

AAPIP

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Cambodian Heritage Museum

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Cambodian people's displacement under the Pol Pot regime, the fall of Saigon, and the arrival of the first refugees in the United States after being displaced by the wars in Southeast Asia. This special site visit to the [National Cambodian Heritage Museum](#) will include a guided tour of the museum, showcasing artifacts, stories, and exhibits that highlight the journey of Cambodian refugees, the cultural heritage they have preserved, and the community's ongoing journey towards healing.

By investing in programs that uplift the Southeast Asian community alongside immigrant and refugee stories. This visit will highlight the critical need for philanthropic support for the greater Southeast Asian community in the struggle to preserve heritage, promote economic and social justice, and address the intergenerational trauma that continues to affect members of the community both locally in the US and abroad.

This site visit as a reflective journey will invite participants to pay tribute to the past, celebrate cultural endurance, and foster dialogue on the importance of remembrance, healing, and sustained support.



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Chinatown Walking Tour

Designated a cultural district by the State of Illinois, Chicago's vibrant Chinatown has experienced tremendous growth over the last 30 years. Today, the majority of residents in the Chinatown and Bridgeport neighborhoods, which are part of the 11th Ward, identify as Asian American.

What is the history of Chinatown, and, like many cultural centers across the country, what challenges is it facing in regard to housing and development, economic opportunity, civic engagement, and health?

This guided tour will immerse funders in the rich history, diversity, and community development of Chinatown. Funders will experience several iconic sites, such as Ping Tom Park, Zodiac Square, Nine Dragon Wall, and Chinatown Gate, indulge in the delicious eats recommended by the local guides, and engage with local nonprofit and community leaders to better understand the opportunities for philanthropy to support their critical work.

Hosted in partnership with Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community (CBCAC), AAPIP is excited to offer the option for attendees to take a scenic water taxi ride through the Chicago River preceding the guided tour in Chinatown.

