

WEST LOOP / FULTON MARKET TOUR: FACTORIES, GALLERIES AND CALORIES
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EVENT RECAPS:

Despite sprinkles, the West Loop Tour went off without a hitch last Wednesday. The tour guides broke us into three groups and took us on *historical/futuristic* walking tours of the area. For 90 minutes, we strolled past former (and one current) meat packing plants turned into five star restaurants, coffee houses and delis. We walked into a former nine-story cold storage facility, now home to Google. To be sure, the food processing hub of the past is now the foodie hub of America. The transformation is palpable. Thus, it is fitting that McDonald's settle here. After the tour, Tyson hosted a terrific happy hour/dinner. They pulled out ALL the stops, catering fabulous fare from the famed Blue Plate caterer. Thank you, Tyson!



We covered several blocks as we learned about the history and many changes to Chicago's West Loop area. Each evolution indicates the ability of the city to change to support the needs of its people. With the arrival of Google, McDonald's, and others, the west loop is evolving again and coming to life with restaurants, offices, and services that will accommodate this new demographic. It was surprising to see all the real estate available, and exciting to see the changes taking place right before us.



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TESTIMONIALS and MORE PHOTOS:

I enjoyed learning the history and seeing where the new supplier village will go.

It is good to get a feel for the area around McDonald's future HQ

Loved learning the history of the West Loop and seeing the area evolve before our eyes.

Tour guide / group was very knowledgeable about the area and specific historical references. Super professional!

The Tyson happy hour at the end of the tour was beyond generous. Despite the rain, the gathering was fun - and delicious! Thank you, Tyson!



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