WALKING TOURS

1. Chicago Architecture; Walking Tour/Historic Treasures of Commerce and Culture – Wednesday 3:30 pm

Small Fee Paid by Individual

Explore Chicago's international, modern and postmodern movements, from the powerful, minimalist work of Mies van der Rohe's to contemporary styles that incorporate new, environmentally-sustainable technology. Take a break from the sessions and experience Chicago’s historic treasures of commerce and culture in a walking tour. We will stroll along Michigan Avenue and State Street and learn about the great late 19th and early 20th century architectural landmarks, ranging from museums to department stores, skyscrapers to concert halls, including the Reliance Building, the Sullivan Center and the Chicago Cultural Center where our conference dinner is being held. Highlights include interiors of dazzling beauty and startling originality. See Burnham, Sullivan, Holabird and Roche and other noted architects. Hear about the city's architectural gems and the men and women who inspired them. The tour also touches on Millennium Park, Chicago's exciting 21st century design that's at once park, outdoor gallery, garden and music venue. A great 1½ to 2 hour tour for architecture buffs as well as anyone with a simple interest in the buildings of Chicago.

1. Chicago Sustainability Walking Tour – Tuesday 3:30 pm

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In 2014, the Chicago Public Buildings Commission was awarded the NAEP Environmental Excellence Award for Environmental Stewardship. The Selection Committee cited Chicago’s forward-thinking ideas on sustainable practices. Chicago has the most publicly-owned LEED certified buildings of any city in the country, and the second largest (soon to be first) Bike-Share program. The walking tour will highlight the sustainable features of Millennium Park, a natural and architectural gem on the 18 lakefront, a LEED certified Public Building, and the Chicago River Walk, the City’s newest treasure and most creative and interesting way to get around downtown. The “Retrofit Chicago” program and the City’s expansive underground pedway system will also be featured. Both walking tours will begin and end in the Palmer House Hilton lobby.