

# **PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK**

IB Conference of the Americas

23-26 July 2015

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers  
Chicago, IL



IB CONFERENCE  
OF THE AMERICAS 2015

*Chicago, IL • 23–26 July*

# WELCOME

Welcome to Chicago, IL for the annual IB Conference of the Americas. This year's conference embraces the theme *Educating for Life*. We have worked diligently to ensure your conference experience is full of engaging sessions and activities that maximize your opportunities to interact with the over 1900 attendees from 36 countries. We've chosen the venue and location carefully to enhance your experience and encourage you to explore the city and its unique culture mix during your stay.

This handbook is designed to assist you as you navigate the conference and safely explore the Chicago, IL area. If you have any questions or need assistance please stop by the IB Information Desk, located on the Ballroom Level.

**Enjoy the conference and welcome to Chicago, IL!**

## Conference Schedule “At a glance”

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7.30am					
8am					
8.30am					
9am		8.30am-11.30am 1/2 day Pre-conference sessions	9am-10.30am Second General Session	9am-10.30am Third General Session	9am-10.15am Breakout Sessions
9.30am					10.15am-10.45am Coffee Break
10am					
10.30am			10.30am-12.30pm Exhibit Hall & Coffee Break	10.30am-12.30pm Exhibit Hall & Coffee Break	10.45am-12.15pm Fourth General Session
11am	11am-5pm Registration	7.30am-7.30pm Registration	11.15am-12.30pm Breakout Sessions	11.15am-12.30pm Breakout Sessions	
11.30am		8.30am-3.30pm Full-day Pre-conference Sessions			
12pm					
12.30pm		12.30pm-3.30pm 1/2 day Pre-conference sessions	12.30pm-1.30pm Lunch	12.30pm-1.30pm Lunch	12.15pm Conference Ends
1pm					
1.30pm			1.30pm-5pm Exhibit Hall, Lunch Dessert & Coffee Break	1.30pm-5pm Exhibit Hall, Lunch Dessert & Coffee Break	
2pm			2pm-3.15pm Breakout Sessions	2pm-3.15pm Breakout Sessions	
2.30pm			3.45pm-5pm Breakout Sessions	3.45pm-5pm Breakout Sessions	
3pm					
3.30pm					
4pm					
4.30pm					
5pm					
5.30pm					
6pm		5.30pm-7pm Opening General Session			
6.30pm					
7pm					
7.30pm					
8pm					
8.30pm					
9pm					
9.30pm					
10pm					
10.30pm					

The full program will be posted on our webpage (<http://ibo.org/en/americas-conference/schedule/>) as well as on our event app. New this year, all session descriptions will only be posted in the conference app and not in the program.

## Conference App & Social Media

Check out our event twitter feed and share at **#IBCHI2015** as well as our event mobile app: **IB Conference of the Americas**. You can find and download it for free on the App Store and Google Play. More information about the conference app will be sent out a week prior to the conference.

## Registration

See below for registration sign-in locations, dates, and times at the Sheraton:

**Wednesday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm – Convention Registration Desk, Lobby Level**

**Thursday from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm & Friday from 8:00 am to 11:30 am – Chicago Promenade, Ballroom Level**

## Pre-Conferences

If you are attending a pre-conference session, you should have registered in advance. You can add to your existing registration online. Pending available space, you will be able to register on-site Wednesday 22 July or early morning Thursday 23 July. Full day pre-conference sessions begin at 8:30am on Thursday. There are half-day pre-conferences that begin at 8:30 am and at 12:30 pm on Thursday. For more information, please visit: <http://ibo.org/iba/conference/preconference/>.

## Internet

There will be complimentary basic internet access to all registered attendees in the meeting space during convention hours and sleeping rooms for those staying at the Sheraton. The wireless internet network name for our group is IB2015 (no code required).

## Hotel Information

*Events for the 2015 IB Conference of the Americas will take place at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers.*

Due to high demand for the conference, the hotels previously arranged by the IB have already sold out. You may still contact on your own to see if they have availability at potentially a higher rate.

### Venue Hotel

#### **Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers – Conference Venue**

301 East North Water Street

Chicago, IL 60611 United States

Website: <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=196>

**Check in:** 3:00pm

**Check-out:** 12:00pm

*If you would like to request an early check in or late check-out, please make these arrangements directly with the hotel.*

**Hotel Parking:** the hotel offers discounted overnight parking for \$30 US.

### Over Flow hotels

#### **Swissôtel Chicago**

323 East Wacker Drive

Chicago, IL 60601

The rate is US\$205 plus 16.4% tax.

If you prefer, please call 888-73-SWISS (888-737-9477), or 312-565-0565. You may also need to quote the following details:

Block name: IB Conference of the Americas Overflow

Block code: 0715IBAC\_001

Dates: July 23 – 26, 2015

#### **Lowes Chicago Hotel**

455 North Park Drive

Chicago, IL 60611

The rate is US\$219 plus 16.4% tax.

The Group's guests will be able to make reservations directly through Loews Reservation Center at 1-877-868-8232.

# Transportation

## Airports

O'Hare International Airport (ORD) is 17 miles from the hotel.

Midway International Airport (MDW) is about 12 miles from the hotel.

## International Travel

All non-US citizens must present proof of citizenship to enter the United States. An acceptable form of identification is a valid passport. Depending on your country of origin, you may be required to obtain a visa to enter the United States. Please contact your embassy to confirm entry requirements.

## Ground Transportation

GO Airport Express Shuttle provides transportation to/from O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport.

Special Online Pricing:

\$19 per Person for O'Hare and \$15 per person for Midway.

Fares do not include \$2/person MPEA airport departure tax.

GO Airport Express ticket counters are located across from Southwest Airlines baggage claim at Midway airport and at O'Hare Airport on the baggage claim level in each terminal: Terminal 1 (door 1E), Terminal 2 (door 2E), Terminal 3 (door 3E) and Terminal 5 (door 5D).

Please find more details here:

<http://airportexpress.hudsonltd.net/res?USERIDENTRY=IBO&LOGON=GO>

We recommend making a reservation at least 24 hours prior to your flight arrival time.

## Taxi Cabs

To or From O'Hare Airport Approx. \$40.00

Total Estimated Time: 35-45 minutes (depending on traffic)

Total Estimated Distance: 17.91 miles

To or From Midway Airport Approx. \$30.00

Total Estimated Time: 25-35 minutes (depending on traffic)

Total Estimated Distance: 11.86 miles

## Public Transportation

### CTA Blue Line 'L'

The closest stop to the Sheraton is Clark/Lake. The normal travel time on the Blue Line from O'Hare to downtown, is 40-45 minutes.

Blue Line trains run 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and all trains leaving the O'Hare station go through downtown. The cost from O'Hare to downtown is USD 5 or less.

For more information, please visit <http://www.transitchicago.com/airports/>.

### **Celebration Dinner Transportation**

The Saturday night dinner celebration will be held at the Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60637. The event will begin at 7:30pm. Bus service has been arranged for all conference participants attending the celebration dinner. Buses will depart from the Sheraton Convention Center entrance of the hotel, on Lobby Level. There will be regular departures from the museum throughout the evening until 10:30pm. There will also be a bus departing from the Swissôtel near the front of the hotel near the Palm restaurant on Wacker Drive. The Museum of Science and Industry is located 8 miles from the Chicago Sheraton. We recommend that you use the arranged bus service.

## **Chicago, IL Area Information**

### **Weather**

Summers are hot and humid in Chicago, IL with a July daily average of 71.8 °F (22.1 °C) and average daily relative humidity around 70%, which can cause moderate personal discomfort. As the weather is very hot this time of the year, we would like to remind you to bring comfortable clothing for the heat as well as for the air conditioning.

### **Things to do**

You can organize activities outside of conference hours on your own or you may also contact Liaison Concierge who IB has paid directly to help you pre-arrange activities:

Paola Bortolin

**Liaison | Concierge + Lifestyle**

Phone: +1 312 731 5577

Email: [info@liaisonlifestyle.com](mailto:info@liaisonlifestyle.com)

### **Art Institute**

Best Museum in the world by Travelers Choice.

Exhibition: A Voyage to South America: Andean Art in the Spanish Empire; Exhibition: Degas: At the Track, On the Stage. Open daily 10:30am-5:00pm; Thursday until 8:00pm.

For all current and upcoming exhibitions visit:

<http://www.artic.edu>

### **Chicago Shakespeare Theater**

A global theatrical force, Chicago Shakespeare produces award-winning plays at Chicago's Navy Pier, and on stages around the world.

For plays and tickets visit:

<https://www.chicagoshakes.com>

### **Chicago Architecture Foundation**

Boat, bus, trolley, bike, segway, and walking tours.

The expert docent guides will tell you the stories behind the buildings. Visit iconic skyscrapers, elegant hotels or Frank Lloyd Wright houses. With more than 85 tours to choose from.

For tours and tickets visit:

<https://www.architecture.org/experience-caf/tours>

### **Chicago's Finest Tours**

Walking and Bus Tours. Recommended walking tours: the Chicago History Tour Plus, River Walk Sightseeing Tour Plus, Roaring 20s Happy Hour

Tour and River Walk & Loop Tour Plus. In addition to walking tours, visitors can explore Chicago by bus beyond the tourist attractions visiting some of the most vibrant neighborhoods in Chicago.

For tours and tickets visit:

<http://chicagosfinesttours.com>

### **Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio**

Guided Interior Tour of Frank Lloyd Wright home and studio. Trained interpreters offer insights into Wright's family life and architectural career.

Note: Only admission to the Home; transportation is not included. Transportation can be arranged by contacting Liaison Concierge. The home is in Oak Park, a suburb west of downtown Chicago. The trip to Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio might take 1 hour or more depending on traffic. To purchase tickets visit: <http://www.flwright.org/tours>

### **Wright Around Chicago**

Guided Bus Tour to and from Oak Park. Begin the tour at the Rookery Building in downtown, then travel along scenic Lake Shore Drive to suburban Oak Park visiting the interior of the Home and Studio, Robie House and the Emil Bach House. Before touring the residence, enjoy a gourmet box lunch on the Robie House terraces (weather permitting). Note: Transportation is included provided by Frank Lloyd Wright Trust.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit: <http://cal.flwright.org/tours/WACbustour>

### **Frank Lloyd Wright by Bus with the Chicago Architecture Foundation**

Guided Bus Tour to and from Oak Park with commentary, a one-hour interior tour of Wright's Home and Studio and a walking tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District. Note: Transportation included provided by the Chicago Architecture Foundation. For more information please visit their website at:

<https://www.architecture.org/experience-caf/tours/?page=3#tours>

### **Wendella Boat Tours**

Chicago Lake and River Tours with expert commentary by Wendella's tour guides.

Discount: \$5 off tickets for attendees and guests when purchased online at

[www.wendellaboats.com](http://www.wendellaboats.com). Use promo code IB2015 at checkout. This code is valid from 7/20 at 5:00am to 7/27 at 10:00pm, and may be used for the Signature Lake and River Tour, Chicago's Original Architecture Tour and Wine & Cheese Cruise.

### **Second City**

Second City opened its doors in 1959 and it's nowadays one of the most influential comedy theatres in the world. For shows, dates and times visit: <http://www.secondcity.com/tickets>

### **Grant Park Music Festival**

A summer classical concert series on Chicago's lakefront featuring the Grant Park Orchestra and Grant Park Chorus along with featured guest performers and conductors.

Discount: 20% discount for the concerts on July 24th and 25th with promo code: IB Conference.

The performance is the Saint-Saens Piano Concerto. In order to redeem the passes, please call the Grant Park Music Festival and say promo code over the phone at 312.742.7647.

For more information visit:

<http://www.grantparkmusicfestival.com/2015-season/saintsans-piano-concerto>

### **Rosa's Lounge**

Family owned and operated blues club, since 1984, on Chicago's Near Northwest Side, ten minutes from downtown. New York Times named Rosa's as the best Blues Club in Chicago.

Discount: 50% off admission online by entering promo code "IB15" at check out or at the door. Transportation needed and can be arranged with Liaison Concierge.

For calendar of performances and tickets visit:

<http://rosaslounge.com>

### **Chef Driven Food Tours**

The only Chicago food tour guided by professional chefs. Visit the city's best hidden gems in some of the coolest neighborhoods, off the beaten path of corporate and chain restaurants and experience the real Chicago.

Discount: Use code "IBCA2015" to receive a 10% discount for each ticket purchased on the tour. The discount code is effective immediately. Promo code expires on 7/27/15. When purchasing tickets go to



<http://www.chefdrivenfoodtours.com>; click on Tickets; select tour date and time; click on "Redeem gift card/promo code" and enter the code to receive the 10% off.

### **Chicago Food Planet Food Tours**

Rated as one of the best Food Tours in Chicago. Experience food from one-of-a-kind specialty food stores, famous local restaurants and ethnic eateries while receiving an insiders view into the culture, history and architecture that defines the Windy City.

Discount: Enter or mention code "IBCONFERENCE" to receive a 10% discount when purchasing tickets online or over the phone. Promo expires on 7/27/15.

To purchase tickets from the website go to [www.chicagofoodplanet.com](http://www.chicagofoodplanet.com); or by calling EzTix at 312-818-2170

### **Untouchable Tours**

Experience the original Gangster Tour and enjoy Chicago as it was during the 1920s and 30s, see the old gangster hot spots, historical accounts of the exploits of Capone, Moran, Dillinger and the rest of the boys in a custom-built gangster bus.

### **Blues Clubs**

Rosa's Lounge  
Buddy Guy's Legends  
Kingston Mines  
House of Blues  
B.L.U.E.S.

**For more information on activities in the Chicago area, please go to the Chicago Convention and Visitors Bureau website:** <http://www.choosechicago.com/visitor-information-centers/>.

### **Restaurants**

The Sheraton hotel does not have room service for lunch. The hotel restaurants, LB Bistro and Patisserie and Chicago Burger Company, are open 11:30 am - 2:00 pm.

Please see the next page for restaurants near by the IB contracted hotels.

For tickets and tours visit:

<http://www.gangstertour.com>

### **Film Tours**

The Chicago Film Tour hits more than 30 sites where over 80 movies were shot, from Hollywood blockbusters like The Dark Knight and The Fugitive to Chicago favorites like Ferris Bueller's Day Off and The Blues Brothers to movie classics like North by Northwest and The Sting, all aboard a luxury motor coach.

For tour schedule and to purchase tickets visit:

<http://www.chicagofilmtour.com>

### **Chicago Trolley Hop on Hop off Tour**

Entertaining and informative hop on hop off tours via trolleys and double-decker buses covering city highlights including main shopping, dining and attractions in Chicago.

For tickets visit:

<http://www.coachusa.com/chicagotrolley>

### **Theater and concerts**

For a full list of best shows, theater, and music in Chicago during the month of July 2015 visit:

<http://www.chicago-theater.com> or call Liaison Concierge.

### **Jazz Clubs**

Green Mill  
Jazz Showcase  
Andy's

### **Chicago Cut Steakhouse**

300 N LaSalle

(312) 329-1800

<http://www.chicagocutsteakhouse.com/menu/>

### **Joe Fish**

Seafood

445 N Dearborn St

(312) 832-7700

<http://www.rosebudrestaurants.com/#!restaurants/joe-fish>

### **Bandera**

American

535 North Michigan Avenue

(312)644-3524

<http://www.hillstone.com/>

### **Bellwether**

Modern American

302 East Illinois Street

(312) 222-1800

<http://www.bellwetherchicago.com/menu/>

### **Cantina Lardeo**

Modern Mexican

508 North State Street

(312) 955-0014

<http://www.cantinalaredo.com/location/chicago/>

### **Catch 35**

Seafood

35 West Wacker Drive

(312) 346-3500

<http://www.catch35.com/menus/>

### **Chef's Burger Bistro**

American

164 East Grand Avenue

(312) 374-3092

<http://www.chefsburgerbistro.com/all-day-menu>

### **Emilio's**

Spanish Tapas

215 East Ohio Street

(312) 467-7177

<http://www.emiliostapas.com/sol-y-nieve/menu.html>

### **Siena Tavern**

Italian

51 W Kinzie St.

(312) 595-1322

<http://www.sienatavern.com>

### **Untitled Super Club**

American

111 W Kinzie St.

(312) 880-1511

<http://untitledsupperclub.com>

### **The Gage**

Irish Gastro-pub

24 South Michigan Avenue

(312) 372-4243

<http://www.thegagechicago.com/the-menu>

### **Grand Lux Café**

American

600 North Michigan Avenue

(312) 276-2500

<http://www.grandluxcafe.com/menu.htm>

### **Heaven on Seven**

Cajun

111 N. Wabash - 7th Floor

(312) 280-7774

<http://www.heavenonseven.com/>

### **Howell's and Hood**

American

435 North Michigan Avenue

(312)262-5310

<http://www.howellshandhood.com/menus-pages-301.php>

### **Niu**

Sushi, Asian Fusion

332 East Illinois Street

(312) 527-2888

<http://niusushi.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/dine.pdf>

### **Quay**

American Contemporary

465 East Illinois Street

(312) 981-8400

<http://quaychicago.com/menus/QuayDinner.pdf>

### **Lou Malnati's Pizzeria**

Italian

1120 North State St.

(312) 725-7777

<http://www.loumalnatis.com/>

### **Quartino**

Italian

626 N State St.

(312) 698-5000

<http://www.quartinochicago.com>

### **Shaw's Crab House**

Seafood

22 East Hubbard Street

(312) 527-2722

[http://www.shawscrabhouse.com/wp-content/uploads/CHI\\_mdr\\_dinner.pdf](http://www.shawscrabhouse.com/wp-content/uploads/CHI_mdr_dinner.pdf)

### **Vemillion**

Indian - Latin Fusion

10 West Hubbard

(312) 527-4060

<http://www.thevermillionrestaurant.com/pdf/Vermilion%20Chicago%20Dinner%20Menu%203%2031%202014.pdf>

### **Volare**

Italian

201 East Grand Avenue

(312) 410-9900

[http://volarerestaurant.com/chicago/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Volare\\_Dinner\\_Menu\\_July\\_2014\\_5.pdf](http://volarerestaurant.com/chicago/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Volare_Dinner_Menu_July_2014_5.pdf)

### **Weber Grill**

Casual American

539 North State

(312) 467-9696

<http://www.webergrillrestaurant.com/menus/?dinner&mcid=0&scid=2&id=64>

### **Three Forks**

Steak & Seafood

180 North Field Boulevard

(312) 938-4303

<http://www.3forks.com/chicago/menu/>





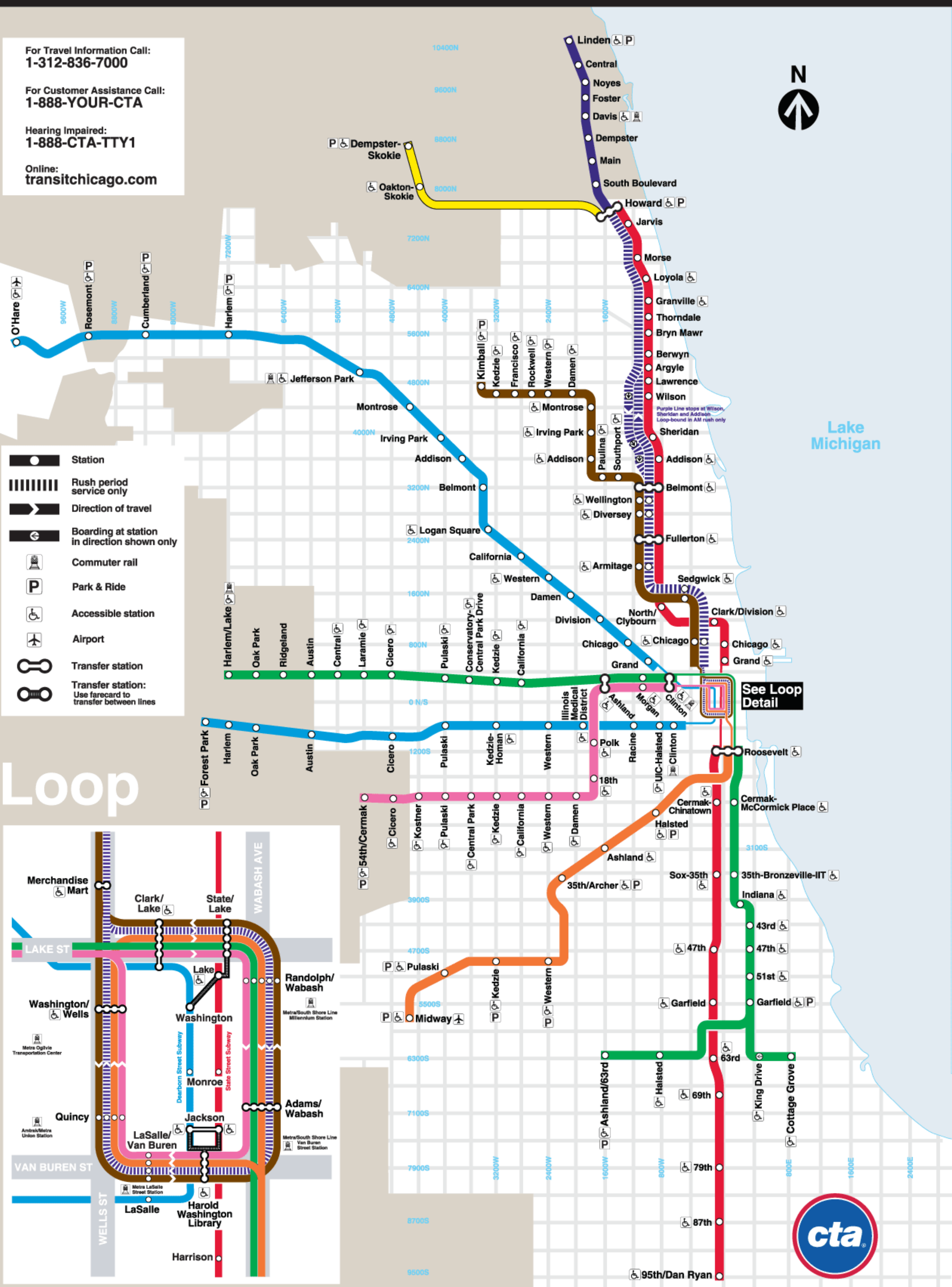
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