



RAYTOWN & RAYTOWN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

ASHLEY ARBEAU & BRANDON FORD, DIRECTORS

DESTINATION: CHICAGO, IL

DATES: APRIL 9-12, 2026

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

AS OF

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THURSDAY, APRIL 9

- 7:00 AM **One 56-passenger motor coach** arrives at **Raytown High School**; begin loading
.6019 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Raytown, MO 64133
- 8:30 AM Depart for **Chicago, IL** (*514 miles; 9 hours allotted for drive time, plus 2 ½ hours for lunch and dinner (\$30 VISA card provided) and driver breaks*)
- 8:00 PM Arrive in **Chicago** at a **suburban Chicago hotel**
- ~ Meet your professional BRT tour director at the hotel ~
- 8:30 PM Check in and rest

~ 1 Private Nighttime Security Chaperone at the hotel from 10:00pm – 5:00am ~



FRIDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

9:00 AM Load motor coach; depart for **VanderCook College of Music**
3140 South Federal Street, Chicago, IL 60616

10:00 AM **Raytown & Raytown South High School Orchestra** participates in a **clinic** with **Dr. Yvonne Davila-Cortes** at **VanderCook College of Music** (*based on availability*)

11:30 AM Load motor coach; depart for the **Field Museum of Natural History**
1440 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605

12:00 PM Arrive at the **Field Museum of Natural History**; prepare for your performance

12:30 PM **Raytown & Raytown South High School Orchestra Performance at the Field Museum**
(30 minute performance, pending application and acceptance, based on availability)

1:00 PM Enjoy lunch (**boxed lunch provided**) and explore the **Field Museum**
Explore over 26 million artifacts, including Sue, the world's largest, most complete T-Rex. Discover Ancient Egypt, where 23 mummies reside in a re-created tomb, or explore Evolving Planet, where giant sloths, woolly mammoths, and dinosaurs roam!

3:30 PM Load motor coach; depart for **Millennium Park** and **Cloudgate ("The Bean")**
201 E. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60602

4:00 PM Explore **Millennium Park** and **Cloudgate ("The Bean")**
Take pictures of the city's skyline dramatically reflected in sculptor Anish Kapoor's "Cloud Gate" sculpture (known as "The Bean") and admire Frank Gehry's whimsical outdoor concert pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States.

5:00 PM Load motor coach; depart for **Giordano's**
223 W Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60606

5:30 PM Enjoy a group dinner at **Giordano's**
Arrive for dinner at Chicago's World Famous Stuffed Pizza restaurant.

7:00 PM Load motor coach; depart for the theatre for this evening's show

8:00 PM Enjoy a **Broadway in Chicago Show** (*based on \$75 seats and availability, pending 2026 calendar*)

10:30 PM Load motor coach; depart for the hotel

~ 1 Private Nighttime Security Chaperone at the hotel from 10:00pm – 5:00am ~



SATURDAY, APRIL 11

- 8:00 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00 AM Load motor coach; depart for **William Harris Lee String Factory**
410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605
- 10:00 AM Take a tour of the **William Harris Lee String Factory** (based on availability)
Home to one of the world's largest and most respected maker of string instruments, see over twenty luthiers craft violins, violas, and cellos, using tools and techniques that have been passed down through centuries of violin making tradition.
- 11:00 AM Load motor coach; depart for **Navy Pier**
600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611
- 11:30 AM Arrive at **Navy Pier**; enjoy time to explore and lunch (**meal voucher provided**)
Known as The People's Pier, explore 50 acres of parks and promenades, gardens, shops, eateries, and attractions.
- 1:00 PM Load motor coach; depart for **360 Chicago and Tilt**
875 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611
- 1:30 PM Enjoy time to explore along the **Magnificent Mile**
This iconic Chicago street is the heart of the city's shopping district. Here, posh brand Name stores stand alongside historic and luxury hotels and landmarks, such as the Water Tower and Pumping Station, one of the few structures left standing after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Stop by the five-story Starbucks Roastery!
- 3:15 PM Meet as a group at **360 Chicago and Tilt**
875 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611
- 3:30 PM Experience **360 Chicago and Tilt**
*Get breathtaking views of the city from a bird's eye view and experience Tilt, an attraction that will forever change the way you see Chicago—from one thousand feet above The Magnificent Mile. Check out **Water Tower Place** next door, a 7-story shopping mall on the north end of the Magnificent Mile!*
- 5:00 PM Load motor coach; depart for **Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament**
2001 N Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL 60195
- 7:00 PM Cheer your knight onto victory at **Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament**
Be transported back 900 years to a time when chivalry was more than a word and knights performed daring feats to entertain the Lords and Ladies of the court, including remarkable displaces of horseback riding, sword fighting, and jousting!
- 9:00 PM Load motor coach; depart for the hotel

~ 1 Private Nighttime Security Chaperone at the hotel from 10:00pm – 5:00am ~



SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 8:00 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00 AM Check out of hotel; begin loading motor coach
- 9:30 AM Depart for **home** (514 miles; 9 hours allotted for drive time, plus 2 ½ hours for lunch and dinner (**\$30 VISA card provided**) and driver breaks)
- 9:00 PM Approximate arrival to **Raytown High School**

**WELCOME HOME RAYTOWN & RAYTOWN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA!
THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING BOB ROGERS TRAVEL.
WE HOPE YOU HAVE MADE MANY SPECIAL MEMORIES!**