

BOOK YOUR TRAVEL NOW AND BE REGISTERED FOR A CHANCE TO WIN FREE HOTEL ROOMS AT THE CHICAGO MARKET: LIVING AND GIVING™ JULY 2008

Discounted Hotel and Travel Rates Make Summer in the City Fun and Affordable

CHICAGO, IL – (May 8, 2008) – Traveling to The Chicago Market: Living and Giving™ is hassle-free and affordable this July with the convenience and discounted offerings of Mart Travel Services' one-stop reservation service for Market attendees and exhibitors.

Exclusively at The Chicago Market this July, enter for a chance to win a free hotel stay. Book your hotel for The Chicago Market through Mart Travel Services and register to win it for free. Five lucky winners will have their nightly hotel costs paid during The Chicago Market this July.*

Market attendees are also offered great deals on a variety of Chicago's most sought-after hotels, all in the heart of the city that everyone loves. With \$10 parking, free concierge services, free trolley services to and from Market, plus discounted airfare, rail and rental car rates, The Chicago Market ensures an inexpensive yet comfortable, accommodating buying experience, and all the fun that Summer in the City brings.

Amenities for The Chicago Market: Living and Giving July 2008 include:

YOUR CHICAGO CONCIERGE – FREE!

Take advantage of all that Chicago has to offer this summer – make reservations with our complimentary market concierge. The Chicago Market has teamed up with Concierge & Event Services World Wide, Inc. (CESWW) to bring you a professional concierge service.

Whether you know exactly where you want to go or need a few suggestions, your concierge can assist you by booking tickets to sporting and cultural events, setting up reservations and even finding a special event in the city.

And, once you get to market, a CESWW professional concierge will be available in person to open the doors to fun and exciting events! Call toll free 866.567.9724 or e-mail concierge@mmart.com to make your reservation today.

PARKING

\$10 Parking at The Mart!*

During The Chicago Market: Living and Giving buyers can park for only \$10 a day. Park in MartParc Wells (Kinzie St. and Wells St.), MartParc Orleans (Hubbard St. and Orleans St.) or Wolfpoint (350 N. Orleans) parking lots. Credentialed buyers must bring their show badge and parking ticket to Club Chicago*, during show hours/days to receive their \$10 parking voucher.

*Restrictions apply – this program is for credentialed buyers only and does not apply to overnight stays in garages.

OTHER OFFERS

Club Quarters

Club Quarters is a private, full service hotel for members only, which includes attendees and tenants of Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. Rates start as low as \$86 in Chicago. For more information, visit www.clubquarters.com. Your password is MMPI to book online. Reservations can also be made by calling 212.575.0006; just ask for the Merchandise Mart Properties rate (MMPI). Rooms are limited during show times, so call early.

Airfare Discounts

United Airlines is offering special fares for all attendees of Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. shows and events who use the Special Meeting Desk to book their reservations. Book early and take advantage of the promotional fares that give you the greatest savings. Earn a two to 10 percent discount on applicable fares, including first class. By purchasing your ticket at least 30 days in advance of your scheduled travel you will receive an additional five percent discount.

This special offer applies to travel on domestic segments of all United Airlines, United Express, TED and United code share flights (UA*) operated by US Airways, US Airways Express and Air Canada. Simply call (or have your travel agent call) 800.521.4041 and refer to Meeting ID Number 596YA. Mileage Plus members receive full credit for all miles flown to this event. You or your travel agent should call today, as seats may be limited.

Amtrak Rail Discounts

Discounts are also available on Amtrak. Please contact Mart Travel Services at 800.528.8700 or contact Amtrak at 800.USA.RAIL to receive 10 percent off of the lowest fare. Be sure to reference Fare Number V320, Chicago.

HERTZ

Mart Travel Services offers discounted car rental on Hertz for travel to the show. To take advantage of these discounts, contact Mart Travel Services at 800.528.8700 and reference CV Discount #032U0009. Or, contact Hertz directly at 800.654.2240.

Free Trolley Service

We are offering free trolley services to and from all of our participating hotels for the July Market. This is a great way to see the city while on your way to The Mart. Trolley services run every 15–20 minutes at the Market hotels. All pick-ups and drop-offs at The Merchandise Mart take place on the South Drive (river side).

Trolley Schedule

Thursday 7.17-Tuesday 7.22
8-10 a.m. and 4-7 p.m.*

Wednesday 7.23
8-10 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.

** On Saturday and Monday, the Trolley will run until 9 p.m. to accommodate The Big Night and Shop Late Night Buyers.

Continental Airport Express

Continental Airport Express is the premier ground transportation provider for O'Hare and Midway airport transfer/s. Shuttles depart from O'Hare and Midway airports every 10-15 minutes for

downtown service to all Chicago hotels. Airport Express ticket counters for boarding the shuttle are located at the following airport locations:

O'Hare Airport pick up locations:

Terminal One (United Airlines) by door 1E

Terminal Two (Continental, Northwest) by door 2D

Terminal Three (American, Delta) by door 3E

Terminal Five (International) by door 5D

Midway Airport pick up locations:

The Airport Express ticket counter and loading zone is located at Door 3, lower level across from Southwest baggage claim.

For reservations please call: 800.284.3826 and use code "MM".

*No Purchase necessary. Void where prohibited. Odds depend on number of applicants who participate. Retail value of prize \$1,000. Participants may enter when they book their hotels stays through Mart Travel Services or by sending a self address stamped envelop to:222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, Suite 470, ATT: The Chicago Market, Chicago, IL 60654. All entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. June 15, 2008. Hotel choice will depend on availability. Hotel night stays / reservation dates must fall within the dates of The Chicago Market (July 17-23, 2008). Five winners will be contacted by July 17, 2008. Rules are available upon request.

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