General Information – Traveling to Chicago

Air Travel: Chicago is served by O'Hare International Airport (ORD) and Midway International Airport (MDW). Cab rides from the airports can take anywhere from 30 to 60 minutes depending on traffic.

Public Transportation: There are also public transit trains that run from both airports (blue line from O'Hare, orange from Midway).

Amtrak: Chicago's Union Station is a major terminal for Amtrak as well as for city and regional train service. It is located at 210 Canal St. in downtown Chicago. It is about a 4-mile trip from Union Station to the meeting hotel. The easiest way to get to the hotel from Union Station is via taxi, which will cost about $15. The CTA 151 bus can also be taken from Union Station; the bus runs up Michigan Avenue.

Driving: Chicago can be reached via Interstates 57, 80, 88, 90, or 94, as well as numerous spurs off the interstates. Keep in mind that traffic in downtown Chicago is extremely heavy at times, and that the major highways are typically referred to by locals by names instead of numbers (e.g., Dan Ryan or Kennedy instead of I-94 or I-190, respectively). All signs will include numbers.

Parking: Parking in Chicago can be very expensive – $67/day at the hotel (2016 rates). There are self-park options (slightly less expensive) in the vicinity of the hotel.

Traveling to the Hotel

From	**Distance**		**Time**	**Via**
	km	mi	min	
O'Hare Airport	32	18	30-45	Taxi / Shuttle / Train
Midway Airport	25	13	25-30	Taxi / Shuttle / Train
Union Station (railroad)	4	2.5	10	Taxi / Bus
Northwestern Station (railraod)	3.2	2	10	Taxi / Bus

Travel Options from Midway Airport to the Drake Hotel

Please allow at least 45-60 minutes travel time.

By Taxi:

Taxis are readily available at Midway Airport. Please follow the directional signs to the baggage areas. Taxi stands are located outside of the baggage claim areas. Average taxi fare from Midway Airport to downtown Chicago is approximately $30 (in 2016). Please note: Chicago taxis use meters to determine fares. Traffic delays due to inclement weather and other factors may result in higher fares.

By Private Car:

For livery service (car & driver), please call the Concierge for assistance. Tel. 312-932-4665.

By Train: (CTA Orange Line Train, located at Midway Airport)

- Follow the directional signs to the train station, located on the lower level of the airport.
- Enter the train station and purchase a transit card ($2) from the vending machine.
- Board the inbound Orange Line train and proceed to downtown Chicago.
- Exit at State and Lake and walk down to the street level.
- Hail a taxi to the Drake Hotel (Estimated fare: $5.00)
- The Drake Hotel is located at 140 E. Walton Place (Michigan & Walton)Tel. 312-787-2200.

By Car:

- From Midway, proceed 2 miles north on Cicero Ave. to the entrance ramp for I-55 North.
- Turn right onto the entrance ramp for I-55 North (Stevenson Expressway) to Chicago.
- Proceed toward downtown Chicago.
- Exit at 90/94 West (Wisconsin).
- Continue straight ahead to the Ohio Street Exit.
- Exit at Ohio Street and continue straight ahead to Michigan Avenue.
- Turn left onto Michigan Avenue and proceed 8 blocks to Delaware Street.
- Turn right onto Delaware Street and one block to Mies Van der Rohe Place.
- Turn left onto Mies Van der Rohe Place and go to the end of the block (Walton Place).
- Turn left onto Walton Place and proceed ½ block straight ahead. *The Drake Hotel is on your right at 140 E. Walton Place. Tel. 312-787-2200.

By Shuttle Van: (Operated by Continental Airport Express)

Please note: Reservations are not required. Shuttle vans depart approximately every 10 minutes in front of the baggage claim areas. If you already have a ticket or voucher, simply present it to the driver as you board the shuttle van. Tickets can be purchased with cash or a major credit card at the Airport Express ticket counters located inside of the baggage claim areas. Tickets can also be purchased directly from the shuttle driver.

Midway shuttle fares are as follows (2016 rates):

Single Fare One-Way: $20

Single Fare Roud-Trip: $36

Pair Fare One-Way: $14

Pair Fare Round-Trip: $26

Group Fare One-Way: $12

Group Fare Round-Trip: $22

Children, ages 6-12: $13 each way

Children, ages 5 and under: Free

Travel Options from O'Hare Airport to the Drake Hotel

Please allow at least 45-60 minutes travel time.

By Taxi:

Taxis are readily available at O'Hare Airport. Please follow the directional signs to the baggage claim and taxi stand areas. Average taxi fare from O'Hare Airport to downtown Chicago is approximately $40 (2016 rates). Please note: Chicago taxis use meters to determine fares. Traffic delays due to inclement weather and other factors may result in higher fares.

By Private Car:

For livery service (car & driver), please call the Concierge for assistance. Tel. 312-932-4665

By Train: (CTA Blue Line Train, located at O'Hare Airport, lower level)

- Follow the directional signs to the train station, located on the lower level of the airport.
- Enter the Blue Line Train Station and purchase a transit card ($2) from the vending machine.
- Walk down the stairs to the train platform and board the inbound Blue Line Train.
- Take the train to downtown Chicago and exit at Clark & Lake (or Washington Street).
- Exit the train station and hail a taxi (Estimated fare: $7 to the Drake Hotel).
- Direct the driver to the Drake Hotel, located at 140 E. Walton Street.

By Car:

- From O'Hare, take I-90 East (the Kennedy Expressway) to downtown Chicago.
- Exit at Ohio Street and proceed straight ahead (one-way street) to Michigan Avenue.
- Turn left onto Michigan Avenue and proceed 8 blocks to Delaware Place.
- Turn right onto Delaware Place and go one block to Mies Van der Rohe Place.
- Turn left onto Mies Van der Rohe Place and go one block to Walton Place.
- Turn left onto Walton Place and continue ½ block straight ahead.
- The Drake Hotel is on your right at 140 E. Walton Place. Tel. 312-787-2200.
- Valet parking is available in front of the hotel. Attendants will park your car and provide luggage assistance. The valet parking charge is $45 per night (24 hour period), with in and out privileges.

By Shuttle Van: (Go Airport Express)

Please note: Reservations are not required. Shuttle vans depart approximately every 10-15 minutes in front of the baggage claim areas. If you already have a ticket or voucher, simply present it to the driver as you board. Tickets can be purchased with cash or a major credit card at the Airport Express ticket counters located inside of the baggage claim areas. Ticket counters and loading zones for the van are located at Door 1E, Door 2D and Door 3E across from baggage claim on the Baggage Claim Level. At the international terminal (Terminal 5), a ticket counter and loading zone is located just outside of Door 1E, which is just outside of baggage claim and Customs. * The last Go Airport Express shuttle leaves O'Hare at 11:30 p.m. seven nights a week. **Reservations are not required to downtown Chicago.**

O'Hare Shuttle fares are as follows (2016 rates):

Single Fare One-Way: $27 per person

Single Fare Round-Trip: $49 per person

Pair Fare One-Way: $19 per person

Pair Fare Round-Trip: $35 per person

Group Fare One-Way:$14 per person

Group Fare Round-Trip: $27 per person

Children, ages 6-12: $12 per child each way

Children, ages 5 and under: Free

Directions to the Drake Hotel from Surrounding Expressways

(Valet parking is available in front of the Drake Hotel's front entrance on Walton Place.)

From the North via Lake Shore Drive:

- Proceed south on Lake Shore Drive (with the lake on your left) toward downtown Chicago.
- Exit at Michigan Avenue and stay in the left lane.
- Turn left onto Oak Street and proceed to the end of the block (the road curves right.)
- Turn right onto Walton Place and proceed straight ahead – toward Michigan Avenue.
- The Drake Hotel is on your right at 140 E. Walton Place.

From the North via I-94:

- Proceed south on I-94 to 90 East (Kennedy Expressway).
- Take 90 East to downtown Chicago. Exit at Ohio Street.
- Proceed straight ahead on Ohio Street to Michigan Avenue.
- Turn left onto Michigan Avenue and proceed 8 blocks to Delaware Place.
- Turn right onto Delaware Place and go one block to Mies Van der Rohe Place. Turn left.
- Turn left again on Walton Place, then go straight ahead. The Drake is on your right at 140 E. Walton Place.

From the Northwest via I-90:

- Proceed south on I-94 to 90 East (Kennedy Expressway).
- Take 90 East to downtown Chicago. Exit at Ohio Street.
- Proceed straight ahead on Ohio Street to Michigan Avenue.
- Turn left onto Michigan Avenue and proceed 8 blocks to Delaware Place.
- Turn right onto Delaware Place and go one block to Mies Van der Rohe Place. Turn left.
- Turn left again on Walton Place, then go straight ahead. The Drake is on your right at 140 E. Walton Place.

From the West via 290 East (Eisenhower Expressway):

- Proceed east on 290/Eisenhower to downtown Chicago.
- As you enter downtown Chicago, 290 merges with Congress Parkway. Continue straight ahead to Michigan Avenue.
- Turn left onto Michigan Avenue, using the turnaround (Go straight across Michigan and stay in the left lane.)
- Proceed 1 ¾ miles north on Michigan Avenue to Delaware Place. Turn right on Delaware Place.
- Go one block to Mies Van der Rohe Place. Turn left onto Mies Van der Rohe and go one block to Walton Place.
- Turn left again on Walton Place, then go straight ahead. The Drake is on your right at 140 E. Walton Place.

From the Southwest via I-55/Stevenson Expressway:

- Proceed north on I-55/Stevenson toward downtown Chicago.
- Exit at 90/94 West. Continue to the Ohio Street Exit. Exit at Ohio Street (right lane.)
- Proceed straight ahead on Ohio Street to Michigan Avenue.
- Turn left onto Michigan Avenue and proceed 8 blocks to Delaware Place.
- Turn right onto Delaware Place and go one block to Mies Van der Rohe Place. Turn left.
- Turn left again on Walton Place, then go straight ahead. The Drake is on your right at 140 E. Walton Place.

From the South & East via 90/94 West (Dan Ryan Expressway):

- Proceed west on 90/94 toward downtown Chicago.
- Exit at Ohio Street and continue straight ahead to Michigan Avenue.
- Turn left onto Michigan Avenue and proceed 8 blocks to Delaware Place.
- Turn right onto Delaware Place and go one block to Mies Van der Rohe Place. Turn left.
- Turn left again on Walton Place, then go straight ahead. The Drake is on your right at 140 E. Walton Place.

From the South via Lake Shore Drive:

- Proceed north on Lake Shore Drive to downtown Chicago.
- Exit at Chicago Avenue (left lane).
- Turn left onto Chicago and proceed ¼ mile straight ahead to Michigan Avenue. Turn right onto Michigan Avenue.
- Go 3 blocks straight ahead to Delaware Place.
- Turn right onto Delaware Place and go one block to Mies Van der Rohe Place. Turn left.

- Turn left again on Walton Place, then go straight ahead. The Drake is on your right at 140 E. Walton Place.

Traveling from the Hotel

Travel Options to Midway Airport

Please allow at least 45-60 minutes travel time.

* Travelers are advised to arrive at Midway at least 90minutes before flight time.

By Taxi:

Taxis are readily available at the Drake Hotel's front entrance. A doorman will be pleased to assist in summoning a taxi from the line. Estimated fare to Midway Airport is $30 -$35. Please note: Chicago taxis use meters to determine fares. Traffic delays due to inclement weather and other factors may result in higher fares.

By Private Car:

For livery service (car & driver), please call the Concierge for assistance. Tel. 312-932-4665.

By Train: (via Orange Line Train, located 1½ miles south of the hotel – at State & Lake)

- Walk up the stairs to the Orange Line Train Station.
- Purchase a transit card ($2 one-way) from the vending machine.
- Insert the card at the turnstyle and proceed to the train platform.
- Board the Orange Line Train to Midway.
- Exit At Midway Airport (the last stop) and follow the directional signs into the airport.

By Car:

- Turn left onto Michigan Avenue and proceed 1½ miles south to Monroe Street.
- Turn left onto Monroe Street and continue straight ahead to Lake Shore Drive.
- Turn right onto Lake Shore Drive and continue approximately 3 miles south to the entrance ramp for I-55 South/St. Louis (Stevenson Expressway).
- Continue south (straight ahead) on I-55 to Cicero Avenue South.
- Exit at Cicero Avenue South (right side exit), then stay in the left lane.
- Turn left onto Cicero Avenue and proceed approximately 2 miles south (straight) to Midway.
- Follow the directional signs to the appropriate terminal, parking or other airport destination.

By Shuttle Van: (Operated by Continental Airport Express)

Please note: Reservations are not required. Shuttle vans depart approximately every 15 minutes in front of the baggage claim areas. If you already have a ticket or voucher, simply present it to the driver as you

board the shuttle van. Tickets can be purchased with cash or a major credit card at the Airport Express ticket counters located inside of the baggage claim areas. Tickets can also be purchased directly from the shuttle driver.

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Group Fare Round-Trip: $22
Children, ages 6-12: $13 each way
Children, ages 5 and under: Free

Travel Options to O'Hare Airport

Please allow at least 45-60 minutes travel time. For domestic flights, guests are advised to depart 2 ½ hours before flight time. For international flights, guests are advised to depart 3 ½ hours before flight time.

By Car:

- Proceed straight ahead 3 ½ blocks on Walton street to State Street.
- Turn left onto State Street.
- Proceed 8 blocks straight ahead (south) on State Street to Ontario Street.
- Turn right onto Ontario Street.
- Continue straight ahead on Ontario toward the entrance ramp for 90/94 West (Kennedy Expressway).
- Proceed west on 90/94 to O'Hare Airport, then follow the signs to the appropriate terminal.

By Private Car:
For livery service (car and driver), please call the Concierge Desk for assistance. Tel. 312-932-4665.

By Taxi:
* Reservations are not required. Taxis are available 24 hours in front of the hotel's front entrance on Walton Street. A doorman will be pleased to summon a taxi from the line for you.
* Average taxi fare to O'Hare Airport is $40. Please note: Chicago taxis use meters to determine fares. Traffic delays due to inclement weather and other factors may result in higher fares.

By Train: (CTA Blue Line Train, available at Clark & Lake – in the Thompson Center)

- Take a taxi from the hotel to the corner of Clark & Lake (Estimate: $5 taxi fare).

- Enter the Thompson Center and purchase a transit card ($2.00 one way) from the vending machine.
- Insert the transit card at the turnstyle and walk down the stairs to the train platform.
- Board the O'Hare Blue Line Train and continue to O'Hare Airport.
- Exit at O'Hare Airport (the last stop) and follow the signs to the appropriate terminal.

By Shuttle Van: (Go Airport Express)

* Please note: Reservations are not required. Shuttle vans pick up in front of the hotel's Walton Street door every 30 minutes – at :10 after and :40 after the hour. The first shuttle picks up at 4:40 a.m., and the last shuttle picks up at 6:10 p.m. If you already have a ticket or voucher, simply present it to the driver as you board. Fares can also be paid directly to the driver with cash or a major credit card.

* Reservations are not required. One-way shuttle O'Hare shuttle fares are as follows (2016 rates):

Single fare: $27 per person

Pair Fare: $19 per person

Group Fare: $14 per person

Children, ages 6-12: $12 per child

Children, ages 5 and under: Free