

A photograph of the Chicago skyline, featuring the Cloud Gate sculpture (The Bean) in the foreground, which is highly reflective and shows distorted views of the surrounding buildings. The background shows several tall skyscrapers under a clear sky. The image has a white border.

THE BARNES FOUNDATION
TRIP OVERVIEW

CHICAGO

APRIL 10 - 13, 2023



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The Barnes Foundation invites you to join Nancy Ireson, Chief Curator, Deputy Director for Collections and Exhibitions, and James Claiborne, Curator of Public Programs, in Chicago. We will gather on the afternoon of Monday, April 10th at lunch and continue to enjoy three plus days of immersive art experiences and special events on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday before the VIP opening of the EXPO fair Thursday afternoon.

In the days leading up to EXPO Chicago, our focus will be on visiting world-class private collections, blue chip and emerging artist studios, and you will be received by curators and directors of the city's top galleries and museums. Trip highlights will incorporate visits to the studios of artists who have been involved or are about to be involved in Barnes exhibitions, including Theaster Gates, Nick Cave and Bob Faust, and Brendan Fernandes.

Special events for the Barnes include a demonstration by Brendan Fernandes as well as an artist discussion with Nick Cave and Bob Faust at the Facility – their multidisciplinary art space. We will also tour Theaster Gates' studio and his non-profit Rebuild Foundation at Stony Island Bank and have lunch at Gate's financially backed Retreat at Currency Exchange with an opportunity to speak with leaders from the Chicago arts community, including The Obama Center and The Renaissance Society.

We will explore the best of Chicago's artists and private collections. We are excited to explore the practices of several local Chicago artists both established and emerging, including Michael Rakowitz. It will be a smooth transition from their studio to the homes of Jack and Sandy Guthman. One of the most recognized collections in the city the Guthman collection will highlight many of the Chicago artists whose studios we will visit in addition to a "who's who" of blue-chip contemporary artists. We will also visit the home of Cari and Michael Sacks; Cari is the current Board Chair of the MCA Chicago. We are in the process of confirming several other prominent Chicago collections.



Finally, we will not miss an opportunity to visit the leading and most creative museums. Our group will be provided a private behind the scenes tour at the Art Institute of Chicago with curatorial colleagues, and a tour of the MCA Chicago led by Senior Curator Jamillah James who will join us for lunch.

When our eyes are not being immersed with powerful art, our other senses will be treated by culinary experiences in what is one of the great food cities in the country. We are excited to experience Roister, one of Alinea's award winning restaurants. For those seeking a unique cocktail experience before calling it a night, we can visit their sister location, The Aviary, next door. Staying in the famed West Loop, we will dine at Girl & the Goat, Stephanie Izard's flagship restaurant featuring local cuisine, where we will dine in the private Underground Goat. Finally, we will enjoy Adalina led by Michelin starred chef Soo Ahn for their fresh pasta and carefully selected meat and seafood which balances northern and southern cuisine.

Our trip will end as EXPO begins (April 13th - 16th). We have arranged VIP tickets for everyone who would like to visit EXPO. Your Barnes contact for this trip is Katie Adams (kadams@barnesfoundation.org, 804-241-6022, cell phone). Your Artful tour contact is Tobias Welo (tobias@artfuljaunts.com, 781-707-8477, cell phone).

Our Barnes Chicago experience is priced at \$4,500 per person and includes all lunches, dinners, transportation, and gratuities during your trip. This trip is limited to 22 guests and your booking is requested by March 3rd, 2023. A minimum of 14 guests is required to operate this trip. All programming is subject to last minute changes.

For patrons convenience we have reserved a room block at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago. The discounted rate starts at \$399 with upgrades and extensions available. The room block will expire on Monday, March 20th. Please book your room via the following link or by calling Jennifer Bastion at 312-573-4172 or Agustina at 312-573-5180 and reference Artful Jaunts / Barnes Foundation to discuss room upgrades, including suites: [reserve your room here](#).

No refund will be provided for cancellations within sixty days of the trip's start date. If the client has another patron to fill a spot a substitution will be allowed. After the trip has commenced, no refunds are available, even if the client does not partake in all of the trip's activities or leaves the trip early. We highly recommend purchasing trip insurance offered when booking.