CHICAGO ODYSSEY

May 11 – 16, 2020
Sponsored by Sixty Plus / OLLI at SF State University

--- Trip Includes ---
- 5 nights at the Knickerbocker Hotel – steps away from Michigan Avenue
- Breakfast daily + 1 lunch + 4 dinners
- Guided tours

Highlights:
- Guided tours (via motor coach) of Chicago neighborhoods and lake front
- Guided tours of: Chess Records, where rock and blues artists created many hits; Millennium Park, Lincoln Park Conservatory; Chicago History Museum; and Art Institute of Chicago
- Architecture Tour on the Chicago River
- Navy Pier
- Performance at Second City
- free time for shopping and exploring -- much more!

$1490 per person/double occupancy; $1815 single occupancy

Price does not include airfare, transfers between the hotel/airport, guide gratuity

Deposit of $250 per person is due by December 15, 2019
(refundable less $50 fee until final payment)
Final payment is due by February 1, 2020 (non-refundable)

Name (s) _____________________________________________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________________________
Phone Number ________________________ Email ____________________________________________
Room Type  ___ Single  ___ Double  Roommate__________________________________________

Price based on minimum of 15 participants
Please send your deposit check, made out to University Corp SF State/OLLI
SFSU, 1600 Holloway Avenue, Creative Arts 251
San Francisco, CA 94132
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**Monday, May 11** – Participants arrive in Chicago, using their own transportation to the Knickerbocker Hotel. Meet our guide in the hotel lobby at 4:30pm for an overview of the week; enjoy dinner together in the historic McCormick Mansion, one of the most elegant homes of the Gilded Age.

**Tuesday, May 12** – Our guided motor coach tour of the City will highlight Chicago’s history, architecture and magnificent skyline through some of Chicago’s 26 miles of lakefront, passing Buckingham Fountain, the Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, the Adler Planetarium and Soldier Field. We’ll also drive through Jackson Park and explore the neighborhoods of Hyde Park, including the University of Chicago. Next, an elegant buffet lunch at the private Union League Club of Chicago which houses an important collection of American art.

After lunch, we visit the original Chess Records where so many musical artists created their hits. You’ll see the original recording studios and offices plus an impressive collection of memorabilia. Then, walk across Prairie Avenue, called “Millionaires’ Row” where many of Chicago’s elite lived from 1880 to 1920.

After we return to the hotel, dinner on your own at one the many great restaurants within walking distance of our hotel.

**Wednesday, May 13** – We’ll drive the Gold Coast and the Astor Street Historic District with its turn of the century elegant mansions set along the lakefront and Lincoln Park. Discover the Lincoln Park Conservatory filled with tropical plants and flowers from around the world. Next stop is the fascinating Chicago History Museum where we will have a docent-led tour. Lunch is on your own in the Museum’s café. After lunch, we’ll explore the historic Old Town area with its trendy shops and restaurants. This evening we will have dinner at an Italian restaurant which is a two-block walk from our hotel and then experience Second City, Chicago’s classic improv venue.

**Thursday, May 14** – This is a free morning to walk the neighborhood - the 360 Chicago observations deck; the “Magnificent Mile”; Oak Street Beach; and the lakefront are just a short walk from the hotel. In the afternoon, we tour the historic Nickerson Mansion – once a magnificent private home, it is now the Driehaus Museum showcasing beautiful period furnishings and art from the Gilded Age.

We meet our guide and motor coach at the hotel at 4:30pm to explore some of the incredibly diverse neighborhoods: a stop in Chinatown for appetizers; a drive through Pilsen, where Bohemian immigrants created a charming neighborhood with a European flair; Little Italy for our authentic Italian dinner; and onto vibrant Greektown for dessert and coffee.

**Friday, May 15** - Our morning includes a guided tour of Millennium Park with its stunning outdoor art and philanthropic spirit. Walking across the street, we will visit the renowned Art Institute of Chicago where a docent will showcase the highlights of the collection, and you will have time to explore on your own. Following lunch, on your own, we will take the Architecture River Cruise on the Chicago River to view world famous buildings from this unique vantage point.

Our final evening will be spent at Navy Pier, a 50-acre park that’s an incredible outlet for fun – including a huge Ferris Wheel. Our farewell dinner will be at a nautically-inspired restaurant overlooking the lake and skyline.

**Saturday, May 16** – Check out of hotel following breakfast – transportation on your own to the airport or the next phase of your journey.