



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

## Group Visits: Spring, Summer & Fall Packages

All basic tour packages include motor coach/bus admission, priority drop-off, guaranteed tour times, and 10 percent discount coupons to the Garden Shop.

### Package Descriptions\*

#### **Petal Package** | \$14 per person

- One activity/tour of your choice

*Add an additional activity for \$6 per person*

#### **Garden Package** | \$37 per person

- One activity/tour of your choice, private dining area for one hour, and lunch

*Upgrade to a hot lunch buffet for \$5 per person*

#### **Twilight Concert Package** | \$42 per person

- Available after 5 p.m. June – August, Monday – Thursday
- One activity/tour of your choice, designated concert seating area, private dining area for one hour, and dinner buffet

Mondays: Carillon Concert

Tuesdays: Music on the Esplanade (live music)

Wednesdays: Dancin' Sprouts (geared for children)

Thursdays: Hot Summer Nights (dance instruction and live music)

#### **Tuesday Morning Music Package** | \$42 per person

- Available June – August: concert begins at 10 a.m.
- One activity/tour of your choice, designated seating area, private dining area for one hour, and hot breakfast buffet

#### **Agri-Tourism Package** | Prices start at \$45 per person

- Available April – September: Tours of the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden depart every hour between 11 a.m and 1 p.m.
- One 45-minute Garden tour, private dining area for one hour, and an organic sandwich lunch buffet
- Upgrade to an organic hot lunch buffet for \$10 per person

*\*Prices do not include taxes, which are applicable to food and beverage.*





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## Tours

### Grand Tram Tour:

- 35-minute narrated tour, departing on the hour starting at 10 a.m.
- Travels 2.6 miles, showing the entire grounds of the Chicago Botanic Garden: highlights of 81 acres of lakes, 9 islands, and panoramic views
- Maximum capacity of 76 people
- Wheelchair accessible
- Available during peak season (April – October)

### Bright Encounters Tram Tour:

- 35-minute narrated tour, departing every hour, starting at 10 a.m.
- Travels around the main island for a closer look at the Garden; this tour is designed for those who may have trouble walking.
- Maximum capacity of 18 people
- Wheelchair accessible (due to space constraints, scooters cannot be loaded on to the designated ADA area)
- Available during peak season (April – October)

### Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden Tours:

- 45-minute narrated tour on Thursdays, departing every hour between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Available April through September
- Maximum capacity of 15 – 20 people per guide
- April: Spring in the organic vegetable garden or planning a vegetable garden
- May: Get ideas on planting a summer vegetable garden, growing vegetables in containers, or raised-bed gardening
- June: Get tips on caring for organic edible landscapes, sustainable watering practices, or growing herbs
- July and August: Learn about bees and the food crops they pollinate or learn about heirloom tomatoes, peppers, and basil
- September: Learn about handling the harvest, planting a fall garden, or preparing the vegetable garden for winter







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## Activities

### Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America

For \$6 more per person, add a unique adventure to your package: 15 model trains journey coast-to-coast across bridges, through tunnels, and past miniature scenes of America's favorite landmarks. Wheelchair accessible. From mid-May to late October, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. extended until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, June – August. Visit takes approximately 30 minutes.

### Butterflies & Blooms

For \$6 more per person, immerse yourself in a habitat filled with more than 500 butterflies native to South America, North America, and Africa, as well as Illinois. From May 23 through September 7, 2015, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. This visit takes approximately 20 minutes.

## Specialty Tours

*Weekdays only and based on availability*

### Plant Conservation Science Center Green Roof or Lab Tour

Explore the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center to learn about the Garden's many plant and native habitat restoration activities. Interact with six hands-on exhibitions exploring flower pollination, plants in our lives, and soil creatures. Discover some special features of the plants growing on the 16,000-square-foot "living roof." Learn about the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) gold-certified building (capacity restrictions apply based on guide availability).

### Library Tour

One of the greatest treasures of the Chicago Botanic Garden is the Lenhardt Library. Established in 1951, the Lenhardt Library's collections hold approximately 110,000 volumes, including books, periodicals, rare books, special collections, videos, DVDs, slides, nursery catalogs, and the archives of the Chicago Horticultural Society with about 3,000 titles from the fifteenth to nineteenth centuries. This tour package includes a look at the rare book reading room, a library tour, an exhibit tour, and many more great features (30 person capacity per tour).

### Garden Highlights Walking Tours *(available Monday – Friday)*

On this tour, you will be taken to a Garden in full bloom. Areas for touring on the day of your visit are based on blooms and the group's capacity to walk distances. Greenhouse tours are scheduled for winter months (10 – 15 people per guide).







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## **Demonstrations/Special Programs**

*(Based on availability – fees include \$200 demonstration charge. Supplies and room quoted upon request.)*

These include Herbal Spa demonstration, Grilling with Herbs, Cooking with Herbs, Chef demonstrations, Container Gardening, Bouquet and Wreath Arranging.

## **Special Exhibitions**

*Pricing Available Upon Request*

**Antiques, Garden & Design Show (April)**

**Wonderland Express (November/December)**

**Orchid Show (February/March)**

## **Policies:**

- Group visit package prices do not include applicable sales tax
- 15-guest minimum will apply
- \$50 nonrefundable deposit required for booking
- All prices subject to change; menu substitutions not available
- Final guest count and payment due ten business days prior to visit
- Cancellations must be made at least ten business days prior to visit

