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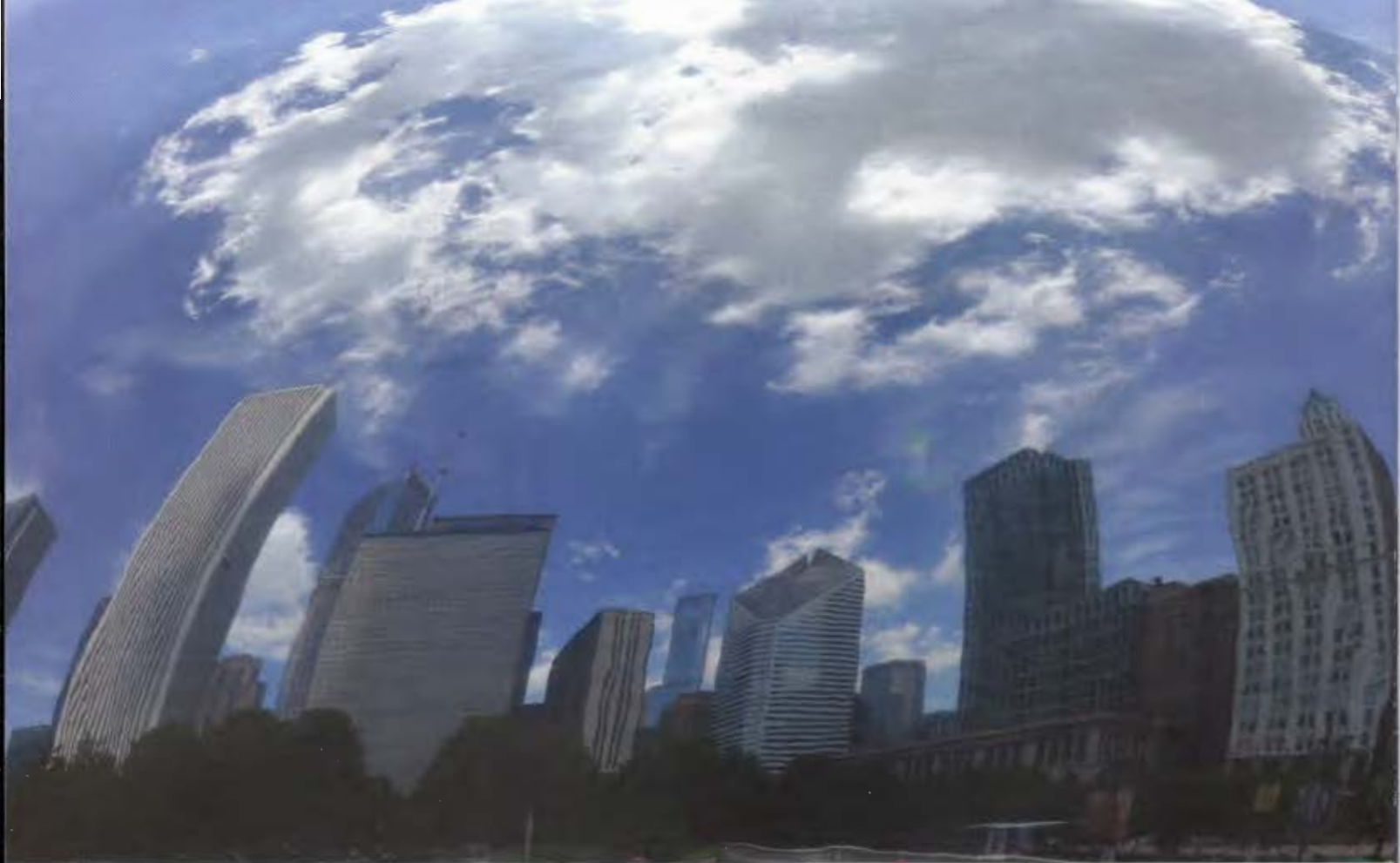


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# A Summer Getaway to **CHICAGO**



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Winter is not a pleasant time in Chicago. The

bitter wind whistles off frozen Lake Michigan and cuts through pretty much any item of clothing, so residents of the Windy City spend the winter hurrying along city streets, hunched over against the wind, rushing to get home and get warm. But summer in this beautiful city nestled on the shore of the lake is a different story.

Those same winds become cool, refreshing breezes which make any hot, sultry day cooler and more refreshing. The best place to be in mid-summer in Chicago is near the lake and luckily, the Hyatt McCormick Place is located within an easy walking distance of the water.

Book a room as high as possible and on the lake side for the best view of the lake and the city – we had a corner Executive Suite and enjoyed a 180 degree view of both out of two huge windows. With a walk-in closet, two big flat screen televisions, a small fridge, and a separate living room and bedroom area, it's a great room to use for your getaway. Plan at least one meal at Shor, a contem-



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porary restaurant in the hotel that serves delicious steaks and seafood.

Enjoy those cool lake breezes at the Museum Campus which is located right by the lake and includes the Field Museum, the Shedd Aquarium and the Adler Planetarium. Plan to spend about \$20 to park unless you take advantage of the city bus which stops right outside the hotel and is a great way to get around town. Check out the world's largest T-Rex skeleton at the Field Museum, catch the dolphin show at the Shedd Aquarium, and then spend some time viewing the stars and planets at the planetarium.

The architecture of Chicago is incredibly varied and the best way to learn about it by taking the Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise aboard Chicago's Fair Lady, a roomy river boat with plenty of seating and an air-conditioned lower deck where you can buy drinks and snacks. You can buy tickets online or purchase them at the ticket booth by the river where you will catch the boat, but be sure to show up early if you are buying tickets there – these cruises are extremely popular and sell out quickly.

If you take the architecture cruise in the morning, you will have plenty of time in the afternoon to take a fabulous pizza tour with Chicago Pizza Tour. We were determined to find out if Chicago's deep dish pizza was really as good as it was famed to be and we also wanted to try several different kinds of pizza. The Chicago Pizza Tour was the perfect opportunity to do both! With fabulous fresh sauces, delicious cheese and an incredibly variety of crusts (who knew you could cook cheese UNDER the crust!), we had a fun and filling tour of some of Chicago's best pizza places.

Plan your summer trip to Chicago to enjoy some of the best the Windy City had to offer – including those cool lake breezes!

