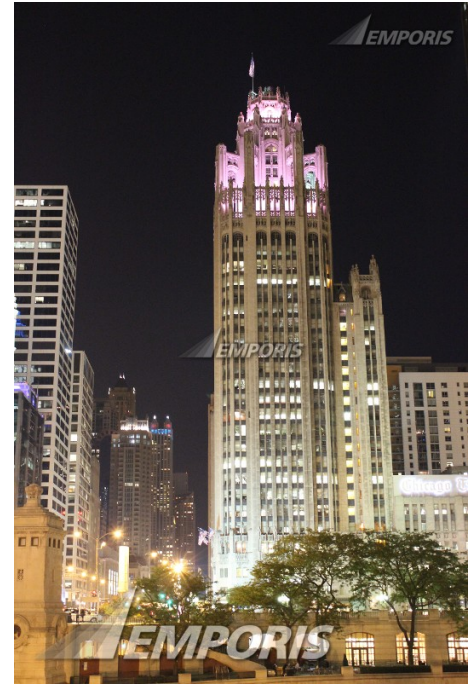


Tribune Tower



Identification

EBN	116877
Name	Tribune Tower
Construction Type	skyscraper
Complex Type	mixed-use
Complex Name	Tribune Tower
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	District (2nd level)	Near North Side
Country Name	U.S.A.	Postcode	60611
State Name	Illinois	Address (as text)	435 North Michigan Avenue
Zone	Magnificent Mile	Main Address	435 North Michigan Avenue

Metro Area Name	Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City Combined Statistical Area	Virtual Address	131 East Illinois Street
City Name	Chicago	Latitude	Contact us
District (1st level)	Downtown	Longitude	Contact us

Description

Foundation System	caisson foundation	Facade Color	gray
Structural Material	steel	Architectural style	neo-gothic
Facade System	applied masonry	Main Usage	commercial office
Facade Material	limestone	Side Usage	radio station

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	463.01 ft	Floors (underground)	4
Height (tip)	463.01 ft	Floors (overground)	34
Height (roof)	463.01 ft	Elevators	9

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1922	Year (construction end)	1925
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Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- City landmark
- Design is winner of a competition

Facts

- Raymond Hood and John M. Howells' design won first place out of 263 entries in a much publicized international design competition.
- Several of the entries in the Tribune Tower design competition had a visible influence on future skyscrapers.

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- The 2nd and 3rd-place winners in the tower's design competition were Eliel Saarinen and Holabird & Roche.
- The walls hold a collection of stones from famous monuments and sites around the world (and the moon), including the Arc de Triomphe, Parthenon, Berlin Wall, Alamo, Great Wall of China, Forbidden City, White House, Taj Mahal, Great Pyramid of Cheops, Petrified Forest, Badlands, St. Peter's, Notre-Dame, Hagia Sophia, Antarctica, Omaha Beach, and Mammoth Cave.
- The upper tower is encircled by 8 flying buttresses, with sculptures of bats carved into them.
- The design is modeled after the Butter Tower at Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen.
- The lobby walls are inscribed with quotations of famous persons, representing the newspaper's ideals. The centerpiece is a relief map of North America made of shredded dollar notes and plaster.
- A stone screen over the doorway is filled with images from Aesop's Fables, as a reminder of their lessons. The architects Hood & Howells are represented on the screen by Robin Hood and a "howelling" dog.
- The offices in the top of the tower are linked by secret passageways.
- The 25th floor terrace was a public observation deck until the 1950s, when a higher observatory in One Prudential Plaza took away much of its business.
- The tower's site was chosen for its proximity to the old printing plant, which was built in 1916 and still stands on the east side of the tower.
- Live radio broadcasts from the WGN studio (the call letters stand for "World's Greatest Newspaper") are visible through a show window at the southwest corner of the tower's ground floor.
- A low-rise addition to the north was built in 1935, forming a small courtyard with a statue of Revolutionary War hero Nathan Hale.
- When the building opened the Chicago Tribune relocated here from its previous offices in the First Federal Building.
- In 1982, printing of the Chicago Tribune was shifted from this building to the Freedom Center on the North Branch of the Chicago River.

Involved companies

Architect.....

Hood & Howells
New York City
U.S.A.

Additional company data available for this building

Facade Consultant

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