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History is Hott at the Palmer House Hilton's New Tour



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Chicago's [Palmer House Hilton](#) has a rich 140-year history—the place claims to have created the brownie, among other highlights. You can find out more tidbits about the hotel on a **new behind-the-scenes history tour and luncheon that launches today**. The program sounds like it was named by Paris Hilton: "History Is Hott."

Before getting the grand tour, you'll sit down to a three-course prix-fixe lunch in the Palmer House's American restaurant Lockwood. The best part is that you will get a glass of wine and the hotel's famed brownie to-go so you can booze it up on the tour.

The tour will be led by Ken Price, who should know his stuff; he's been the hotel's resident historian for 28 years. Price will show you the hotel's art-deco lobby, grand ballrooms and guestrooms. But the standout part of the tour is that you'll get to see **artifacts that aren't usually open to the public**, including original owner Bertha Potter's rare China. He'll also bring you to a room dedicated to the hotel's history, which contains vintage menus, books and photography as well as rare letters from Bertha Palmer.

The 90-minute lunch-tour combo costs \$50. It's available Tuesday to Saturday at 12:30 p.m. You'll also get a parting gift, a book that covers the history of the hotel.

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