

Local Accommodations and Travel

The following information has been compiled by Meadville Lombard Theological School to help our students and prospective students with housing options for their time in Chicago. This information is offered only as resource guide; Meadville Lombard does not endorse or recommend any particular housing arrangement.

Transportation:

Public transit is the easiest way to travel to 610 S. Michigan Ave. Spertus is located near several bus lines (more than a dozen routes have stops within blocks of the building); the Red Line (Harrison/Polk stop); and the Metra (Van Buren Street Station).

Go to http://www.transitchicago.com/assets/1/clickable_system_map/200806D.htm to see a map of public transit in the South Loop (Spertus is located near Harrison and Michigan).

To plan your trip, use Google Transit, which allows you to get directions from anywhere in the city and customize your departure and arrival times: <https://maps.google.com/>

Hotels, Hostels, and Bed & Breakfasts:

Blackstone Hotel

Ask for Meadville Lombard Rate – Blackout dates apply
(January 2017 to March 31, 2017: \$109 + tax)

636 South Michigan Avenue
312-447-0955

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chirh-renaissance-blackstone-chicago-hotel/>

South Loop Hotel

Ask for Meadville Lombard Rate
11 West 26th Street 312-674-2238

<http://www.chicagosouthloophotel.com/>

Rooms include 2 queen beds, refrigerators, microwaves ,coffee pots, free-Wi-Fi, flat screen TV's, free parking, 1 bus ride away from Meadville. Restaurant, bar, business center, workout room, diner and salon inside hotel. Great for room sharing and for students who are driving to Chicago.

Hotel Blake Chicago

500 S. Dearborn St. 312-986-1234

<http://www.hotelblake.com>

AM/FM Alarm Clock Radio with iPod Dock, Bathrobes, 800 Count Egyptian Linen, Bath and Body Works Products, Coffee Maker, Wolfgang Puck Coffees, Weekday Newspaper Available, Flat-Screen HD TV with Remote, Hair dryer, High-Speed internet, FREE Wifi, Iron/Ironing Board, Make Up Mirror, Pets Welcome up to 20 pounds. (Fees apply), Premium HD Cable TV, Including CNN and HBO, Rainfall Showerhead, Room Service, Available between 7AM – 10PM.

Congress Plaza Hotel

520 S. Michigan Avenue

312-427-3800

<http://www.congressplazahotel.com/>

This hotel is located 1 block from Meadville Lombard. A flat-screen cable TV with pay-per-view movies is provided in every room at the Congress Plaza Hotel. Tea and coffee-making facilities and in-room safes are also included in the classically-styled rooms. A 24-hour fitness center and on-site barber shop are featured at the Hotel Congress Plaza. A game room and dry cleaning service are provided for guest convenience.

Catholic Theological Union – Guest Housing

5401 S. Cornell Ave.

773-371-5402

<https://www.ctu.edu/conferences/guest-housing>

The guest rooms include a full (double) sized bed, desk and chair, dresser, nightstand, bookcase, floor lamp, and desk lamp. Each room has a private bath (shower, sink, and toilet). A telephone with local service and Wi-Fi access are available in each room. Guests will have access to common spaces including a kitchen, lounge, and chapel. Linens and basic toiletries are provided.

Comfort Suites –Choice Hotels

320 North Michigan Ave.

312-384-1208

<http://www.comfortsuites.com/ires/en-US/html/ArrivalInfo?hotel=IL352&srp=LMEAD&pu=no>

Rooms are suites with sofa bed included, some have partial room dividers, flat screen TV's, microwaves, coffee pot and refrigerators, great for room sharing.

Homewood Suites, Hilton

40 East Grand Avenue

312-644-8751

<http://www.homewoodsuiteschicago.com/>

King Suites, separate living room, sleeper sofa, housekeeping, complimentary breakfast buffet, and complimentary dinner buffet Mon.-Thur., free Wi-Fi, train ride away from Meadville. Great for room sharing!

Hosteling International Chicago

24 East Congress Parkway

312-360-0300

<http://www.hichicago.org/>

The single-sex rooms at the hostel range in size from 6 beds to 10 beds. Rooms are equipped with a private shower and restroom. Budget private rooms have a full size bed with a single size bunk above. Private bedrooms share a living area and a restroom with shower. All rooms are furnished with individual lockers for personal belongings. (You must provide your own lock). Bed linens, towels and pillows along with a free continental breakfast each morning are all provided by Hosteling International Chicago

Air BnB

<https://www.airbnb.com/>

Searchable reservation service for extended stay, Bed and Breakfast places and short term rentals

At Home Inn Chicago

<http://www.athomeinnchicago.com/>

Searchable reservation service for extended stay and short term rentals

Places to dine around Meadville Lombard

Quick eats!

Chicago Carry Out \$ (veg)
63 E. Harrison St.

Subway \$ (veg/v)
604 S. Wabash Ave.

Cafecito \$ (veg)
26 E. Congress Pkwy.

Spanglish Mexican Kitchen \$
(veg/v) 555 S. State St.

Osaka Sushi Express \$\$
(veg/v)* 400 S. Michigan Ave.

Potbelly Sandwich Shop \$ (veg)
542 S. Dearborn St.

Panera Bread \$ (veg/v)
501 S. State St.

Devil Dawgs on State \$ (veg)
767 S. State St.

Falafel Island \$ (veg/v)*
24 E. Adams St.

Panda Express \$ (veg)
515 S. State St.

Jimmy John's \$ (veg)
725 S. State St.

Native Foods Café \$\$ (veg/v/GF)*
218 S. Clark St.

Epic Burger \$ (veg)
517 S. State St.

Harold's Chicken Shack \$
636 S. Wabash Ave.

Hannah's Bretzel \$ (veg/v)
131 S. Dearborn St.

If you have a bit more time...

Brassiere \$\$ (veg)
800 S Michigan Ave

Chicago Curry House \$\$ (veg/v/GF)*
899 S. Plymouth Ct.

Tamarind \$\$ (veg/v/GF)*
614 S. Wabash Ave.

Thai Spoon and Sushi \$\$ (veg/v/GF)*
601 S. Wabash Ave.

Miller's Pub \$\$
134 S. Wabash Ave.

Eleven City Diner \$\$ (veg/GF)
1112 S. Wabash Ave.

Hackney's \$\$ (veg)
733 S. Dearborn St.

Lou Malnati's Pizzeria \$\$ (veg)
805 S. State St.

The Gage \$\$ (veg)
24 S. Michigan Ave.

Pazzo's Cucina Italiana \$\$ (veg)*
23 E. Jackson Blvd.

Nearby coffee shops

Starbucks
636 S. Michigan Ave.

Dunkin' Donuts
600 S. Wabash Ave.

Peet's Coffee & Tea
41 E. 8th St.

HERO Coffee Bar
439 S. Dearborn St.

Bow Truss Coffee Roasters 310 S. Michigan Ave.

veg = vegetarian options available
v = vegan options available
* = best place for veg/v