

2019 Chicago - New Year Countdown 9 Days Tour (AP25-9CN)

Departure Date: **12/25/2018 (Tue)**

Price List:

1st & 2nd Person	3rd Person	4th Person	Single	Share
\$899/person	\$640	\$640	\$1,230	\$964

Departure & Return Information:

Start-off Day: (Airport Pick-up)	Airport Drop-off Note	End Day
12/25/2018 (Tuesday)	Free: ORD airport flight after 7:00PM At your own expense: MDW airport flight after 7:00PM	01/02/2019 (Wednesday)

1. Complimentary airport pick-up service is provided 9:00AM - 9:00PM at ORD airport. You may need to wait for other passengers. MDW airport has no free airport transfer service.
2. 24-hour pick-up service is available for first two persons at the cost of \$120 and with \$10 for each additional person.

Itinerary Highlights:

1. Celebrate the New Year at Times Square Countdown with 3 choices: The traditional way to experience the Countdown zone, the luxury way to have unlimited access to Countdown zone with Applebee, the unique way to spend the night and count down on Cruise!
2. [Exclusive visit to historical landmarks: Baroque-style magnificent Chicago Theatre](#)
3. [Hershey's Chocolate World Tour and freshly-made chocolate tasting](#)
4. [Cross world-famous Brooklyn Bridge on foot](#)
5. ["Encounter" the Finger Lakes in winter; cultural and natural tour of Cornell University](#)
6. Free hand warmer for all guests on the day of New Year countdown.

Visiting Eight Historical Cities: Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Cleveland

Itinerary

Day 1 **Hometown – Chicago (Optional Night Tour) (12/25 Tuesday)**
Hotel: Best Western O'Hare or equivalent

The first day's itinerary is for your reference only; the schedule is subject to change upon your arrival. Fly from home to Chicago. For passengers arriving with domestic flights, please wait at Baggage Claim area; for passengers taking International flight, please wait at the Exit doors after retrieving your luggage. Tour guide will lead you to the meeting point. For those guests who arrive at O'Hare meeting point before 3:00pm, you will receive an additional gift - free transportation to the Fashion Outlets of Chicago which features many shopping and dining options, there's no complimentary airport pickup and shopping option for Midway Airport arrival. For passengers who arrive before 5:00pm, you are invited to join the night tour of Chicago at \$25 per person. (*To arrange the night tour, it requires at least 4 guests enrolled.)

【Chicago Night tour】 Start from the Crown Fountain at Millennium Park, we will set off for Michigan Avenue where you can have a wonderful view of the Magnificent Mile in the night and take a walk alongside the Chicago River. The last stop will be the Michigan Lakeside with the panoramic view of the world-class city skyline of Chicago.

Day 2 Chicago City Tour (12/26 Wednesday)

Hotel: Best Western O'Hare or equivalent

This tour will show you the best of Chicago in one day. You will take a walk in the Millennium Park, a combination of stunning architecture, sculpture and landscape design located in the heart of downtown Chicago, where is one of the best public spaces that you can find on earth; go through Cloud Gate, the impressive signature urban sculpture of Chicago. Take a break at the Clarence Buckingham Memorial Fountain, one of the world's largest artificial fountains, and at the Navy Pier, the former Navy training center, which is the most visited lakeshore park in central United States now. You will also take an exclusive tour of the Chicago Theatre, an exquisite French Baroque style theatre. Another stop is Michigan Ave, the Magnificent Mile, where the Art Institute of Chicago, Grant Park, shopping malls and boutique stores, and the historical Chicago Water Tower are located. To have the best view of this famous city, you will go up to the 360 CHICAGO which soars 1,000 feet above Lake Michigan and the city's majestic skyline to offer the most breathtaking views of downtown Chicago, the lakefront and four neighboring states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. It newly presents an enclosed, glass and steel moveable platform that tilts outward 304 meter above the Magnificent Mile and safely holds up to eight visitors at a time, which will be another thrilling experience for whom like to challenge themselves. Famed for its bold architecture, it has a skyline bristling with skyscrapers. Chicago is also the birthplace of skyscrapers. A walking tour is one of the best ways to learn more about this famous architectural city. [Our Tour Guide will lead you to walk along the beautiful Chicago River, appreciating several world-famous buildings in Chicago.](#)

Day 3 Chicago – Detroit (12/27 Thursday)

Hotel: Quality Inn & Suites North Youngstown or equivalent

In the morning, we are heading to the capital of automobiles, Detroit. We will stop at the headquarters of the General Motors Company and take pictures. We will then visit Henry Ford Museum, which is sponsored by the Ford Motor Company. It is the second-largest carmaker in the United States. It's said that where cars exist, there is a Ford. The exhibitions not only show the history of Ford but also reveal the process of American Industrial Revolution. The collection contains many rare exhibits including John F. Kennedy's presidential limousine, Abraham Lincoln's chair from Ford's Theatre, Thomas Edison's laboratory, the Wright Brothers' bicycle shop, and the Rosa Parks bus.

Day 4 Detroit – Pittsburgh – Washington, D.C. (12/28 Friday)

Hotel: Comfort Inn Capital Beltway or equivalent

In the morning, we will leave for Pittsburgh, "the Steel City" which is famous for its more than 300 steel-related businesses and "the City of Bridges" for its 446 bridges. The Point State Park, at the confluence of three rivers, gives you a fabulous view of Pittsburgh. Then we will head to Washington D.C. and visit the

Lincoln Memorial, the Reflecting Pool, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial. Besides, we can take photos of the White House and the U.S. Capitol from outside due to the limitation of visit time for the public. Furthermore, you surely don't want to miss the opportunity to take a cruise for sightseeing of the town on the Potomac River! Along the way, you will see and pass by the Washington Monument, the World War II Memorial, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, and etc.

Day 5

Baltimore – Hershey – Lancaster – Philadelphia – New Jersey (12/29 Saturday)

Hotel: Somerset, Holiday Inn Somerset or equivalent

Baltimore, Maryland's largest city and economic hub, is recognized by its beautiful inner harbor where sits the Fort McHenry, birthplace of the U.S. national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner". The waterfront, Baltimore's hub for tobacco trade with England in its earliest days, is surrounding by shops, restaurants and attractions that lure tourists and residents today. [Then, we will be heading to the famous Hershey's Chocolate World located in Hershey, Pennsylvania. There, we will enjoy the exciting 4D Chocolate Mystery Show. You will also have a chance to taste the delicious, freshly made chocolate!](#)

We will also travel to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to visit the Amish Village. Despite the development of the contemporary technologies in the 21st century, the Amish still live a rural way of life. They enjoy their simple and strict life and keep away from light, phone, and TV. Amish life is always remarkable in the trip with such a huge contrast with the modern social values. Later, drive north to Philadelphia where is known as the birthplace of American democracy. At the Independence National Historical Park, tour guide will arrange a free time for guests to walk around. Inside the Independence Hall, you will have a special moment of standing exactly where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were signed. You also won't miss the Liberty Bell, the Statue of Washington, Congress Hall, and other great attractions! Take pictures, and even better, add a smile! Lastly stay at the hotel in New Jersey at night.

Day 6

New York City (12/30 Sunday)

Hotel: Somerset, Holiday Inn Somerset or equivalent

At a first glance, travelling around the entire of New York City within a day seems like a mission impossible; however, we are delivering this promise and make this mission possible! By visiting various famous landmarks and museums in NYC, you are going to feel the core spirit of New York and learn more of its unique history! Our NYC city tour for the first day will start with stepping up to the Empire State Building. You will be able to overlook the famous Central Park and the entire of New York City. Empire State Building stood as the world's tallest building for nearly 40 years until 1970. Its name is derived from the nickname for the New York State, the Empire State. Nowadays it is still the most famous landmark of the city. We will also take a sightseeing cruise on the Hudson River to enjoy Manhattan's skyline from an entirely different view. On the cruise, you will also have a chance to appreciate the Statue of Liberty, a symbol of America! In addition, you will not want to miss USS INTREPID the national heritage that costs \$120 million. In this museum, you will have a chance to visit the Concorde supersonic airliner and a variety of aircrafts retired from famous wars and battles. Of course, we will not miss the famous Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Metropolitan Museum of Art is the largest art museum in the United States with collections of more than 2 million works of art. We will conclude today's excitement in Times Square. [There you will have a chance to visit the world-famous Madame Tussauds Wax Museum and take fun photos with wax sculptures of American and international celebrities. We will have dinner at Times Square before returning to hotel.](#)

Day 7

New Year Times Square Countdown (12/31 Monday)

Hotel: Somerset, Holiday Inn Somerset or equivalent

Our New Year's Eve will start with our visit to the world's famous financial and securities trading center – Wall Street, taking pictures with the symbol of New York Stock Exchange - Charging Bull, and visiting Trinity Church (Outside). Then we will be heading to the internationally known Brooklyn Bridge. You will have a chance to cross the bridge on foot and feel awed by this spectacular mega construction in the history of human civil engineering. We will also enjoy a leisurely lunch in Manhattan's Chinatown, the oldest Chinatown in New York City. After lunch, we will visit the most "luxury" street in the world, the Fifth Avenue. There, we will visit Rockefeller Center, a noted commercial complex built in the 1930s. In the afternoon, we will arrive in the Times Square countdown area and get ready to celebrate the coming of 2019 with thousands of visitors from all over the world! During that time, roads around the countdown zone will be closed for pedestrian only; you can freely enjoy the bright lights of Times Square and experience the world-famous New Year Eve's celebrations.

You will have 3 options for the countdown:

1. **You may walk to Times Square and watch performances before the countdown.** At the same time, the countdown zone will be closed for pedestrians only; you may experience the world-famous New Year street celebrations to witness the historic moment. **(Free of charge)**
2. **Buy an Applebee Party Pass!** Be in the center of it all – and feel the electricity & excitement of a "real" Times Square New Year's Eve experience! Enjoy an All-Inclusive Evening of a Lifetime at The World's Largest Applebee's: Premium Chef's selection buffet, Premium Open Bar, Party Favors, House DJ / Live Entertainment, Dance Floor, Champagne Toast at Midnight **(\$375 for adults, \$250 for kids)**
3. **New York Sightseeing Countdown Dinner Cruise.** Cruise into the New Year in style aboard our New Year's Eve Fireworks Cruise! Your majestic evening on the ferry features stunning views of the New York City skyline and 3 hours of first-rate entertainment. In the climate-controlled interior of the cruise boat, dance the night away as the DJ spins the greatest hits of the year! Enjoy a little bubbly or pick your poison at the open bar as your countdown the final hours of 2018. When the clock strikes midnight, make a toast and turn your head to the sky for a brilliant firework display that illuminates iconic landmarks and adds splashes of color to the skyline. **(\$411/person, including transfer service to the pier)**

Exclusive countdown service details:

1. Indoor waiting area:
 - located between fifth Avenue and Sixth Avenue West 48th Street
2. Hotel shuttle bus: departure at 18:00/21:00/01:30.
3. All guests will be provided a pack of hand-warmer to keep warm in countdown zone.

Day 8

Upstate New York – Ithaca/Cornell University (01/01/2019 Tuesday)

Hotel: Days Inn Erie, Comfort Inn Erie or equivalent

On the New Year's Day, we will continue our journey and head to the beautiful Finger Lakes region in Upstate New York. Finger Lakes are famous for having beautiful valleys and waterfalls. There, we will visit Ithaca, a town located at the southern tip of Cayuga Lake, one of the largest lakes in the Finger Lakes region. Ithaca is also the home to Cornell University, an Ivy League school. We will visit the beautiful campus of Cornell University where you will have a chance to overlook the beautiful Cayuga Lake. We will also take a leisure walk in Cornell University's botanic garden as well as appreciate the stunning waterfalls and valleys within the Cornell Campus.

Day 9 Cleveland – Chicago – Homeland (01/02/2019 Wednesday)

Cleveland, the Holly of Rock, is the biggest city along the Erie Lake in the State of Ohio. Here, we will visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, which is designed by the famous designer I. M. Pei. This is the heaven for Rock and Roll fans. The museum has 4 theaters, multiple interactive stations and 7 floors of exhibits that exactly tell the story of the world's most powerful music. In the evening, we will return to Chicago. (If you need to leave at any other places on the way back to Chicago, please confirm it with your tour guide in advance.)

Special Remarks

Scenic Spots Notes:

1. Itinerary will be subject to traffic and weather. The sequence of the attractions might be changed according to actual and practical situation for better service.
2. In case of attraction closures (due to holidays or construction etc.), tour guide may make some necessary changes to the itinerary accordingly.
3. This tour does not accept any City Pass or your own tickets for the attraction. Guests need to purchase admission tickets from tour guides.

Refund Policy:

1. If the weather condition, war, general strikes and other unforeseen circumstances interrupt the journey, our company reserve the right to rearrange the journey without refunding the tour fee.
2. If visitors cannot join the tour because of personal reason, the fee for hotels and transportation is not refundable.

Tour fee excludes: the meals, attractions tickets, service fee (\$10 per person per day), and any private costs (such as hotel telephone charges, laundry etc.).

Optional Attraction Cost	Adult	Senior(62+)	Child(3-12)
Chicago/Detroit			
Chicago Night Tour	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$15.00
360 Chicago (incl. Tilt)	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$21.00
The Art Institute of Chicago	\$25.00	\$19.00	Free(14&Under)
Chicago Theater In-depth Tour	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$10.00

Henry Ford Museum	\$23.00	\$21.00(62+)	\$17.25(5-11)
Washington D.C./Amish Village			
Hershey' s Chocolate World Tour (Incl. 4D Chocolate Mystery Show and Chocolate Tasting)	\$15	\$15	\$11
Amish Village Tour	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$13.00
DC Cruise	\$26.00	\$23.00	\$18.00
New York			
Metropolitan Museum	\$25.00	\$17.00	Free(12&Under)
Empire State Building	\$37.00	\$35.00(62+)	\$31.00(6-12) Free(5&Under)
Liberty Cruise	\$29.00	\$24.00	\$17.00
U.S.S. Intrepid	\$33.00	\$31.00	\$24.00(5-12)
Madame Tussauds Wax Museum	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$23.00
Ithaca/ Cornell University			
Cornell Campus Tour	\$15	\$15	\$10
Cleveland			
Rock N Roll Hall Of Fame	\$26.00	\$24.00	\$16.00(6-12)

***Price and schedule are subject to seasonal change without notice.**