

**Chicago Transit Authority**

# **Group Travel**

by Bus and Train

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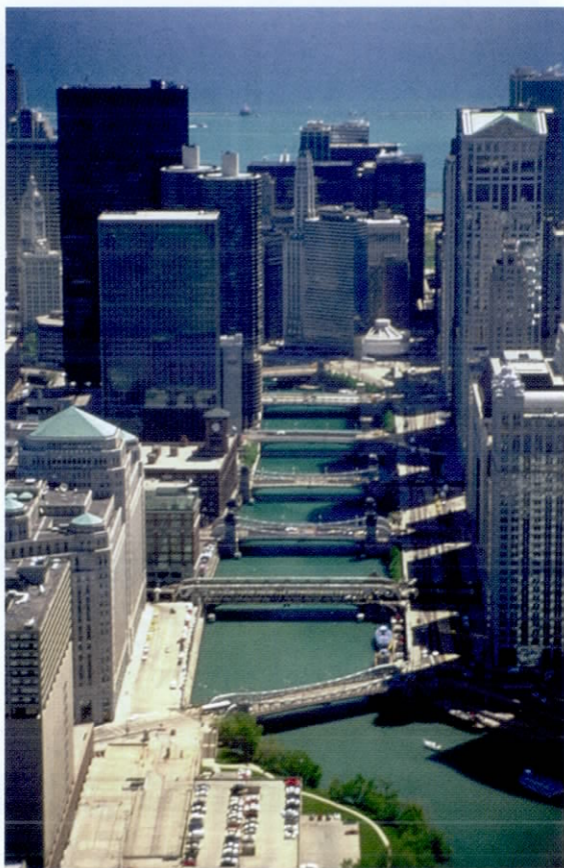
**CTA buses and trains  
are a great way for groups  
to see all of Chicago.**



## Welcome!

The Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) network of rail lines and bus routes serving Chicago and 40 suburban communities is ideally suited to move groups of almost any size.

CTA serves museums, shopping centers, hotels, convention centers, restaurants, sporting events and just about any place your group wants to go.



It's easy to order Transit Cards or unlimited-ride passes in advance and we'll send free maps and brochures upon request. A group sales representative is available to help you plan your trip.

## Connect With Us

CTA provides frequent and convenient connections to O'Hare and Midway airports, intercity and commuter trains at Union, Ogilvie, LaSalle Street and Millennium stations, and long-distance buses at the Greyhound Terminal.

### O'Hare Airport

is only 45-50 minutes from downtown on the CTA Blue Line.



### Midway Airport

is only 30-35 minutes from downtown on the CTA Orange Line.



### Intercity Rail and Bus

Convenient CTA service is available for groups arriving on Amtrak trains at Union Station or by bus at the Greyhound terminal. Several bus routes serve both facilities and Blue Line trains stop nearby.



### Charter an 'L' train

Nothing says Chicago more than our famous 'L' trains. Rent one for four or more hours for that special event. Use a train to see Chicago as only Chicagoans see it, from our 222 mile rail network. We welcome food and non-alcoholic beverage service that you arrange. For more information, call CTA Rail Operations at 312-681-4520.

# Planning Your Trip

CTA has several tools to help you find the best route to your destination.

## Use the Trip Planner

Go to [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com) and use the Trip Planner. The Trip Planner will recommend which routes to use, including departure and arrival times and where to make connections. Large groups should contact a group sales representative (see below) for planning assistance and special arrangements.

## Use CTA maps

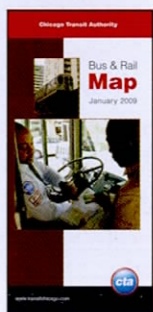
### CTA's Downtown Transit Sightseeing Guide

shows how easy it is to get around downtown Chicago on CTA. Get to all major downtown attractions including museums, State Street, Michigan Avenue, sports arenas and much more.

### CTA's Bus & Rail Map

shows the entire CTA system serving downtown and surrounding suburbs. This comprehensive map also includes Pace bus routes and Metra commuter rail lines.

Print portions of the map from the CTA web site, [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com), or to request one by mail, call 1-888-YOUR-CTA (968-7282), TTY: 1-888-CTA-TTY1 (282-8891).



## Speak with a Group Sales Representative

Call 1-888-YOUR-CTA during normal weekday business hours (ext. 12733) and a representative can advise you on different fare options and the best way to reach your destination.

# Paying for Travel

CTA has several fare options to suit varied travel needs. CTA farecards and passes are valid on CTA trains and buses, and Pace buses.

Order Transit Cards and Passes **in advance** at [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com) or by sending the completed Transit Farecard Order Form with payment.

## Unlimited-Ride Passes\*

CTA's 1-Day, 3-Day, 7-Day and 30-Day passes allow unlimited riding from the first use.



\* Unlimited-ride passes cannot be shared.

## Transit Cards

**Transit Cards** deduct fares and transfers, and are available in several denominations from \$2 to \$20. If needed, value can be added at rail station vending machines.



## Fares

Full Fare	On Rail	On Bus	Transfers
	\$2.25	\$2.00	25¢
	\$2.25	\$2.00	25¢
	\$2.25	\$2.00	25¢
	*	\$2.25	None Issued
Reduced Fare **	On Rail	On Bus	Transfers
	85¢	85¢	15¢
	*	\$1.00	None Issued

\* Cash not accepted at rail station turnstiles. Purchase transit cards at vending machines.

\*\* Reduced Fares are for children ages 7-11, and customers with disabilities with RTA Reduced Fare Permits. Seniors, 65+, ride free with RTA Senior Ride Free Smart Cards.

Active military personnel in full uniform or customers with a CTA Military Service Pass ride free on CTA.

# Transit Farecard Order Form

To order by mail, send this completed form along with a corporate, organization or cashier's check or money order for the full amount payable to the Chicago Transit Authority. Personal checks will not be accepted.

**Mail to: Chicago Transit Authority, Group Sales, P.O. Box 7563, Chicago, IL 60680-7563**

Customer Information		Shipping Information	
Date:	Name:	Name:	
Title:		Company/Institution:	
Company/Institution:		Address:	
Address:		City:	State/Prov.:
City:	State/Prov.:	Country:	Zip/Postal:
Country:	Zip/Postal:	<b>Credit Card Info: (Circle One)</b>	
Telephone:	Fax:	AMEX	DISC
E-mail:		VISA	MC
		Name:	
		C.C. No:	
		Exp. Date	
		Signature:	

## Fare Selection

Type of Fare	Price	Count	Total
<b>Unlimited-Ride Passes</b>			
Allows unlimited riding for duration of pass. Cannot be recharged or shared.	\$5.75 (1-Day)		\$
	\$14 (3-Day)		\$
<b>7-Day Unlimited-Ride Pass</b>	\$23		\$
<b>30-Day Unlimited-Ride Pass</b>	\$86		\$
<b>Reduced Fare 30-Day Pass</b> (for disabled persons with RTA Reduced Fare Permit)	\$35		\$
<b>\$2 Transit Card</b>	\$2		\$
<b>\$2.25 Transit Card</b>	\$2.25		\$
<b>\$2.50 Transit Card</b>	\$2.50		\$
<b>\$4 Transit Card</b>	\$4		\$
<b>\$4.50 Transit Card</b>	\$4.50		\$
<b>Pack of Reduced Fare Transit Cards</b> (Two \$8.50 cards sold at a discount.)	\$15.30		\$
<b>Pack of Reduced Fare Transit Cards with Transfer</b> (20 per pack, allows 2 more rides within 2 hours)	\$18.30		\$
<b>\$10 Transit Card</b>	\$10		\$
<b>\$20 Transit Card</b>	\$20		\$
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

Please allow 7-10 business days for delivery. There are no refunds for CTA Transit Cards and Passes.

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## Popular Destinations

### Use CTA trains and buses to get to many popular destinations

- Art Institute of Chicago
- Chicago Cultural Center
- Concerts and Music Venues
- Dining and Nightlife
- DuSable Museum
- Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Museum
- Historic Neighborhoods
- John Hancock Observatory
- Lincoln Park and Zoo
- McCormick Place
- Millennium Park
- Museum Campus
- Museum of Science and Industry
- Navy Pier
- North Michigan Avenue
- Sears Tower
- Soldier Field
- State Street
- Theatre District
- U.S. Cellular Field and Wrigley Field
- United Center



### For More Information

#### CTA Group Sales

1-888-YOUR-CTA (968-7282), ext. 12733  
(available weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)  
[groupsales@transitchicago.com](mailto:groupsales@transitchicago.com)

#### Public Transit Travel Information

312-836-7000, TTY 312-836-4949  
<http://tripsweb.rtachicago.com>