

CHICAGO'S NORTH SHORE

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

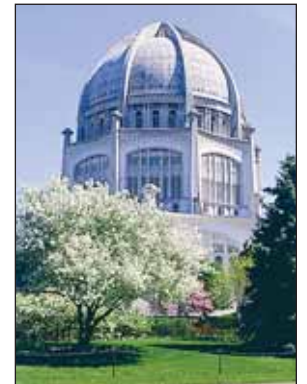


Evanston Beaches

Bordering Chicago, along the glorious shores of Lake Michigan, the inviting communities of Evanston, Skokie, Wilmette and Northbrook are just twenty minutes north of Chicago's city center and truly offer something for everyone!

During your North Shore visit, you can stroll through Northwestern University's ivy-lined campus. If you continue north, do so by taking a relaxing drive along the region's famed Sheridan Road, which actually hugs the lakefront. This gorgeous, winding stretch of road offers the most spectacular views of gracious homes, famed architecture, and the bounty of nature.

Make a point to see Wilmette's Bahá'í House of Worship, an architectural wonder, and take a tour of Wilmette's Historical Homes on a walking tour or visit the Chicago Botanic Garden where you can explore dozens of natural gardens from the brightly colored whimsical to the peaceful, subtle and serene. If you're in town with children, you won't want to miss the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park and The Exploritorium (also in Skokie) which features an art center, a computer lab and other exciting exhibits just for kids.



Bahá'í House of Worship

ILLINOIS. MILE AFTER MAGNIFICENT MILE.



If shopping is your passion Chicago's North Shore is the place for you! World-class shopping centers (Westfield Old Orchard and Northbrook Court) are retail favorites, while the downtown communities of Evanston and Wilmette offer cosmopolitan boutiques with genuine neighborhood flair.

And, after a full day of exploring the magic of Chicago's North Shore, you're sure to build up an appetite! Whether you're in the mood for a slice of Chicago's famed deep-dish pizza, a Chicago-style hot dog or a five-course meal expertly prepared by an award-winning chef, Chicago's North Shore has unlimited dining.



Chicago's North Shore sizzles in the summer with festivals, art fairs, stunning beaches and outdoor concerts. A quick ride on Chicago's famed "el" train takes you to Wrigley Field or downtown Chicago. Most hotel packages include free parking and hot breakfast. [Click here](#) for Chicago North Shore packages

Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park



Skokie Festival of Cultures

May 20, 2006 – May 21, 2006

Experience cultures from around the world at this celebration featuring entertainment, ethnic cuisine, children's activities, a merchandise bazaar and ethnic arts and crafts from over 20 countries and cultures.

4701 W. Oakton St. • Skokie, IL

847-674-1500 Ext 2180 • www.skokieculturefest.org

Tour of the North Shore – Bike Event

May 21, 2006

In its 31st Year, the Tour of the North Shore is a bike ride for bike enthusiasts and families with three routes available to fit all levels: 3 mile route 10 - 30 mile routes and 50 mile route. Bike through the scenic byways of Chicago's North Shore. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. First group of riders begin at 7am. North Shore Skokie Hotel Parking Lot Skokie Blvd. at Golf Rd., Skokie, IL • www.bikenorthshore.com

Custer's Last Stand Arts & Crafts Fair

Jun. 17, 2006 – Jun. 18, 2006

350 exhibitors and 30 restaurants attract 60,000 fair-goers to this annual tradition. The Jazz stage and the Show Stage provides continuous entertainment and the Children's activity area provides camel rides, puppet shows, clowns and theater. Custer St. & Washington St. • Evanston, IL

847-328-2204 • www.custerfair.com

Fountain Square Arts Festival

Jun. 24, 2006 – Jun. 25, 2006

The streets give way to this annual exhibition of 250 juried artists, displaying and selling their unique wares and creations. Children are invited to create their own work at the family art tent. Downtown Evanston • Evanston, IL

773-868-3010 • www.chicagospecialevents.com

Wilmette Days Festival and Sidewalk Sale

Jul. 7, 2006 – Jul. 8, 2006

Small-town festival featuring food, live music, magicians, clowns, face-painting, Moonwalk ride, antiques, and bargains galore in Wilmette Village Center.

1200 Wilmette Ave. • Wilmette, IL

847-251-3800 • www.wilmettechamber.org/calendar

Arts In Northbrook Fine Arts Festival

Jul. 8, 2006 – Jul. 9, 2006

Stroll the beautiful grounds and enjoy Kids Tents, Food, Entertainment, Mosaic Project & Fine Arts from around the world. 1190 Western Ave. • Northbrook, IL

847-272-2442 • www.artsinnorthbrook.org

Wilmette Festival of Fine Arts

Jul. 15, 2006 – Jul. 16, 2006

This optimum aesthetic opportunity in an outdoor fine art/fine craft exhibit features over 100 local, national and international artists. Artwork ranges from ceramic, glass and paintings to fit almost any budget. There is a children's art activity center. Wilmette Park District Community Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Rd. • Wilmette, IL

847-256-2080 • www.wilmetteartsguild.org

North Shore Art Festival

Jul. 15, 2006 – Jul. 16, 2006

This annual festival attracts nearly 40,000 visitors with over 250 artists. The show brings in artists from as far away as New York, Florida and California.

Westfield Old Orchard, Old Orchard Road off I-94 • Skokie, IL

847-673-0240 • www.artfestival.com



Evanston Ethnic Arts Festival

Jul. 15, 2006 – Jul. 16, 2006

Surrounded by the flags of more than 100 nations honoring the diversity of our planet. There is live music, art and craft work of juried artists and a poetry tent. People can also learn the folkdance of a far-away country and explore the intriguing spices and seasonings of new ethnic foods.

Dawes Park, Church and the Lakefront • Evanston, IL

847-448-8058 • www.cityofevanston.org

Gay Games VII Chicago 2006

Jul. 15, 2006 – Jul. 22, 2006

Metro Chicagoland will play host to the world's most important event for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. Thousands of personal experiences are woven together to tell a story about courage, pride, equality, inclusion, participation and personal best through this sports and cultural festival. Tens of thousands of competitors and visitors will come to our area in July to take part in the festivities. Various venues. Northwestern University is the one of the main Villages for competition. Northwestern University,

Evanston, IL • www.gaygameschicago.org

Evanston Lakeshore Arts Festival

Aug. 5, 2006 – Aug. 6, 2006

Since 1972, the City of Evanston has presented the annual Evanston Lakeshore Arts Festival. The festival takes place the first weekend in August on Evanston's stunning, historic lakefront at Dawes Park, Sheridan Road at Church St. The 2006 festival will take place from 11am to 6pm on August 6 & 7. Dawes Park, Sheridan Rd. and Church St. • Evanston, IL

847-448-8058 • www.cityofevanston.org

American Craft Exposition

Aug. 25, 2006 – Aug. 27, 2006

One of the nation's premiere craft expositions. The exposition features only nationally known artisans displaying unique fiber arts, sculptures and jewelry. Henry Crown Sports Pavilion, 2379 N. Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL

847-570-5096 • www.americancraftexpo.org

NORTH SHORE LODGING

Chicago's North Shore is home to 11 hotels, motels and B&Bs with a total of 2,250 rooms. All properties have easy interstate access. 20 minutes from downtown Chicago (city's museums and the new Millennium Park), 20 minutes from Wrigley Field home of the Chicago Cubs, 30 minutes from Six Flags Great America. Chicago's North Shore is the ideal place to have your clients overnight at affordable rates

EVANSTON ACCOMMODATIONS

[Best Western University Plaza](#)

[Hilton Garden Inn](#)

[Hotel Orrington](#)

[Janet's Place Bed & Breakfast](#)

[Margarita European Inn](#)

[The Homestead](#)

SKOKIE ACCOMMODATIONS

[Comfort Inn Skokie/North Shore](#)

[North Shore Skokie Hotel](#)

[Extended Stay America](#)

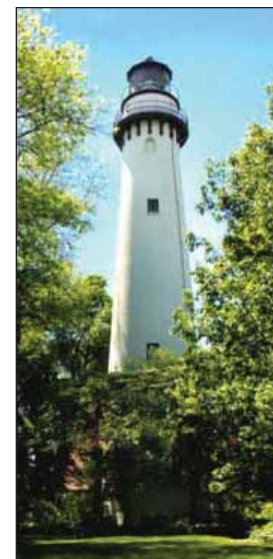
[Hampton Inn & Suites](#)

[Chicago North Shore](#)

[Holiday Inn North Shore](#)

NORTHBROOK ACCOMMODATION

[Renaissance Chicago North Shore](#)



Grosse Point Lighthouse



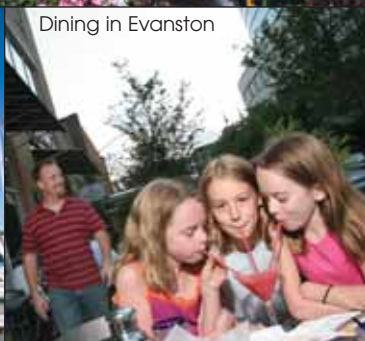
Skokie Sports Park, Miniature Golf



Chicago Botanic Garden



Wilmette Harbor



Dining in Evanston



Skokie Water Park



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