



Just 10 miles from downtown Chicago lies a can't miss sight-seeing opportunity for all savvy travelers. Oak Park, IL, is a charming village where modern and historical charm collide, making for a great vacation or day-trip destination. Home to the world's largest number of Frank Lloyd Wright-designed structures and the birthplace of Nobel Prize-winning author Ernest Hemingway, Oak Park boasts a variety of restaurants and unique, one-of-a-kind boutiques.



Check out the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio, where the famed architect lived and worked, becoming one of the most influential architects of the 20th century. The structure, of Wright's own design was built in 1889 in the Shingle style, is furnished with original Wright-designed furniture and textiles. Nearby lies the Wright-designed and UNESCO World Heritage Site, Unity Temple, completed in 1909. Experience the light and harmony of the magnificent sanctuary in solitude on a self-guided tour or with others; a variety of tours are available.

Frank Lloyd Wright isn't the only famous architect to have worked in Oak Park. The village is home to George W. Maher's Pleasant Home, a 30-room Prairie-style mansion built in 1897, considered the finest surviving example of Maher's work. There's also the beautiful Cheney Mansion built in 1913 by Charles E. White Jr., who worked in Wright's studio before embarking on his own influential career.

Oak Park is sure to please the literary set as well as architecture enthusiasts. Ernest Hemingway's influence on





20th century literature can be traced all the way back to Oak Park, where he lived from his birth in 1899 through his senior year at the historic Oak Park and River Forest High School. Stop by “The Sun Also Rises” author’s home before the sun sets on your Oak Park trip. The Ernest Hemingway Birthplace Museum is located in the historic Queen Anne house where the literary giant spent the first six years of his remarkable life.

After visiting Hemingway’s birthplace, head over to the Oak Park River Forest Museum to learn more about the village’s colorful history or take a walk through The Oak Park Conservatory. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the conservatory has over 3,000 different plants within three indoor showrooms.



“ Give me the luxuries of life and I will gladly do without the necessities. ”  
**Frank Lloyd Wright**

Come for a day or stay overnight at The Carleton of Oak Park, a boutique hotel nestled in a residential historic district within walking distance of downtown. Take a stroll down the bustling downtown area, eat some delicious food and enjoy a show at ComedyPlex, a new comedy and improv club with a speakeasy vibe.



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