



**5 days**  
**Chicago**  
**June 2024**

**06-09-2024**

**We left midday...A comfortable “American Air” flight all the way.**

**One hour by taxi from O” hare... Before we were there.**

**Todays Travel routine...Is different then before I have seen.**

**Travelers of all ages are everywhere...People travel as large families, singles or as a pair.**

**And everyone in this land...  
Carries a phone in their hand.**



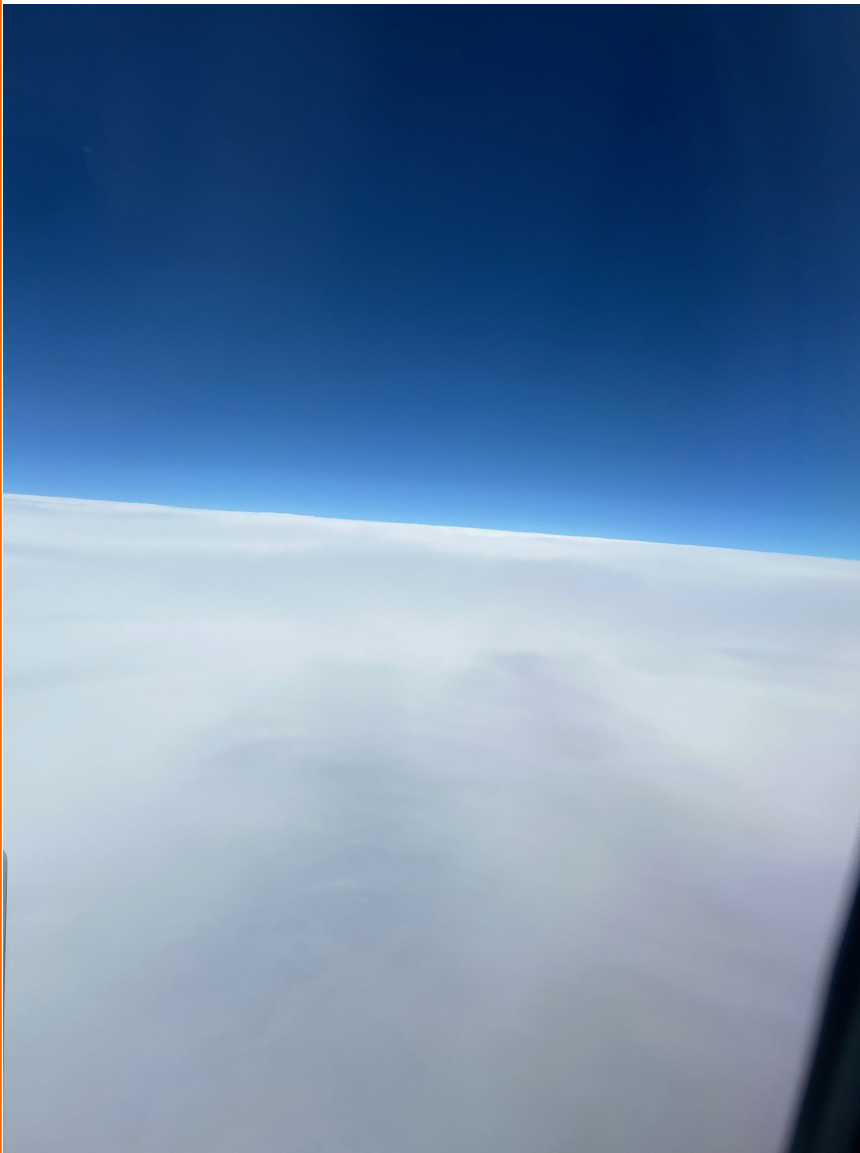
**We flew under blue skies  
and above a continuous  
white cloud...**

**The noise of the engine in  
the plane was not to loud.**

**Every seat was filled...  
Drinks were served with-  
out being spilled.**

**Hoping no one was hun-  
gry during the 5 hour  
flight...**

**Because the juice and  
cookies for dinner in  
your stomach felt very  
light.**



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**After the quick service soon all shutters were closed...  
And for the rest of the flight most passengers dozed.**

**Sleep they could not...  
Due to one child that exercised its tantrums a lot.**

**But that did not bother me...  
Just being thankful that at my age I am able to travel with my daughters Co-  
lette and Daphne.**



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**From my window seat the view is at its best...  
Of the never ending Mid-West.**

**And happy to say...  
for me it was a comfortable flight all the way**



**And happy to  
go...  
5 days To Chica-  
go.**

**Arrived on time  
and per taxi to  
her high rise  
home...  
Where Colette  
during business  
trips lives alone.**

**In her parttime  
41st floor city  
home...  
To prevent al-  
ways working  
long distance  
from her Desert  
home by phone**

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**From the 41st floor Colette's downtown's condo a view from the Chicago River...**



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**and the Michigan lake in the distance without a shiver !**



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**On the fourteenth floor of this building a sports deck of pool, tennis and pickle ball ...**

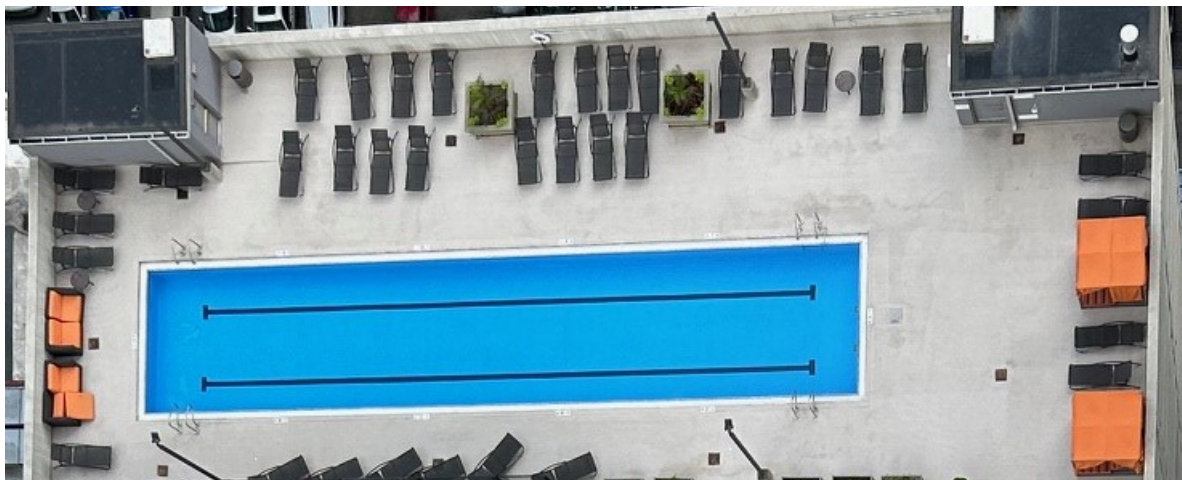
**To enjoy for all.**

**BBQ and comfortable seating ...**

**For outdoor eating**

**A large dog park...**

**To do their business and bark.**



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All night the view was very bright...  
Due to the million lights .





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**Fascinating to say the least...  
Just sit and watch truly a feast.**



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**Monday the second day** we went to Nordstrom to shop...

Where prizes were over the top.

We looked for awhile ...But did not find my style.

Fashion was geared towards the young generation...

And for seniors I did not see any creation.

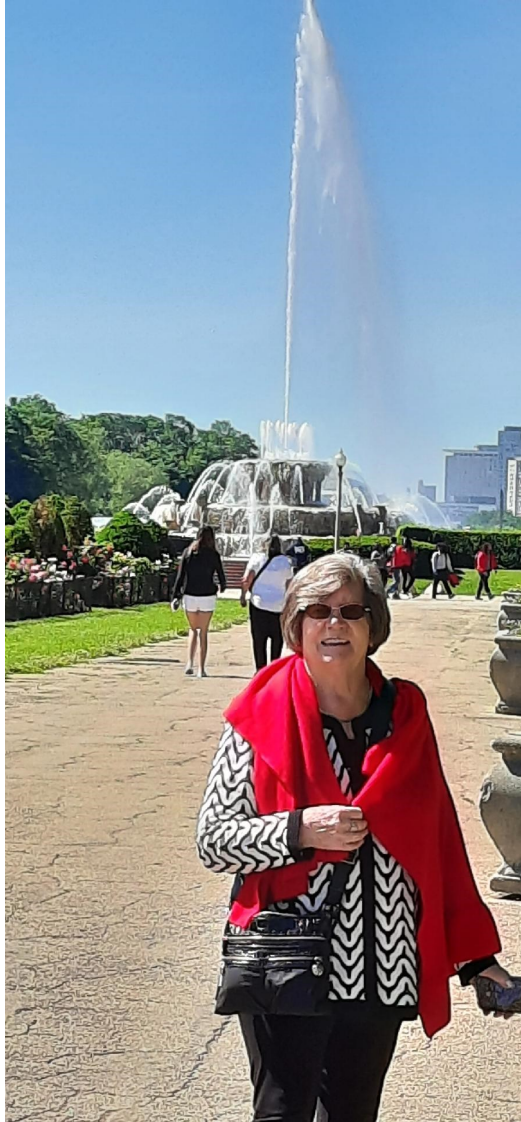
The price for my kind of purse... was \$2750.00 or worse!

Spending that kind of money... For me is not funny.



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**Tuesday the third day** we toured the city by bus...  
**Many stops without being in a rush.**



**No homeless or streets covered with trash...  
No one begging for cash.**

**The Irish influence can be seen...Because the city appears very clean.**

**Traffic moves with ease...Did not see an accident and only a view plice.**



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**Pleasant parks to leisurely walk...  
And talk .**

**And everywhere between the build-  
ings we see ...  
Flowers and greenery.**

**This city is so much more...  
Then I remember from before.**

**When I flew from afar...  
To attend a two day seminar.**

**About “dying with dignity”  
During which time from the city  
much we did not see.**

**06-12-2024**  
**Wednesday the fourth day**

**A Chicago River cruise...**

**With spectacular architectural views.**

**Buildings high, strong and bold... None of them appearing real old.**

**An example of how a city with apparently the best leaders in America that live here in the West... Created Chicago that looks and appears to be managed the best.**



**in the tall building in the middle On the 41ste floor is Colette's, condo  
A few steps to go...To the river below**

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The weather ....  
Could not have been better,  
The wind did not bother me...  
While in all directions there was  
so much to see.



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**In the evening we walked the street...  
And dined on Chicago's famous meat...**

**Beef of Americas West...  
Indeed tasted the best.**



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Thursday the fourth day to the art museum we did go...  
To see the self portrait of Van Gogh.  
I want everyone one to know...  
Being Dutch, this was a highlight in my visit to Chicago.!

You've just stepped into one of the world's great art museums, with a collection of art that spans centuries of creativity from around the globe.

Whether today is your first visit or your hundred and first, we hope you enjoy your time in the galleries.

WHAT TO SEE IN AN HOUR

Short on time? Here's a must-see guide to the Art Institute. If you entered at Michigan Avenue, start at the top. If you entered through the Modern Wing, go in reverse order. Scan the QR code to learn more about each work.



Agnes Northrop and Tiffany Studios' Hartwell Memorial Window  
Gallery 200, 2nd level



Buddha Shakyamuni Seated in Meditation (Dhyanamudra), Tamil Nadu, India  
Gallery 140, 1st level



Headdress  
Ejagham, Nigeria  
Gallery 137, 1st level



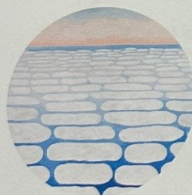
Armor for Man and Horse, Southern Germany  
Gallery 239, 2nd level



Georges Seurat's A Sunday on La Grande Jatte—1884  
Gallery 240, 2nd level



Vincent van Gogh's Self-Portrait  
Gallery 241, 2nd level



Georgia O'Keeffe's Sky above Clouds IV  
Gallery 249, 2nd level



Grant Wood's American Gothic  
Gallery 263, 2nd level



Edward Hopper's Nighthawks  
Gallery 262, 2nd level



Pablo Picasso's The Old Guitarist  
Gallery 391, 3rd level



Rene Magritte's On the Threshold of Liberty  
Gallery 396, 3rd level



Alma Thomas's Starry Night and the Astronauts  
Gallery 291, 2nd level

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Vincent van Gogh  
Dutch, 1853-1890  
**Self-Portrait**  
1887

Oil on artist's board, mounted on cradled panel

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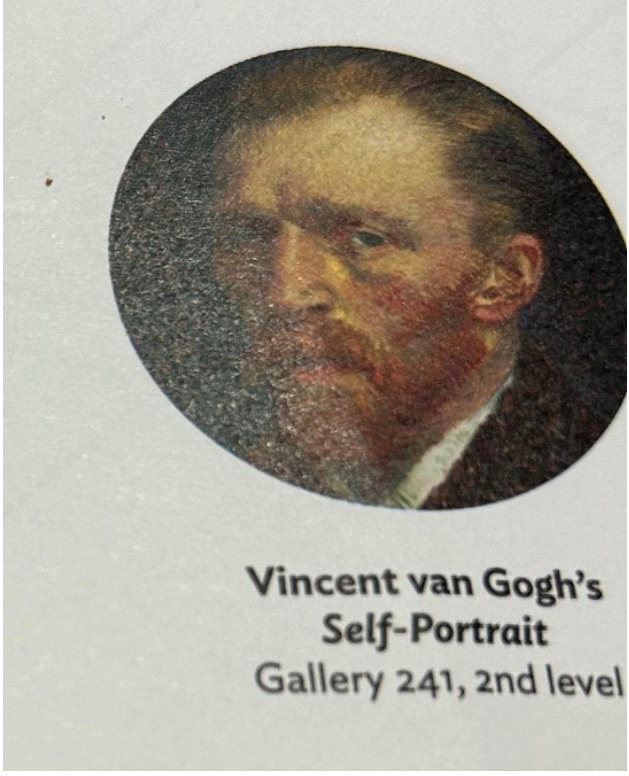
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Vincent van Gogh's  
**Self-Portrait**  
Gallery 241, 2nd level

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**Everyone stopped and stood...  
Watching the past by Grant  
Wood.**



## Grant Wood

American, 1891–1942

## American Gothic

1930

Oil on Beaver Board

In *American Gothic*, Grant Wood directly evoked images of an earlier generation by featuring a farmer and his daughter posed stiffly and dressed as if they were, as the artist put it, “tintypes from my old family album.” They stand outside of their home, built in an 1880s style known as Carpenter Gothic. Wood had seen a similar farmhouse during a visit to Eldon, Iowa.

When it was exhibited at the Art Institute in 1930, the painting became an instant sensation, its ambiguity prompting viewers to speculate about the figures and their story. Many understood the work to be a satirical comment on midwesterners out of step with a modernizing world. Yet Wood intended it to convey a positive image of rural American values, offering a vision of reassurance at the beginning of the Great Depression.

Friends of American Art Collection, 1930-934

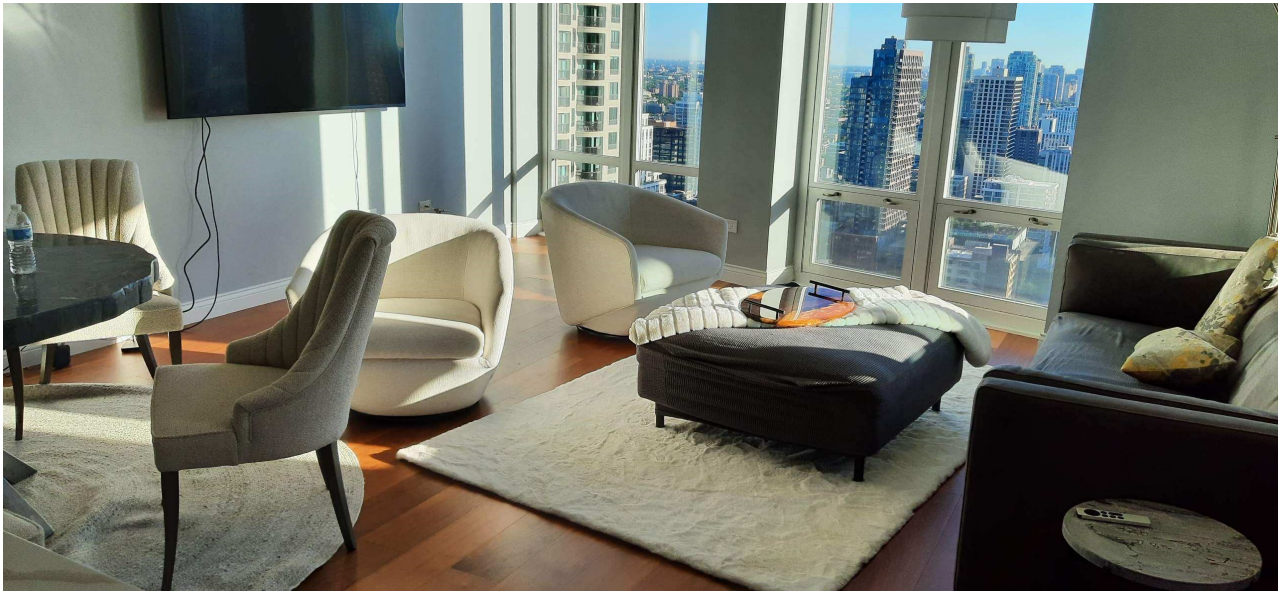
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Georgia Totto O'Keeffe was an American modernist painter and draftswoman whose career spanned seven decades and whose work remained largely independent of major art movements.

Her work in the past I had missed....  
And was not impressed by this artist

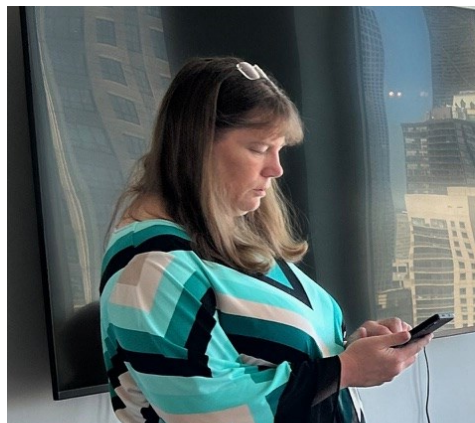
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**Time went by fast...Long did this week not last.  
But each day we had sunny weather...  
And the view from this high rise could not be better.**

**Thank you Colette for the hospitality and good time we had...In your Chicago flat**

**A wait at O'Hare ...Before we left from there .  
"United Air" on the way back...  
But the same space and comfort as "American Air" they did lack.**



**But thankful for this trip with my two daughters...  
Realizing traveling alone at my age are becoming to many bothers.**

**I was home before midnight...  
And after a hot shower soon turned of the light.**



**Dreaming about this 5 day trip to the West...  
That belongs to some of the best**

**Marie Jose Temmink**

06-15-2024

Entered in my diary...my memory ...

And **CHICAGO HISTORY** [From the Internet)

It is hopeless for the occasional visitor to try to keep up with Chicago. She outgrows his prophecies faster than he can make them." - Mark Twain, 1883

**Chicago** was only 46 years old when Mark Twain wrote those words, but it had already grown more than 100-fold, from a small trading post at the mouth of the Chicago River into one of the nation's largest cities, and it wasn't about to stop. Over the next 20 years, it would quadruple in population, amazing the rest of the world with its ability to repeatedly reinvent itself. And it still hasn't stopped.

**Chicago** continues to be a place that many people from diverse backgrounds call home. Before it was a city, it was the home to numerous indigenous peoples, a legacy which continues to frame our relationship with the city, the land, and the environment.

**Today, Chicago** has become a global city, a thriving center of international trade and commerce, and a place where people of every nationality and background come to pursue the American dream.

The City understands that Tribes are sovereign Nations and should have the first voice in acknowledging their historical and contemporary presence on this land. If your Tribe would like to see changes, please reach out to us for comments.

Chicago's first permanent non-indigenous resident was a trader named **Jean Baptiste Point du Sable**, a free black man from Haiti whose father was a French sailor and whose mother was an African slave, he came here in the 1770s via the Mississippi River from New Orleans with his Native American wife, and their home stood at the mouth of the Chicago River. In 1803, the U.S. government built **Fort Dearborn** at what is now the corner of Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive (look for the bronze markers in the pavement). It was destroyed in 1812 following the Battle of Fort Dearborn, rebuilt in 1816, and permanently demolished in 1857.

## A Trading Center

Incorporated as a city in 1837, Chicago was ideally situated to take advantage of the trading possibilities created by the nation's westward expansion. The completion of the **Illinois & Michigan Canal** in 1848 created a water link between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River, but the canal was soon rendered obsolete by railroads. Today, 50 percent of U.S. rail freight continues to pass through Chicago, even as the city has become the nation's busiest aviation center, thanks to **O'Hare and Midway International airports**.

Chicago rebuilt quickly. Much of the debris was dumped into Lake Michigan as landfill, forming the underpinnings for what is now Grant Park, Millennium Park and the Art Institute of Chicago. Only 22 years later, Chicago celebrated its comeback by holding the **World's Columbian Exposition of 1893**, with its memorable "White City." One of the Exposition buildings was rebuilt to become the **Museum of Science and Industry**. Chicago refused to be discouraged even by the Great Depression. In 1933 and 1934, the city held an equally successful **Century of Progress Exposition** on Northerly Island.

**In the half-century following the Great Fire, waves of immigrants came to Chicago to take jobs in the factories and meatpacking plants. Many poor workers and their families found help in settlement houses operated by Jane Addams and her followers. Her Hull House Museum is located at 800 S. Halsted St.**

Throughout their city's history, Chicagoans have demonstrated their ingenuity in matters large and small: The nation's first skyscraper, the 10-story, steel-framed Home Insurance Building, was built in 1884 at LaSalle and Adams streets and demolished in 1931.

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Chicago was the birthplace of:

- the refrigerated rail car (Swift)
- mail-order retailing (Sears and Montgomery Ward)
- the car radio (Motorola)
- the TV remote control (Zenith)
- The first self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction, ushering in the Atomic Age, took place at the University of Chicago in 1942. The spot is marked by a Henry Moore sculpture on Ellis Avenue between 56th and 57th streets.

The 1,451-foot Willis Tower (formerly known as the Sears Tower), completed in 1974, was the tallest building in the world from 1974 to 1998.

**I CAPTURED A BIT OF ALL OF THIS...  
AND LEFT WITH A WISH...**

**THAT I CAN TRUST TO KNOW...  
THAT SOMEDAY I CAN RETURN TO CHICAGO**

**Marie Jose Temmink**