

Making the Road

Across Chicago's Apartheid Lines

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Racism is more than just being scared of people. It is also being systematically taught to fear environments, cultures, businesses, and even entire zip codes of a city. Chicago is widely celebrated for its cuisine, theatre scene, and architecture – but it is just as equally misrepresented and misunderstood. Just as many major U.S. cities, Chicago's race lines are distinct and evident, and to this day continue to dictate the allocation of resources. In spite of this, an incredible amount of strength, beauty and community organizing comes from the very neighborhoods ignored by the masses. It's time to begin your de-racialization journey.

Join lifelong educator and activist [Prexy Nesbitt](#) on a unique, internal solidarity tour of the unseen and unknown hidden gems: Chicago's South Side and West Side.

This experience is open to Chicago residents who would like to learn more about their own community, and to Chicago visitors who wish to understand the real city beyond deep dish pizza and comedy clubs.

- **DATES:** Typically Friday evening through Sunday afternoon
- **COST:** Varies per group based on size, dates, preferences. Contact to discuss your group needs.
- **WHAT'S INCLUDED:** 2-Day educational exploration of Chicago's South & West side neighborhoods, transportation, lunch and an afternoon snack both days, water, mask, hand sanitizer
- **WHAT TO BRING:** comfortable shoes, weather appropriate attire and a good attitude
- **SAFETY NOTICE:** For the health and safety of participants and community residents, precautions will be taken and enforced throughout the duration of the tours. We will be following social distancing guidelines as required by the CDC and the city of Chicago.

"Traveling with Prexy is like having the curtain lifted on a world that was previously unknown. The stereotypes fall away, and you are confronted with a complex scene that startles and fascinates, upsets and inspires. No "tourist" trip this, but an in-depth look at living, breathing work in progress, and Prexy, with his voluminous knowledge and on-the-ground experiences is the perfect man to serve as your guide."



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Day 1, Friday: **Arrival (Optional)**

Arrive to Chicago in whatever way is comfortable and convenient to you. Settle into your lodging, enjoy a nice meal (recommendations can be provided), and if you like, join Prexy and other group members for a casual meet and greet at [Location TBD].

Day 2, Saturday: **South Side 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Highlights of this day will include visits into the neighborhoods of East Chicago, Beverly, Pullman, Bronzeville, Chatham, Kenwood and historical sites like Trinity Church, Chicago State University, Providence Hospital, the DuSable Museum, Washington Park, location of the 1953 Trumbull Park Race Riots, the old area steel mills, and more! Lunch and light afternoon snack will be provided. Breakfast and dinner will be on your own. Schedule and city ordinance permitting, we will look for a place to experience live Chicago blues or jazz!

Day 3, Sunday: **West Side 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Highlights of this day will include visits into the neighborhoods of Lawndale, Pilsen, Garfield Park, Little Village and historic sites like Hull House, University of Illinois, Chicago Stadium, Cook County Hospital and more! Lunch and light afternoon snack will be provided. Breakfast and dinner will be on your own.

RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!

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