



BEST BOAT TOURS

Here are some ETD members thoughts on the Best Boat tours and why:

“Go with the locally owned [Chicago Fire Boat](#). It is a real (retired Chicago Fireboat) and most likely the retired military owners will be on it to introduce you to the city.” — **Todd F.**

“If you are interested in architecture – the [CAF](#) (Chicago Architecture Foundation) tour is best. If you are interested in more of a tourist perspective with a touch of architecture, [Wendella](#) is fine. Also, CAF is 1 ½ hours while [Wendella](#) is an hour.” — **Brandon H.**

“Many boats depart off [Navy Pier](#). Look up what’s best for you. Sunset dinner cruise or architectural. They also have fireworks Wednesday and Saturdays at Navy Pier and you can do a fireworks cruise. There’s also a cruise that is fun if you are young and whips you around a bit!” — **Jazzie B.**

“[Wendella](#) Architectural Tour was awesome. We really enjoyed it.” — **Vicki A.**

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“If you want to go all out, [Odyssey](#) on Lake Michigan. Google [Navy Pier boat/yacht tours](#). Fireworks Wednesday and Saturday nights.”
— Lisa B.

“We did the architectural tour at night with the boat company down there located at Navy Pier itself. I believe they are called [Shoreline Sightseeing](#).”
— Kayla M.

“Do the [Spirit Cruise!](#)”
—Chris L.

“[CAC](#) without question! Docents have masters level knowledge. Boats are lovely. Bonus, for an additional \$5 you get access to the museum which includes a full-scale interactive model of the city and an exhibit on climate change.”
— Jan K.

“I have done them all, and in my opinion [Wendella](#) is by far the best.”
— Lisa A.

“I have worked in river tourism in Chicago for years -- work as a guide, work hiring/training some of the best guides on the river. And I can definitely say it's more about the guide than about the company. I would highly recommend doing a tour through [toursandboats.com](#) they partner with local small business using the Summer of George boat, and often offer Groupons.”
— Hillary M.

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“[Architectural Boat Tour](#) has an area below where folks can go if it gets too rainy or cold. Very knowledgeable friendly guides. I recommend reservations for large groups. I live in Chicago and taken all the tours with friends and families.”
— **Diane R.**

“[Shoreline Sightseeing](#), and the Michigan Ave location has the double decker boats if you want to sit "inside," amazing tour!”
— **Devin B.**

“We did the [Chicago Seadog speedboat tour](#). Starts as a regular architectural tour, then goes out into the lake, blasts music and does speedboat turns. Best of both worlds for me!”
— **Eric C.**

“[First Lady](#) has good ones. I have bought their tickets both the times I visited. They are 90 minutes long.”
— **Kashyap S.**

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