

Chinatown – by Min-A Harder

Chinatown is located on the south side of Chicago. Over a third of Chicago's Chinese population reside in Chinatown which makes it the largest concentration of Chinese Americans.

Now on to the history of Chinatown: Chinatown was formed around 1912. Due to the Chinese being racially targeted on the west coast and the completion of the transcontinental railroad, whose workforce made up 90% of Chinese workers, led to many losing their jobs.

Chicagoans opened up their doors to the Chinese which resulted in the Chinese population from the west coast slowly settling in to Chicago. They first settled down along Clark Street, but due to ongoing discrimination they moved from Clark street to the south of Chicago. Some even say that the Chinese moved because of the growing rent prices.

Attractions of Chinatown: Chinatown is a neighborhood full of great shopping opportunities. You can buy beauty products from China or fine Chinese porcelain.

For shopping I would recommend going to Chinatown Square, which is an open mall that has sculptures of animals in the Chinese zodiac. If you want to have an opportunity to look at the Chicago River you can go to Ping Tom Memorial Park: a Chinese garden along the Chicago River.

Other attractions are the Chicago Fire Department and the Chinatown gate.

If you want to eat in Chinatown here are the best restaurants in the area: Chiou Quon, the oldest bakery in the neighborhood, serves moon cakes and delicious porkbuns.

