

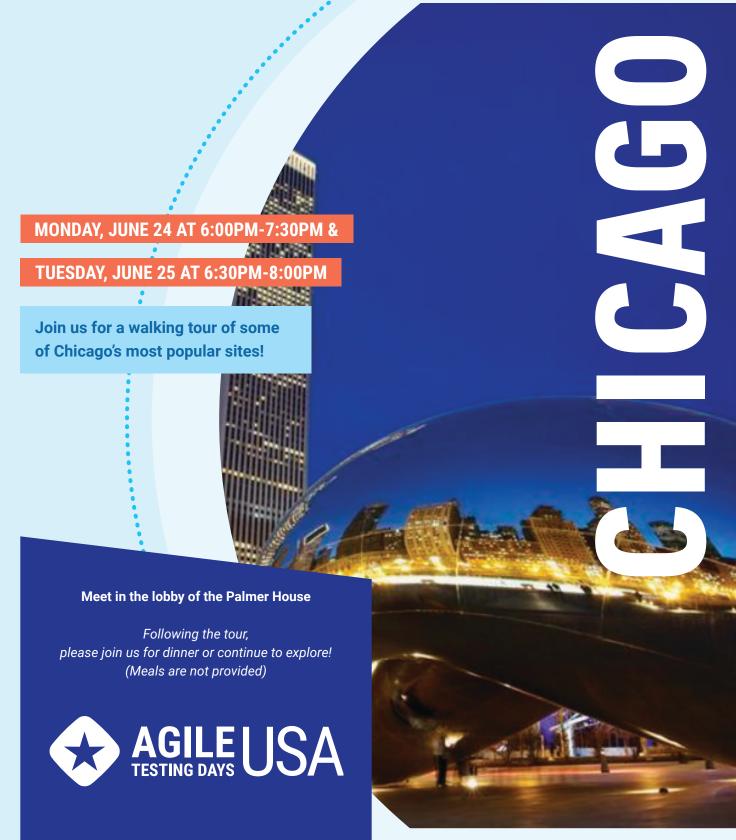
Since 1853, the location of Chicago's center of government has remained the same, however, the current Chicago City Hall wasn't built until 1905. Chicago's most famous rooftop garden sits on top of City Hall. First planted in 2000, the City Hall rooftop garden was conceived as a demonstration project to test the benefits of green roofs and how they affect temperature and air quality. The rooftop garden consists of 20,000 plants of more than 150 species, including shrubs, vines, and trees.



Chicago's Riverwalk is an open, pedestrian waterfront located on the south bank of the main branch of the Chicago River. The Riverwalk consists of six sections: The Marina, the Cove, the River Theater, the Water Plaza, the Jetty, and the Riverbank. Each section comes with it's own culture and activities.

E CLOUD GATE

Nicknamed The Bean because of its shape, Cloud Gate is the centerpiece of AT&T Plaza at Millennium Park in Chicago. Artist Sir Anish Kapoor was inspired by liquid mercury when he set out to design the Bean. The official title, Cloud Gate, was designated because of how the sculpture reflects and distorts the city's skyline. The Bean was created using computer technology to precisely cut 168 giant stainless steel plates that were welded together. Cloud Gate measures 33 x 66 x 42 feet and weighs 110 tons.





Established in 1837, Chicago has emerged as a global hub for art, telecommunications, culture, and cuisine. The United States' third largest city, Chicago is the birthplace of spray paint, Twinkies, and Beanie Babies, as well as Walt Disney, Ernest Hemingway, and Shonda Rhimes.

QUICK FACTS

Population (metro) = 9.5 million Demonym = Chicagoan Founder = Jean Baptiste Point du Sable Nicknames = The Windy City, Chi-Town, City of Big Shoulders, Second City, My Kind of Town



The Palmer House Hilton is the longest continuously operating hotel in North America. The Palmer originally opened on September 26, 1871, then burned down just 13 days later in the Great Chicago Fire. The second rendition of Palmer House Hotel is believed to be the birthplace of the brownie. To this day, the hotel still serves the Palmer House Brownie made from the same recipe created in 1893.

B THE PICASSO

Dedicated in 1967, The Picasso is actually an untitled sculpture by the renowned artist Pablo Picasso. Located in the Daley Plaza, the sculpture stands 50 feet tall and weighs 162 tons. Picasso was offered \$100,000 for the project, but instead decided to donate the sculpture as a gift to the city of Chicago.

