

Chicago landmarks

1. Located in Chicago's Kenwood neighborhood, [Masjid Faatir](#) is a historic, purpose-built mosque established in 1983 and opened in 1987. Founded by Jabir Herbert Muhammad and boxing legend Muhammad Ali—who donated the land and financial backing—it stands as Chicago's first free-standing mosque.



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2. The [DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center](#) is a landmark institution in Chicago's Washington Park neighborhood. Founded in 1961 by activist and artist Dr. Margaret Taylor-Burroughs, it holds the prestigious distinction of being the **oldest independent museum in the United States dedicated entirely to African American history and culture.**



3. The [Auditorium Building](#) is a legendary Chicago landmark designed by the famous architectural partnership of Dankmar Adler and Louis Sullivan. Completed in 1889, this early masterpiece—which features drafting work from a young Frank Lloyd Wright—stands as one of the most structurally and acoustically significant buildings in American history.



4. The [Tribune Tower](#) is *one of Chicago's most brilliant architectural masterpieces, located at the southern anchor of the Magnificent Mile.* Completed in 1925 at 435 North Michigan Avenue, this 463-foot-tall, 36-floor landmark was born from a legendary 1922 international design competition hosted by the *Chicago Tribune* to create "the most beautiful office building in the world". Architects John Mead Howells and Raymond Hood won the prize with an unforgettable Neo-Gothic design topped by a crown of dramatic flying buttresses inspired by Europe's medieval cathedrals.



5. The [Wrigley Building](#) is a historic 1920s architectural landmark at the gateway to Chicago's Magnificent Mile. Historically noted as Chicago's very first air-conditioned office building. 
6. The [Merchandise Mart](#) (now officially known as THE MART) is a monumental Art Deco landmark spanning two entire city blocks at the junction of the Chicago River's branches. Opened in 1930 by Marshall Field & Co., it debuted as the **world's largest building**. It encompasses roughly 3.7 to 4 million square feet of floor space and contains 7.5 miles of interior corridors. 
7. [Chicago Midway International Airport \(MDW\)](#) is Chicago's second-largest airport, renowned for its highly efficient, neighborhood-style footprint. Covering just a single square mile on the city's southwest side, it offers domestic travelers a significantly faster, less intimidating alternative to the sprawling ecosystem of O'Hare (ORD). 
8. The [Richard J. Daley Center](#) (originally opened as the **Chicago Civic Center** in 1965) is a premier modernist landmark located in the heart of the Chicago Loop. Renamed in 1976 to honor Chicago's long-serving mayor Richard J. Daley, the massive skyscraper stands at **50 West Washington Street** and functions as the primary nerve center for Cook County and city government offices. 
9. [Chicago City Hall](#) (officially the Chicago City Hall / Cook County Building) is a massive, dual-purpose Beaux-Arts classical landmark that occupies an entire city block in the heart of downtown Chicago at 121 North LaSalle Street. 
10. The [Lyric Opera House](#) (originally known as the Civic Opera House) is a majestic hybrid Art Deco and Art Nouveau masterpiece located at 20 North Wacker Drive along the Chicago River. Since 1954, the venue has been the permanent home of the internationally renowned Lyric Opera of Chicago, drawing the world's finest operatic vocalists, conductors, and musicians. 

11. The [Obama Presidential Center](#) is a 19-acre public campus and digital-forward museum in Jackson Park on Chicago's South Side, officially opened to the public on June 19, 2026. Designed by architects Billie Tsien and Tod Williams, the \$850 million campus functions as an interactive community hub rather than a traditional archival library.



12. The [Trump International Hotel & Tower@ Chicago](#) is a 92-story mixed-use skyscraper completed in 2009, standing as one of the tallest buildings in the United States at 1,388 feet. Located along the Chicago River in the River North neighborhood, the landmark glass-and-steel tower houses a Forbes Five-Star luxury hotel, private condominiums, and high-end dining venues.



13. The [Ogilvie Transportation Center](#) (historically known as the Chicago and North Western Terminal) is a major downtown commuter rail terminal located at [500 W Madison St, Chicago, IL 60661](#). Situated in the West Loop, the terminal sits directly beneath the 40-story Accenture Tower and serves as a vital gateway connecting downtown Chicago with the northern and western suburbs.



14. **Marshall Field & Company** was a legendary Chicago-based department store chain that fundamentally transformed global retail. Founded by entrepreneur [Marshall Field](#) in 1852, the enterprise grew from a dry goods outfit into a massive retail empire celebrated for luxury, unmatched service, and spectacular architecture. Though its stores were famously rebranded as Macy's in 2006 amid massive local protests, the flagship building on State Street remains a National Historic Landmark and a major cultural touchstone for Chicago.



15. The [Harold Washington Library Center](#) is the colossal central branch of the Chicago Public Library system. Located in the heart of the Chicago Loop, this nearly one-million-square-foot postmodern architectural landmark is celebrated for its imposing red brick facade, massive 50-foot rooftop owl sculptures symbolising wisdom, and its breathtaking, sun-drenched 9th-floor glass-domed Winter Garden.

