

# Green Spaces

OF LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**Our "green" tour offers a refreshing educational and fun experience for your groups. It starts with motorcoach travel – which is very "green"!**



Begin your green adventure in the natural spaces of the **Chicago Botanic Garden**. Take a tram ride, explore the 23 themed gardens and visit the new [Plant Conservation Science Center](#). This educational facility provides plant science firsthand and shows how the Garden is helping to save our planet. On the rooftop, see the 16,000 square foot [Green Garden](#). Arrange to have lunch conveniently at the Garden or at **Stoney River Steakhouse**. Their chef can create a specialized cooking/dining class just for your tour group!



The **Ryerson Woods Welcome Center** is a green approach to architecture. The **Lake County Forest Preserves** has taken advantage of the latest advances and trends in environmentally-friendly construction and design. The Center is visited by green enthusiasts from all over the world serving as an inspiration to organizations interested in high-performance sustainable buildings and the green way of life.

Nestled in **Grayslake** is **Prairie Crossing**, a conservation community. Visit their organic learning farm and see how produce is grown and then sold locally to reduce our carbon footprint. Time your tour specifically for a Friday night from mid-June through late October to visit their Farmers Market.

Or maybe your group would prefer a vineyard tour and wine tasting at **Valentino Vineyards & Winery** in **Long Grove**.



Check into the **Hotel Indigo** in **Vernon Hills**, our eco-friendly boutique property. The vibrant colors and hardwood floors feel more like a spa retreat than your average group tour hotel stay. The "wow factor" as you walk in the door, to the fun **Phi** bar for evening cocktails, gives your group a soothing overnight experience.

Continue your green encounter by sitting on the "green" at **Ravinia Festival**. Our nation's oldest outdoor music festival provides the best classical, jazz, blues, rock, pop and dance concerts in a natural setting. Arrange to sit on the lawn, rent a tent or enjoy the open-air pavilion experience. Dinner options abound at Ravinia; picnicking to fine china and ice sculptures to bring your own beverages (including alcohol) make this venue fun for any age or taste.

We'll be happy to connect you to other local farmers markets, green-friendly hotels and attractions to continue your tour through Illinois!

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