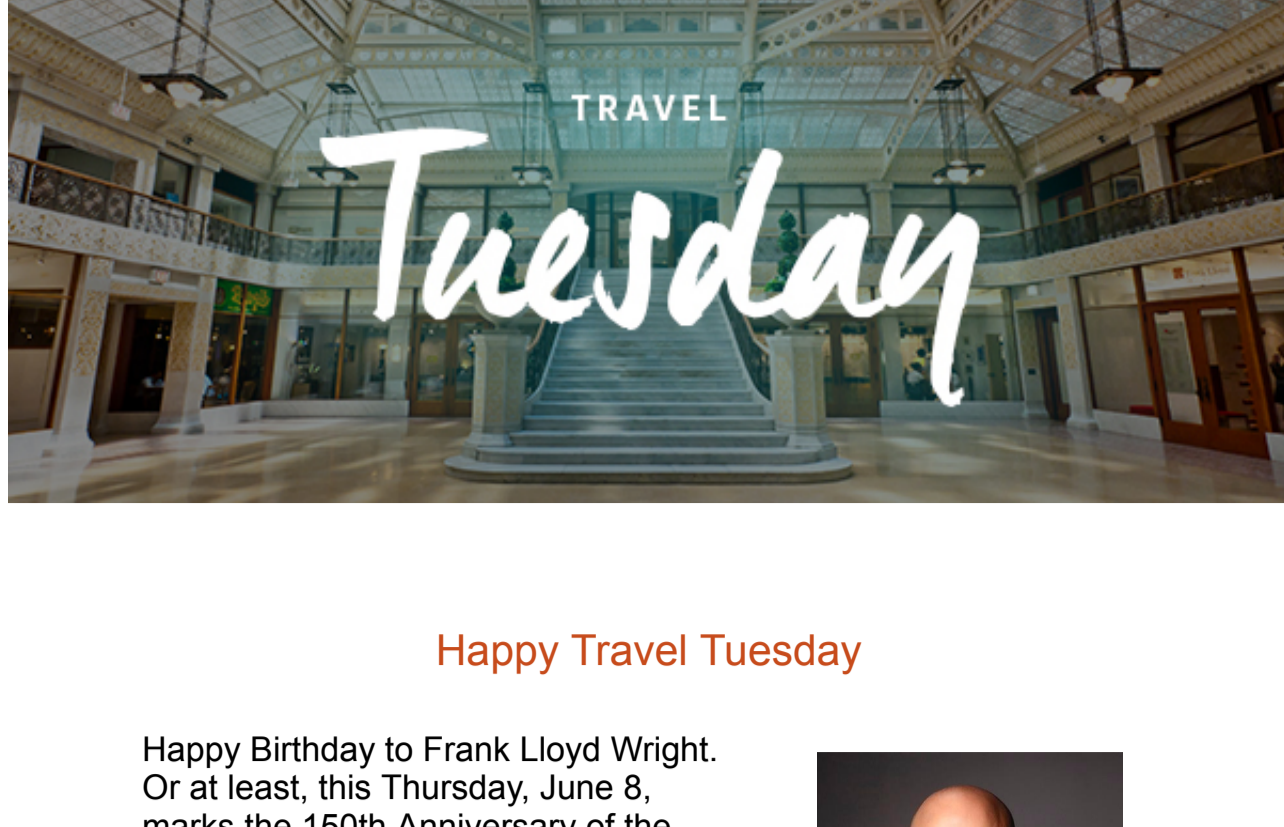
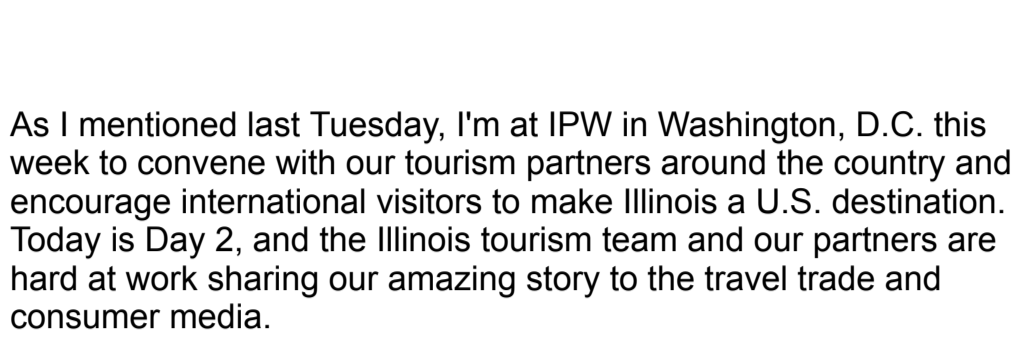
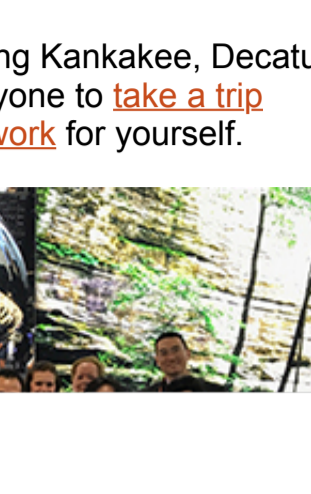


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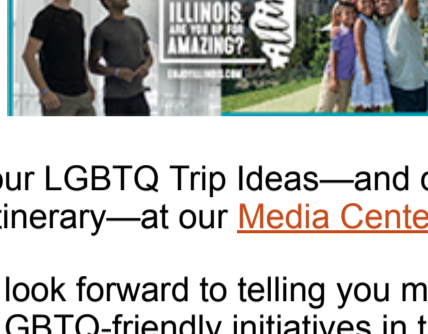


Happy Travel Tuesday

Happy Birthday to Frank Lloyd Wright. Or at least, this Thursday, June 8, marks the 150th Anniversary of the birth of America's greatest architect. We're lucky to have several sites throughout Illinois featuring some of Wright's most spectacular works. Homes such as the [Charnley-Persky House Museum](#), [Robie House](#), and [Wright's own studio](#) are essential to any tour of Chicago architecture, but Wright also designed homes in cities including Kankakee, Decatur, Springfield, and Rockford. I encourage everyone to [take a trip through Illinois to see Frank Lloyd Wright's work](#) for yourself.



As I mentioned last Tuesday, I'm at IPW in Washington, D.C. this week to convene with our tourism partners around the country and encourage international visitors to make Illinois a U.S. destination. Today is Day 2, and the Illinois tourism team and our partners are hard at work sharing our amazing story to the travel trade and consumer media.



Here in Illinois, we strive to be welcoming to visitors of all stripes. To that end, we've unveiled a new message at IPW this year: **We See Amazing in Everyone.**

No matter who you are or where you're from, you can find something to do in Illinois. That's why we've also revealed a new set of trip ideas for LGBTQ visitors. Highlighting everything from raucous festivals to intimate retreats, the trip ideas include stops in Chicago, Oak Park, and Galena. You can read more about our LGBTQ Trip Ideas—and download a PDF version of the itinerary—at our [Media Center](#).

I look forward to telling you more about these itineraries and more LGBTQ-friendly initiatives in the coming weeks, including Pride festivities later this month. For now, though, excuse me—I've got IPW appointments to attend to.

Your friend in Illinois tourism,



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First Nutella Cafe Debuts in Chicago

Chicago's food scene just got a little sweeter. Wednesday, May 31, saw the grand opening of the world's first ever Nutella Cafe on Michigan Avenue in Chicago. No longer will you have to sneak Nutella from the fridge. At the permanent café, the hazelnut spread finds its way into pastries, salads, and a panini with ham from the Italian region where Nutella was born

[See the Menu at TimeOut](#)



Origami in the Garden

Now through October 22, large metal sculptures based on the art of origami inhabit the gardens and paths of Morton Arboretum. Curated by Santa Fe-based artists Kevin and Jennifer Box, sculptures represent large-scale recreations of actual folded-paper works from origami artists around the world. From cranes to bison, the origami sculptures add an inorganic but awe-inspiring element to the arboretum's beautiful natural landscape.

[Stroll Through the Exhibit](#)



Looking Back on Our Mexico City Exhibit

Over the last month, pedestrians in Mexico City got to Enjoy Illinois thanks to an exciting exhibit. More than 50 photographs of destinations and attractions in Illinois lined the median of Paseo de la Reforma by Avenida Insurgentes, two of the most important avenues in Mexico City. Illinois was proud to partner with Aeromexico and the Mexico City Ministry of Culture for this exhibit, which is part of our ongoing effort to inspire travel and embrace the close relationship between Illinois and Mexico City—a sister city of Chicago.

[Learn More About the Sister Cities Program](#)

Superman Visits Metropolis, IL

Every second weekend in June, the town of Metropolis, IL stakes its claim as the Home of Superman with a four-day family festival celebrating the Man of Steel. Throughout the weekend, superfans can play games, attend events, and meet special guests such as Dean Cain (Superman, *The New Adventures of Superman*) and Margot Kidder (Lois, *Superman I-IV*). The event kicks off at 5 p.m. on Thursday evening at the foot of the Superman statue.

[Join the Celebration](#)

ARE YOU UP FOR BEAN-TO-BAR?

Handcrafted Chocolates at Ethereal Confections

Mary Ervin and Sara Miller once had full-time careers elsewhere, but now they've each found their calling as chocolatiers. As the owners of [Ethereal Confections](#), one of only a few small-batch, bean-to-bar chocolate shops in the nation, Ervin and Miller see the chocolate-making process through from beginning to end—though it must take all their collective willpower to resist eating it, too.

Ethereal Confections sits in the picturesque town of Woodstock, nestled near the quaint downtown square where the movie *Groundhog Day* was filmed. In the quaint shop, Mary and Sara do everything themselves, winnowing the beans and pouring the molds all by hand. In addition to expertly crafted chocolate, the shop also serves coffee, pastries and desserts. If you can't make it to Woodstock, you can find Ethereal Confections creations at about a dozen retail locations all over Chicagoland.

[Check out your Illinois Makers](#)

THE LATEST TRAVEL TRENDS

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Bringing the Gym to You

Hotel rooms aren't just for lounging around. Hilton has [debuted](#) a new category of full-service guest room called Five Feet to Fitness, which includes fitness so guests equipment and accessories so guests can work out privately in their own room. It's just another example of how the hospitality industry continues to adapt to travelers' changing behavior. Not only do innovations like this represent extra avenues for ROI, but they serve as reminders that making guests comfortable means accommodating their lifestyles, too.

[Learn More](#)

Wealthy Travelers Care About Service

Luxury travelers want what every other traveler does. Or at least, [according to Jeff Hartman](#), the senior vice president of Inspirato, a private home rental membership club, they're looking for "seamless service, certainty, and a guarantee of excellence." No matter how much travelers are willing to spend for accommodations, there's one thing everyone is willing to part with: the stress of everyday life. Isn't that what vacation is all about?

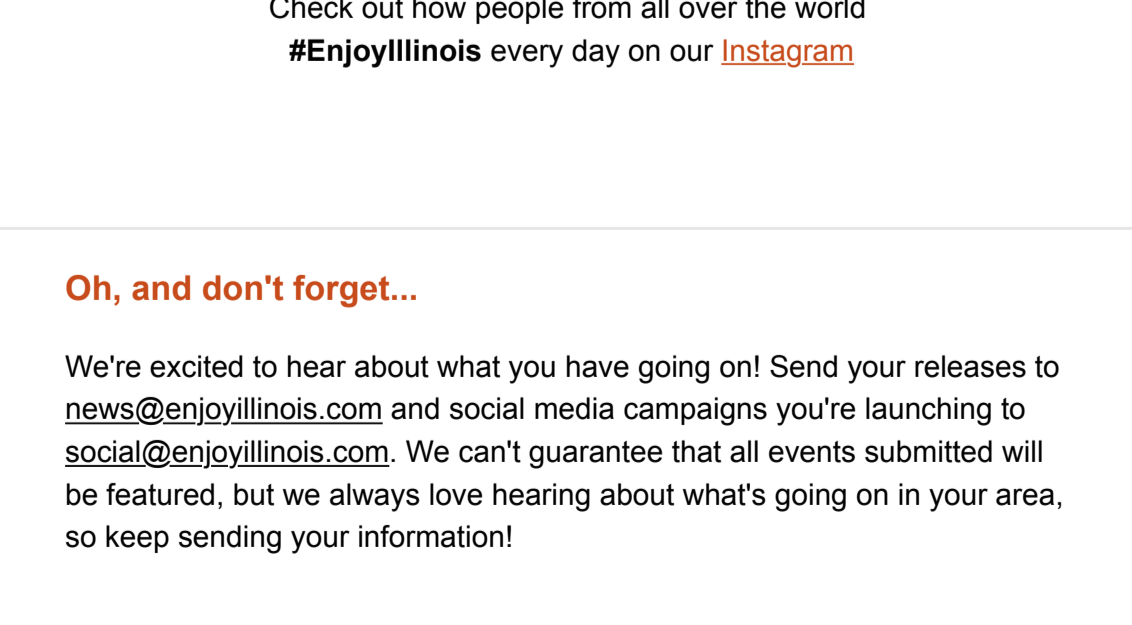
[Learn More](#)

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT AT THE ART INSTITUTE

As part of the celebrations behind Frank Lloyd Wright's 150th Birthday, the [Art Institute of Chicago](#) hosts a [special exhibit](#) devoted to one of his personal hobbies. Throughout his life, Wright collected Japanese prints, many of which he lent to the museum for an exhibit in 1908. This summer's exhibit incorporates photos from that initial showing, as well as original prints once owned by Wright and drawings that hint at the Japanese influences in his work.

[See the Exhibit](#)

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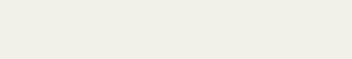
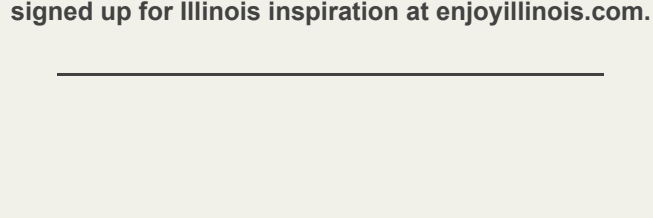


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