

July 2009 Newsletter

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### **Feature Destination:**

This month's feature destination is AbilityTrip's home city of Chicago, Illinois. Chicago is truly a must-see destination, as it's one of the most beautiful and disabled-friendly cities in the United States. The best time to visit is from May through October, as the weather is at its best. Visit our site to [read more](#) about accessibility options throughout Chicago.

On Saturday, July 25th, Chicago is hosting its 6<sup>th</sup> annual [Disability Pride Parade](#). The mission of the parade is to change the perception that non-disabled individuals may have about people with disabilities, and for people with a disability to celebrate their individuality. The disabled and non-disabled communities of Chicago come together in support of each other to celebrate life and embrace who we are as individuals. [AbilityTrip](#) is a proud co-sponsor this year and looks forward to partnering for many years to come.

If your city has a way of celebrating disability pride, please [write and tell us about it](#).

### **Traveler of the Month:**

AbilityTrip user Elizabeth E. recently visited the city of [Hong Kong](#) and has this to write. "I was surprised by the friendliness and accessibility of Hong Kong. I am in a wheelchair and could easily navigate the subway system (MTR) and explore major sites such as the Star Ferry, Lantau Island and Victoria Peak." Elizabeth worked with [AbilityTrip](#) to summarize her journey - more can be found [here](#).

Like what you have read? Then help us by sharing your travel experiences! Please take a little time to complete [this basic template of information](#) found on our website for any destination and help us assist others around the globe.

### **AbilityTips: Money Saving Ideas**

1. Offer to swap accessible homes and reduce the chances of inaccessible surprises.
2. Buy travel necessities (sunscreen, medications) before departing for the trip.

3. Be flexible with travel plans, and book travel ahead of time or during the off-season.
4. BYOB - some cruise ships allow guests to bring wine onboard and will only charge a corking fee. Check with your particular cruise line in advance for specific details.

**Picture of the Month:**

This picture was taken in Paris at a Toyota store near the Champs-Elysees. Toyota was featuring their car of the future. Darren's not quite ready for the upgrade!

*Please submit your favorite travel photo(s) to [admin@abilitytrip.com](mailto:admin@abilitytrip.com) to have your travel picture featured in an upcoming newsletter.*



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