

INDO-AMERICAN HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Indo-American Heritage Museum (IAHM) is a community-based, inclusive, secular institution that promotes understanding of the diversity, history and culture of Indian Americans. Through affiliation with the Chicago Cultural Alliance, a partnership of Chicago's ethnic museums and cultural centers, IAHM seeks social change and public understanding of cultural diversity. IAHM offers visitors an orientation to the community through interaction with immigrants and an exploration of Devon Avenue shops, which thrive in West Ridge where structures built by European immigrants in the 1920s now house a multicultural population.

IAHM's ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

Establishing partnerships with the Chicago Cultural Alliance and other public institutions.

Presenting customized cultural heritage education programs.

Conducting teacher workshops to facilitate classroom enrichment.

IAHM's BOLD PLANS INCLUDE:

Continuing collaboration with the West Ridge Historical Society to improve community relations.

Expanding the virtual museum at www.iahmuseum.org.

Creating an IAHM structure to anchor the neighborhood.



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COMMUNITY SHOWCASE TOURS

The Burnham Plan Centennial's Community Showcase Tours introduce new audiences to the unique stories and bold plans of Chicago's neighborhoods. Told through the voices of community leaders and residents, the tours cover these six neighborhoods:

ALBANY PARK Chicago's Gateway to the World: *A legacy of culture, nature and movement on Chicago's Northwest side.* **HOSTED BY:** North River Commission www.northrivercommission.org

AUBURN GRESHAM Rebuilding a Classic Chicago Community: *Using our people and assets to make a great place great again!* **HOSTED BY:** Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation www.gagdc.org

PILSEN Discover Pilsen: *Healthy, vibrant and organized!* **HOSTED BY:** The Resurrection Project www.resurrectionproject.org

QUAD COMMUNITIES From Civil War to Civil Rights and Beyond: *Come experience the second urban renaissance in the capital of Black America.* **HOSTED BY:** Quad Communities Development Corporation www.qcdc.org and Bronzeville Visitor Information Center www.bronzevilleonline.com

SOUTH CHICAGO From Pollution to Solution: *'LEED-ing' the way in the Midwest!* **HOSTED BY:** Claretian Associates www.claretinassociates.org

WEST RIDGE Gateway to India in Chicago: *Explore dynamic diversity and global connections on Devon Avenue.* **HOSTED BY:** Indo-American Heritage Museum www.iahmuseum.org and Chicago Cultural Alliance www.chicagoculturalalliance.org



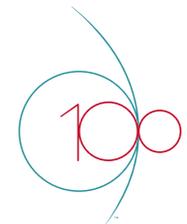
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GATEWAY TO INDIA IN CHICAGO

Explore Dynamic Diversity and Global Connections on Devon Avenue

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WEST RIDGE: GATEWAY TO INDIA IN CHICAGO

- Honorary Swami Vivekananda sign** commemorates his Art Institute declaration at the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions: "Truth is one. All religions are valid means of realizing the one truth." *Adams at Michigan Avenue*
- Cloud Gate** ("The Bean") sculpture, by Bombay-born London resident Anish Kapoor. *Millennium Park*
- Indo-American Center**, community service agency promotes well-being of immigrants from South Asia; home of Indo-American Heritage Museum. *6328 North California*

- Devon Commercial District**, four block walking tour *both sides of Devon from Western (2400 west) to California (2800 west)*
 - Intricate designs in 22 karat gold jewelry
 - Elaborate mehndi/henna designs to adorn brides
 - Essential utensils and ingredients including spices, lentils, ginger root, chilies and exotic vegetables for authentic Indian dishes
 - Variety of cuisine in Indian snack/sweet shops and restaurants
 - Entertainment including Bollywood DVDs with celebrity stars and CDs of A. R. Rahman's music
 - Indian newspapers in diverse languages and unique scripts

- Hindu and Muslim religious artifacts and literature
 - Elaborately embroidered saris, lehenga choli, salwar kameez/chudidar outfits.
- Bungalow District**, built in the 1920s and now home to an ethnically diverse population. *Bounded roughly by Campbell, Devon, Fairfield & Pratt.*
 - Angel Guardian Croatian Church**, former St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church, founded in 1851 by German speaking Luxembourgers and now serving a Vietnamese congregation. It represents the immigrant portal nature of West Ridge. *6346 N. Ridge*

