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The Roads Less Traveled

After seven years as a tour guide in Italy and a contributor to “Rick Steves’ Europe” guidebooks, University of Chicago grad student Amanda Scotese knows what visitors want, which is a local experience they can’t get on their own. And that’s the driving force behind Scotese’s **Chicago Detours**. The two-hour indoor and outdoor walking tours delve into everything from Loop architecture to the grand ballrooms of the Magnificent Mile and, just as important, the people behind the spaces. In addition to providing expert commentary, the guides use iPads to give their audiences the opportunity to see old photographs and documentary film clips on the subjects in front of them. The end result? Says Scotese, “I want people to leave the tour with new tools of relating to history and the urban space around it.” 312-350-1131, www.chicagodetours.com

Neighborhoods/City

ANDERSONVILLE—Travel along Clark Street to the blocks surrounding Foster Avenue and discover this hidden gem, where many Swedish immigrants settled after 1840 in search of a less urban area to preserve their cultural identity. In the past several years, a wealth of new restaurants, coffeehouses and bars has cropped up here, making Andersonville a hip spot for evening entertainment. **Metro: K-9**

BUCKTOWN/WICKER PARK—Wicker Park seamlessly melds into Bucktown, its gentrified neighbor to the north. The neighborhood got its name at the turn of the last century, when many immigrant families kept goats in their front yards. Today, trendy boutiques, restaurants, galleries and storefront theaters are centered around the intersection of Milwaukee, Damen and North avenues. **Downtown: F-1**

HYDE PARK/KENWOOD—Just south of the Loop is Hyde Park, now most famous for being President Barak

Obama’s longtime residence. It’s also known as home to the University of Chicago, where Frank Lloyd Wright’s famed Robie House is located; the Museum of Science and Industry; and the DuSable Museum of African American History. The area’s 53rd Street is a major commercial shopping strip with locally owned stores and art galleries. While 55th Street has ethnic restaurants and friendly pubs. **Metro: O-10**

MAGNIFICENT MILE—Boasting some of the city’s ritziest hotels, shops, galleries and restaurants, Chicago’s famed

IN MID-JANUARY, the Boystown area of Lakeview became Chicago’s first neighborhood with free WiFi service, courtesy the Northalsted Business Alliance.

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