

A Fall Cultural Tour

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OK, before summer's end you want to get around again. But what and where this time? At home and near? Yes, of course. How obvious! A culture tour, visiting the past in artifacts and art, and the present via seasonal pastimes and delights. Time to dust off those guide books!

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and political satire. The exhibition runs until January 8th, 2017. A visit is time well taken, indeed. Learn more at: <http://www.driehausmuseum.org> or call, 312-482-8933, ext. 21.

The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center

The Holocaust Museum is currently exhibiting several excellent shows, including *Nazi Olympics: Berlin, 1936*, which runs through August 28th. In 1936, Hitler exploited the Olympics to promote his Nazi ideals of racial supremacy. This exhibit features the athletes who were barred because of their ethnic heritage, or who, like Jesse Owens, competed and won, challenging Hitler's “master race” theory. Another show, running through October 16th, is titled, *Three Years, Eight Months, and Twenty Days: The Cambodian Atrocities and the Search for Justice*. Although not dealing directly with the Holocaust, this exhibition examines the on-going trials of those who perpetrated the genocide, and those who were affected by the 1.7 million people who perished under the reign of Pol Pot. For information call, 847-967-4800.



Petoskey's St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission

ILLINOIS CHICAGO AND SUBURBS

Porchlight Theatre

Of course, Chicago is the locale with the broadest range of offerings. An evening at the theater would be a good way to kick off your tour, yes? If so, Porchlight Theatre fits the bill nicely. The performances are presented at Stage 773, located at 1225 W. Belmont in Chicago. Under the banner of “American Musicals Chicago Style,” the 2016-2017 season begins with *In the Heights*, running from September 9th to October 16th. The theater's description reads, “*In the Heights* tells the universal story of a tight-knit community is New York's Washington Heights neighbor-

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Richard H. Driehaus Museum

Near the landmark Holy Name Cathedral, a few blocks north of the Chicago River, the Driehaus Museum, housed in an elegant mansion from a bygone page of Chicago history, is currently featuring, *With a Wink and a Nod: Cartoonists of the Gilded Age*. The exhibition highlights dozens of cartoons created by some of the most renowned illustrators of the early 20th century, many of which initially premiered in *Puck*, one of the first American humor magazines to showcase caricature

Field Museum

We all know about “SUE,” the wonderful T. Rex, but if you haven't been to the Field Museum lately, you certainly do not want to miss some of the other great exhibitions currently being shown, including the expansive, amazing *Terracotta Warriors, Evolving Planet, Tsavo Lions, Ronald and Christina Gidwitz Hall of Birds, Inside Ancient Egypt*, and *Echoes of Stone Age Greece*.

Echoes offers passageways into Neolithic Greece, showing why some of our cultural settlements have disappeared from history. One of the centerpieces of the exhibit allows visitors to explore the Alepotrypa Cave, letting you use a touchscreen to investigate the caverns yourself. It is on exhibit until September 3rd. For more information call, 312-922-9410.

The Publican, 837 W. Fulton, 312-733-9555.

The focus is on beers and heirloom pork in this Warehouse District venue backed by some of the biggest names in Chicago food circles.

Roberto's Ristorante, 483 Spring Road,

Elmhurst, 630-279-8486. From live entertainment on weekends to the stuffed and thin crust pizzas, this Italian restaurant keeps the crowds coming back. Start with calamari, indulge in delicious homemade manicotti and fish with tiramisu.

The Red Lion Lincoln Square, 4749 N. Rockwell, 773-654-1341.

A Lincoln Square favorite featuring traditional English and contemporary gastro pub fare. Voted by the *Huntington Post* as having, "Chicago's most authentic British fare." The pub also boasts a fine and varied selection of Scotch whiskey, extensive imported and craft beer and well-crafted, classic cocktails. Experience the charm of the Red Lion Lincoln Square today.

RL Restaurant, 115 E. Chicago, 312-475-1100.

The Ralph Lauren restaurant features American food with country clubby, old-money décor. The lobster club sandwich is the best in the city. Oprah says this is one of her favorite restaurants. Find out why.

Russian Tea Time, 77 E. Adams, 312-360-0000.

After taking in the Art Institute or symphony, this bustling old world restaurant is a must. Vegetarians can enjoy an array of unusual appetizers.

Sepia, 123 N. Jefferson, 312-441-1920.

A great choice in a former print shop serves a seasonal contemporary American menu and extensive wine list.

Shanghai Terrace, Peninsula Chicago, 108 E. Superior, 312-573-6744.

Experience upscale Chinese food in an elegant hotel. Enjoy Sunday dim sum brunch.

Signature Room, 875 N. Michigan, 312-787-9596.

Go for the views at this elegant spot on the 95th floor of the Hancock Building. A tourist draw and the fare is excellent.

Smith & Wollensky, 318 N. State, 312-670-9900.

Known for its excellent dry-aged beef and giant steaks, the restaurant also offers a few lighter options.

Tavern at the Park, 130 E. Randolph, 312-552-0070.

The all-day eatery in Prudential Plaza has an upscale menu of sandwiches, salads and entrees. Enjoy panoramic park views from this spot.

Texas de Brazil, 51 E. Ohio, 312-670-1006.

This Brazilian steakhouse (churrascaria) offers meat-lovers a sizzling time.

The Little Mexican Cafe, 1010 Church St., Evanston 847-905-1550 and 1055 W. Bryn Mawr 773-769-1004.

Both locations of this long-time favorite offer guacamole made tableside as well as excellent classic Mexican dishes such as duck enchiladas with mole sauce and fresh mango salad.

Trafforia D.O.C., 706 Main St., Evanston, 847-475-1111.

Marinated grilled squid or linguine with lobster meat, cherry tomatoes, basil, garlic and white wine, are delicious. Their pizzas baked in a wood-burning oven are just as wonderful.

Vivere, 71 W. Monroe, 312-332-4040.

The black truffle gnocchi is excellent. For dessert, try the chocolate and hazelnut tiramisu.

Vinci, 1732 N. Halsted, 312-266-1199.

Vinci offers a gluten-free menu as well as traditional Italian favorites such as roasted baby eggplant, grilled octopus, and Roman-style gnocchi with wild mushrooms.

Yoshi's Cafe, 3257 N. Halsted, 773-248-6160.

The casual atmosphere is deceptive. This is haute cuisine with an eclectic menu combining French, Japanese, Italian and American influences.

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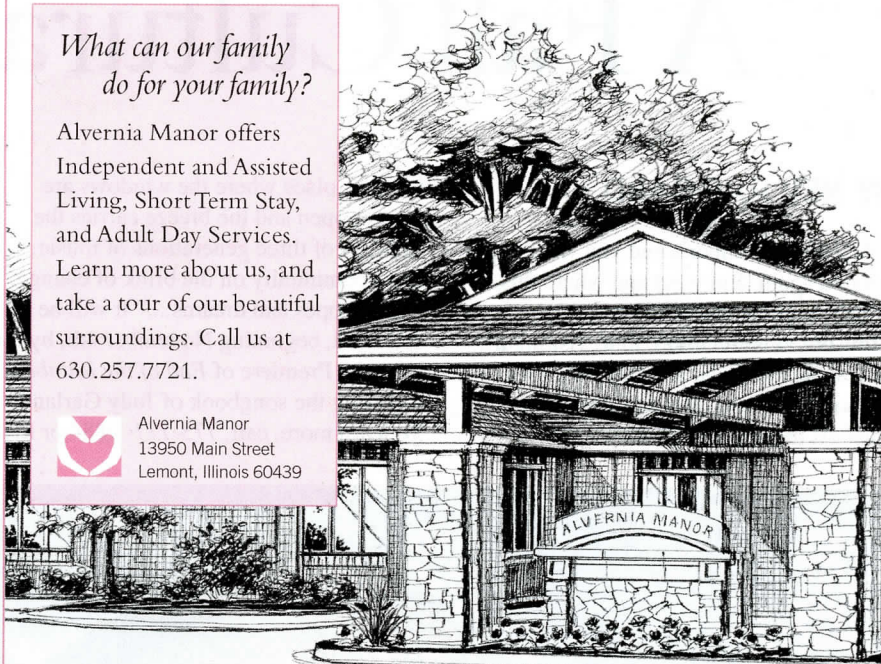
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Loyola University Museum of Art

A stone's throw from the famed survivors of the Great Chicago Fire (the Water Tower and the Pumping Station), LUMA is unique among Chicago's many museums. The current exhibition, the *Martin D'Arcy, S.J. Collection*, is a handsome trove of European art dating from the 12th to the 19th centuries. Enjoy the paintings, sculptures, furniture, ivories, enamels, and works in gold and silver that were once the possessions of prelates, princes, and private citizens. Coming from the permanent collection, no end date is presented but further information can be provided by calling, 312-915-7600 or emailing, luma@luc.edu

Chicago Botanic Garden

After much indoor touring, outdoor touring calls. And what better a way to enjoy the outdoors than the Chicago Botanic Garden, located in the North Shore suburb of Glencoe? A suggestion from the staff: "Walk down to Kleinman Family Cove, then finish your day with ice cream at the Rose Terrace Café." Music events vary and often top off the evening at the Garden. Will the children travel with you this time? Or stay at home with their grandparents? If they will go with you, treat them to the *Butterflies & Blooms*, the *Model Railroad Garden* and other options. Find out more at <http://www.chicagobotanic.org> or by calling, 847-835-5440.

DePaul Art Museum

This stunning museum on DePaul's campus is about to show, *On Space and Place: Contemporary Art from Chicago, Los Angeles, Mexico City and Vancouver*. Beginning September 15th, it's something you will surely not want to miss. Partnering with the Peabody Award-winning documentary series ART21, which has segments introduced by actress Claire Danes, it's described as an "exhibition exploring the thematic and material relationship between the artists to address themes that transcend particular locations, such as peace, power and identity, informal economies, social violence, race, memory, architecture, light and space." Chicago artists exhibiting include Nick Cave, Theaster Gates, Chris Ware and Barbara Kasten. The exhibition was organized by DePaul's Director and Curator Julie Rodrigues Widholm along with ART21. Call 773-325-7506.

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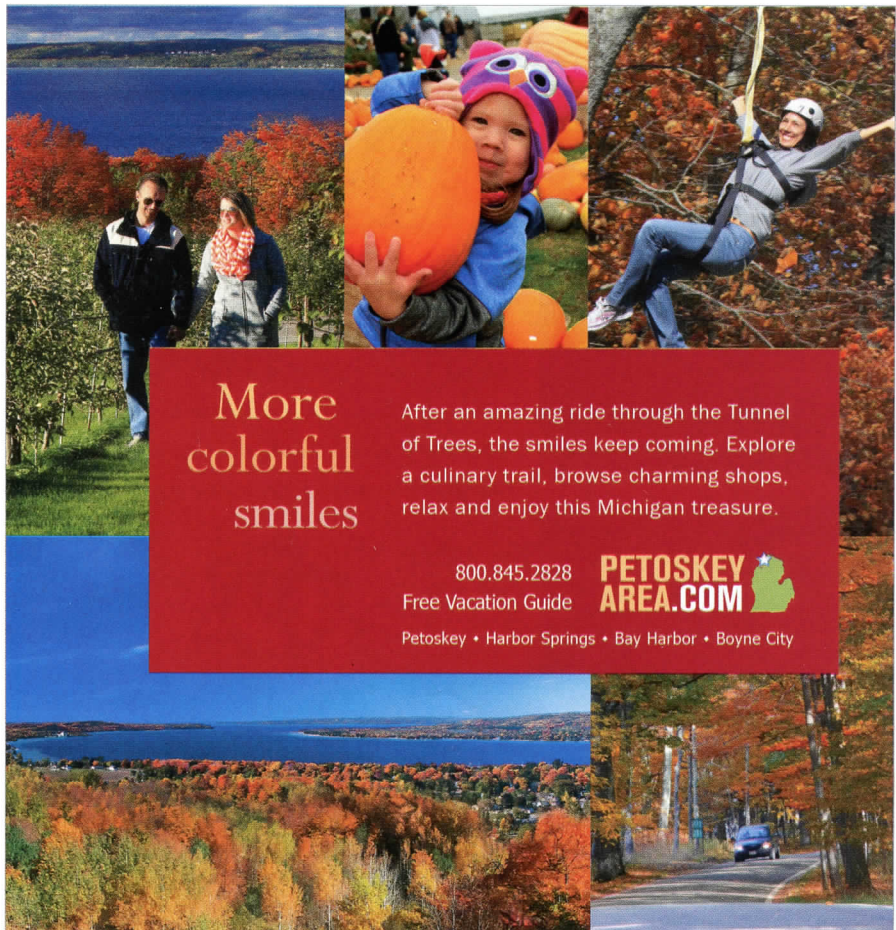
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Petoskey

In 1905, the famous Farragut's Cannon was placed in Petoskey's Pennsylvania Park. The historic cannon was used by soldiers in the 1864 Battle of Mobile Bay, in Alabama. Other historic relics of the picturesque Petoskey include one of Ernest Hemingway's favorite locations, his beloved Walloon Lake Cottage.

Along with this incredible history, The beautiful community of Petoskey offers tours of many gorgeous homes with architectural details that inspire.

The restored St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission (pictured on page 40) was completed in 2008 and offers tours on Sundays. The oldest building in Petoskey, the Mission was built in 1859 at the request of Bishop Fredric Baraga, who was then known as the Snowshoe Priest. The majestic Tunnel of Trees Scenic Heritage Route is famous for a reason. The meandering path presents awesome views from Harbor Springs to Cross Village, a historic stop that was built by a Polish immigrant in the 1920s and 1930s. Call 800-845-2828.



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Sheboygan and Kohler

Many Midwesterners are already familiar with Sheboygan, also known as the *Malibu of the Midwest*, because of the surfing. But for the art lovers, Sheboygan also offers one of the most inviting centers around. The John Michael Kohler Arts Center, a not-for-profit museum operated by the Sheboygan Arts Foundation, is located in town and brings the medium of clay and crafts to dazzling new heights. It has been a draw for artists and contemporary art aficionados for decades and is known, primarily, for its inviting exhibitions of folk art. Established in 1967, the building itself is a beautifully designed piece of art. The center offers performances, concerts and dances, as well as classes in various mediums.

And for those of us who are golf enthusiasts, Sheboygan's neighbor, Kohler, offers one of the most exclusive places to stay, dine and enjoy a lovely spa experience. The Stunning American Club, and the renowned Whistling Straits and Blackwolf Run (both of which are regularly ranked by *Golf Digest* as two of "America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses") can't be beat. Call 855-444-2838 for more details.

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Racine Art Museum

The Racine Art Museum beckons as your indoor touring renews. At 441 Main Street, the modern, multi-storied building housing RAM is a work of art in its own right. The current exhibit, *Go for Baroque: Opulence and Excess in Contemporary Art*, features works that comment on luxury, artificiality, consumption, ornament, and the line between the beautiful and the grotesque. Whether a wall installation composed of silver reflective woven strips of paper, polymer works that look like banquet centerpieces, or extravagant, colorful jewelry, all these pieces investigate contemporary cultural, social, and historical ideas. The exhibition ends September 4th. The companion museum, RAM's Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, is located less than two miles from the downtown area at 2519 Northwestern Avenue. Its current exhibition features the work of artist John Kearney, and is showing through May 12th, 2017. There is much more to the Racine Art Museums than just these current exhibits, and you can look the options over by going to ramart.org or calling, 262-638-8300.

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