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'Tis the Season for Shopping & Saving: \$100 Gift Cards & Holiday Perks at Premier Chicago Hotels

Holiday Shopping Packages Including \$100 Gift Cards, VIP Savings & More; Nightly Rates Start at \$189 & \$249

CHICAGO –November 17, 2008 – Given the state of the economy, economists predict this holiday shopping season to be the worst in recent history. However, retail therapy can be the best therapy to turn this economy around. In effort to get people in the holiday shopping spirit, **Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers** and **The Westin Chicago River North** are enticing travelers to visit the Windy City for extraordinary savings this season. Nightly rates at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers and The Westin Chicago River North start at \$189 and \$249 respectively*, inclusive of \$100 gift cards, shopping discounts and more. Travelers can tackle their holiday shopping early or enjoy post-holiday sales, as these special packages are valid now through January 31, 2009.

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers' Macy's® Holiday Shopping package:

- Accommodations
- \$100 Macy's® gift card each night
- A Macy's® 11% savings pass
- Complimentary weekend shuttle service (Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) to and from the Water Tower Place and State Street store November 28-December 28
- A 5x7 photo with the Santa at Macy's (November 24 - December 24)

The Westin Chicago River North's Holiday Shopping package includes:

- Deluxe room upgrade
- \$100 North Bridge mall gift card each night
- The Shops at North Bridge rewards book (\$500 in savings) valid at Nordstrom, Louis Vuitton, Hugo Boss, and over 70 world-class shops and restaurants.
- Hand massage and quick makeover at The Body Shop at North Bridge
- Fresh Olive Oil Soap with Laurel from Ta-Ze Olive and Olive Oil
- Two chocolate truffles from Vosges-Haut-Chocolate

Each hotel is centrally located to provide shoppers with immediate access to the city's famed shopping districts. From designer boutiques to bargain stores along Magnificent Mile, Chicago is a haven for savvy shopaholics.

For reservations at Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers please visit www.sheratonchicago.com or call 1-866-716-8103 and when booking mention SCM and for The Westin Chicago River North visit www.westinchicago.com or call 1-866-716-8104 and mention RNS when booking.

Located in the heart of downtown Chicago at 301 East North Water Street, the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers is ideally situated on the Chicago River, within walking distance of Navy Pier, fabulous Michigan Avenue shopping, Millennium Park, the Loop business district and more. The hotel's 1,209 guest rooms and suites feature spectacular views and Sheraton's ultra-comfortable Sweet Sleeper(SM) bed. The hotel also features five distinctive restaurants and lounges, including Shula's Steak House, one of America's favorites. Chi Bar, Chicago's chic new hot spot, was created by renowned designer, Jeffrey Beers. Chi Bar channels Chicago energy by bringing all the excitement and tradition of the Windy City into one luxe lounge with innovative cocktails, shareable delights and sleek ambiance. Other amenities include a full-service business center, concierge, health club with massage therapy, sun deck and an indoor pool.

Overlooking the Chicago River at 320 North Dearborn Street, The Westin Chicago River North is centrally located in the heart of Chicago's business and theatre districts and steps from Millennium Park, fabulous Michigan Avenue shopping and great restaurants. The hotel's 424 rooms and suites offer beautiful skyline views and feature Westin's legendary Heavenly Bed® and invigorating Heavenly Bath®. The recently refreshed Westin Executive Club® Level showcases refurbished guestrooms with iMAC computers, iPod docking stations, 32-inch flat-screen televisions, complimentary high-speed Internet access and ample desk space. The new Westin Executive Club® Lounge offers complimentary Wi-Fi, 42-inch flat-screen televisions and more. For distinctive dining, there is Ember Grille, Hana Lounge and Kamehachi Sushi Bar. Other services and amenities include WestinWorkout® Powered by Reebok, massage therapy, concierge services and a state-of-the-art business center.

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*Rates are based on availability and do not include tax or service charge. Packages must be purchased at least 48 hours in advance. Offer is not applicable to groups or with other special offers.