



PRIVATE CHICAGO

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*Lincoln Park Townhouse. Phillip Liederbach & Graham, Architects.
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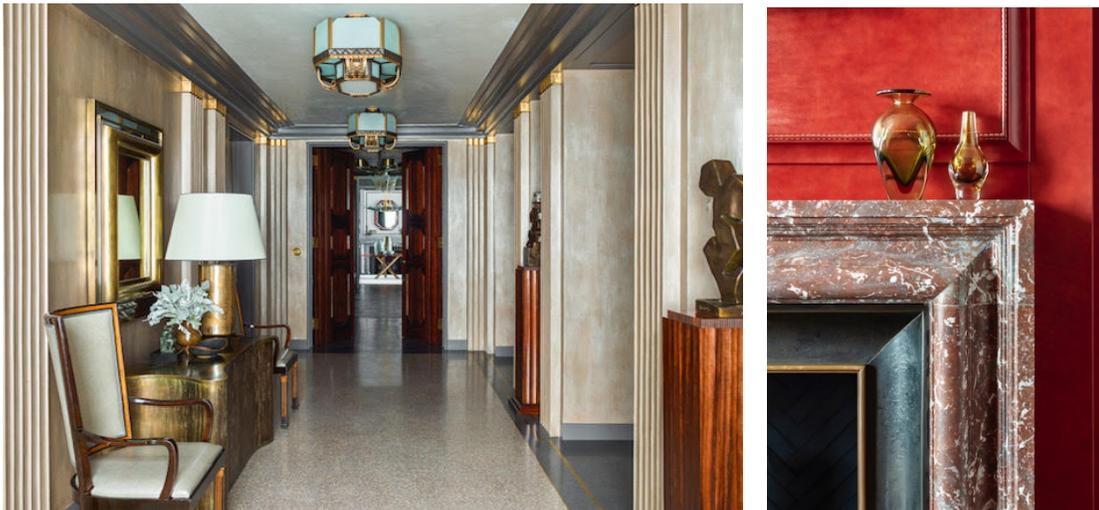
The story of Chicago, The Second City, The Windy City, can also be told through the architecture and interiors that make up its ever-fascinating vibrancy and special glamour. As the largest metropolis of the Midwest, Chicago has been a setting for the work of leading architects, designers and artisans for over a century and it continues to be so more than ever.

Private Chicago, an inspirational tour sponsored by the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art, will focus particularly on the affluent Near North Side, an area that enfolds the Gold Coast, River North, Lincoln Park and other neighborhoods that border or are near the sparkling waters of Lake Michigan. We will be granted special access to remarkable architecture and interiors, including beautiful townhouses and elegant apartments where private patronage meets individual style.

Incorporating great classical design and timeless craftsmanship is a new Georgian Revival townhouse in the Lincoln Park area created by the host of the Private Chicago tour, Phillip Liederbach of Liederbach & Graham Architects and inspired by the work of the legendary architect, David Adler. Renown New York interior designer Steven Gambrel was asked to create stylishly bold interiors that offer a mix of custom and vintage.

Liederbach and Gambrel also worked hand-in-hand on a single-floor, 5,500-square-foot apartment at the Palmolive, creating classical interiors with a feeling of Art Deco. The tower building once served as the headquarters of the Colgate-Palmolive Corp. About 20 years ago, the building was converted into high-end condos.

One of Chicago's most luxurious apartment buildings is at 1550 North State Parkway, designed in 1912 by Benjamin Marshall of Marshall & Fox. From the bowed windows and metal balconies to the *orangerie*, it is the last word in French elegance. Within this extraordinary building, we will visit an equally elegant residence.



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A private viewing of a Lake Shore Drive apartment by Oscar Shamamian of the award-winning New York architectural firm of Ferguson & Shamamian in collaboration with interior designer Brian McCarthy – great design and craftsmanship at its very best.

A private tour of the Richard H. Driehaus Museum will explore the art, architecture and design of the late 19th-century Gilded Age to the present. The museum is housed within a historic 1883 mansion, and is named after its founder who acquired the building in 2003, established it as a museum and commissioned the building's award-winning restoration with a vision to preserve and promote classical architecture and design. The artworks on display are selections from the private Driehaus Collection of Fine and Decorative Arts. The founder also initiated the coveted Driehaus Architecture Prize at the University of Notre Dame.

The four-day excursion will include a dinner and lecture at the historic and exclusive Casino Club with “its marbled, pastel-colored, classic and great Art Deco interior.”

A special one-of-a-kind event is an evening cruise with cocktails on the Chicago River after which our private boat will dock at the chic Pizzeria Portofino where we will have dinner.

ICAA Travel Committee member, Myrna Kaplan, will host a lunch at the Union League Club followed by a private viewing of works from its extraordinary art collection. More than 700 works embrace diversity of style, geography and chronology, including paintings by Claude Monet, Grant Wood and Edwin Howland Blashfield.

Four-star Gold Coast accommodations at the luxurious Thompson Chicago Hotel are reserved for three nights. British design star Tara Bernerd has created a sophisticated atmosphere for this outstanding award-winning (Conde Nast Traveler and Travel + Leisure) boutique hotel.

These are just some of the highlights to be experienced during the Private Chicago tour that concludes Sunday noon, April 26. For further information or registration, please contact Lani Summerville of Classical Excursions, 413-446-8728, lani@classicalexcursions.com .