

Presented by First National Bank of Waterloo Classic 55 Club

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Chicago Christmas Express

December 3-6, 2024

(3 nights/4 days including 7 meals)

4 Sneaker Tour **

Featuring beautiful accommodations located in the Theatre District, Downtown Bakery Tour, Lake Michigan Dinner Cruise, delicious meals at iconic restaurants, shopping at Water Tower Place and an Amtrak ride back to Alton, this tour will surely get you into the Christmas spirit!



Our 3-night stay at **The Cambria® Hotel Chicago Loop** - Theatre District offers upscale accommodations and amenities that help you get the most of your stay in this exciting city. Our central location puts you in the heart of Chicago's Theatre District. World-Class shopping on State Street including the **Christkindlmarket, Macy's (formerly Marshall Fields), Block Thirty Seven (a five level Lifestyle Center and is the perfect mix of shopping, dining & entertainment)** and the urban oasis of Millennium Park are all just a short walk from the hotel.

We have built in free time so you can enjoy holiday shopping. Between a stop at **Water Tower Place** and many shops within a couple blocks of our hotel – you will be all set! We then continue our exploration of Chicago with a visit to the **Driehaus Museum**, where we enjoy a private tour of this outstanding home filled with priceless art and sculptures. Located in the lovely Near North Side near the Magnificent Mile, you will see what it was like for the “other half” of Chicago's wealthy business class. We will enjoy dinner at a beloved downtown Chicago icon, **Petterino's** who, continues to offer the same spirit and tradition that diners know and love. Enjoy timeless flavors, authentic Italian fare, comfortable interiors and warm hospitality. Be sure to check out the caricatures of all the famous politicians, celebrities and influential Chicagoans who have eaten in the same booths that you will.

One evening we will enjoy **Teatro Zinzanni** - featuring acrobatics, cabaret, spectacle, music, comedy, and gourmet dinner served under the big top INSIDE our hotel's building, all in one show! This European style circus performance complemented by the ongoing monologue of the hilarious “chef” will have you amazed and laughing out loud all at the same time.



Each morning we will enjoy a full, hot plated breakfast at the restaurant in the hotel before heading out to explore the Windy City. What is better than a **Downtown Chicago Bakery Tour** and sit-down lunch at a local ethnic neighborhood favorite? This fully narrated history of Christmas Traditions in Chicago from a variety of cultural groups including the Greek, Polish, German, Italian, Irish and Chinese, our local guide will impart what it



is like to enjoy the holidays in their hometown. Have your questions ready and your stomach! We will set sail on Lake Michigan aboard the **Odyssey Chicago Dinner Cruise**. Enjoy a plated dinner, DJ entertainment, and scenic views of the Chicago Skyline including Navy Pier and the Willis Tower.

We will enjoy a leisurely morning before departing for home. Our motorcoach delivers us to Union Station to catch our **Amtrak Train, the Texas Eagle**, which brings us into the Alton station. Our driver will have our luggage and pick us up at the Alton Station to return all to their cars at Maryville, Columbia, and Waterloo.

Tour Price includes:

- ☑ Three night stay at the Cambria Loop, located right in the Theatre District and one block from great shopping, including the Christkindlmarket, Macy's (formerly Marshall Fields) and Block 37.
- ☑ Round trip transportation – including Amtrak tickets home.
- ☑ Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation for all planned touring of Chicago.
- ☑ Pickup locations in Waterloo, Columbia & Maryville.
- ☑ Private tour of the Driehaus Museum opening just for our tour group!
- ☑ 7 Meals: (3 full plated breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners)
- ☑ Luggage handling at hotel
- ☑ 2 Professional Tour Directors with you from start to finish
- ☑ Bank Escort
- ☑ All gratuities including meals, local guides, luggage handling, drivers, and directors
- ☑ Travel Protection



Please note: Any notice of fuel surcharges imposed by carriers and/or attractions will be disclosed at least 30 days prior to tour departure.

As you can imagine weather in December can be cold and wet. Our itinerary could change due to the weather. We are excited that our hotel is in a premier location to shopping and other activities. We will keep you posted and any change will be for the better! We will provide the final itinerary and travel documents 12 – 14 days prior to departure.

Tour pricing per person:

\$2,067 double occupancy	\$2,429 single occupancy
\$1,957 triple occupancy	\$1,902 quad occupancy
Triple & Quad occupancy is based on availability	

\$400 per person deposit due with reservation with final payment due no later than October 9, 2024.

****FROM OUR TOUR COMPANY:** Please note that it is not possible to stay on board the coach when the group is to disembark for a break or walking tour. The driver is on duty the entirety of the time anyone remains onboard and the electronic logs deter any extra time allowed for that. We will attempt to accommodate anyone by finding a bench or coffee shop to stay while the group disembark.

On breaks, everyone must leave the coach for the driver to have a much-needed break like the rest of the group. Gentle walkers and those traveling with them need to be aware that some locations may not have an elevator or ramp, nor may we be able to drop off and pick up in front of the location.



Classic 55 Club Travel General Information

Travel Protection:

First National Bank of Waterloo has always believed the importance of Trip Protection Plans. Tour price represents cost with trip protection. It is highly suggested that all travelers help protect their vacation investment by purchasing the optional travel protection plan. Please make note if you wish to opt out of Travel Protection for this tour.

Methods of Payment:

We accept cash, check or debit from a First National Bank of Waterloo account. We do not accept credit or debit cards at this time.

Cancellations:

Our cancellation fees vary according to the type of tour. Your deposit is refundable up to the final payment due date unless previously noted. If you need to cancel for a covered reason after final payment, you may file a claim with proper documentation to request refund.

Tour Inclusions:

Classic 55 Club tour cost includes all attractions, lodging, motor coach transportation, meals as noted and gratuities for all included for any events or services that are provided. If the trip includes airfare, the cost of the ticket is included unless otherwise noted. Some airlines charge for checked baggage, which is not included in the tour price unless noted.

Motor Coach Pick Up Locations:

All pick up points allow parking for your vehicle. Please park in the specified area of the parking lot so usual business can occur. Neither First National Bank of Waterloo nor the parking lot owners assume responsibility for incidents occurring to parked cars. The motor coach usually originates from the Waterloo VFW, 406 Veteran's Drive. Please park on the very west side of the VFW parking lot, making sure not to block the dumpster. Columbia pick up is at the Schnuck's Marketplace, 1000 Columbia Center, park towards the road, near the Post Office. The motor coach will pull up to the sidewalk of the post office. For our Chicago Christmas Express tour, we have added a pick up at our Maryville, Illinois Banking Center at 2110 North Center Street. We ask that you please bring your luggage to the motor coach to be loaded.

Seating on the motor coach:

At this time, we have assigned seating. We are currently trying to keep motorcoach to less than capacity. Special seating requests are honored based on medical need and availability.

Single Travelers requesting roommates:

If you would like to travel with The Classic 55 Club, but do not have a roommate for a specific trip, let the coordinator know when you complete the reservation process and they can provide you with the names of other travelers of the same sex who are also looking for a roommate. If there is mutual agreement to room together, you will be charged the double rate. Of course, if you prefer to travel solo, you can still register for single occupancy.

Pictures:

By signing up for and participating in our tour, you are agreeing to have any pictures taken on tour published by First National Bank of Waterloo, printed or online (social media & our website). If you do not wish to have your picture used by us, please notify us prior to traveling.

Darcy Fausz, Coordinator - 618-504-2363
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First National Bank of Waterloo Classic 55 Club Booking Form



Return this form with your \$400 deposit per person to the nearest banking center or mail to FNB, PO Box 507, Waterloo, IL 62298 to secure your reservation. Contact Darcy at (618) 504-2363 with any questions.

Final payment due no later than October 9, 2024.

Tour Name Chicago Christmas Express		Tour Dates 12/3-6/2024	
PERSONAL INFORMATION – Travelers in same household			
Traveler #1 Name (as it appears on valid ID)			
Name preferred on tour		Birthdate	
Address	City	State	Zip
Email Address	Home phone	Cell phone	
Traveler # 2 Name (as it appears on valid ID)			
Name preferred on tour		Birthdate	
Email Address	Home phone	Cell phone	
Correspondence Preference	Mail	Email	Text
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ALL TRIPS			
Emergency Information Form	Copy of valid driver's license or state issued identification card		
PAYMENT OPTIONS			
Debit FNB		Check Enclosed (payable to First National Bank of Waterloo)	
I authorize FNB Waterloo to debit my account (ending in ____ __ __ __) immediately for listed deposit(s). Remaining balance will be debited on final payment due date listed in the brochure unless other arrangements have been made.			
x _____ Signature			
TRAVEL PROTECTION			
<input type="checkbox"/> I ACCEPT the optional travel protection plan and have paid the premium. I agree that 1st National Bank of Waterloo is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise. Pricing per person. Deposit includes premium. ____ \$157 Double/Triple/Quad Occupancy ____ \$191 Single Occupancy		<input type="checkbox"/> I DECLINE the optional travel protection plan and in doing so realize that I may lose all or part of my trip payment if I have to cancel after the cancellation date noted on the trip flier. I also realize that I will be 100% responsible for all expenses incurred if I become sick, injured or die while on the trip; or if I must leave the tour to return home. I agree 1st National Bank of Waterloo is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise.	
MOTORCOACH PREFERENCES			
Preferred Pick up location	Waterloo	Columbia	Maryville
Motor coach seating preference	No preference	Front due to medical	Close to the front Rear
ACCOMMODATIONS			
Room Occupancy	Double	Single	Triple/Quad
Please list roommate(s)	Bedding Preference		Hotel Room Location Request
	1 bed	2 beds	Close to Elevator First Floor Room <small>We will do our best to accommodate your room request but cannot make any guarantees.</small>
Please list any Food Allergies/Dietary/Medical/Walking Restrictions			
I am healthy and able to travel at this time			Yes No
Signature			Date

BANK USE ONLY:

Deposit: Date _____ Method _____ Amount _____ Balance Due _____

Final Payment: Date _____ Method _____ Amount _____

