



Seniors travel to Manhattan for Broadway shows and great restaurants. They fly to Los Angeles for the sunshine and beaches. However, they visit Chicago mostly for business meetings and conventions.

Does anyone ever go to the Windy City just for the pleasure of staying in a Loop hotel? The answer is yes, and you can find just the right ones that fit your budget and plans for business, pleasure or sightseeing in that great city. A luxury, casual and budget hotel suggestion:

Luxury: Trump International Hotel & Tower: Forget politics and check out The Donald's Chicago's digs. I has a great location, as well as business and senior tourist-friendly facilities. A magnificent sight, the Trump is a soaring 92 stories of shiny steel and glass.

It overlooks the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, and is close to shopping, restaurants, theaters and everything else in the downtown Loop area. There's 24-hour room service, huge indoor pool, whirlpool, fitness center, sauna and steam room. Dining at the hotel's upscale restaurant, called 16, is always a pleasure. Prices from \$500. www.trumpchicagohotel.com

Casual: Ambassador East Hotel: The venerable Ambassador East (now Public Chicago), is known for its quiet 1920s elegance, famous bar and elegant restaurant, the Pump Room. It's just a city block from Chicago's Miracle Mile on Lakeshore Drive and Grant Park's Lake Erie sandy beaches.

Beautifully preserved, the Ambassador East is a National Historic Landmark. The hotel is located among stately homes in a beautiful, quiet and upscale Northside neighborhood, away from the traffic and noises of downtown. Prices from \$150: www.publichotels.com/chicago

Budget: Dana Hotel & Spa: Where can you spend a fun night in Chicago near the Chicago River

and Grant Park beaches for \$100? Try the Dana, a boutique hotel close to the famed Water Tower and many nearby hip clubs and cafes around the Loop.

Enjoy the Vertigo Sky lounge on the 26th Floor, and through the floor-to-ceiling windows you can view all of Chicago downtown and lakefront below. For the best in Asian and Continental cuisine, eat at the hotel's Aja restaurant. Prices from \$100. www.danahotelandspa.com