Group Visit Packages
Spring, Summer & Fall

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

PETAL PACKAGE | $14 per guest
One attraction or tour of your choice
Add an additional activity for $6/guest

GARDEN PACKAGE | $41 per guest
One attraction or tour of your choice, private dining area [1 hour] and boxed lunch
Upgrade to a lunch buffet for an additional $5/guest

TWILIGHT CONCERT PACKAGE | $46 per guest
Available June through August after 5:00pm | Monday — Thursday
One attraction or tour of your choice, designated dining area and dinner buffet.

TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC PACKAGE | $46 per guest
Available June through August—concert begins at 10:00am
One attraction or tour of your choice, designated dining area and breakfast or lunch buffet.

POLICIES
Group Visit Package Prices do not include applicable sales tax;
food and beverage prices subject to 10% operations fee
15 adult guest minimum will apply
50% nonrefundable deposit and signed contract required to book
200 dollar labor fee applied to groups over 50 guests with catering
Additional labor fee applies per 50 guests with catering
All prices subject to change
Menu substitutions not available
All final menu selections due at least ten business days prior to visit*
Final guest count and payment due ten business days prior to visit*
* $50 late fee applies to menu changes made after ten business days.
TOURS

Tour Times and Availability Vary

Grand Tram Tour

35-minute narrated tour
Travels 2.6 miles showing the entire garden grounds: highlights of 81 acres of lakes, 9 garden islands, and panoramic views of these beautiful gardens.
Maximum capacity of 76 guests per tram.
Wheelchair accessible (up to two per tram).
[due to space constraints scooters are not able to be loaded onto the designated ADA area]

Available during peak season (April – October)

Bright Encounters Tram Tour

35-minute narrated tour
Travels around the main island for a closer look at the Garden; this tour is designed for those who cannot walk this walkable area of the Garden.
Maximum capacity of 18 guests per tram.
Wheelchair accessible (up to two per tram).
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Available during peak season (April – October)

Garden Highlights Walking Tours

(available Monday – Friday)
On this tour you will be taken to a Garden in full bloom. Areas for touring are based on the day of your visit; depending on blooms and group’s capacity to walk distances.
15 guests per guide.

Private Tram Tour

(available upon request-based on availability; two week notice required)
What better way to entertain your group, than by booking a private tour operator for a more personalized experience. Reserve either the Grand Tram or Bright Encounters Tram solely for your group for an intimate experience in viewing the garden.
*can only be paired with packages that include catering
ATTRACTIONS & SPECIALITY TOURS

Special Tours Available Most Weekdays, Please Inquire for Availability.

Model Railroad Garden
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
Immerse yourself in a habitat filled with more than 500 butterflies native to South America, North America, and Africa, as well as Illinois. From late May through early September, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit takes approximately 20 minutes.

Library Tour
One of the greatest treasures of the Chicago Botanic Garden is the Lenhardt Library. Established in 1951, the collections of the Lenhardt Library 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 exhibition tour, and many more great features. 30 guest capacity per tour

Fruit & Vegetable Island Tour
Available April – September
Maximum capacity of 15-20 guests 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 & August – Learn about bees and the food crops they pollinate or Heirloom Tomatoes, Peppers, and Basil.
September – Learn about Handling the Harvest, Planting a Fall Garden, or Preparing the Vegetable Garden for Winter.
SEASONAL EXHIBITIONS

Pricing Available Upon Request

American Craft Exposition—September
The American Craft Exposition, one of the country’s most anticipated fine craft shows, has moved to a new location at the Chicago Botanic Garden. This highly competitive juried show and sale of fine craft features one-of-a-kind handcrafted artwork and luxury collections from the country’s leading craftspeople. Bring your group to the Garden and tour this unbridled exposition of craft talent.

Night of 1000 Jack-o’-Lanterns—October
Think spooky cool, more than 1,000 hand-carved pumpkins—some as large as 150 pounds—will light up the night at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Night of 1,000 Jack-o’-Lanterns is the only event of its kind in the Chicago area. Using scalpels, knives, gouges, and power tools, artists for the New York-based company Rise of the Jack O’Lanterns spend up to 15 hours sculpting a single pumpkin. The LED-lit jack-o’-lanterns will be staged along a festive, paved pathway, starting at the Esplanade. Along the way, encounter entertaining characters, watch live carving, and view the ghostly trains in the Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America.

Lightscape—November to January
Spectacular new magic for the holidays! You’ll wander into a festive world of wonder and light. Along a mile-long path, the night comes alive with color, imagination, and sound, from a playful choir of singing trees to a spectacular waterfall of light. At times, you’ll find yourself in the center of it all — stepping inside a cathedral of golden light, walking down an avenue of luminous linden trees, moving through colorful ribbons of light.

Orchid Show—February and March
This flower show is designed to showcase more than 10,000 rare, unusual, and exotic plants from around the world in a seven-room display area. The Orchid Show, the largest show of its kind in the Chicago metropolitan area, will provide an oasis of beauty and vibrant color during the height of winter. It will be the perfect escape for your group outing.

Dates are limited and booking fast, call today to secure your group outing!
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