

Travel Information for the 2011 ISRCAP Meeting in Chicago

Date: June 15-June 18, 2011

Gleacher Center
450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60611

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

From O'Hare Airport

Taxi

The taxi stand can be found just outside the baggage claim area. Cab fare will be approximately \$35 and you should allow 1 to 1 ½ hours.

CTA Train (the "El")

The Blue line of the Chicago Transportation Authority train system, commonly known as the "El" or elevated train, runs from O'Hare to the Loop area downtown. Follow airport signs reading "Trains to City" to the boarding area. Buy a fare card from vending machines at boarding area. Disembark Clark and Lake stop. Exit station at street level and take a taxi to Gleacher Center, or walk east on Lake Street four blocks to Michigan Avenue. Turn left and walk north the two blocks on the east side of Michigan. After crossing the bridge over the river, walk to the right through the plaza with the fountain between the Equitable Building and Tribune Tower. Gleacher Center is on the right at the end of the plaza, facing east toward NBC Tower.

From Midway Airport

Taxi

A taxi stand is located right outside the baggage claim area. Cab fare will be approximately \$30 and you should allow 30 to 45 minutes.

CTA Train (the "El")

The Orange Line of the "El" or elevated train runs from Midway to the Loop area downtown. Follow airport signs reading "Trains to City" to the boarding area. Buy a fare card from vending machines at boarding area. Disembark at the State and Lake stop. Exit at street level and take a taxi, or walk two blocks east on Lake Street to Michigan Avenue. Turn left and walk north the two blocks on the east side of Michigan. After crossing the bridge over the river, walk to the right through the Chicago Tribune/Equitable Fountain Plaza. The Gleacher Center is on the right at the end of the plaza, facing east toward NBC Tower. The train ride is about 30 minutes.

Travel to and from airports during rush hour should be avoided – it's a nightmare.

Hotels near the Gleacher Center

Hotel	Phone	Address
*Courtyard by Marriott	312-660-2401	165 E. Ontario St.
**Conrad Hotel	312-645-1500	520 N. Michigan Ave.
**Embassy Suites Hotel	312-836-5900	511 N. Columbus Drive
*Fairmont Hotel	312-565-8000	200 N. Columbus Drive
Four Seasons	312-280-8800	120 E. Delaware Place
Hilton Garden Inn	312-595-0000	10 East Grand Avenue
Holiday Inn Chicago City Center	312-787-6100	300 E. Ohio
*Homewood Suites by Hilton	312-644-2222	40 E. Grand Ave.
**Hotel Inter-Continental	312-944-4100	505 N. Michigan Ave.
*Hotel Monaco Chicago	312-960-8500	225 N. Wabash
*House of Blues Hotel	312-245-0333	333 N. Dearborn
*Hyatt Regency Chicago	312-565-1234	151 E. Wacker Drive
**Inn of Chicago	866-539-0036	162 E Ohio St
**Marriott Downtown Chicago	312-836-0100	540 N. Michigan Ave.
*Omni Chicago Hotel	312-944-6664	676 N. Michigan Ave.
The Peninsula Chicago	312-337-2888	108 East Superior Street
The Ritz Carlton Hotel	312-266-1000	160 E. Pearson
**Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers	312-464-1000	301 E. North Water Street
*Swissotel	312-565-0565	323 E. Wacker Drive
W Hotel	312-943-9200	644 N. Lake Shore Drive
*Westin River North	312-744-1900	320 N. Dearborn Street
*Wyndham Chicago	312-573-0300	633 N. St. Clair Street
Walking distance to Gleacher Center ** (1-2 blocks) * (3-5 blocks)		

There are a lot of hotel options within walking distance from Gleacher Center. A search of hotels within 1 mile of the Chicago Tribune Tower yield room rates ranging from \$78 per night at the Howard Johnson Inn, 720 North LaSalle Street, to \$795 per night at the Park Hyatt Hotel, 800 North Michigan Avenue.

Dining Suggestions

Not so expensive:

[Café in Nordstroms](#)
[Heaven on Seven](#)
[Terzo Piano](#) (lunch everyday, dinner only on Thursday)
[Zocalo](#)

More expensive:

[Atwood Café](#)
[Frontera Grill](#)
[Café Spiaggia](#)
[Balsan](#)
[Aria](#)
[676](#)

Pretty expensive:

[Spiaggia](#)
[Topolobombo](#)
[Ria](#)
[Alinea](#)
[Tru](#)
[Crofton on Wells](#)
[Avenues](#)

Things to do

<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&source=hp&q=chicago+attractions&aq=1&aqi=p-p1g9&aql=&oq=Chicago+attr>

<http://www.chicagotraveler.com/attraction-maps.htm>

Multiple [Area Attractions](#) within walking distance from the Gleacher Center, including:

[Millenium Park](#)
[Children's Museum](#)
[Museum of Contemporary Art](#)
[Art Institute of Chicago](#) (now with new modern wing),
[Navy Pier](#)
movie theatres, and the Chicago Loop Theatre District.

The [Chicago Architecture Foundation](#) leads fantastic walking and boat tours of the city

The Gleacher Center is one block from the section of Michigan called the [Magnificent Mile](#) for its magnificent shopping.

Other interesting neighborhoods to visit include [Wicker Park](#), [River North](#) and, of course, [Hyde Park](#).

[Second City Comedy Club](#)

Baseball: [White Sox](#), [Chicago Cubs](#)