastic place: Chicago in the roaring '20s within a hot, hip, and contemporary context.

Business attire (coat and tie) is considered appropriate dress for the Closing Reception and Banquet.



"All That Jazz" will highlight the fantastic music and dance of Chicago's past AND present.



Accompanying Person Tours

Art Institute of Chicago & Millennium Park Walking Tour



The Art Institute of Chicago (above) features treasures of magnificent proportions while Millennium Park (right) reveals the city's more whimsical side.



Accompanying persons will see the treasures of the Art Institute of Chicago, home to 275,000 works of art, spanning 50 centuries. For the first time, the bulk of the Art Institute of Chicago's world-renowned collection of American art can now be seen together in a chronological series of galleries.

Discover the highlights of this collection through experienced eyes of a museum expert in a guided tour of the American galleries. In addition to the work of such artists as George Bellows, Mary Cassatt, Winslow Homer, and John Singer Sargent, visitors will be able to enjoy an in-depth presentation of Modernist giants all in one presentation.

After their morning of art, attendees will proceed on foot across Michigan Avenue to the beginning of Chicago's Millennium Park and the Park Grill for a three course lunch. Following lunch, guests will take the journey into Millennium Park with an expert guide who will highlight the significance and magnitude of the Park to Chicago.

Gold Coast Walking Tour & Shopping in Lincoln Park

The day begins with a walking tour of one of Chicago's most famous neighborhoods located just north of downtown. Row houses from the 19th century intermingle with modern high rises to create a one of a kind neighborhood along Chicago's lake-front. The real estate options encompass all price points from the affordable to the astronomical. In a few block radius some of Chicago's most incredible mansions built by the icons of Chicago's past are concentrated including the original Midwest Playboy Mansion and the current Catholic Cardinal's Mansion. Learn about Chicago's history, today's residents and all types of architecture and real estate in a one-of-a-kind walking tour.

After the tour, accompanying persons will enjoy French cuisine at Bistro 110 which overlooks a small park adjacent to Chicago's historic Water Tower.

After lunch, guests will journey to Chicago's north side to another favorite neighborhood—Lincoln Park. In this neighborhood, you'll find specialty gift items as well as trendy and upscale fashions. This neighborly district is filled with tree-lined streets, beautiful Victorian brownstones and intriguing, intimate boutiques—perfect for an afternoon of shopping.



Explore one of the city's most charming neighborhoods—Lincoln Park (above)—and take in Chicago's historic Water Tower (right) while dining on French cuisine.



The International Manufacturing Technology Show (IMTS) 2008

September 8-13, 2008, McCormick Place, Chicago, IL USA

About the Event:

IMTS 2008 will be the 27th edition of the machine tool and manufacturing technology show in North America. More than 1,200 exhibiting companies will occupy 1.2 million net square feet of exhibit space at the McCormick Place complex in Chicago, Illinois.

A late schedule change by IMTS organizers caused IFC and IMTS program dates to overlap. As this was not our original intent, no special arrangements have been made with the organizers of IMTS to coordinate IFC attendance at the exhibit. Therefore, IFC attendees also interested in attending the IMTS should register with the show organizers directly. No separate or explicit time will be allocated during IFC to attend IMTS. We hope this does not cause you any inconvenience.

For more information on IMTS 2008 see www.imts.com.

The IFC takes place at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers in the heart of the city and offers views of the river and Lake Michigan. The hotel is within walking distance of Navy Pier, Millennium Park and Michigan Avenue—home of the Magnificent Mile famous for its exquisite shops and restaurants.

