





The stretch of Michigan Avenue between Wacker Drive and Oak Street, known as The Magnificent Mile, turns into a winter wonderland every holiday season. On the Saturday before each Thanksgiving, the "Mag Mile's" towering hotels and shops light up in glorious fashion, with more than one million lights adorning 200 trees!

Aside from the numerous lights and decorations that line up the Magnificent Mile, the Lights Festival also features a colorful parade, from Oak Street on the North to Wacker Drive/the Chicago River on the South, en route to the lighting of the city's Christmas tree. The parade showcases floats with huge helium-filled balloons and is led by well-known Christmas characters such as Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman. And Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse. Lively music for the festivities is provided by marching bands.

We will arrive around 11:00am and you will have the day free to enjoy as you would like until 7:30pm. Shop, visit a museum, take in a show and don't forget that the early evening is the Parade!

Departure Times & Locations:

9:00am Depart Watertown Plank Park & Ride (estimated return 9:15pm) 9:30am Depart College Ave SW Park & Ride (estimated return at 8:45pm)

A pickup in Racine, Kenosha or Gurnee may be added based on first request.

Please contact us for availability and timing.

*Gratuities for the tour director and driver are not included in the price and are at the passenger's discretion. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Payment is due at time of reservations. All day trips are non-refundable. This is a day free in Chicago to do what you would like. Admissions are not included. There are no reserved seats for the parade. The parade in previous years begins at 5:30pm and proceeds down Michigan Avenue. People line the streets to view it or there are some stores with windows where you may be able to stand inside to see it (however, that is not guaranteed).

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