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Chicago is the birthplace of the skyscraper, world famous for its skyline, bustling downtown, and iconic downtown shopping and cultural institutions.

But Chicago is also a city of neighborhoods, each with its own unique charm and character, offering a rich tapestry of cultures, cuisines, and experiences. There is always something new to discover and fun to be had for every type of traveler in our city — from the solo leisure

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Pilsen mural *Para Los Niños Con Sueños* by Sentrock



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A group snaps a quintessential Chicago selfie on North Avenue Beach with Lake Michigan and the stunning skyline as a backdrop.
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DJ Duane Powell

MEET DJ DUANE POWELL

Like the city itself, Chicago's house music legacy is always evolving, thanks to DJs like Duane Powell. And it's the type of music culture that could only be found in Chicago.

Chicago has long been a house music mecca. And as one of the city's most prominent DJs, Powell has unique insight into Chicago's house culture.

"Not only has house informed me musically, but culturally," says Powell. "I see a lot of unity in the community, I see a lot of embracing of all cultures."

Born and raised in Chicago, Powell grew up immersed in the city's soul music scene. Today, he's nationally known as a house music historian.

Here are a few of Powell's recommendations for must-visit landmarks and venues for house music fans in Chicago.

THE WAREHOUSE

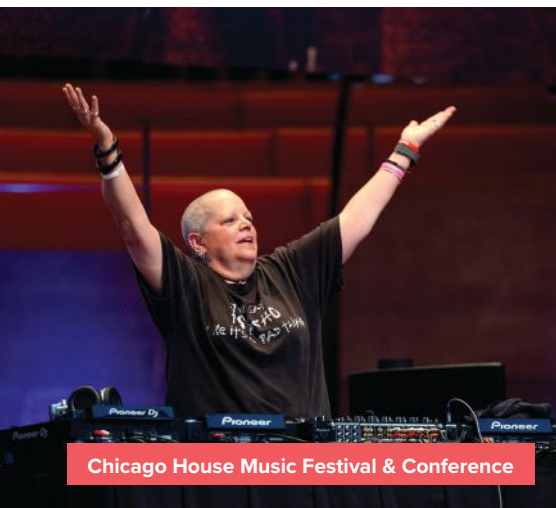
If there's one location in Chicago that's synonymous with the origins of house, it's The Warehouse. This historic club is widely recognized as a key birthplace of house music.

"The Warehouse is legendary because of its innovation, the way they were able to experiment musically," says Powell.

The club's impact can be traced to its resident DJ Frankie Knuckles, known as the Godfather of House Music. The Warehouse was also a crucial haven for the city's Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ communities.

"It was one of the first places for that community to really gather and feel like they had a home," says Powell.

The building that once housed The Warehouse, at 206 S. Jefferson St., is a designated Chicago landmark.



CHICAGO HOUSE VENUES

Music fans visiting Chicago won't want to miss the opportunity to experience the city's one-of-a-kind house venues.

"There's a rhythm around the dance floor, there's a ceremony that's happening that's akin to church," says Powell.

Here are a few of Powell's top venues offering regular house music nights:

• SMART BAR

A staple of the city's house music scene, this underground club features cutting-edge DJs from around the globe.

• FAMILY DEN

This longtime bar in Calumet Heights is known for attracting a talent-packed lineup of DJs for regular house nights.

• THE GIANT PENNY WHISTLE

Check out weekly house music nights featuring up-and-coming DJs at this Pilsen bar.

• ROOM 43

In Bronzeville, this neighborhood favorite features an event space and hosts regular music nights.

• MASADA NIGHTCLUB

This Logan Square club offers plenty of opportunities to dance, including their intimate house music sessions.

HOUSE FESTIVALS AND EVENTS IN CHICAGO

Mark your calendar for these Chicago festivals and events, featuring emerging and established DJs in stunning outdoor settings.

NAVY PIER'S WAVE WALL WAX

This free summer series is held on Chicago's scenic lakefront at iconic Navy Pier. Soak up the skyline views and summer energy during outdoor DJ sets every Saturday evening.

THE ATTIC PICNIC

This free, family-friendly fest is held at Calumet Beach Park along Chicago's stunning waterfront. Enjoy a full lineup of DJs plus all-ages activities like bounce houses, raffles, face painting, and more.

CHOSEN FEW DJS PICNIC & FESTIVAL

This beloved Chicago fest is the world's longest-running event dedicated to house music. First started in 1990, the festival attracts thousands of house fans to Jackson Park each summer for an all-day event featuring the famous Chosen Few DJs.

CHICAGO HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL & CONFERENCE

Each summer, the Chicago House Music Festival attracts an incredible lineup of local and international talent for an unforgettable dance party in downtown Millennium Park. The weekend also includes a conference for house music fans and industry experts at the Chicago Cultural Center.



FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Check out some of Chicago's year-round happenings, from diverse cultural celebrations to world-class music and food fests. Go to choosechicago.com/events or simply use your phone's camera and scan the QR code for a complete, up-to-date events calendar.

Events subject to change.

WINTER

► CHRISTKINDLMARKET

November – December

Daley Plaza & Gallagher Way

Feel the magic at this annual outdoor bazaar, modeled after traditional German Christmas markets.

► WINTER WONDERFEST

December – January

Navy Pier

An indoor holiday experience, complete with dazzling decor, thrilling rides, ice skating, and seasonal fun for all ages.

► CHICAGO RESTAURANT WEEK

Jan. 23 – Feb. 8

Citywide

The best time of year to experience Chicago's acclaimed dining scene, Chicago Restaurant Week features special prix fixe menus at hundreds of local restaurants.

► CHICAGO THEATRE WEEK

Feb. 5 – 15

Citywide

Experience the thrill of Chicago's vibrant theatre scene with discounted tickets to the city's hottest shows.

► CHICAGO AUTO SHOW

Feb. 7 – 16

McCormick Place

The nation's largest and longest-running auto show features debut vehicles, concept cars, interactive exhibits, and more.



CHICAGO SPORTS



February – October

CHICAGO FIRE

Soldier Field

Cheer a thrilling Chicago Fire Football Club match — the team is a past winner of the MLS Cup.



March – September

CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Rate Field

Catch a White Sox game and watch for the booming fireworks that herald each home run.



March – October

CHICAGO STARS

SeatGeek Stadium

See exciting soccer moves from the Chicago Stars, a leader in the National Women's Soccer League.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 14

Loop

One of the world's most famous St. Patrick's Day traditions, Chicago's downtown parade and green river dyeing are bucket list events.

HOLI AT NAVY PIER

March

Navy Pier

This free cultural celebration brings the colors and traditions of Holi to the lakefront attraction, including the iconic powder throwing.

EXPO CHICAGO

April 9 – 12

Navy Pier

This international exposition of contemporary and modern art brings galleries and artists from around the globe to Navy Pier.

INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY

April 30

Citywide

The 15th annual International Jazz Day will take place in Chicago, a city known for its incredible contributions to the history and future of jazz.

SUEÑOS MUSIC FESTIVAL

May 23 – 24

Grant Park

Chicago's annual Latin music festival kicks off summer with a two-day experience on the lakefront.



Sueños Music Festival

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April – September

CHICAGO CUBS

Wrigley Field

Sit in the bleachers like a local and watch the Chicago Cubs play at historic Wrigley Field.



May – September

CHICAGO SKY

Wintrust Arena

Watch one of the hottest teams in women's basketball take on rivals in the South Loop.



September – January

CHICAGO BEARS

Soldier Field

Sing *Bear Down*, *Chicago Bears* with the crowd each time the team makes a touchdown.



October – April

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

United Center

Spy mascot Tommy Hawk gleefully dancing to *Chelsea Dagger* every time the team scores.



October – April

CHICAGO BULLS

United Center

Snap a selfie with the statue of Chicago basketball superstar Michael Jordan before the game.

SUMMER

▶ NAVY PIER FIREWORKS

May – August

Navy Pier

It's not summer in Chicago without this dazzling fireworks display lighting up the lakefront.

▶ MAXWELL STREET MARKET

May – October

Maxwell Street

A local tradition since 1912, this sprawling alfresco market features a mix of crafts, live music, artists, food vendors, and more.

▶ CHICAGO BLUES FESTIVAL

June

Millennium Park

A genre with deep Chicago roots, blues is the star of this outdoor summer festival that attracts some of music's biggest names.

▶ RIBFEST CHICAGO

June

North Center

Held in the North Center neighborhood, this food festival draws more than 60,000 attendees with the sweet smell of barbecue.

▶ MIDSOMMARFEST

June 12 – 14

Andersonville

The Andersonville neighborhood celebrates its Swedish roots and LGBTQ+ pride with live music, drag shows, artisans, and food and drink.

▶ CHICAGO PRIDE FEST & PARADE

June 20 – 21 (Fest)

June 28 (Parade)

Northalsted

This joyful celebration of LGBTQ+ community and culture takes place in the nation's oldest official gay neighborhood.

▶ MILLENNIUM PARK SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

June – August

Millennium Park

This free outdoor concert series features top local and touring acts, all with a skyline backdrop in Millennium Park.

▶ MILLENNIUM PARK SUMMER FILM SERIES

July – August

Millennium Park

Catch free movies under the stars at Millennium Park's beloved film series, featuring everything from classics to family favorites all season long.

▶ WINDY CITY SMOKEOUT

July 9 – 12

United Center

It's all about beer, barbecue, and country music at this laid-back summer festival.

▶ CHOSEN FEW DJS PICNIC

July 11

Jackson Park

The world's longest-running event dedicated to house music brings thousands of fans to Jackson Park.

▶ CHICAGO GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL

July

Millennium Park

Hear everything from traditional choirs to contemporary gospel groups at this free outdoor festival under the stunning Pritzker Pavilion.

▶ WICKER PARK FEST

July

Wicker Park

The music lineup is a major draw at this eclectic street fest that celebrates the neighborhood's unique character.



Millennium Park Summer Music Series



Chicago Pride Parade



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▶ **CHINATOWN SUMMER FAIR**

July

Chinatown

Immerse yourself in Chinese culture at this annual celebration featuring authentic cuisine, lion dances, kung fu demonstrations, and more.

▶ **FIESTA DEL SOL**

July – August

Pilsen

This family-friendly festival has been celebrating Mexican culture and music in the Pilsen neighborhood for 50 years.

▶ **LOLLAPALOOZA**

July – August

Grant Park

This iconic music festival takes over lakefront Grant Park with local talent and top acts from around the world.

▶ **CHICAGO SUMMERDANCE**

July – September

Citywide

Learn some new moves or enjoy the music when this summer event series turns Chicago parks into open-air dance floors.

▶ **BUD BILLIKEN PARADE**

Aug. 8

Martin Luther King Drive

The largest African American parade in the country, this exuberant procession of bands, floats, and student performers has been taking place since 1929.

▶ **CHICAGO HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL**

August

Citywide

Celebrate the birthplace of house music at this free festival featuring local legends and international DJs spinning iconic beats in the heart of the city.

▶ **CHICAGO AIR AND WATER SHOW**

August

Lakefront

This free lakefront display is one of the largest events of its kind, with astonishing aerial demonstrations.

▶ **CHICAGO JAZZ FESTIVAL**

August

Millennium Park

The oldest of Chicago's free music festivals boasts an incredibly diverse lineup of jazz legends and fresh talent.

FALL

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CHICAGO LIVE!

Sept. 19 – 20

Navy Pier

The Midwest's largest free performing arts showcase features more than 110 artists and organizations throughout lakefront Navy Pier.

REELING FILM FESTIVAL

September

Citywide

The second longest-running film festival of its kind, Reeling brings LGBTQ+ stories to screens around the city.

CHICAGO GOURMET

September

Millennium Park

This elevated food festival features tastings, live cooking demos, and fun competitions with the country's best chefs.

DESTINOS: CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL LATINO THEATER FESTIVAL

October

Citywide

Discover emerging voices in the local Latino theatre community during this multifaceted festival.

BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON

Oct. 11

Citywide

Runners from around the world gather for this major marathon that travels through 29 different neighborhoods.

HISTORIC PULLMAN HOUSE TOURS

October

Pullman

Step back in time during this long-running house tour, which gives visitors an exclusive look into the historic Pullman neighborhood.

CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

October

Citywide

Celebrating over six decades, the nation's longest-running film festival brings a world-class lineup of feature films, documentaries, and shorts to Chicago.

OPEN HOUSE CHICAGO

October

Citywide

This one-of-a-kind free architecture festival takes you inside the city's most unique buildings, skyscrapers, and landmarks.

ARTS IN THE DARK

October

State Street

This whimsical evening parade celebrates Halloween as the artist's holiday with creative puppets, floats, and performances.

THE WINTRUST MAGNIFICENT MILE LIGHTS FESTIVAL

November

The Magnificent Mile

A beloved tradition, this spectacular holiday event includes a parade and the official lighting of the trees along iconic Michigan Avenue.

Arts in the Dark



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GET OUT ON THE WATER

March–November

Set sail on the **Chicago Architecture Center River Cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady**. Led by a specially trained CAC docent, this world-renowned, 90-minute cruise has been voted the **#1 boat tour in North America** by *USA Today* readers.

Each docent brings a unique perspective as they narrate compelling stories behind more than 50 buildings along the Chicago River—as well as their favorite anecdotes. You'll leave inspired by the city's wide variety of architectural styles, including Art Deco, Neoclassicism, Mid-Century Modernism and Postmodernism.



HIT THE PAVEMENT

Year Round

With **dozens of walking tours** exploring architectural themes in downtown Chicago, as well as tours in the city's mosaic of culturally diverse neighborhoods, walking tours are the heart of the CAC.

When the weather is right, nothing can beat stepping out and exploring **Chicago's First Skyscrapers**, **Frank Lloyd Wright in Oak Park** or **Must-See Chicago**. If the Windy City is really living up to its name while you're in town, consider a respite from the elements on a tour indoors of the **Merchandise Mart**, the **Rookery Building** or **The Old Post Office**.



DISCOVER THE CENTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Year Round

Located in the heart of downtown, the **Chicago Architecture Center** features two floors of thought-provoking special exhibitions, as well as celebrated and engaging permanent installations.

Explore the past, present and future of the city's built environment through the animated and interactive **Chicago City Model Experience**. Then, head upstairs to check out one of our rotating exhibitions and learn about larger themes in the architecture and design world.

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TRENDING IN CHICAGO

From major museum unveilings to landmark celebrations and groundbreaking attractions, Chicago's 2026 calendar is packed.



International Jazz Day 2025, Paris

ATTRACTIONS

Set to open this year, the **Obama Presidential Center** will feature former President Barack Obama's community-driven library and museum, set on a sprawling campus in Jackson Park.

The **Shedd Aquarium's** ongoing expansive renovation includes the unveiling of the walk-through Caribbean Tunnel that reimagines a tropical reef habitat with sharks and rays, a kelp forest, and revamped galleries.

The curtain rises this spring on **The Hand & The Eye**. Set in the historic McCormick Mansion, this astonishing attraction will feature performances by magicians from around the world, along with a restaurant and bar.

The renovated **Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center** in suburban Skokie plans to reopen in late summer. Experience360, a downtown satellite location of

the museum in River North, will showcase exhibits through June.

Bally's Casino Chicago is scheduled to open later this year in River West. Plans for the 500-room resort include gaming floors, a spa, restaurants that include a rooftop with sweeping city and Chicago River views, bars, and a 3,000-seat entertainment venue.

The **National Public Housing Museum** — the first museum in the country dedicated to preserving public housing history — has opened in the last remaining building of the Jane Addams Homes (named for the legendary social worker and activist).

Lake Michigan boaters have a new place to moor at the **Navy Pier Marina**. Chicago's only all-transient marina offers hourly and overnight docking for boats of all kinds at one of Chicago's most popular visitor attractions.

EVENTS

The **Route 66 Centennial Celebration** brings attention to the historic byway's starting point at Michigan Avenue and Adams Street in downtown Chicago, designated by an eye-catching marker. You'll also find Route 66 markers along the road in various Chicago neighborhoods. Look for the vibrant new mural by artist Ben Marasco that pays tribute to the Mother Road and adorns the side of Lulu's Hot Dogs at Taylor Street and Ogden Avenue. Learn more at choosechicago.com/route66.

Chicago is the host city for **International Jazz Day** on April 30, organized by UNESCO and the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz. The celebration — which spotlights Chicago's contributions to jazz, blues, and global music culture — culminates with the All-Star Global Concert, led by Chicago native and jazz icon Herbie Hancock, broadcast to 190 countries.

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14 Parish Restaurant & Rhum Bar

BRONZEVILLE

DINING

Offering an elevated wine experience, seasonally inspired cuisine (like coconut curry salmon), a colorful art-filled interior, and live music and local DJs, **Bronzeville Winery** channels the vibrancy of the neighborhood it calls home. **Norman's Bistro**, Bronzeville's unofficial gathering spot, features Creole-inspired fare that includes homemade gumbo loaded with shrimp, chicken, and lobster, classic cocktails, and live jazz. Head to **Peach's on 47th** for Southern comfort food at its finest, with dishes like shrimp and grits and bourbon French toast.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Fall 2026 marks the grand reopening of the **South Side Community Art Center**, the oldest Black American art center in the U.S. Explore its legendary history, as well as the landmark 1890s building it resides in, on a **Bronzeville Art District Trolley Tour**, offered June through September. Other stops on the double-decker bus tour highlight the works of local and international artists at **Blanc Gallery**, **Bronzeville Artist Lofts**, **Faie Afrikan Art**, and **Gallery Guichard**.

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HYDE PARK

DINING

Flavorful Caribbean-inspired food (think jerk smoked chicken) and colorful cocktails make **14 Parish Restaurant & Rhum Bar** feel like a tropical vacation in the middle of Hyde Park. With two James Beard Awards under its belt — recognizing chef-owner Erick Williams and chef de cuisine Damar Brown — **Virtue Restaurant & Bar**'s heartfelt Southern cuisine has earned a legion of fans, including former President Obama. At **Dawn**, owner Racquel Fields pays homage to her Louisiana-born grandfather with dishes like fried green tomatoes and pot roast with jalapeño grits.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

While in Hyde Park, explore some of the attractions on the campus of the esteemed **University of Chicago**. Established in 1955, the **Court Theatre** is a Tony Award-winning professional theatre that reimagines the classics for modern audiences. Tour legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright's **Frederick C. Robie House**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to view the ultimate expression of his renowned Prairie style. The **Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures** houses some 350,000 artifacts that document the development of civilization. Guided tours are offered Tuesday through Sunday.

PULLMAN

DINING

Celebrity chef Dominique Leach (winner of Food Network's *BBQ Brawl*) shows off her award-winning barbecue skills at **Lexington Betty Smokehouse** in signature dishes like smoked chicken, tender brisket, and wagyu hot dogs. Since 1972, **Old Fashioned Donuts** owner Burritt Bulloch has been serving up handmade apple fritters topped with fresh pecans, big Texas-style donuts, and more at his beloved Roseland shop. Located inside the former Pullman Club that served as a gathering place for managers of the Pullman Factory in the early 1900s, **Pullman Club Coffee** is a unique historic spot to grab your morning coffee, along with sweet treats like house-baked scones and cookies.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Preserving the story of one of the first planned industrial communities in the U.S., the **Pullman National Historical Park** includes impeccably preserved historic buildings that once housed workers of the luxury railcar company. Dedicated to celebrating the important contributions of the first Black labor union, **The National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum**, which recently underwent an expansion, honors the legacy of its namesake.

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Old Fashioned Donuts

LITTLE VILLAGE

DINING

Reflective of its name, **La Catedral Cafe & Restaurant** features colorful portraits of saints and other religious imagery throughout its two floors. Its multiple varieties of chilaquiles have earned many fans, but the menu also features pancakes, omelets, Mexican-style sandwiches, and fresh juices. For more than 30 years, **Mi Tierra** has offered authentic Mexican cuisine that ranges from carne asada and seafood cocktails to chiles rellenos. A large outdoor patio adds to the relaxed experience. A speakeasy-inspired bar, **Osito's Tap** brings a creative Latino-infused vibe to its impeccable cocktails, tequila and mezcal flights, and delicious Mexican fare like its lamb birria grilled cheese sandwich.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Along bustling **26th Street** in the heart of La Villita (as the locals call Little Village) you'll find shops that carry everything from beautiful pieces by Mexican artists and handcrafted clothing from Indigenous cooperatives to sweets at the family-run **Dulcelandia**. In between shopping, take time to admire the area's colorful **murals**, including *Celebrando Comunidad*, a Day of the Dead homage.

PILSEN

DINING

At **HaiSous Vietnamese Kitchen**, chef Thai Dang embraces the past, present, and future of Vietnamese food, earning Michelin Bib Gourmand recognition in



La Catedral Cafe & Restaurant

the process. His fried whole fluke is a signature dish. Growing up on a Mexican farm gave **5 Rabanitos Restaurante & Taqueria** chef Alfonso Sotelo a deep appreciation for the ingredients used in the tacos, enchiladas, sopes, and tortas at this charming restaurant. Mention carnitas in Chicago and those in the know will cite **Carnitas Uruapan** as the place to go. The succulent pork is paired with house-made tortillas and sides that include cactus salad and guacamole.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Since 1982, the **National Museum of Mexican Art** has been showcasing 3,600 years of creativity

from both sides of the border in its permanent and special exhibits, including paintings, textiles, photography, and works on paper. Not all art is found in museums, as represented by the many **16th Street** and **18th Street** murals that focus on Mexican culture and self-expression.

UPTOWN

DINING

The flavors and culture of Ethiopia are front and center at **Demera Ethiopian Restaurant**, where owner Tigist Reda explores her heritage through the dishes of her country, such as the cubed lamb cooked in a rich berbere sauce. A

family affair, **Kie-Gol-Lanee** presents authentic Oaxacan cuisine ranging from green tamales and tlayudas (Mexican pizza) to crispy grasshoppers. Known for its Southern Vietnamese family-style dinners, **Nha Hang Vietnam Restaurant's** parade of dishes, including spring rolls and pho, offers a unique experience of deeply flavorful food.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

It's only a few blocks long, but the variety of top-notch Asian restaurants on **Argyle Street** will satisfy a variety of tastes with dishes ranging from noodles to banh mi. One of the best times to explore this neighborhood is at the weekly **Argyle Night Market** on Thursday evenings. During this vibrant summer event, typically held from early July through the end of August, you can enjoy street food, live music, cultural performances, and local vendors selling one-of-a-kind items. Or spend an evening watching an inspirational musical performed by the **Black Ensemble Theater**, a concert at the historic **Byline Bank Aragon Ballroom** or **The Riviera Theatre**, or a lively drag show at **The Baton Show Lounge**.

WEST TOWN

DINING

At **Brasero**, beloved Chicago chef John Manion explores the food and drinks of South America with dishes such as coconut-infused moqueca (Brazilian seafood stew) and a wine list featuring only South American producers. Every night is a party at **Beatnik West Town** with globally



The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture

inspired food like short rib tagine, tropical cocktails, and a boho-chic design. A mixture of Asian influences (think Chinese, Thai, Japanese) play together beautifully at James Beard Award-nominated **Maxwells Trading**, with produce sourced from the rooftop herb and vegetable garden.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

The **Intuit Art Museum** features incredible works by self-taught artists, along with performances and lectures, in a recently renovated space. Home to a large Ukrainian population, Chicago naturally features some of the country's best Ukrainian museums. Founded in 1952,

the **Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago** houses an impressive collection of Ukrainian artifacts, including musical instruments, embroidered folk costumes, and dazzling pysanky (beautifully decorated Easter eggs). Featuring an ongoing program of cultural exhibits, literary events, films, and music recitals, the **Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art** offers a contemporary take on Ukrainian culture.

HUMBOLDT PARK

DINING

At family-owned **Papa's Cache Sabroso**, the cuisine of Puerto Rico shines, from its signature jibarito

made with fried plantains to garlic-infused rotisserie chicken. House-made pastas, tender meatballs, deconstructed lasagna, and Italian-leaning cocktails can all be found at **Segnatore**. For more than 20 years, **Nellie's** has been offering hearty takes on Puerto Rican cuisine for breakfast and lunch, including lechon asado and four varieties of mofongo. Don't miss the weekend breakfast buffet.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Spanning almost 200 acres, **Humboldt Park** is an oasis of green space with a historic boathouse, lagoons, the city's only inland beach, and miles of plant-filled trails to stroll. It

also houses **The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture**, dedicated to interpreting the arts and culture of the Puerto Rican people via exhibitions, community education, and lively festivals.

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CHICAGO LIKE A LOCAL

DISCOVER HIDDEN GEMS WITH A CHICAGO GREETER.

Looking to see the city through the eyes of a local? The **Chicago Greeter** program matches visitors with friendly residents for free walks around the city, diving into everything from must-see sights to best-kept secrets. Now in its 24th year, the program annually hosts more than 3,000 visitors from around the globe, led by a team of more than 90 volunteer Greeters.

One of those Greeters is Jack Warren. A Chicago native, Jack joined the Greeter program in 2023 after spending 10 years

as a professional tour guide across the country. His best advice for visitors? Make the time to explore outside downtown.

“Chicago is a cultural powerhouse,” Jack says. “It’s a dense, beautiful metropolis, with so much great history and variety in every neighborhood. Get on the ‘L’ and try some different places.”

Here are some of Jack’s favorite spots and hidden gems throughout Chicago’s vibrant neighborhoods, downtown, and beyond.

Chicago Greeter Jack Warren



ROOFTOP BARS WITH A VIEW

The **Up Room** at the top of **The Robey** hotel in the heart of Wicker Park has the best view of the city.

The **J. Parker** rooftop at the **Hotel Lincoln** is also spectacular. It overlooks Lincoln Park and Lake Michigan.

COOLEST CONCERT VENUE

Thalia Hall in Pilsen. It was previously a Bohemian gathering spot and now hosts some of the best concerts in the city.

TOP MUSEUMS

The **Driehaus Museum** near The Magnificent Mile. Chicago came up during the Gilded Age, and this historic home is a showcase of that.

The **Griffin Museum of Science and Industry** in Hyde Park. Highlights include a captured World War II German submarine, an immersive coal mine experience, and one of the largest model train sets in the world.

MOST UNIQUE BREWERY

Whiner Beer Company in the Back of the Yards. It's located in a repurposed meatpacking facility, which was one of Chicago's founding industries.

BEST STREETS FOR ARCHITECTURE

Hoyne Street in Wicker Park is filled with beer baron mansions and German-inspired architecture.

Woodlawn Avenue in Kenwood is lined with beautiful Italianate homes. Barack Obama's former residence is also nearby.

WORTH THE TRIP

The **Pullman National Historical Park** in Pullman. It's the city's first National Park Service site and an homage to one of the things that built Chicago — the railroad.

FAVORITE GREEN SPACES

The **606** is a great demonstration of how the city is taking our industrial past and turning it into something greener and more pedestrian friendly. The elevated trail spans from Bucktown to Humboldt Park.

Wooded Island in Jackson Park, with its Japanese garden. It's a relic of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 that was held here.

BEST BEACHES

Montrose Beach in Uptown or **Osterman Beach** near Edgewater are both less crowded and offer large beaches.

HIDDEN GEM INTERIORS

The **Elks National Memorial** in Lakeview. It has one of the most beautiful interiors, and you don't expect it at all when just walking by.

Hutchinson Commons at **The University of Chicago** in Hyde Park. The cafeteria's design is inspired by England's University of Oxford, and it's open to the public.

BEST SPOT FOR A DRINK

The **Glunz Tavern** in Old Town. It's an old German watering hole founded in the 1880s and is one of the oldest taverns in the city.

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Chicago Greeter tour

CHICAGO GREETER TOURS

Book a free Chicago Greeter neighborhood tour led by a friendly local volunteer who will share interesting facts and insider tips. Explore important LGBTQ+ history in Northalsted. Learn about influential African American civil rights, music, and arts pioneers in Bronzeville. Discover the stories behind Pilsen's vibrant murals. Tours customized to your interests can last from two to four hours and are offered in over a dozen languages. Register at least two weeks in advance of your visit to Chicago at chicagogreeter.com.

CHICAGO PRIDE

NORTHALSTED

Along a half-mile stretch of North Halsted Street, **The Legacy Walk** honors noteworthy LGBTQ+ figures with memorial markers displayed on rainbow pylons.

Fashion-savvy shoppers know to stop in **CRAM Fashion** often for its always-changing selection of men's clothing and accessories.

Jenni Vee proudly bakes Filipino ingredients into her colorful cakes and sweet treats at **Jennivee's Bakery**, which celebrates her heritage as well as fellow trans women.

Delicious contemporary American fare, a huge selection of martinis, and some of the city's top drag queens make for a fun night at the **Kit Kat Lounge & Supper Club**.

ANDERSONVILLE

Celebrating underrepresented voices since 1979, indie-focused **Women & Children First** offers books by and about women, LGBTQ+ literature, and children's books.

Knitters, crocheters, and embroiderers have a friend in **The Dropped Stitch**, a cozy boutique featuring colorful yarns, crochet needles, and more.

At chef Paul Fehrbach's **Big Jones** you'll find coastal Southern dishes (some made with heirloom ingredients), whiskey galore, and heartfelt hospitality.

Black- and queer-owned **Nobody's Darling** has redefined what it means to be an LGBTQ+ bar, with a sophisticated cocktail program that earned it a James Beard Award nomination.

Check out some of the city's popular LGBTQ+-owned neighborhood places, ranging from welcoming shops to craveworthy eateries and lively nightspots. **BY LISA SHAMES**

UPTOWN

Inspired by his mother's cooking, chef-owner Eric Roldan of **Marina's Bistro and Rum Bar** creates modern Puerto Rican dishes at his charming eatery.

Located in a funky art-filled space, **Tweet** serves up classic bites like fluffy pancakes, eggs Benedict, and quiche for breakfast, lunch, and brunch.

Sister to neighboring Tweet, the laid-back **Big Chicks** consistently tops best LGBTQ+ bar lists for good reason — friendly prices and an even friendlier crowd.

Since 1969, **The Baton Show Lounge** has been delighting audiences with its drag showcase of glittering divas and electrifying all-male revues.

SOUTH SIDE

New in the South Loop, upscale **Southern Chicago** features flame-grilled steaks, fresh seafood platters, and Southern sides like Cajun collard greens and fondant sweet potatoes.

Located near the historic Motor Row District, **Williams Inn Pizza & Sports Bar** offers Chicago-style deep dish and thin crust pizzas, along with an extensive selection of cocktails.

At **Lexington Betty Smokehouse** in Pullman, award-winning chef Dominique Leach serves a BBQ feast of rib tips, pulled pork, and sweet banana pudding for dessert.

TOP 5 LGBTQ+ EVENTS

CHICAGO PRIDE FEST & PRIDE PARADE

June brings the lively Pride Fest, followed by the iconic Pride Parade that turns the streets of Northalsted into an over-the-top party.

MIDSOMMARFEST

The Andersonville neighborhood kicks off summer with music on the Pride Stage featuring drag, house, and disco, plus local foods and artisans.

PRIDE SOUTH SIDE

Black and Brown queer Chicagoans are celebrated at this joyous Washington Park event.

NORTHALSTED MARKET DAYS

There's nonstop live music and dancing at one of the biggest street fests in the country, held every August.

REELING: THE CHICAGO LGBTQ+ INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Queer movies from around the globe are screened during this annual autumn fest.



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BY LISA SHAMES



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ON LAND

Some of the city's most stunning Lake Michigan views can be seen along the 18.5-mile **Lakefront Trail**. Make the most of the scenery and rent wheels from **Bike and Roll Chicago** or **Bobby's Bike Hike** and cycle the trail solo or on a guided ride. Or join a tour with **Absolutely Chicago Segway Tours**, which also rents e-bikes.

Kids of all ages will get a kick out of **Maggie Daley Park**, a sprawling green space that includes the **Play Garden** and Chicago-themed **City Mini Golf**. Up the adventure ante and tackle the 40-foot-tall **Climbing Wall** or rent rollerblades and whoosh along the **Skating Ribbon**, which morphs into a lovely ice rink in the winter.

Enjoy 91 acres of skyline views, hiking trails, birdwatching and more at **Northerly Island Park**. Located on the lakefront, this manmade peninsula on the former site of a small airport now provides a beautiful, nature-filled escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Located at the southern edge of Grant Park, the **Grant Skate Park** is a skateboarder's dream, featuring thoughtfully designed ramps, ledges, banks, and rails that challenge both beginner and advanced skaters. Non-skaters can watch all the gravity-defying moves from a neighboring elevated walkway.

Once a railroad line, **The 606** has been beautifully transformed into a landscaped parkland for walking and bicycling, with convenient on-and-off points. The elevated trail spans 2.7 miles and runs through some of Chicago's hippest neighborhoods, including Logan Square and Wicker Park. Scenic lookout points, art installations, and lush greenery are your reward for making the journey.

Located on the Southeast Side of Chicago, **Big Marsh Bike Park** features 40 acres designed for two-wheeled adventures like mountain bike courses, pump tracks, and paved bike trails. Cool down with a leisurely walk, taking in the many birds and flora that call this area home.

ON WATER

There is much to see along the **Chicago Riverwalk** beyond its stellar water views. Learn about the city's magnificent moveable bridges, shop for locally made goods, view public art, and eat and drink at numerous riverside restaurants. Get a unique perspective of the Chicago River and the city's iconic landmarks with a tour on the water from **Urban Kayaks**, with a location on the Chicago Riverwalk.

Another action-packed Chicago spot is **Navy Pier**, which features 50 acres of restaurants, shops, theatres, seasonal festivals, and the soaring **Centennial Wheel**, along with Instagram-worthy views. Visit on Wednesday and Saturday nights during the summer for dazzling free **fireworks** shows. Adrenaline junkies will want to check out the **Chicago Seadog Extreme Thrill Ride**, which offers high speeds and 360-degree spins on its exciting lake excursions. For a more leisurely experience, hop aboard the 148-foot **Tall Ship Windy**, a four-masted schooner that allows riders to hoist the sails.

Summer in Chicago must include a day spent at one of its beautiful beaches — and with 26 miles of lakefront, there are plenty to choose from. For terrific people watching and views of the cityscape, head to **Oak Street Beach**. Nearby, **North Avenue Beach** features lively sand volleyball games. Looking to pair your beach day with live music? Head to **South Shore Beach**, which is part of the **South Shore Cultural Center**. Kick back with food, drinks, and live tunes at the neighboring **South Shore Social Beach Club**. Or check out **Rainbow Beach**, a South Side gem with one of the city's oldest community gardens, in addition to stunning skyline vistas.

Want to add water sports to your beach itinerary? At North Avenue Beach's **Chicago SUP**, you can give stand-up paddleboarding a try. For something different, head to **Neon Paddle** in Chinatown's Ping Tom Park for motorized paddleboarding lit by glowing neon lights. Kayaking is a fun way to experience Chicago's waterways. The experts from **Chicago Water Sport Rentals** at 31st Street Harbor and **Bobby's Kayak Company** at Ohio Street Beach can help with rentals, tours, and more. Or rent a jet ski from North Avenue Beach's **Jet Ski Chicago** and zoom along the lakefront.

The world's first floating eco-park, **The Wild Mile** is located along the North Branch Canal of the Chicago River and is accessible by foot on its boardwalk or via water. Rent a kayak from **Urban Kayaks** to fully explore this North Side treasure.





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Discover Chicago's unmatched treasure trove of museums, theatre, music, and dance that don't just take center stage – they set the bar.

BY AMY BIZZARRI

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The DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center

MUSEUMS

The world-renowned **Art Institute of Chicago** houses collections that span 5,000 years of artistic innovation across the globe. Standout works include incredible pieces by Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Edward Hopper.

The **Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago** showcases cutting-edge exhibitions that span a wide spectrum of contemporary media — from immersive installations to experimental sculpture. It's one of the largest institutions in the world dedicated to art created after 1945, with a collection that includes works by icons like Andy Warhol, Cindy Sherman, and Kerry James Marshall.

The **DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center** offers an array of exhibitions and events that illuminate the breadth of the Black experience.

At the **National Museum of Mexican Art**, visitors encounter colorful art, photography, and film celebrating Mexican heritage. Experience creativity from Mexico and beyond with curated exhibits, live performances, and engaging cultural programming.

The **Smart Museum of Art**, situated on **The University of Chicago** campus, invites guests to engage with social issues through visual dialogue. Exhibitions, community collaborations, and public events foster imaginative ways of thinking.

Take a deep dive into the origins of Chicago at the **Chicago History Museum**. Immersive exhibits, workshops, and guided tours explore events like the Great Chicago Fire and the legacy of Abraham Lincoln.

The **American Writers Museum** amplifies U.S. literary voices with interactive exhibits, author events, storytelling showcases, and educational workshops.

The landmark **Chicago Cultural Center** offers free performances, rotating art exhibitions, architecture tours of the building, and community-driven cultural programming. It's also home to the largest Tiffany glass dome in the world.

THEATRE

Experience a thrilling pre-Broadway debut or a national touring show at one of Chicago's historic downtown theatres, presented by **Broadway In Chicago**. Throughout the year, expect a full lineup of hit musicals, gripping dramas, and laugh-out-loud comedies.

The **Steppenwolf Theatre Company**, a trailblazing ensemble founded in a church basement in 1974 by actors Gary Sinise, Terry Kinney, and Jeff Perry, has evolved into a nationally acclaimed institution. The Steppenwolf is known for its powerhouse ensemble and leadership role in shaping contemporary American theatre.

The **Goodman Theatre** is a Loop landmark offering consistently excellent original and classic plays. Its annual *A Christmas Carol* production is a holiday season must-see.

A Red Orchid Theatre delivers powerful, ensemble-driven performances that stay with you long after the final curtain.

Teatro Vista is Chicago's leading Latino theatre company, known for bilingual productions highlighting the richness of Latino storytelling.

The Second City is a legendary comedy institution that has launched the careers of countless stars (think Bill Murray and Tina Fey) through its sharp-witted sketch and improv shows.

Lookingglass Theatre Company is a Tony Award-winning ensemble celebrated for its visually imaginative productions that blend striking design, movement, and storytelling in unexpected ways.

MUSIC

Take in **Millennium Park's** lush scenery and striking architecture while enjoying open-air concerts at the **Jay Pritzker Pavilion** — all for free. Shows range from rock and folk to soulful R&B.

Visit the historic **Symphony Center** to hear classical music by the Grammy-winning **Chicago Symphony Orchestra**, plus special guests performing jazz, pop, and world music.

The **Lyric Opera of Chicago** is celebrated for its exceptional productions and storied legacy that includes hosting legends like Maria Callas, who made her American debut here in 1954.

Chicago's music scene shines at **Buddy Guy's Legends**, a top venue for blues. Owned by blues legend Buddy Guy himself, it's the go-to club for catching famous performers and up-and-coming talent.

Housed in a former movie palace, the historic **Ramova Theatre** in Bridgeport presents live bands and serves house-brewed craft beer in its **Other Half Ramova** taproom.

Located in the Austin neighborhood, the **Kehrein Center for the Arts** features music and dance performances in its 900-seat auditorium, with a spotlight on the Black experience.



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in Chicago.



DANCE

Nestled beside Millennium Park, the **Harris Theater** is a state-of-the-art venue showcasing a dynamic mix of music and dance performances. Its resident companies include the acclaimed **Hubbard Street Dance Chicago** and ensembles specializing in ballet, tap, jazz, African dance, and contemporary styles.

A global leader in dance, the **Joffrey Ballet** stages classics alongside bold contemporary pieces at the **Lyric Opera House**. Its annual holiday show, *The Nutcracker*, is a crowd favorite thanks to stunning visuals and live music from the **Lyric Opera Orchestra**.

Muntu Dance Theatre celebrates the vibrant energy of Africa with performances that blend traditional and modern African and African American dance and folklore.

Red Clay Dance Company electrifies with Afro-contemporary choreography that uplifts the voices of the African diaspora.

As one of the country's most esteemed jazz dance groups, **Giordano Dance Chicago** has wowed audiences with passionate performances for more than six decades.

Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater is a world-renowned company that performs flamenco, folklore, bolero, classical, and contemporary Spanish dance.

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CHICAGO THEATRE PICKS

UNNECESSARY FARCE

Buffalo Theatre Ensemble | Through March 1

This comedy about a bungled sting operation to catch an embezzling mayor is presented at the McAninch Arts Center in suburban Glen Ellyn.

ON YOUR FEET! THE STORY OF EMILIO & GLORIA ESTEFAN

Drury Lane Theatre | Through March 22

The celebration of Miami Sound Machine's greatest hits will have you up and dancing in the aisles in west suburban Oakbrook Terrace.

MISS JULIE

Court Theatre | Feb. 6 – March 8

This story of the confrontation between class, gender, and desire at the turn of the 20th century is as relevant today as when it was first written.

ADMISSIONS

Citadel Theatre Company | Feb. 11 – March 15

This sharp, compelling drama explores the lengths we'll go to protect our children, presented in north suburban Lake Forest.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Loyola Department of Fine and Performing Arts | Feb. 12 – 22

Shakespeare's beloved farce exposes twisted love triangles during a strange night in a magical forest, presented at the Newhart Family Theatre.

HAMILTON

Broadway In Chicago | March 4 – April 26

The blockbuster musical based on the epic saga of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton returns to Chicago's CIBC Theatre.

WINDFALL

Steppenwolf Theatre Company

April 9 – May 31

This world premiere explores how grief, justice, sexuality, gender, history, and even pride become secondary in the wake of currency.

THE GREAT GATSBY

Broadway In Chicago | April 21 – May 3

This unforgettable tale of love, wealth, and tragedy brings the Roaring Twenties to life on the Cadillac Palace Theatre stage.

ICEBOY!

Goodman Theatre | June 9 – July 19

Emmy Award winner Megan Mullally stars in this musical comedy about a thawed Neanderthal who becomes a Broadway sensation.

THE NOTEBOOK

Broadway In Chicago | Aug. 4 – 16

This play chronicles the romance of a couple from different worlds who share a lifetime of love, despite forces that threaten to pull them apart.



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Millennium Park

OUTDOORS

Stroll the scenic **Chicago Riverwalk** and hop aboard an architecture cruise — like the **Chicago Architecture Center River Cruise aboard First Lady** or **Wendella Tours** — and glide past iconic skyscrapers. **Chicago Fireboat Tours** and the **Chicago Boat Company** offer sightseeing tours with an extra splash of adventure. In the evening catch **Art on THE MART**, a dazzling nighttime show that illuminates the riverfront with massive digital art projections synced to music.

At **Navy Pier** kids can soar on the 200-foot-tall **Centennial Wheel** at **Pier Park**, catch a live outdoor performance at **Polk Bros Park**, play with fun exhibits at the **Chicago Children's Museum**, set off on a virtual flight over Chicago at **Flyover**, and watch summertime fireworks sparkle over Lake Michigan.

At **Maggie Daley Park**, children can captain a pirate ship in the whimsical **Play Garden**, tee off at **City**

Mini Golf (dotted with small-scale Chicago landmarks), race around the **Skating Ribbon** on rollerblades or ice skates (in the winter), and scale a towering **Climbing Wall**.

Spend the afternoon in **Lincoln Park**. Meet majestic lions and ride the endangered species-themed carousel at **Lincoln Park Zoo**, a free urban oasis. See rare orchids and tall ancient ferns inside the glass-enclosed **Lincoln Park Conservatory**, a Victorian-era greenhouse that's always blooming, no matter the season. Flutter through the butterfly haven (where a winged creature just might land on your shoulder) and explore exhibits celebrating Chicago's ecosystems at the **Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum**.

In **Millennium Park**, snap a family selfie in front of the gleaming **Cloud Gate** (aka "The Bean"), splash through the interactive **Crown Fountain**, wander among colorful flowers in

the **Lurie Garden**, and catch a free concert under the sweeping steel ribbons of the **Jay Pritzker Pavilion**.

Pedal or stroll along **The 606**, a 2.7-mile elevated trail connecting four Chicago neighborhoods featuring public art, lookout points, and leafy parks.

Created in 1893 for the World's Columbian Exposition, **Jackson Park's** Japanese-inspired **Garden of the Phoenix** features koi ponds and scenic bridges nestled among peaceful paths.

Big Marsh Bike Park offers BMX jump lines and single-track trails across 40 acres of wild terrain — perfect for thrill seekers of all ages and skill levels.

Discover gorillas frolicking through a lush rainforest habitat and see leaping dolphins at **Brookfield Zoo Chicago** in west suburban Brookfield.



Scan here for top Chicago must-dos for tweens and teens.

INDOORS

At the **Griffin Museum of Science and Industry**, kids can take a ride down into a coal mine, get lost in a mirror maze, and discover science in thrilling, hands-on ways.

The **Museum Campus** brings together the **Shedd Aquarium**, **Field Museum**, and **Adler Planetarium**, offering up-close encounters with aquatic creatures, Egyptian mummies, and galaxies far, far away.

Board the pink Sprink-L train, marvel at the jelly bean room, and taste quirky flavors (like hot dog!) at the **Museum of Ice Cream**.

Step into a kaleidoscope of creativity at **Color Factory Chicago**, an immersive art experience featuring a rainbow of interactive installations.

At the **Bronzeville Children's Museum**, little ones learn through interactive exhibits centered on African American culture and innovation.

Stretch slime, mix custom colors, and play with gooey textures at the **Sloomoo Institute**.

The **American Writers Museum** celebrates literary legends with interactive exhibits that bring words, ideas, and storytelling to life.

Experience tech-infused art installations, including the magical Infinity Mirror Room by Yayoi Kusama, at the innovative **WNRD Museum**.

The **Museum of Illusions Chicago** tricks minds with optical puzzles, gravity-defying rooms, and reality-bending challenges.

Uncover the stories behind the city's iconic buildings and marvel at intricate models of global landmarks at the **Chicago Architecture Center**.

An elevator whisks visitors up to the 103rd floor of the Willis Tower to reach **Skydeck Chicago**, where stepping onto **The Ledge** means hovering in a glass box 1,353 feet above the city.

Lean into **TILT**, an exhilarating ride at **360 CHICAGO** that tips you over The Magnificent Mile from the 94th floor of the observatory.

Embrace your inner wizard at the **Harry Potter Shop**, where spells, wands, Butterbeer, and magical merchandise abound.

Walk through the home where Walt's journey of imagination began at **The Walt Disney Birthplace**.

CHICAGO SOUNDS

Chicago doesn't just play music — it invents new sounds that change the game. From churches to street corners, recording studios to underground clubs, the city has birthed genres that have shaped music across the globe.

BY AMY BIZZARRI

House music was born in Chicago's underground clubs in the early '80s. Frankie Knuckles, the Godfather of House Music, transformed disco into a pulsing, soulful genre that still dominates dance floors globally.

Gospel found its modern voice in Chicago thanks to Thomas A. Dorsey, who fused spirituals with blues music. Pilgrim Baptist Church became the cradle of gospel choirs, launching legends like Mahalia Jackson.

Urban blues electrified the Delta tradition. In Chicago, Muddy Waters and Howlin' Wolf plugged in and kicked blues up a notch. Live blues music can be heard nightly in clubs across the city.

Modern jazz took root in the Bronzeville neighborhood, where Louis Armstrong and Sun Ra redefined improvisation. Today, you can catch live jazz performances all around Chicago.

Drill emerged from the South Side of Chicago in the early 2010s, blending raw lyricism with heavy beats. Artists like King Louie turned their local street stories into viral anthems, giving rise to a genre that now echoes worldwide.

Juke and its cousin **Footwork** evolved from a subgenre of house music in the late '90s. With quick beats and syncopated rhythms, DJs like RP Boo and DJ Rashad turned Chicago Park District dances into kinetic art.

TOP MUSIC VENUES

Chicago's music scene is a mosaic of iconic venues, each with its own vibe.

Green Mill is a storied jazz club with Prohibition-era charm and ties to Al Capone, featuring traditional and bebop jazz.

Winter's Jazz Club delivers intimate, no-talking sets of classic jazz close to Navy Pier.

Buddy Guy's Legends is owned by the guitar legend himself, hosting electric blues seven nights a week.

Kingston Mines keeps the blues alive with two stages and late-night sets that run until 4 a.m.

Hideout Chicago is a quirky gem for indie, folk, and experimental acts.

Metro/smartbar pairs rock upstairs with cutting-edge house and electronic music downstairs.

The Salt Shed, a repurposed Morton Salt factory, hosts indoor and outdoor concerts of all genres.

Ramova Theatre blends historic architecture with a modern music hall.

Reggies is a South Loop all-in-one spot for rock, punk, and metal lovers.

The Bassment is a live music cocktail lounge hidden below **The Hampton Social** in River North.

CHICAGO DANCE

Footwork features lightning-fast steps set to syncopated electronic beats.

Steppin' is a smooth partners dance with soulful R&B flair.

Cha-Cha Slide blends hip-hop and group moves led by lyrics — it's electric!

Polka Hop combines spirited spins and hops with peppy accordion music.

Chicago SummerDance, held in parks throughout the city, teaches a variety of dance styles for free.



10 CAN'T-MISS MUSIC FESTS

SUEÑOS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Kick off summer in Grant Park with some of Latin music's biggest names.

CHICAGO BLUES FESTIVAL

Legends and new talent wow the crowd at the biggest blues fest in the world.

WINDY CITY SMOKEOUT

Country music stars shine at this festival spotlighting craft beer and barbecue.

CHOSEN FEW DJs PICNIC

Fans flock to this house music event that's been going strong for over 35 years.

CHICAGO GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Choirs and gospel groups bring a joyful noise to Millennium Park's Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

LOLLAPALOOZA

Some of the hottest music acts in the world take to the stage in Grant Park.

CHICAGO HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Top DJs spin thumping house music beats in Millennium Park.

ARC MUSIC FESTIVAL

Union Park is the setting for this showcase of electronic music trailblazers.

CHICAGO JAZZ FESTIVAL

All genres of jazz are celebrated during the city's Labor Day weekend tradition.

RIOT FEST

Punk, rock, and metal bands headline this Douglass Park fest that features a carnival.



SENSORY-FRIENDLY CHICAGO

The city's leading attractions, museums, and theatres roll out the welcome mat with sensory-friendly experiences tailored for both children and adults. **BY AMY BIZZARRI**



Garfield Park Conservatory

Scan here to discover more sensory-friendly attractions, Chicago accessibility resources, tips from locals, and an informative video series.



ATTRACTIONS

Meet the world's most fascinating marine animals at the **Shedd Aquarium**. Explore peacefully with special Calm Waters events, a sensory-friendly app, and a quiet room designed for personal comfort. Staff are trained in inclusive practices, offering special experiences that include an animal encounter and a low-sensory animal spotlight with ASL interpretation.

Discover nature in bloom at **Garfield Park Conservatory**. Free sensory tours are ideal for gentle engagement. The Sensory Garden, with its winding paths, textured foliage, and accessible seating, supports personal exploration and hands-on learning in a relaxed environment designed for sensory ease.

At the **United Center**, high-energy events become more accessible thanks to sensory bags, noise-reducing tools, and a designated quiet room for breaks. Visitors can enjoy sports and concerts with flexible options, supported by trained staff who prioritize individualized support and a welcoming, adaptive experience.

MUSEUMS

The **Griffin Museum of Science and Industry** offers Low-Sensory Mornings with reduced noise, smaller crowds, and a sensory map to help plan a smooth visit. Visitors are allowed exclusive early access from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., when exhibits feature modified lighting and sound. Tickets include museum entry for the rest of the day, with most museum experiences remaining in sensory-friendly mode until noon.

Chicago Children's Museum's Play for All initiative invites families and children with disabilities to experience inclusive, multisensory exhibits. The museum opens at 10 a.m. on select weekends for Play for All guests to enjoy an exclusive hour of play before opening to the public. The first 250 families who pre-register receive free admission.

At the **Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago**, Sensory-Friendly Mornings feature quiet galleries, dimmed lighting, and calm zones that promote thoughtful art exploration for visitors with sensory sensitivities, autism, PTSD, and other disabilities. A Chicago-based artist is on hand to lead a sensory-friendly art-making experience.

THEATRES

Chicago Children's Theatre brings stories to life with its Red Kite Adventures — sensory-driven experiences designed especially for kids (and adults) with autism. Performances include modifications to production elements such as lighting, sound, and volume. And audience members are welcome to take advantage of a quiet room.

Steppenwolf Theatre Company makes special adjustments for their sensory-friendly shows, including lowered lights and sound cues, the elimination of jarring effects, leaving some seats empty so guests can move about during performances, and a quiet area set up in the lobby for those who want to take a break.

Goodman Theatre's modified performances and trained staff cultivate a respectful environment that embraces guests of all sensory backgrounds. Special accommodations include sensory bags with noise-reducing headphones and fidgets, designated quiet spaces, and reduced stimuli such as lowered sound.

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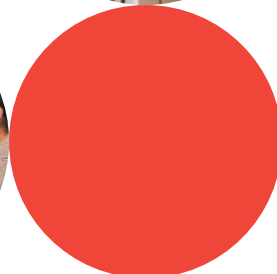
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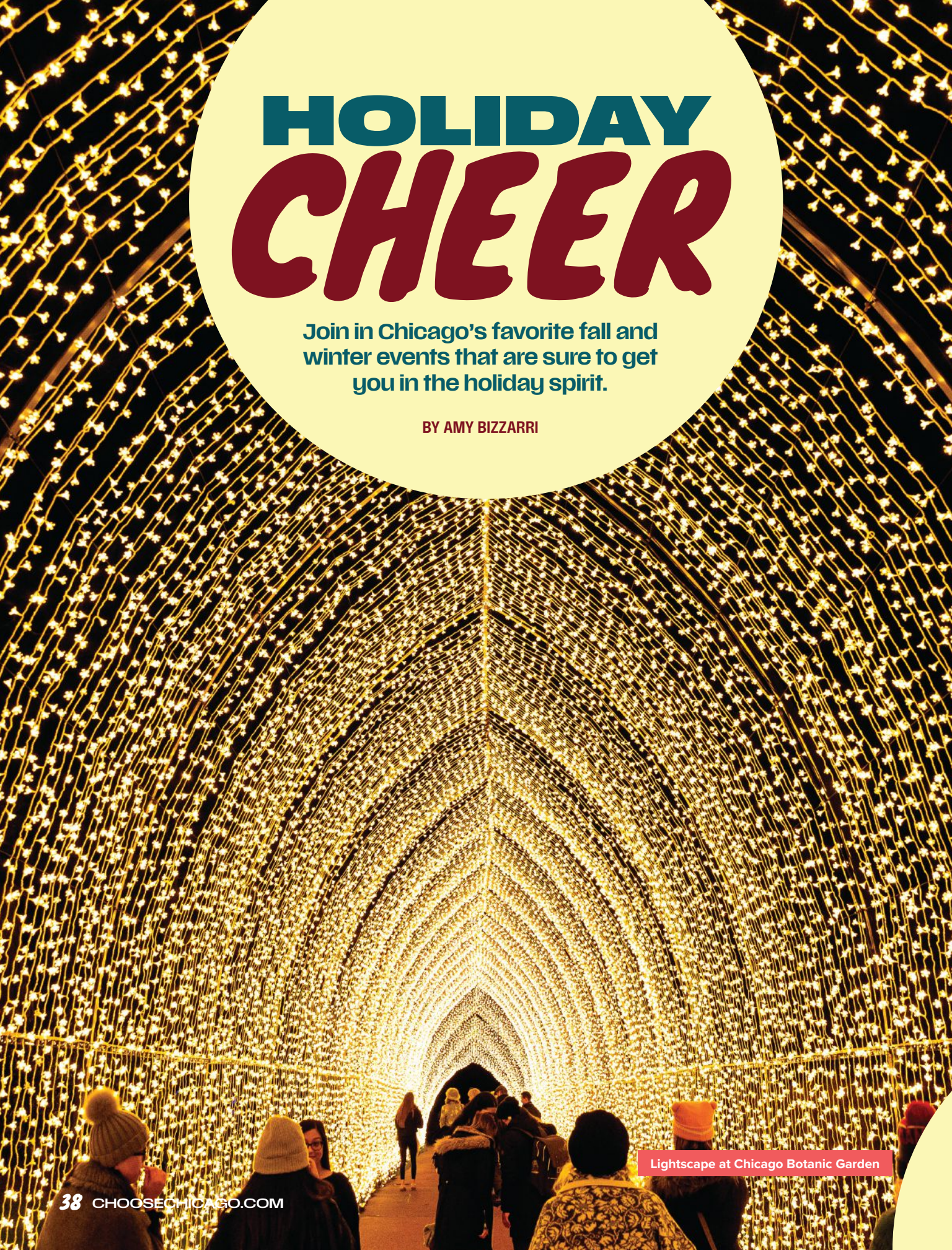
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HOLIDAY **CHEER**

Join in Chicago's favorite fall and winter events that are sure to get you in the holiday spirit.

BY AMY BIZZARRI

Lightscape at Chicago Botanic Garden

Lincoln Park Zoo kicks off autumn with **Fall Fest**, a family-friendly extravaganza featuring pumpkin patches, harvest activities, and the ever-popular **Spooky Zoo**, where costumed kids are treated to themed exhibits and trick-or-treating among the animals.

For a spirited after-dark celebration, the **Arts in the Dark** evening parade melds artistic pageantry with spooky charm, marching down State Street in surreal style among dazzling lights, costumed dancers, and imaginative puppets.

The **Haunted Halsted Halloween Parade** turns Northalsted into a carnival of the bizarre and beautiful, where costume contests and floats create a nighttime celebration of frightful fun — with drag performers, music, and fabulous spectacles everywhere you look.

At the **National Museum of Mexican Art**, the festive **Day of the Dead Xicágo** honors ancestors with colorful altars, sugar skulls, storytelling, music, and food steeped in the traditions of Mexico.

The **Chicago Botanic Garden** in north suburban Glencoe glows eerily during the **Night of 1,000 Jack-o'-Lanterns**, when creatively carved gourds light up winding nature trails beneath the autumn stars, attracting families and fans of Halloween artistry.

As the calendar flips to November, the city truly begins to sparkle as the holiday season heads into full swing. The **Chicago Thanksgiving Parade** on State Street is a classic kickoff to the holidays,

with giant character balloons, marching bands, and fanciful floats delighting thousands.

Next comes **The Wintrust Magnificent Mile Lights Festival**, where one million lights are lit in the glittering trees along The Mag Mile. Expect cheerful crowds, festive floats, energetic music, joyful performances, and plenty of holiday shopping.

Christkindlmarket Chicago brings German holiday traditions to downtown Daley Plaza. Check out the handmade gifts and shiny ornaments, sip warm mulled wine or hot chocolate from a souvenir mug, and snack on Bavarian treats like fresh-baked pretzels and gingerbread.

Chicago's largest indoor holiday bash, **Winter WonderFest** at **Navy Pier** beckons families with fun rides, ice skating, live music, and showstopping decor.

Millennium Park hosts some of Chicago's most beloved holiday traditions. The **Lighting of the City of Chicago Christmas Tree** elicits oohs and aahs from visitors, while the joyous **Millennium Park Holiday Sing-Along** brings harmonious voices together under the glowing lights.

The **Griffin Museum of Science and Industry** decks its halls for **Christmas Around the World** and **Holidays of Light** with a forest of decorated international trees, along with cultural displays and performances that celebrate global customs.

The **DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center** hosts a vibrant **Kwanzaa Celebration**, welcoming all with drumming, dancing, and storytelling rooted in African heritage.

Winterland at Gallagher Way turns Wrigleyville into a sparkling holiday destination at historic Wrigley Field. Ice skate beneath twinkling string lights, shop the **Christkindlmarket** for artisan-made gifts, warm up around crackling fire pits with seasonal sips, watch classic holiday movies, and share your wish list with Santa.

ZooLights at Lincoln Park Zoo transforms the grounds into a whimsical wonderland, where shimmering light displays dance and festive decorations bring enchantment to every corner. Grab a cup of cheer and look for snow leopards prowling in the twilight or red pandas nestled in their cozy branches.

In west suburban Brookfield, **Holiday Magic at Brookfield Zoo Chicago** offers a show-stopping combination of synchronized light shows and immersive experiences. Stroll past animatronic reindeer and brightly colored light displays, all while listening to seasonal music that fills the winter air. Along the route, keepers share fun facts about the zoo's animals.

The **Chicago Botanic Garden** In suburban Glencoe enchants with **Lightscape**, a mesmerizing display of stunning light sculptures that illuminate your way while strolling the snow-covered gardens.

The **Menorah Lighting Celebration** in the Loop's Daley Plaza invites everyone to honor Hanukkah with music, blessings, and a shared sense of community.

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CHICAGO MAKERS

From classic baked treats and handcrafted bicycles to swank hats with a celebrity following, meet six creative locals whose only-in-Chicago goods prove we're never done, never outdone. **BY LISA SHAMES**

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Brown Sugar Bakery

BROWN SUGAR BAKERY

Nostalgic, Southern-style sweets are the specialty at James Beard Award-nominated Brown Sugar Bakery, located in the Chatham neighborhood. This charming spot is known for its traditional layer cakes that use cherished family recipes, including fan favorites luscious caramel, whimsical rainbow sherbet, and rich red velvet. Owner Stephanie Hart also takes pride in being the only Black woman-owned chocolate manufacturer in the U.S., producing a line of delicious handmade caramels and creams.

HERITAGE BICYCLES

With a love for the art of bicycle making, Heritage's small collection of two-wheeled wonders is handcrafted in Chicago under the watchful eye of founder Michael Salvatore. Heritage offers personalized service and full customization at its Lakeview (Heritage Bikes & Coffee) and Uptown (Heritage Outpost) locations. The company leans into its welcoming vibe by creating coffeehouse-like spaces serving its own branded coffee, becoming a hangout for latte lovers as well as cycling fans. Handy bike services like tune-ups and flat fixes are also available.

DEARBORN DENIM

Rob McMillan's family-owned and operated Dearborn Denim has been crafting their line of jeans in a Chicago factory since 2016. With an emphasis on durability and the use of local materials, Dearborn Denim jeans are made to last. The level of fine craftsmanship has earned Dearborn Denim a cult following among local fashionistas. Visit their retail location in the Andersonville neighborhood, where jeans in styles ranging from skinny high rise to straight leg are custom hemmed for the perfect fit.

JUSTICE OF THE PIES

Equal parts champion of the community and creator of epic baked goods, James Beard Award nominee Maya-Camille Broussard delivers on both fronts at her Avalon Park bakery. Her pies range from classic (Key lime, sweet potato) to innovative (lemon-basil, miso-honey chess). Start with one of her savory offerings — like the smoked gouda-and-spinach quiche or lemon chicken-and-leek pot pie — before moving on to the sweet stuff. When she's not baking, Broussard conducts cooking workshops for kids from underserved communities.

LAUDI VIDNI

In a world of trendy "it" bags, this appointment-only River North boutique — founded by friends and Harvard Business School grads Laura Kofoid and Grace Tsao-Wu — is all about celebrating the personal style of its clientele. Its name, after all, is "individual" spelled backward. Starting with quality cowhide leather from environmentally conscious tanneries, the bags are customizable, including color, trim, lining, and hardware. Stylish crossbody purses, totes, and backpacks are some of the bag options available for both men and women.

OPTIMO HATS

Even before stepping inside Optimo Hats in the Loop's historic Monadnock Building, you'll be mesmerized by the beautiful hats that appear to be floating in the window. Founded in 1996 by Graham Thompson, Optimo has become legendary worldwide for its elegant, trend-defying hats, earning fans like blues guitarist Buddy Guy and comedy superstar Bill Murray. The classic, Hollywood-style men's hats are produced in Optimo's Beverly neighborhood factory with old-world craftsmanship, right down to the vintage hatmaking equipment used to stitch each piece. Custom orders are welcome.



Optimo Hats

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therobey.com
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ambassadorgoldcoast.com
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312-787-4980
claridgehousechicago.com
165 rooms

Hilton Chicago/ Magnificent Mile Suites
198 E. Delaware Pl. 60611
312-664-1100
hilton.com/en/hotels/ordmdhf-hilton-chicago-magnificent-mile-suites
345 rooms

Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel
163 E. Walton Pl. 60611
312-751-8100
knickerbockerhotel.com
306 rooms

The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago
160 E. Pearson St. 60611
312-266-1000
ritzcarlton.com/chicago
434 rooms

Sofitel Chicago Magnificent Mile
20 E. Chestnut St. 60611
312-324-4000, 877-813-7700
sofitel-chicago.com
415 rooms

Sonesta ES Suites Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile – Medical
201 E. Walton Pl. 60611
312-943-9800
sonesta.com/sonesta-es-suites/il/chicago/sonesta-es-suites-chicago-downtown-magnificent-mile-medical
221 rooms

The Talbott, Autograph Collection Hotels
20 E. Delaware Pl. 60611
312-944-4970
thetalbottchicago.com
178 rooms

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21 E. Bellevue Pl. 60611
312-266-2100
thompsonchicago.com
247 rooms

Viceroy Chicago
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312-586-2000
viceroyhotelsandresorts.com/chicago
180 rooms

Waldorf Astoria Chicago
11 E. Walton St. 60611
312-646-1300
hilton.com/en/hotels/chihuah-waldorf-astoria-chicago
215 rooms

The Whitehall Hotel
105 E. Delaware Pl. 60611
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thewhitehallhotel.com
222 rooms

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chicagosouthuniversity.place.
hyatt.com
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773-289-1003
sophyhotel.com
98 rooms

The Study at University of Chicago
1227 E. 60th St. 60637
773-643-1600
thestudyatuniversityofchicago.com
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116 rooms

The Neighborhood Hotel Little Italy
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773-231-7300
nbhdhotels.com
35 rooms

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The Allegro Royal Sonesta Hotel Chicago
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sonesta.com/royal-sonesta/il/chicago/allegro-royal-sonesta-hotel-chicago-loop
483 rooms

Arlo Chicago
168 N. Michigan Ave. 60601
312-346-1200
arlohotels.com/chicago
218 rooms

The Buckingham Hotel
425 S. Financial Pl. 60605
312-663-8910
thebuckinghamclub.com
21 rooms

Cambria Chicago Loop – Theatre District
32 W. Randolph St. 60601
312-763-3822
cambriachicagoloop.com
199 rooms

Canopy by Hilton Chicago Central Loop
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773-809-6750
hilton.com/en/hotels/chijbpy-canopy-chicago-central-loop
215 rooms

Chicago Athletic Association Hotel
12 S. Michigan Ave. 60603
312-940-3552
chicagoathletichotel.com
240 rooms

Club Quarters Hotel, Central Loop Chicago
111 W. Adams St. 60603
312-214-6400
clubquartershotels.com/chicago/central-loop
429 rooms

Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park
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fairmontchicago.com
687 rooms

Hampton Inn Majestic Chicago Theatre District
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hamptonmajestic.com
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chicagodowntownriverwalk.hgi.com
191 rooms

Hyatt Centric The Loop Chicago
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312-236-1234
theloopchicago.centric.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html
257 rooms

Hyatt Regency Chicago
151 E. Wacker Dr. 60601
312-565-1234
hyattregencychicago.com
2,032 rooms

JW Marriott Chicago
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jwmarriottchicago.com
610 rooms

The Kimpton Gray Hotel
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grayhotelchicago.com
293 rooms

L7 Chicago by Lotte
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312-960-8550
l7chicago.com
191 rooms

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One S. Franklin St. 60606
312-558-1020
wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/chicago-illinois/la-quinta-chicago-downtown
239 rooms

The LaSalle Chicago, Autograph Collection
208 S. LaSalle St. 60604
312-634-0000
thelasallechicago.com
232 rooms

LondonHouse Chicago, Curio Collection by Hilton
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312-357-1200
londonhousechicago.com
452 rooms

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marriott.com/en-us/hotels/chibw-the-midland-hotel-chicago-a-tribute-portfolio-hotel
403 rooms

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808 S. Michigan Ave. 60605
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sentral.com/chicago/stay
90 rooms

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marriott.com/hotels/travel/
chixr-the-st-regis-chicago
192 rooms

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staypineapple.com/the-loop-chicago
122 rooms

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thewithotel.com
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travelodgechicago.com
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virginhotels.com/chicago
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chiaa-aloft-chicago-mag-mile
337 rooms

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marriott.com/chidt
1198 rooms

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thedrakehotel.com
535 rooms

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fourseasons.com/chicago
345 rooms

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312-787-1234
chicagomagnificentmile.hyatt.com/
hyatt/hotels-chicagomagnificentmile
345 rooms

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792 rooms

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omnihotels.com/hotels/chicago
347 rooms

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hotels-parkchicago
198 rooms

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312-337-2888
peninsula.com/en/chicago/5-star-
luxury-hotel-downtown-chicago
339 rooms

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marriott.com/en-us/hotels/
chigr-residence-inn-chicago-
downtown-magnificent-mile
289 rooms

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warwickhotels.com/
allerton-hotel-chicago
443 rooms

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thewestinmichiganavenue.com
752 rooms

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hyatt.com
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847-475-6400
evanston.hgi.com
178 rooms

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847-498-6500
marriott.com/hotels/travel/
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shore-hotel
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468 rooms

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Schaumburg 60173
847-303-4100
schaumburgconventioncenter.com
500 rooms

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408 rooms

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crowneplazaohare.com
503 rooms

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Schiller Park 60176
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hamptoninnohare.com
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hilton.com/en/hotels/
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rosemont.hilton.com
300 rooms

Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago

9300 Bryn Mawr Ave.,
Rosemont 60018
847-696-1234
ohare.hyatt.com
1,096 rooms

Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel

5300 N. River Rd., Rosemont 60018
847-544-5300
loewshotels.com/chicago-ohare
556 rooms

Marriott Chicago O'Hare

8535 W. Higgins Rd. 60631
773-693-4444
marriott.com/en-us/hotels/
chiap-marriott-chicago-ohare
470 rooms

Renaissance Chicago O'Hare Suites Hotel

8500 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. 60631
773-380-9600
marriott.com/hotels/travel/
chibr-renaissance-chicago-ohare-
suites-hotel
362 rooms

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ACME Hotel Chicago, Outset Collection by Hilton

15 E. Ohio St. 60611
312-894-0800
acmehotelcompany.com
130 rooms

Aloft Chicago Downtown River North

515 N. Clark St. 60654
312-661-1000
marriott.com/chicc
272 rooms

Best Western River North Hotel

125 W. Ohio St. 60654
312-467-0800
rivernorthhotel.com
150 rooms   

Courtyard Chicago Downtown/ River North

30 E. Hubbard St. 60611
312-329-2500
courtyardchicagodowntown.com
337 rooms   

Embassy Suites by Hilton Chicago Downtown River North

600 N. State St. 60654
312-943-3800
hilton.com/en/hotels/
chidwes-embassy-suites-chicago-
downtown-river-north
368 rooms   

Eurostars Magnificent Mile

660 N. State St. 60654
312-202-6000
eurostarshotels.co.uk/eurostars-
magnificent-mile.html
216 rooms   

Fairfield Inn & Suites Chicago Downtown River North

60 W. Illinois St. 60654
312-836-1700, 877-224-2973
marriott.com/chift
180 rooms   

Freehand Chicago

19 E. Ohio St. 60611
312-288-7551
freehandhotels.com/chicago
157 rooms   

The Godfrey Hotel Chicago

127 W. Huron at LaSalle 60654
312-649-2000, 855-649-2200
godfreyhotelchicago.com
221 rooms   

The Gwen, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Chicago

521 N. Rush St. 60611
312-645-1500
thegwenchicago.com
311 rooms   

Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago—Downtown

33 W. Illinois St. 60654
312-832-0330
hilton.com/en/hotels/chihshx-
hampton-suites-chicago-downtown
230 rooms   

Hilton Garden Inn Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile

10 E. Grand Ave. 60611
312-595-0000
hiltongardenchicago.com
361 rooms   

Holiday Inn Chicago Downtown – The Mart by IHG

350 W. Wolf Point Plz. 60654
312-836-5000
holidayinn.com/chicagodwtn
228 rooms   

Home2 Suites by Hilton Chicago River North

110 W. Huron St. 60654
312-944-8000
chicagorivernorth.
home2suitesbyhilton.com
206 rooms   

Homewood Suites by Hilton Chicago – Downtown

40 E. Grand Ave. 60611
312-644-2222
homewoodsuiteschicago.com
233 rooms   

Hotel 55 Chicago Downtown

55 E. Ontario St. 60611
312-660-6100
marriott.com/en-us/hotels/
chidb-hotel-55-chicago-
downtown/overview
297 rooms   

Hotel Cass – An IHG Holiday Inn Express

640 N. Wabash Ave. 60611
312-787-4030
casshotel.com
172 rooms   

Hotel Chicago Downtown, Autograph Collection

333 N. Dearborn St. 60654
312-245-0333
thehotelchicago.com
353 rooms   

Hotel Felix Chicago

111 W. Huron St. 60654
312-447-3440, 877-848-4040
hotelfelixchicago.com
225 rooms   

Hyatt Place Chicago Downtown/ River North

66 W. Illinois St. 60654
312-755-1600
hyatt.com/hyatt-place/en-us/
chidz-hyatt-place-chicago-river-north
212 rooms   

Kinzie Hotel

20 W. Kinzie St. 60654
312-395-9000, 877-262-5341
kinziehotel.com
215 rooms   

The Langham, Chicago

330 N. Wabash Ave. 60611
312-923-9988, 855-695-6664
langhamhotels.com/en/the-langham/
chicago
316 rooms   

Moxy Chicago

530 N. LaSalle Dr. 60654
312-605-8708
moxychicago.com
156 rooms   

Residence Inn Chicago Downtown River North

410 N. Dearborn St. 60654
312-494-9301
marriott.com/chirn
270 rooms   

The Royal Sonesta Chicago River North

505 N. State St. 60654
312-755-9703
sonesta.com/us/illinois/chicago/
royal-sonesta-chicago-river-north
261 rooms   

SpringHill Suites Chicago Downtown/River North

410 N. Dearborn St. 60654
312-644-4071
marriott.com/chinr
253 rooms   

Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago

401 N. Wabash Ave. 60611
312-588-8000, 877-458-7867
trumphotels.com/chicago
339 rooms   

voco Chicago Downtown – Riverwalk

350 W. Wolf Point Plz. 60654
312-836-5000
vocohotels.com/chicagoil
295 rooms   

The Westin Chicago River North

320 N. Dearborn St. 60654
312-744-1900
westinchicago.com
429 rooms   

HOSTELS**Freehand Chicago**

19 E. Ohio St. 60611
312-288-7551
freehandhotels.com/chicago
157 rooms   

CORPORATE HOUSING**Level Chicago**

369 W. Grand Ave. 60654
312-858-5482
stayinglevel.com/
destinations/chicago

ROGERS PARK**HOTELS/MOTELS****Hampton Inn Chicago North—Loyola Station**

1209 W. Albion Ave. 60626
312-265-5800
hamptoninloyola.com
145 rooms  

SOUTH LOOP**HOTELS/MOTELS****Best Western Grant Park Hotel**

1100 S. Michigan Ave. 60605
312-922-2900
bwgrantparkhotel.com
172 rooms  

The Blackstone, Autograph Collection

636 S. Michigan Ave. 60605
312-447-0955
theblackstonehotel.com
335 rooms  

Congress Plaza Hotel & Convention Center

520 S. Michigan Ave. 60605
312-427-3800
congressplazahotel.com
871 rooms  

Hampton Inn at McCormick Place

123 E. Cermak Rd. 60616
312-528-0122
hiltonsatmccormickplace.com
187 rooms   

Hilton Chicago

720 S. Michigan Ave. 60605
312-922-4400
hilton.com/en/hotels/
chichhh-hilton-chicago
1,544 rooms   

Hilton Garden Inn at McCormick Place

123 E. Cermak Rd. 60616
312-791-1121
hiltonsatmccormickplace.com
184 rooms   

Hilton Garden Inn Chicago Downtown South Loop

55 E. 11th St. 60605
312-753-5100
chicagodowntownsouthloop.hgi.com
146 rooms   

Home2 Suites at McCormick Place

123 E. Cermak Rd. 60616
312-791-1121
hiltonsatmccormickplace.com
95 rooms   

Homewood Suites Chicago Downtown South Loop

59 E. 11th St. 60605
312-753-3100
chicagodowntownsouthloop.
homewoodsuitesbyhilton.com
196 rooms   

Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Chicago

2233 S. Martin Luther King Dr. 60616
312-567-1234
mccormickplace.regency.hyatt.com/
en/hotel/our-hotel.html
1,258 rooms   

Le Meridien Essex Chicago

800 S. Michigan Ave. 60605
312-939-2800
marriott.com/en-us/hotels/child-
le-meridien-essex-chicago/
overview
274 rooms   

Marriott Marquis Chicago

2121 S. Prairie Ave. 60616
312-824-0500
marriottmarquischicago.com
1,205 rooms   

SOUTH SUBURBS**HOTELS/MOTELS****DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chicago – Alsip**

5000 W. 127th St., Alsip 60803
708-371-7300
chicagoalsip.doubletree.com
193 rooms  

EVEN Hotel & Tinley Park Convention Center

18451 Convention Center Dr.,
Tinley Park 60477
708-342-5485
tinleyparkconventioncenter.net
202 rooms  

STREETERVILLE**HOTELS/MOTELS****The Chicago Hotel Collection – Magnificent Mile**

166 E. Superior St. 60611
312-787-6000
thechicagohotelcollection.com/
magnificentmile
216 rooms  

Courtyard Chicago Downtown/ Magnificent Mile

165 E. Ontario St. 60611
312-573-0800
courtyardchicago.com
306 rooms   

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chicago – Magnificent Mile

300 E. Ohio St. 60611
312-787-6100
doubletreemagmile.com
378 rooms  

Embassy Suites by Hilton Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile

511 N. Columbus Dr. 60611
312-836-5900
embassymagmile.com
455 rooms   

Fairfield Inn & Suites Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile

216 E. Ontario St. 60611
312-787-3777
fairfieldsuiteschicago.com
184 rooms  

ACCOMMODATIONS

KEY

- = Complimentary Breakfast
- = Exercise Facility
- = Free Wi-Fi in Room
- = Green Certified
- = Indoor Pool
- = LEED Certified
- = Outdoor Pool
- = Pet Friendly
- = Restaurant
- = TAG Approved
- = Minority Owned
- = Women Owned

Homewood Suites Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile

152 E. Huron St. 60611
312-585-9333
homewoodsuitesmagmille.com
127 rooms

Hotel EMC2, Autograph Collection

228 E. Ontario St. 60611
312-915-0000
hotelemc2.com
195 rooms

Hotel Saint Clair

162 E. Ontario St. 60611
312-787-3580
chicagostclairhotel.com
206 rooms

Ivy Hotel

233 E. Ontario St. 60611
312-335-5444
ivyhotelchicago.com
63 rooms

Loews Chicago Hotel

455 N. Park Dr. 60611
312-840-6600
loewshotels.com/chicago-downtown
400 rooms

Riu Plaza Chicago

150 E. Ontario St. 60611
312-363-3480
riu.com/en/hotel/usa/chicago/
hotel-riu-plaza-chicago
390 rooms

Sable at Navy Pier Chicago, Curio Collection by Hilton

Navy Pier, 900 E. Grand Ave. 60611
872-710-5700
sablehotel.com
223 rooms

Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk

301 E. North Water St. 60611
312-464-1000, 877-242-2558
marriott.com/chigs
1,218 rooms

The Wade

644 N. Lake Shore Dr. 60611
312-943-9200
marriott.com/en-us/hotels/
chibh-the-wade/overview
520 rooms

WEST LOOP

HOTELS/MOTELS

Crowne Plaza Chicago West Loop

25 S. Halsted St. 60661
312-829-5000
cpwestloop.com
398 rooms

The Emily Hotel

311 N. Morgan St. 60607
312-764-1919
emilyhotel.com
159 rooms

Hampton by Hilton Chicago Downtown West Loop

116 N. Jefferson St. 60661
312-648-0000
westloop.hilton.com
210 rooms

Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago Medical District UIC

710 S. Seeley Ave. 60612
464-768-0200
hilton.com/en/hotels/
chigghx-hampton-suites-chicago-
medical-district-uic
135 rooms

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Chicago Downtown

506 W. Harrison St. 60607
312-957-9100
ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/
chicago/chiwh/hoteldetail
145 rooms

Homewood Suites by Hilton Chicago Downtown West Loop

118 N. Jefferson St. 60661
312-930-0000
hilton.com/en/hotels/
chiwhhw-homewood-suites-chicago-
downtown-west-loop
126 rooms

The Hoxton Chicago

200 N. Green St. 60607
312-761-1700
thehoxton.com
182 rooms

The Hyatt House Chicago West Loop/Fulton Market

105 N. May St. 60607
312-492-0000
hyathousechicagowestloop
fultonmarket.com
200 rooms



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HOTELS/MOTELS

Carleton of Oak Park

1110 Pleasant St., Oak Park 60302
708-848-5000
carletonhotel.com
154 rooms

The Drake Oak Brook, Autograph Collection

2301 York Rd., Oak Brook 60523
630-571-0000
thedrakeoakbrookhotel.com
154 rooms

Herrington Inn & Spa

15 S. River Ln., Geneva 60134
630-208-7433
herringtoninn.com
61 rooms

Hyatt Lodge Oak Brook Chicago

2815 Jorie Blvd., Oak Brook 60523
630-568-1234
hyatt.com/en-us/hotel/illinois/
hyatt-lodge/chilo
218 rooms

WRIGLEYVILLE

HOTELS/MOTELS

Hotel Zachary at Gallagher Way

3630 N. Clark St. 60613
773-302-2300
marriott.com/hotels/travel/
chitx-hotel-zachary-chicago-a-tribute-
portfolio-hotel
173 rooms

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515 N. Clark St.
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245 E. Ontario St.
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1200 N. State Pkwy.
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HOTELS/MOTELS, Arlo Chicago
168 N. Michigan Ave.
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1000 S. Michigan Ave.
Check rates

HOTELS/MOTELS, Best Western River North
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- = Family Friendly
- = Seasonal
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architecture.org
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78 E. Washington St.
312-744-5000
chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/chicago_culturalcenter.html
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Chicago Greeter

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77 E. Randolph St.
312-945-4231
chicagogreeter.com
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River Esplanade
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firstlady.com
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Magnificent Mile
400 N. Michigan Ave.
312-337-1446
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chiwinery.com
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42 E. Ontario St.
312-453-7753
theescapegame.com/chicago
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312-650-8298
millenniumparkfoundation.org
The sky's the limit when hosting an event in Chicago's Millennium Park. Millennium Park is the perfect location for your high-profile events.

Museum of Illusions

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312-722-6780
moichicago.com
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Streeterville
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Poetry Foundation

River North
61 W. Superior St.
312-787-7070
poetryfoundation.org
Chicago is the pulse of poetry, and visitors are invited to experience it all at the Poetry Foundation with free events and a beautiful library.

Skydeck Chicago

Loop
233 S. Wacker Dr.
312-875-9447
theskydeck.com
Experience The Ledge at Skydeck Chicago, enjoying 360° views spanning four states and 50 miles from 1,353 feet up on glass ledges that look straight down.

Swedish American Museum

Andersonville
5211 N. Clark St.
773-728-8111
swedishamericanmuseum.org
A nonprofit educational activity center for the celebration and interpretation of Swedish American history and culture.

Uptown USPS Post Office W.P.A. Murals

Uptown
4850 N. Broadway St.
773-561-1720
exploreprtupdown.org/our-programs/community/public-art
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West Loop
1130 W. Monroe St.
312-561-3231
wndrmuseum.com
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312-742-4622
the606.org
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Buckingham Fountain

Loop
Columbus Dr. and Congress Pkwy.
312-742-3918
chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/clarence-f-buckingham-memorial-fountain
This popular landmark and tourist attraction offers visitors a dazzling music, light, and water show. Runs from dusk until 11 p.m., spring through fall.

Centennial Fountain & Water Arc

Streeterville
300 E. McClurg Ct.
mwrdr.org
Open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. – midnight, with shows on the hour from May 1 – Oct. 1.

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- = Women Owned

Chicago Botanic Garden

North Suburbs
1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe
847-835-6801
chicagobotanic.org
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Chicago Riverwalk

Loop
376 N. Michigan Ave.
chicagoriverwalk.us
Waterfront park space on the Chicago River (along Wacker Drive leading to Lake Michigan), this scenic promenade features dining, boat rentals, and riverside seating.

Chicago's Lakefront Trail

Loop
300 S. Lake Shore Dr.
312-742-7529
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Garden of the Phoenix

Hyde Park
5900 S. Lake Shore Dr.
312-747-2474
choosetchicago.com/listing/osaka-garden
This authentic Japanese garden with a pavilion, moon bridge, Shinto gate, and traditional Japanese horticulture was a gift to Chicago from Japan.

Garfield Park Conservatory

Garfield Park
300 N. Central Park Ave.
773-256-0903
garfieldconservatory.org
The third-largest garden under glass in the world, Garfield Park Conservatory spans 12 acres of indoor and outdoor gardens. A national botanical treasure.

Humboldt Park

Humboldt Park
1400 N. Sacramento Ave.
312-742-7549
chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/humboldt-alexander-von-park
Humboldt Park totals 197.26 acres and is home to an inland beach, historic lagoons, a boat house, and The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture.

Lincoln Park Conservatory

Lincoln Park
2391 N. Stockton Dr.
773-883-7275
chicagoparkdistrict.com
Peaceful and enchanting gardens in the heart of Lincoln Park, adjacent to Lincoln Park Zoo. Open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily. Free admission.

Maggie Daley Park

Loop
337 E. Randolph St.
312-742-3918
maggiedaleyypark.com
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Millennium Park

Loop
201 E. Randolph St.
312-650-8298
millenniumparkfoundation.org
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Northerly Island Park

South Loop
1521 S. Linn White Dr.
312-745-2910
chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/northerly-island
A 91-acre peninsula with skyline views, a summer music pavilion, and a year-round nature park with trails around a lagoon and native wildlife habitats.

Ping Tom Memorial Park

Chinatown
1700 S. Wentworth Ave.
312-225-3121
chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/tom-ping-memorial-park
Ping Tom Memorial Park's 17.44-acre site is a beautiful rolling green space with impressive river views and Chinese landscape design elements.

Washington Park

Hyde Park
5531 S. Martin Luther King Dr.
773-667-4160
chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/washington-george-park
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314-276-6111
neonpaddling.com
Neon Paddle is the world's first motorized, neon-lit paddleboard experience. Offering Golden Hour and Night Hour tours daily.

Shoreline Sightseeing

Streeterville
Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave.
312-222-9328
shoresightsighting.com
Guided Architecture River Tours, Skyline Lake Tours, Firework Tours, special events, and Brew Cruises offered April through November. Group rates. See schedule on website.

Wendella Tours & Cruises

Magnificent Mile
400 N. Michigan Ave.
312-337-1446
wendellaboats.com
Chicago's original narrated boat tours since 1935. Wendella tours feature live narration highlighting Chicago's history and world-class architecture.

BUS TOURS**Aries Charter Transportation**

Online only
773-826-2000
ariescharter.com
Serving Chicago and the surrounding area with a diverse fleet of sedans, SUVs, Sprinters, mini-buses, and motor coaches. Charters, shuttles, and transfers available.

Chicago Hauntings

Online only
Visit website for meeting locations
833-446-7813
chicagohauntings.com
From the site of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre to the Eastland Disaster, see Chicago's most historic and haunted spots. Get on the ghost bus!

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce**

Chinatown
2169B S. China Pl.
312-326-5320
chicagochinatown.org
A popular destination with Chinese restaurants, gift shops, and more. Offering a rich blend of heritage, culture, people, businesses, and activities.

Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Loop
410 N. Michigan Ave.
312-494-6700
chicagolandchamber.org
Considered one of the most influential business associations in the nation since 1904, creating our region's most powerful network.

FOOD & BEVERAGE TOURS**Bobby's Bike Hike Chicago – Bike, Walking, Food Tours & Rentals**

Streeterville
540 N. Lake Shore Dr.
312-245-9300
bobbysbikehike.com/chicago
Bobby's Bike Hike is rated among the Top 20 Food Tours in the World by TripAdvisor. Bike, walk, and taste your way through Chicago! All ages and fitness levels are welcome.

Chicago Dine-Around

Purchase tickets online
312-437-3463
chicagodinearound.com
Chicago Dine-Around specializes in progressive dining tours, interactive culinary experiences, architectural dining tours, and team building events.

HISTORIC SITES/ARCHITECTURE**Blacklion**

South Loop
2412 S. Michigan Ave.
312-995-2902
blacklion.com
Visit Blacklion, located in the original Cadillac Building on Chicago's historic Motor Row. This iconic structure was built in 1909 in the art deco style.

Glessner House

South Loop
1800 S. Prairie Ave.
312-326-1480
glessnerhouse.org
Richardson-designed architectural treasure offering guided tours Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Purchase tickets in advance at glessnerhouse.org.

PUBLIC ART**Daley Civic Center**

Loop
50 W. Washington St.
312-603-7980
thedaleycenter.com
The Daley Center offers free programming throughout the year, including music and dance performances, flag raisings, cultural ceremonies, and more.

Smart Museum of Art, The University of Chicago

Hyde Park
5550 S. Greenwood Ave.
773-702-0200
smartmuseum.uchicago.edu
Located on The University of Chicago campus, the Smart is home to thought-provoking exhibitions and an exquisite collection of art. Always free.   

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

American Writers Museum

Loop
180 N. Michigan Ave.
312-374-8790
americanwritersmuseum.org
This cultural gem features innovative and dynamic state-of-the-art exhibitions. Named Illinois' Best Attraction by USA TODAY.  

Bobby's Bike Hike Chicago – Bike, Walking, Food Tours & Rentals

Streeterville
540 N. Lake Shore Dr.
312-245-9300
bobbysbikehike.com/chicago
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Chicago Hauntings

Online only
Visit website for meeting locations
833-446-7813
chicagohauntings.com
Walking haunted history tours, ghost hunts, and paranormal investigations in Chicago's most legendary and spooky locations.

Chicago History Museum

Lincoln Park
1601 N. Clark St.
312-642-4600
chicagohistory.org
Come explore Chicago. Groups receive discounted rates for museum tours or walking and boat tours. Hear stories and see legends with trained guides.  

Chicago Mahogany Tours

Purchase tickets online
833-345-5226
chicagomahogany.com
Dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of the rich history and culture of Chicago, including its people, architecture, and impact on the world. 

First Lady

Loop
Chicago Riverwalk, 112 E. Wacker Dr.
847-358-1330
firstlady.com
Get the real story of Chicago's rich architectural history aboard the official Chicago Architecture Center River Cruise. Daily departures, April through November.   

On Location Tours

Online only
212-683-2027
onlocationtours.com
On Location Tours is one of the world's largest TV and movie tour companies, and the only one operating in multiple cities. 

Shoreline Sightseeing

Streeterville
Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave.
312-222-9328
shoresightsighting.com
Our guided Architecture River Tour was named TripAdvisor's #1 Tour in the U.S. in 2020! Depart from Navy Pier or Michigan Avenue. See website for daily schedule, March through November.  

Starbucks Reserve Roastery

Magnificent Mile
646 N. Michigan Ave.
312-283-7100
starbucksreserve.com/locations/chicago-roastery
At the heart of Chicago's iconic Magnificent Mile stands the world's largest Starbucks. For more information, visit starbucksreserve.com. 

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312-337-1446
wendellaboats.com
Chicago's original narrated boat tours since 1935. Wendella tours feature live narration highlighting Chicago's history and world-class architecture.    

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

Macy's on State Street Visitor Information Center

Loop
111 N. State St.
312-781-1000
choosechicago.com
Free brochures, maps, and concierge services are available from our team of City Concierges to help navigate the city and plan your stay in Chicago.

ZOOS

Brookfield Zoo Chicago

Southwest Suburbs
31st St. and First Ave., Brookfield
708-688-8000
brookfieldzoo.org
Brookfield Zoo Chicago is open every day, inspiring our guests through extraordinary connections with animals, nature, and each other.  

Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park
Cannon Dr. at Fullerton Pkwy.
312-742-2000
lpzoo.org
See lions, meerkats, and majestic gorillas just minutes from downtown Chicago. Lincoln Park Zoo is free, open, and amazing every day of the year.  

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LN = Late Night

AMERICAN

676 Restaurant & Bar

Magnificent Mile

676 N. Michigan Ave.

312-944-6664

676restaurant.com

American contemporary restaurant with excellent views of The Magnificent Mile. **B BR L D \$**

720 South Bar & Grill

South Loop

720 S. Michigan Ave.

312-922-4400

hilton.com/en/hotels/

chichhh-hilton-chicago/dining

A classic American grill featuring a seasonally inspired menu focusing on local ingredients, signature comfort foods, and classically inspired cocktails. **B L D \$**

Asado Urban Grill

O'Hare

8500 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.

773-329-2850

marriott.com/en-us/

hotels/chibr-renaissance-

chicago-ohare-suites-hotel/

dining

Explore mouthwatering Midwest flavors with all-day dining and a bountiful breakfast buffet of American flavors in a casual, comfortable atmosphere. **B L D \$**

Atwater's

West Suburbs

15 S. River Ln., Geneva

630-208-8920

atwatersgeneva.com

Atwater's, in the Herrington Inn, features farm-to-table American cuisine, an extensive wine list, intimate dining, panoramic views of the Fox River, and a cozy lobby bar. **B BR L D \$\$\$\$**

Atwood

Loop

One W. Washington St.

312-368-1900

atwoodrestaurant.com

Featuring a seasonal menu consisting of creative interpretations of contemporary American cafe fare for any time of day. **B BR L D \$**

Berghoff Restaurant

Loop

17 W. Adams St.

312-427-3170

theberghoff.com

The Berghoff is an iconic, fourth generation-owned Chicago institution that combines the best of traditional German and contemporary American fare. **L D \$\$\$**

Brass Tack

Gold Coast

11 E. Walton St.

312-646-1402

brasstackchicago.com

Brass Tack is an American brasserie with a Chicago touch — a destination for fashionable cocktails and tasteful dishes. **B BR L D \$\$\$**

The Chicago Firehouse Restaurant

South Loop

1401 S. Michigan Ave.

312-786-1401

chicagofirehouse.com

Family owned and operated.

BR D \$\$\$\$

City Cruises Chicago

Streeterville

River Esplanade

312-321-1241

cityexperiences.com/chicago/

city-cruises

The most elegant, unique way to experience Chicago. Three-course plated dining, entertainment, outstanding service, and stunning views — all for one price. **B BR L D LN \$\$\$\$**

Dave & Buster's Rosemont

O'Hare

9870 Berwyn Ave., Rosemont

847-447-8000

daveandbusters.com/us/en/home?

location=rosemont+il+%2C+60018

Eat, drink, play, and watch sports

all in one place. Dave & Buster's

Rosemont is your go-to spot

for food, fun, and games!

The Dearborn Tavern

Loop

145 N. Dearborn St.

312-384-1242

thedearbortavern.com

Meet at the bar, dine in the restaurant, and grab a post-theatre nightcap at The Dearborn. **BR L D \$\$\$**

ETA Restaurant + Bar

River North

455 N. Park Dr.

312-840-6605

etarestaurantandbar.com

ETA Restaurant + Bar is a tavern for today's travelers, welcoming guests with rustic American fare and Midwestern warmth. **B L D \$\$\$**

FireLake Grill House and Cocktail Bar

Loop

221 N. Columbus Dr.

312-477-0234

firelakechicago.com

Offering farm-to-table dining, this American grill is known for its wood-fired cooking featuring the Midwest's best meat, freshwater fish, and produce. **B L D \$\$\$**

The Hampton Social – River North

River North

353 W. Hubbard St.

312-464-0500

thehamptonsocial.com

Our Rosé All Day lifestyle, coastal-inspired cuisine, and handcrafted cocktails create the perfect social atmosphere. **BR D LN \$**

Harvest

Magnificent Mile

540 N. Michigan Ave.

312-245-4797

harvestchicago.com

Harvest at the Chicago Marriott

Downtown celebrates the integrity of classic Midwestern fare, focusing on farm-fresh, seasonal ingredients.

B L D \$\$\$

HotHouse @ DoubleTree by Hilton

Chicago – Magnificent Mile

Streeterville

300 E. Ohio St.

312-787-6100

doubletreemagmile.com

Come explore our urban oasis! Our restaurant and bar invite guests to a communal environment where they can relax over local craft beers.

B BR L D LN \$

Hoyt's American Tavern

Loop

71 E. Wacker Dr.

312-346-9870

sonesta.com/royal-sonesta/ill/chicago/

royal-sonesta-chicago-downtown

With an inviting ambiance and flavorful twists on your favorite American dishes, you're in for an unforgettable culinary experience. **B L D \$**

The Lobby at

The Peninsula Chicago

Magnificent Mile

108 E. Superior St.

312-573-6760

peninsula.com/en/chicago/

hotel-fine-dining

Select from a contemporary American menu featuring outstanding dishes.

Come for the famous Afternoon

Tea, Sunday Brunch, or Chocolate

at The Pen. **B BR L D \$**

Lockwood Restaurant & Bar

Loop

17 E. Monroe St.

312-917-3404

lockwoodrestaurant.com

This award-winning restaurant in the Palmer House serves up chef-inspired, seasonally influenced modern American cuisine that's sure to delight! **B L D LN \$\$\$**

Mesler

Hyde Park

1411 E. 53rd St.

773-289-1005

sophyhotel.com

Mesler is a full-service Chicago restaurant that's artfully composed with a contemporary library and private dining room, proudly serving Hyde Park. **BR L D \$\$\$**

Midland Social Club

Loop

172 W. Adams St.

312-332-1200

marriott.com/en-us/dining/

restaurant-bar/chibw-the-midland-

hotel-chicago-a-tribute-portfolio-

hotel/7181753-midland-social-club.mi

At The Midland Hotel, Chicago's signature Midland Social Club and MSC Bar, guests and locals can savor regionally inspired dishes.

B L D LN \$\$\$

Miss Ricky's

Loop

203 N. Wabash Ave.

312-940-4777

virginhotels.com/dine-and-drink/

miss-rickys

Miss Ricky's is Chicago's modern

American diner experience. It's

Virgin Hotels' version of comfort

food with a delightfully unexpected

atmosphere. **B BR L D LN \$**

NoMi

Magnificent Mile

800 N. Michigan Ave., 7th Fl.

312-239-4030

nomichicago.com

Dine in the globally renowned NoMi, offering exceptional modern French cuisine, panoramic views, and an elegant atmosphere.

B BR L D LN \$\$\$

Pippin's Tavern

Streeterville

39 E. Chicago Ave.

312-982-2752

pippinstavern.com

Chicago's quintessential gastropub carries on the legacy of good beer and cheer since 1974, now with delectable modern American cuisine.

Prairie River Restaurant at Eaglewood Resort and Spa

Northwest Suburbs

1401 Nordi Rd., Itasca

630-694-5940

eaglewoodresort.com

Nothing compares to the enchanting glow of an outdoor fire to match a delectable meal in our contemporary, golf-themed dining room.

L D \$\$\$\$

Ramsay's Kitchen

West Suburbs

39 W. Jefferson St., Naperville

331-244-2550

gordonramsayrestaurants.com/en-us/

ramsays-kitchen/locations/naperville

Take a seat at our table and

get a glimpse into chef Gordon

Ramsay's culinary experiences

that span the globe. **L D \$\$\$\$**

River Roast

River North
315 N. LaSalle St.
312-822-0100
riverroastchicago.com
Situated on the iconic Chicago River with stunning views of downtown, River Roast is a lively social house featuring contemporary American tavern fare. **BR L D \$\$\$**

Sky Terrace

Streeterville
233 E. Ontario St.
312-643-3400
ivyhotelchicago.com
Sky Terrace serves creative drinks, small plates, and downtown views. Located near The Magnificent Mile, it's a top rooftop destination.

Somerset

Gold Coast
1112 N. State St.
312-586-2150
someretchicago.com
Somerset is a vibrant neighborhood dining experience at Viceroy Chicago in the historic Gold Coast that's exciting, yet comfortably familiar. **BR L D \$\$\$\$**

South Branch Tavern & Grille

Loop
100 S. Wacker Dr.
312-546-6177
southbranchchicago.com
This large, beautiful riverside tavern and grill in Chicago's Loop is closed to the public on the weekends, making it ideal for large-scale private events. **BR L D \$\$**

State and Lake Chicago Tavern

Loop
201 N. State St.
312-239-9400
stateandlakechicago.com
State and Lake is the quintessential Chicago tavern, serving up breakfast, lunch, and dinner with an emphasis on local and regional ingredients. **BR L D LN \$\$**

Teatro ZinZanni

Loop
32 W. Randolph St.
312-488-0900
zinzanni.com/chicago
Named "Best Night Out" by *Chicago Social* Join us for world-class cirque, comedy, and cabaret coupled with premium cuisine in the heart of Chicago. **BR L D \$\$\$\$**

Terrace 16

River North
401 N. Wabash Ave.
312-588-8030
trumphotels.com/chicago/dining/fine-dining-chicago
Terrace 16 features a handsome indoor bar and dining room, as well as a seasonal outdoor rooftop patio. **BR L D \$\$\$\$**

Waterview Kitchen + Bar

River North
350 W. Wolf Point Plz.
312-836-5000
waterviewchicago.com
Take in panoramic views of the Chicago skyline as you enjoy creative libations and inspired American fare at our restaurant on the 15th floor. **B D LN**

Yardbird Southern Table

River North
530 N. Wabash Ave.
312-999-9760
runchickenrun.com/chicago
With accolades from James Beard and *Bon Appétit*, Yardbird pays tribute to the craveable American classics that bring people together. **BR L D LN \$\$**

AMERICAN CONTEMPORARY**Adamus**

Loop
10 S. Wabash Ave.
312-372-7696
silversmithchicagohotel.com/sip-savor
A nod to the ancient Latin term for diamond, Adamus is a vibrant lounge and restaurant in Chicago's landmark Silversmith Hotel. **B L D \$\$\$\$**

Adorn Bar & Restaurant

Magnificent Mile
120 E. Delaware Pl.
312-280-8800
adornrestaurant.com
Our globally inspired cuisine stars the bounty of the American Midwest, with a lively, convivial vibe beckoning to be discovered. **BR L D LN \$\$\$\$**

the Albert

Streeterville
228 E. Ontario St.
312-471-3883
thealbertchicago.com
The Albert embodies the spirit of the restlessly curious and unconventional. **BR L D LN \$\$\$\$**

Alpana

River North
831 N. State St.
312-624-8055
alpanachicago.com
Stylish bistro serving wine-inspired cuisine in Chicago's historic Gold Coast neighborhood. Bar service and patio dining available. **BR D \$\$\$\$**

The Bridge Kitchen + Cocktail

Streeterville
635 N. St. Clair St.
312-274-4444
hyatt.com/hyatt-centric/chimm-hyatt-centric-chicago-mag-mile/dining
The dining room lounge and bar menu features American regional cuisine with an equally impressive cocktail, craft beer, and wine list. **BR L D LN \$\$\$**

Chicago Winery

River North
739 N. Clark St.
312-763-3674
chiwinery.com
The Tasting Room at the Chicago Winery offers guided tastings, flights, and food pairings in River North. **BR D LN**

Cindy's

Loop
12 S. Michigan Ave.
312-792-3502
chicagoathletichotel.com
Cindy's menu focuses on light American fare, driven by seasonally inspired ingredients and a distinctively spirit-driven beverage program. **BR L D LN \$\$\$\$**

Commons Club

Loop
203 N. Wabash Ave.
312-940-4747
commonsclub.com
This is where work and play intermingle. Where cocktails embolden a palate-pleasing culinary menu. Where guests and locals meet and share stories. **D \$\$\$\$**

CURRENT Chicago

Streeterville
644 N. Lake Shore Dr.
312-255-4440
currentchicago.com
True to its name, CURRENT features a fresh, modern take on seasonal American cuisine, showcasing simple and soulful ingredient-driven dishes. **BR L D LN \$\$\$**

eden

Avondale
2734 W. Roscoe St.
312-366-2294
edeninchicago.com
Chef Devon Quinn's eden is a seasonal restaurant with private dining rooms and a menu featuring flavors from their on-site greenhouse and local farms. **BR L D \$\$\$**

Fora

West Loop
311 N. Morgan St.
312-764-1933
forachicago.com
A premium casual restaurant using fresh, high-quality ingredients, our chefs create unforgettable dishes paying homage to traditional techniques. **BR L D \$\$\$\$**

HotHouse @ DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago – Magnificent Mile

Streeterville
300 E. Ohio St.
312-787-6100
doubletreemagmile.com
Come explore our urban oasis! Our new restaurant and bar invite guests to a communal environment where they can relax over local craft beers. **B BR L D LN \$\$**

J. Parker

Lincoln Park
1816 N. Clark St.
312-254-4747
jparkerchicago.com
Hotel Lincoln's swanky rooftop oasis features spectacular views of Lake Michigan and the Chicago skyline. Perfect for a night on the town or private events.

Ramsay's Kitchen

West Suburbs
39 W. Jefferson St., Naperville
331-244-2550
gordonramsayrestaurants.com/en/us/ramsay-kitchen/locations/naperville
The Gordon Ramsay Burger is indulgently delicious. **L D \$\$\$\$**

Roanoke Restaurant

Loop
135 W. Madison St.
312-361-3800
theroanokerestaurant.com
Experience Roanoke's luxurious ambiance with warm lighting and copper accents. Enjoy seating at the display kitchen, cozy bar, or intimate fireplace. **BR L D \$\$\$**

ROOF on theWit

Loop
201 N. State St.
312-239-9502
roofonthewit.com
A glamorous escape set 27 stories above it all, ROOF has earned international praise for its stunning design, skyline views, and private event space. **D LN \$\$\$**

Sepia

West Loop
123 N. Jefferson St.
312-441-1920
sepiachicago.com
Located in Chicago's thriving West Loop, Michelin-starred Sepia features a handcrafted seasonal menu by executive chef Andrew Zimmerman. **D \$\$\$\$**

Solette

Loop
225 W. Randolph St.
312-757-5212
dinesolette.com
Solette is a modern bar and restaurant in Chicago's Financial District, designed to be the right place, every time. **L D \$\$**

Staytion Market & Bar

Loop
One W. Wacker Dr.
312-795-3308
marriott.com/en-us/hotels/chisr-renaissance-chicago-downtown-hotel/dining
Discover a unique place where you can connect, socialize, and relax in a compelling environment while enjoying great street food with a local twist. **B L D LN \$\$\$**

Sweetwater Tavern & Grille

Magnificent Mile
225 N. Michigan Ave.
312-698-7111
sweetwatertavernandgrille.com
Ideally located in the heart of Michigan Avenue, just north of Millennium Park and steps from Chicago's theatre district. **BR L D LN \$\$\$**

Travelle at The Langham

River North
330 N. Wabash Ave.
312-923-7705
travellechicago.com
Travelle features a contemporary interpretation of seasonal American cuisine. **BR L D LN \$\$\$\$**

ASIAN FUSION**Bally's Chicago Casino**

River North
600 N. Wabash Ave.
888-822-2559
ballyschicago.com
Kitchen 888 & Medinah Bistro is a high-energy noodle bar and restaurant combo offering authentic Asian fare and signature pub options late into the night. **L D LN \$\$\$**

Charoen Krung by Sathorn

Lincoln Park
2100 N. Halsted St.
773-770-3402
charoenkrungchicago.com
The upscale Thai dining spot in Chicago. **LN \$\$\$\$**

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Kirei

Gold Coast

107 E. Delaware Pl.

312-573-6256

kireichicago.com

From expertly prepared prime steaks and beautifully plated sushi to bao and pan-fried dumplings, Kirei offers a variety of curated selections.

B D \$\$

Proxi

West Loop

565 W. Randolph St.

312-466-1950

proxichicago.com

With flavors inspired by Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan, and Korea, discover raw seafood, flame-kissed meats, and umami-packed dishes. **\$\$\$**

BAKERY/CAFE/DELI/DINER

The Goddess and Grocer

Gold Coast

845 N. State St.

773-342-3200

goddessandgrocer.com

Visit The Goddess and Grocer's four Chicago locations for lovely food, wine, coffee, desserts, gifts, artisan groceries, and unforgettable catering.

Schweet Original Homemade Chicago Cheesecake

Online only

312-259-7015

schweetfoods.com

When the average dessert just won't do, have Schweet. We make an artisan pastry that discerning palates have come to know and love. Taste it first.

Starbucks Reserve Roastery

Magnificent Mile

646 N. Michigan Ave.

312-283-7100

starbucksreserve.com/locations/

chicago-roastery

In the heart of Chicago's iconic Magnificent Mile stands the world's largest Starbucks. For more information, visit starbucksreserve.com. **B BR L D**

BARS/PUBS/TAVERNS

The Ashburn

Northwest Suburbs

5300 N. River Rd., Rosemont

847-447-4275

loewshotels.com/chicago-ohare/

dining/restaurant

Celebrating the heritage and tradition of aviation, we offer modern interpretations of classic American cuisine in a contemporary and relaxed setting. **B L D LN \$\$\$**

Brando's Karaoke & Cocktails In The Loop

Loop

343 S. Dearborn St.

872-327-3334

brandoschicago.com

Since 2007, Karaoke & Cocktails has been offering an unforgettable experience and great service, seven days a week!

Copper Fox Gastropub

Streeterville

155 E. Ontario St.

312-255-8505

copperfoxchicago.com

A modern American gastropub with shareable dishes, exceptional meals, local beers, boutique wines, and spirits to match. **B L D \$\$\$**

Five Iron Golf

Loop

108 N. State St.

800-513-5153

fiveirongolf.com

Five Iron Golf set out to reshape urban golf culture, turning traditional golf on its head! **B BR L D LN**

Sweetwater Tavern & Grille

Magnificent Mile

225 N. Michigan Ave.

312-698-7111

sweetwatertavernandgrille.com

Ideally located in the heart of Michigan Avenue, just north of Millennium Park and steps from Chicago's theatre district. **BR L D LN \$\$\$**

Tin Roof Bars

Wrigleyville

3519 N. Clark St.

773-300-5862

tinroofchicago.com

Tasty food, fun, an eclectic environment, a community of regulars, and a friendly crew have established the Roof as the place to be.

BR L D LN \$\$\$

Truth Be Told

Hyde Park

1227 E. 60th St.

872-315-1319

truthbetoldtavern.com

Inspired by the traditions of a British gastropub, Truth Be Told is a tavern-style restaurant offering savory and traditional fare to match.

CAJUN/CREOLE

Buddy Guy's Legends

South Loop

700 S. Wabash Ave.

312-427-1190

buddyguy.com

Chicago's premier blues club, owned by Buddy Guy, presents local and national blues bands every night. Enjoy a full menu and bar.

L D LN \$\$\$

Storyville Chicago

River North

712 N. Clark St.

872-279-3331

storyvillechicago.com

Storyville Chicago is a New Orleans-inspired Cajun restaurant and cocktail bar boasting French Quarter drinks, small bites, and a vibrant ambiance. **BR L D LN \$\$\$**

CHINESE

MingHin Cuisine

Chinatown

2168 S. Archer Ave.

312-808-1999

minghincuisine.com

MingHin Cuisine specializes in authentic Cantonese-style cooking and Hong Kong-style dim sum. We offer dim sum from 10 a.m. until midnight daily.

B BR L D LN \$

Shanghai Terrace

Magnificent Mile

108 E. Superior St.

312-573-6744

peninsula.com

Chinese cuisine is served in a seductive setting reminiscent of a Shanghai supper club from the 1930s. The semi-private dining room can host up to 30 guests. **L D \$\$\$**

COCKTAIL BAR

Barstool River North

River North

14 W. Hubbard St.

312-366-2109

barstoolrivernorth.com

Take a step into Barstool River North! Our diverse venue offers a variety of options for any party or event. The space features two spacious levels. **BR L D \$\$\$**

CURRENT Chicago

Streeterville

644 N. Lake Shore Dr.

312-255-4440

currentchicago.com

True to its name, CURRENT features a fresh, modern take on seasonal American cuisine, showcasing simple and soulful ingredient-driven dishes. **B BR L D LN \$\$\$**

CRAFT BREWERIES/TASTING ROOMS

Guinness Open Gate Brewery

West Loop

901 W. Kinzie St.

312-521-0900

guinnessbrewerychicago.com

Where 260 years of Irish brewing expertise meets American beer creativity. Open Gate Brewery exists as the innovative arm of Guinness. **BR L D LN \$\$\$**

ECLECTIC

Catalog at Willis Tower

Loop

233 S. Wacker Dr.

312-875-0066

willistower.com/catalog

Catalog is Chicago's destination for dining, retail, and entertainment, featuring five levels of attractions that include a 30,000-square-foot outdoor terrace. **L D**

Class Act

Bucktown/Wicker Park

1737 N. Damen Ave.

773-500-5182

classactchicago.com

Fine dining restaurant that combines the revelry of a dinner party with an ever evolving avant-garde tasting menu by executive chef Nicolai Mlodinow. **D LN \$\$\$**

FRENCH

Cafe Robey

Bucktown/Wicker Park

1600 N. Milwaukee Ave.

872-315-3084

therobey.com/#robey

A gathering place for hotel guests and locals alike, Cafe Robey, helmed by chef Michael Elliott, serves up all-day brunch. **B BR L D \$\$\$**

CDA

Gold Coast

20 E. Chestnut St.

312-324-4063, 800-763-4835

cafedesarchitectes.com

Delight in contemporary French cuisine by chef Greg Biggers that highlights ingredients from local farmers. **B BR L D LN \$\$\$**

Riverside Café

Streeterville

301 E. North Water St.

312-329-5900

marriott.com/en-us/hotels/chigs-sheraton-grand-chicago-riverwalk/dining

Riverside Café is a welcoming hotel restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and weekend brunch. **B B L \$**

Taureaux Tavern

Loop

155 W. Van Buren St.

312-624-8778

taureauxtavern.com

Chicago's premier French-American-inspired restaurant and bar features a year-round outdoor patio and an expert staff. **L D**

GREEK

Yaya Mas Greek Kuzina

Old Town

1755 N. Sheffield Ave.

312-313-7007

yayamas.com

Chicago's top Greek restaurant, catering gyros, bowls, trays, salads, sliders, and breakfast for meetings, corporate events, and large groups. Late-night available. **B BR L D LN**

INDIAN

India House Restaurant

River North

59 W. Grand Ave.

312-645-9500

indiahousechicago.com

India House Restaurant in downtown Chicago is a remodeled location that offers dining, catering, and private business meeting services. **BR L D \$\$\$**

INTERNATIONAL FUSION

Polombia

Loop

500 W. Madison St.

312-320-6178

polombiachicago.com

Polombia is a bold fusion of Colombian soul and Polish tradition, serving heritage with a twist. Every bite tells a story of flavor without borders.

Puttshack

North Suburbs
4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie
847-860-7888
puttshack.com
Puttshack features tech-infused mini golf, a globally inspired menu, showstopping cocktails, and space to dine and play for groups large and small. **L D LN \$\$\$**

Truth Be Told

Hyde Park
1227 E. 60th St.
872-315-1319
truthbetoldtavern.com
Inspired by the traditions of a British gastropub, Truth Be Told is a tavern-style restaurant offering savory and traditional fare to match.

IRISH**Guinness Open Gate Brewery**

West Loop
901 W. Kinzie St.
312-521-0900
guinnessbrewerychicago.com
Where 260 years of Irish brewing expertise meets American beer creativity. Open Gate Brewery exists as the innovative arm of Guinness. **L D LN \$\$\$**

Kitty O'Sheas at the Hilton Chicago

South Loop
720 S. Michigan Ave.
312-294-6860
hiltonchicagomeetings.com/
hotel-information/hotel-amenities/
restaurants-bars/kitty-o-sheas/
Enjoy Irish farm-to-fork fare, tap-to-pint favorites, and live entertainment at Kitty O'Sheas. **BR L D LN \$\$\$**

ITALIAN**Andiamo Restaurant**

O'Hare
O'Hare International Airport
773-562-0505
hilton.com/en/hotels/chioh-hh-
hilton-chicago-ohare-airport/
dining
Andiamo offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with the emphasis on an elegant atmosphere. Experience the Italian-inspired theme. **B L D \$\$\$**

Coco Pazzo

River North
300 W. Hubbard St.
312-836-0900
cocopazzochicago.com
A world-class restaurant featuring Tuscan-inspired cuisine, house-made pasta, meat, and fish specials. Extensive Italian wine list. **L D \$\$\$**

La Dolce Vita Cucina

Portage Park
5007 W. Irving Park Rd.
773-261-8284
ladolcevitacucina.net
Authentic Italian dining in Chicago, with a new patio, full bar, live stage, and fresh-made classics. Experience la dolce vita! **BR L D \$\$\$**

Maggiano's Little Italy

River North
516 N. Clark St.
312-644-7700
maggianos.com
Enjoy brunch, lunch, or dinner. Immerse yourself in the full-bodied flavors of Little Italy. Grab an appetizer and handcrafted classic cocktail. **L D \$\$\$**

Nonnina

River North
340 N. Clark St.
312-822-0077
nonninachicago.com
Nonnina in River North offers authentic homemade Italian cuisine, made from scratch with love. Every meal feels like coming home to Nonna. **L D LN**

Petterino's

Loop
150 N. Dearborn St.
312-422-0150
petterinos.com
Enjoy timeless flavors, authentic Italian fare, comfortable interiors, and warm hospitality. **L D \$\$\$**

Piccolo Sogno

West Town
464 N. Halsted St.
312-421-0077
piccololosognorestaurant.com
Fine Italian dining located in River West. Come enjoy our beautiful outdoor seating! **L D \$\$\$**

Torali Italian—Steak

Gold Coast
160 E. Pearson St.
312-573-5160
toralichicago.com
Located within The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago, this restaurant is modern in approach and Italian in spirit, featuring a contemporary, chef-driven menu. **B BR L D \$\$\$**

UMMO

River North
22 W. Hubbard St.
312-374-8736
ummochicago.com
UMMO is a contemporary Italian restaurant helmed by chef-partner Jose Sosa that unlocks the vibrant flavors of regional Italian cuisine. **L D LN \$\$\$**

The Village

Loop
71 W. Monroe St.
312-332-7005
thevillage-chicago.com
Step into The Village, a Chicago tradition since 1927, where generations of Chicagoans enjoy Italian-American specialties under the twinkling lights. **L D \$\$\$**

JAPANESE/SUSHI**Kizami Sushi**

Lincoln Park
2235 N. Lincoln Ave.
773-697-8906
kizamisushi.com
Your favorite neighborhood sushi spot in Lincoln Park, featuring a sake list. **D LN \$\$\$**

Omakase Shoji & Izakaya

West Town
1641 W. Chicago Ave.
312-579-4472
omakaseshoji.com
Dive into a luxe omakase experience with masterfully crafted courses. Perfect for Chicago Restaurant Week foodies! **L D \$\$\$**

TenGoku Aburiya

West Loop
651 W. Washington Blvd.
312-846-6633
tengokuaburiya.com
TenGoku Aburiya brings an izakaya-style restaurant to the city of Chicago! Enjoy sake and drinks with your favorite Japanese dishes. **L D \$\$\$**

umai

South Loop
730 S. Clark St.
312-986-8888
umaichicago.com
A Japanese restaurant in Chicago's South Loop known for its modern, hip atmosphere and reasonably priced, high-quality food, including sushi and ramen.

LATIN**Toro by Chef Richard Sandoval**

Loop
200 N. Columbus Dr.
312-565-6644
torochicago.com
A vibrant Latin restaurant known for blending bold Central and South American flavors with the innovative culinary techniques of chef Richard Sandoval. **B L D LN \$\$\$**

MEDITERRANEAN**Cedar Palace**

Lincoln Park
655 W. Armitage Ave.
312-643-0933
cedarpalace.com
Family-owned Mediterranean restaurant with 50-year-old recipes. Authentic and fresh cuisine, with indoor and patio dining. **BR L D**

Ciazza

Southwest Suburbs
1200 Burr Ridge Pkwy., Burr Ridge
630-986-4100
marriott.com/en-us/hotels/chisw-chicago-marriott-southwest-at-burr-ridge/dining
Ciazza features American fare and a mix of Mediterranean favorites paired with wine and cocktails. A relaxing environment welcomes guests and diners. **B BR L D \$\$\$**

Nia

West Loop
803 W. Randolph St.
312-226-3110
niarestaurant.com
Featuring fine Mediterranean cuisine, an award-winning wine list, and an elegant private dining room. Conveniently located on Randolph Street in the West Loop since 2008. **L D LN \$\$\$**

Nisos Prime

West Loop
802 W. Randolph St.
312-800-8582
nisosprime.com
Nisos Prime is a Mediterranean steakhouse where prime steaks, craft cocktails, and the enchanting allure of the Mediterranean effortlessly intertwine. **D \$\$\$**

MEXICAN**Cesar's Killer Margaritas**

Lakeview
2924 N. Broadway St.
773-218-4943
killermargaritas.com
Coming soon! **BR L D \$\$\$**

LaCalle Tacos y Tequila

South Loop
67 E. Cermak Rd.
708-983-3006
lacialletacosandtequila.toast.site
Experience the vibrant flavors of Mexico's streets with our handcrafted tacos and signature tequila drinks. **L D**

Momento Cantina & Taqueria

Loop
44 S. Wabash Ave.
312-363-3136
momentocantina.com
Momento is a modern Mexican restaurant in the heart of the Chicago Loop, created by two friends from Mexico City as a calling, not a business. **L D**

Zombie Taco

River North
530 N. LaSalle Dr.
312-736-1303
zombietacochicago.com
River North's first and only 24/7 taco window — where the taco dreams you never knew you had will finally come true. **B L D LN \$**

MIDDLE EASTERN**Sifr**

River North
660 N. Orleans St.
464-204-8711
sifrchicago.com
Sifr reimagines Middle Eastern cuisine with a modern twist, taking inspiration from traditional dishes and infusing them with contemporary flavors. **D**

PUERTO RICAN**Dope Drip Cafe**

Garfield Park
135 N. Kedzie Ave.
773-816-4066
dopedripcafe.com
Dope Drip Cafe is an urban, family-owned, Puerto Rican-inspired cafe serving delicious Puerto Rican coffee, sandwiches, and rice bowls. **BR L**

SEAFOOD**The Capital Grille**

Streeterville
633 N. St. Clair St.
312-337-9400
thecapitalgrille.com
A sophisticated steakhouse specializing in dry-aged steaks, lamb chops, fresh halibut, Chilean sea bass, and salmon, along with an extensive wine list. **L D \$\$\$**

KEY

= Bar/Lounge

= Live Entertainment

= Minority Owned

= Women Owned

B = Breakfast **\$** = less than \$15

BR = Brunch **\$\$** = \$15–24

L = Lunch **\$\$\$** = \$25–34

D = Dinner **\$\$\$\$** = \$35+

LN = Late Night

Chicago Oyster House

South Loop
1933 S. Indiana Ave.
312-225-8833
chicagoosterhouse.com
Specializing in prime seafood and steaks, we're Chicago's best place for top-quality seafood such as fresh oysters, lobster, and sushi, plus prime dry-aged steaks. **D \$\$\$**

Cindy's

Loop
12 S. Michigan Ave.
312-792-3502
chicagoathletichotel.com
Cindy's menu focuses on light American fare, driven by seasonally inspired ingredients and a distinctively spirit-driven beverage program. **BR L D LN \$\$\$**

Eddie V's Prime Seafood

West Suburbs
3001 Butterfield Rd., Oak Brook
630-371-0002
eddiev.com
Eddie V's is known for its seafood flown in from pristine waters around the world, as well as USDA prime center-cut steaks, broiled to perfection. **\$\$\$\$**

The Hampton Social – River North

River North
353 W. Hubbard St.
312-464-0500
thehamptonsocial.com
Our Rosé All Day lifestyle, coastal-inspired cuisine, and handcrafted cocktails create the perfect social atmosphere. **BR D LN \$**

Legal Sea Foods

River North
315 N. Dearborn St.
312-910-6517
legalseafoods.com/locations/chicago-marina-city
New England's favorite seafood restaurant is now in Chicago! Featuring two floors along the bustling Chicago Riverwalk, patio space, and two private event rooms. **L D**

Ocean Prime

Loop
87 E. Wacker Dr.
312-428-4344
ocean-prime.com
Located on the iconic corner of Michigan Avenue and Upper Wacker Drive, featuring stunning views, award-winning seafood, steak, cocktails, and genuine hospitality. **D LN \$\$\$**

SOUL FOOD

Cleo's Southern Cuisine

Loop
190 N. Wells St.
312-285-2140
eatcleos.com
Cleo's serves bold Southern flavors with New Orleans spices. Featured in the Michelin Guide and rated two perfect 10s by Keith Lee — a must-try in Chicago. **D**

SOUTH AMERICAN

Boleo

Loop
122 W. Monroe St.
312-750-9007
boleochicago.com
Boleo brings the dramatic flavors and sultry beats of South America to the best rooftop in the Loop to enjoy year-round. **D \$\$\$**

SOUTHERN

etc. Chicago

Loop
404 S. Wells St.
773-343-6872
etc-chicago.com
Etc. is a restaurant born from instinct, intention, and the imagination of chef Lamar Moore, a culinary powerhouse who brings Southern soul and global influences. **BR D LN \$\$\$**

Yardbird Southern Table

River North
530 N. Wabash Ave.
312-999-9760
runchickenrun.com/chicago
With accolades from James Beard and *Bon Appétit*, Yardbird pays tribute to the craveable American classics that bring people together. **B BR L D LN \$**

SPANISH/TAPAS

Mercat A La Planxa

South Loop
638 S. Michigan Ave.
312-765-0524
mercatchicago.com
Where Catalan cuisine comes to Chicago. Featuring extraordinary tapas, cut-to-order charcuterie and cheeses, fresh seafood, chops, and steaks. **BR D \$\$\$**

STEAKHOUSE

About Last Knife (ALK)

Loop
168 N. Michigan Ave.
312-392-2440
arlohotels.com/chicago/eat-and-drink/about-last-knife
ALK is our fresh approach to New American tapas and classic staples, served up with craft cocktails, local draft beers, and wines by the glass. **B BR L D \$\$\$**

The Capital Grille

Streeterville
633 N. St. Clair St.
312-337-9400
thecapitalgrille.com
A sophisticated steakhouse specializing in dry-aged steaks, lamb chops, fresh halibut, Chilean sea bass, and salmon. Featuring an extensive wine list. **L D \$\$\$**

The Chicago Firehouse Restaurant

South Loop
1401 S. Michigan Ave.
312-786-1401
chicagofirehouse.com
Neighborhood restaurant serving the South Loop community for over 20 years. **BR D \$\$\$**

Chicago Oyster House

South Loop
1933 S. Indiana Ave.
312-225-8833
chicagoosterhouse.com
Specializing in prime seafood and steaks, we're Chicago's best place for top-quality seafood such as fresh oysters, lobster, and sushi, plus prime dry-aged steaks. **D \$\$\$**

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eddiev.com
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Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse – Chicago

Gold Coast
1028 N. Rush St.
312-266-8999
gibsonssteakhouse.com
Gibsons has been the pinnacle of Gold Coast dining for over 23 years. An energetic atmosphere and unsurpassable service make it a party every night. **L D LN \$\$\$**

Hawksmoor Chicago

River North
500 N. LaSalle Dr.
872-272-4240
thehawksmoor.com/locations/chicago
Hawksmoor is an award-winning steakhouse and cocktail bar, serving all-natural beef, dry-aged steak, locally sourced seafood, and small-farm produce. **L D \$\$\$**

Michael Jordan's Steak House

Magnificent Mile
505 N. Michigan Ave.
312-321-8823
mjshchicago.com
Michael Jordan's Steak House serves prime and dry-aged beef, as well as delicious seafood options, worthy of our iconic namesake. **L D LN \$\$\$**

Morton's The Steakhouse – Chicago (Wacker Place)

Loop
65 E. Wacker Pl.
312-201-0410
mortons.com/wacker
Morton's continues to set the standard, serving USDA Prime aged beef, fresh fish and seafood, hand-picked produce, and elegant desserts. **B BR L D LN \$\$\$**

Nisos Prime

West Loop
802 W. Randolph St.
312-800-8582
nisosprime.com
Nisos Prime is a Mediterranean steakhouse where prime steaks, craft cocktails, and the enchanting allure of the Mediterranean effortlessly intertwine. **D \$\$\$**

Ocean Prime

Loop
87 E. Wacker Dr.
312-428-4344
ocean-prime.com
Located on the iconic corner of Michigan Avenue and Upper Wacker Drive, featuring stunning views, award-winning seafood, steak, cocktails, and genuine hospitality. **D LN \$\$\$**

Shula's Steak House

Streeterville
301 E. North Water St.
312-670-0788
shulassteakhouse.com/location-chicago
Named after former Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula, featuring the Shula Cut, premium Black Angus Beef, and fresh seafood. **D \$\$\$**

Smith & Wollensky

River North
318 N. State St.
312-670-9900
smithandwollensky.com
The quintessential steakhouse overlooking the Chicago River, featuring USDA Prime dry-aged steaks and seafood, complemented by an award-winning wine list. **D \$\$\$**

Steak 48

River North
615 N. Wabash Ave.
312-266-4848
steak48.com
Not just another steakhouse, Steak 48 is a warm, contemporary steakhouse featuring prime steaks, a raw bar, and an extensive fresh seafood selection. **D \$\$\$**

Stetsons Modern Steak + Sushi

Loop
Hyatt Regency Chicago,
151 E. Wacker Dr.
312-239-4491
stetsonschiicago.com
We deliver a nontraditional steakhouse experience in a comfortable urban setting. Complimentary valet parking. **D \$\$\$**

STK Steakhouse

River North
9 W. Kinzie St.
312-340-5636
stksteakhouse.com
A modern, chic steakhouse with a trendy and stylish atmosphere, STK is the perfect place for afternoon drinks or a night out in the Windy City. **BR L D \$\$\$**

THAI

Charoen Krung by Sathorn

Lincoln Park
2100 N. Halsted St.
773-770-3402
charoenkrungchicago.com
The upscale Thai dining spot in Chicago. **LN \$\$\$**

VEGETARIAN/VEGAN

India House Restaurant

River North
59 W. Grand Ave.
312-645-9500
indiahousechicago.com
India House Restaurant in downtown Chicago is a remodeled location that offers dining, catering, and private business meeting services. **BR L D \$**



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THINGS TO DO

KEY

- = ADA Compliant
- = Family Friendly
- = Restaurant
- = On-Site Parking
- = Live Music
- = Cover Charge
- = Minority Owned
- = Women Owned

ARTS & CULTURE

MUSEUMS, GALLERIES & EXHIBITIONS

Adler Planetarium

South Loop
1300 S. DuSable Lake Shore Dr.
312-922-7827
adlerplanetarium.org
America's first planetarium features immersive sky shows, engaging exhibitions, exciting events, and special lectures.

American Writers Museum

Loop
180 N. Michigan Ave.
312-374-8790
americanwritersmuseum.org
This cultural gem features innovative and dynamic state-of-the-art exhibitions. Named Illinois' Best Attraction by *USA TODAY*.

Art Institute of Chicago

Loop
111 S. Michigan Ave.
312-443-3600
artic.edu
Visit the only museum in the world to be consistently top-ranked by TripAdvisor. Children under 14 are admitted free!

Charnley-Persky House

Gold Coast
1365 N. Astor St.
312-573-1365
charnleyhouse.org
Guided tours of this Louis Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Gold Coast residence are held at noon on Wednesday and 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Chicago CityPASS

Purchase online or from participating attractions
208-787-4300
citypass.com/chicago
Save up to 49% on admission to Chicago's top attractions, including the Shedd Aquarium and Skydeck Chicago, with CityPASS® tickets. Buy at citypass.com.

Chicago Cultural Center

Loop
78 E. Washington St.
312-744-3316
chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/chicago_culturalcenter.html
Daily programs and exhibitions covering a wide range of the performing and visual arts are presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

Chicago History Museum

Lincoln Park
1601 N. Clark St.
312-642-4600
chicagohistory.org
Chicago begins here. Ride the first 'L' car, discover the White City, and become a Chicago-style hot dog. Kids 12 and under are free.

City Gallery at the Historic Water Tower

Magnificent Mile
806 N. Michigan Ave.
chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/city_gallery_in_thehistoricwatertower.html
Located in one of Chicago's most popular landmarks, the City Gallery features photographs of Chicago by Chicago photographers.

Clarke-Ford House

South Loop
1827 S. Indiana Ave.
clarkefordhouse.org
Tours of the Clarke House, an 1836 Greek Revival-style home, present middle-class life in Chicago during the city's formative years before the Civil War.



COLOR FACTORY

colorfactory.co
Loop
Willis Tower, 233 S. Wacker Dr., Lower Level 2
Voted *USA Today's* #1 immersive art experience, Color Factory Chicago invites all ages to explore 14+ vibrant installations celebrating color, creativity, and connection — with treats, free digital photos, and surprises along the way.

EXP Rosemont

Northwest Suburbs
9900 Berwyn Ave., Rosemont
exprosemont.com
EXP Rosemont presents Horizon of Khufu — Journey through Ancient Egypt and the Great Pyramid in a mind-blowing, immersive virtual reality expedition.

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago — Money Museum

Loop
230 S. LaSalle St.
312-322-2400
chicagofed.org/museum
Where else can you take your picture with a million bucks or try your hand at managing inflation? Located in the Loop; admission is free. Open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Field Museum

South Loop
1400 S. Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable
Lake Shore Dr.
312-922-9410
fieldmuseum.org
See the world's wonders at the Field Museum. Explore over 40 million objects, including SUE, the world's largest, most complete *T. rex* in the world.

Gallery Guichard

Bronzeville
436 E. 47th St.
708-772-9315
galleryguichard.com
Gallery Guichard is a beautiful fine art gallery and ideal indoor-outdoor event space, located close to McCormick Place.

Glessner House

South Loop
1800 S. Prairie Ave.
312-326-1480
glessnerhouse.org
Richardson-designed architectural treasure. Guided tours by advance ticket only on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Admission \$20 adult, \$17 senior/student.

Go City Chicago

Purchase online or from participating attractions
800-887-9103
gocity.com/chicago/en-us
Go City Chicago offers multi-attraction pass options with over 35 experiences, including museums, boat and walking tours, observation decks, and many more.

Griffin Museum of Science and Industry

Hyde Park
5700 S. DuSable Lake Shore Dr.
773-684-1414
griffinmsi.org
At the largest science museum in the Western Hemisphere explore a World War II German submarine, manipulate a 40-foot tornado, and try dynamic, hands-on activities!

Illinois Holocaust Museum Presents Experience360

River North
360 N. State St.
847-967-4800
ilholocaustmuseum.org/experience360
Take a panoramic journey through history! Be inspired by personal accounts of resilience, strength, and hope in interactive, award-winning exhibitions.

International Museum of Surgical Science

Gold Coast
1524 N. Lake Shore Dr.
312-642-6502
imss.org
Located in one of the last historic mansions on Lake Shore Drive, with four floors of exhibitions on the art, science, and history of medicine.

Mindworks: The Science of Thinking

Loop
224 S. Michigan Ave.
773-795-4580
mindworkschicago.org
Mindworks is the world's first discovery center and lab dedicated to behavioral science. Free and located in the heart of downtown Chicago.

Museum of Contemporary Art

Streeterville
220 E. Chicago Ave.
312-280-2660
mcachicago.org
The MCA is one of the world's most renowned museums dedicated to contemporary art.

Museum of Illusions

Loop
25 E. Washington St.
312-722-6780
moichicago.com
Experience the impossible at the Museum of Illusions! Guests will enjoy immersing themselves in over 60 mind-bending, reality-altering exhibits.

The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture

Humboldt Park
3015 W. Division St.
773-486-8345
nmprac.org
The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture is devoted to the promotion, integration, and advancement of Puerto Rican arts and culture.

Shedd Aquarium

South Loop
1200 S. DuSable Lake Shore Dr.
312-692-3275
shedd Aquarium.org
Immerse yourself! The Shedd's exhibits connect you to 32,000 incredible animals from around the world and close to home.

Smart Museum of Art, The University of Chicago

Hyde Park
5550 S. Greenwood Ave.
773-702-0200
smartmuseum.uchicago.edu
Located on the campus of The University of Chicago, the Smart is home to thought-provoking exhibitions and an exquisite collection of art. Always free.

Swedish American Museum

Andersonville
5211 N. Clark St.
773-728-8111
swedishamericanmuseum.org
A nonprofit educational activity center for the celebration and interpretation of Swedish American history and culture.

WNDR Museum

West Loop
1130 W. Monroe St.
312-278-7908
wndrmuseum.com/location/chicago
WNDR is an ever-evolving, immersive art exhibit with over 20 awe-inspiring installations. Guests are encouraged to connect, create, and play at WNDR!

THEATRE & PERFORMING ARTS

Auditorium Theatre

Loop
50 E. Ida B. Wells Dr.
312-341-2300
auditoriumtheatre.org
A National Historic Landmark, the Auditorium Theatre presents the best in dance, music, theatre, and cultural entertainment in Chicago's Loop.

Broadway In Chicago

Loop
17 N. State St.
312-977-1700
broadwayinchicago.com
Broadway In Chicago brings Broadway's biggest shows to Chicago's finest theatres. For general information and group sales, call 312-977-1701.   

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Chicago Magic Lounge

Andersonville
5050 N. Clark St.
312-366-4500
chicagomagiclounge.com
Experience fun, magic, and sophistication at the Chicago Magic Lounge, featuring cocktails, small plates, and mesmerizing acts in a speakeasy setting.   

Court Theatre

Hyde Park
5535 S. Ellis Ave.
773-753-4772
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With more than 45 passenger airlines arriving in Chicago from more than 270 airports worldwide, it's no wonder Chicago was voted the Best Big City in the U.S. nine years in a row by the *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Awards 2025.

THE O'HARE EXPERIENCE

This is an exciting time for Chicago's airports. Major investments have been made at O'Hare to provide passengers with an experience fit for the global gateway that it is.

TERMINAL 5 EXPANDED AND RENOVATED

At 350,000 square feet, the Terminal 5 extension at O'Hare boasts 10 new

gates, expanded seating, new restrooms, and more amenities — from art installations to an interfaith room, and a mix of local and national restaurants and retail shops including Bar Siena, The Hampton Social, and Chick-fil-A. Large, bright windows offer airfield views, while open seating areas, modern furniture, and plentiful charging stations provide comfort and convenience. The expansion brings the total number of security checkpoint lanes to 13 and also improves immigration facilities.

AIRLINE LOUNGES

Whether arriving early at the airport or waiting for others to arrive in Chicago, travelers can work or relax in the various airline club lounges. Day passes can be purchased by nonmembers at most of the clubs. At O'Hare, the most recent lounges to open are the LOT Business Lounge and Air France Lounge in Terminal 5, which both feature areas for relaxation, work, and dining.

The United Club in Terminal 1 is nearly twice the size of the previous United Club it replaced near Gate C16. With available seating for 400,

there is no shortage of space for lounge-goers to work at individual tables, one-person desks, couches, lounge chairs, and coworking-style desks. American Airlines' Admiral's Club in Terminal 3 will also receive a refresh as part of the Terminal 3 development project.

THE MIDWAY EXPERIENCE

At Chicago's Southwest Side airport, passengers are treated to a collection of Chicago favorites while enjoying an elevated travel experience, thanks to the Midway Modernization Program — the most significant capital program at Midway in nearly 20 years.

SHOP, DRINK & DINE

The redeveloped Central Market, located at the intersection of Concourses A and B, is home to a mix of new and existing brands including EVOLVE by Hudson, Connie's Pizza, and White Sox Bar & Grill. The airport now boasts nearly 70 concessions brands, and the expansion increased Midway's total concessions area, nearly doubling the amount of shopping and dining options.



Tortas Frontera by Rick Bayless in O'Hare Terminals 1, 3, and 5



EVOLVE by Hudson in Midway's Central Market

THE CLUB MDW

For the first time in the airport's 97-year history, Midway offers a shared-use passenger lounge. The Club MDW opened in September 2024 and is conveniently located in the airport's Central Market at the intersection of Concourses A and B. It is available for all travelers regardless of airline and class of service, and it offers complimentary food and beverage service to all patrons in an inviting, relaxing environment. The lounge is accessible through Priority Pass, the world's largest airport lounge membership program.

ACCESSIBILITY

Chicago's airports are fully accessible to all passengers. In 2025, sensory maps, "point-of-view" videos, sensory bags, and social stories are among the newest resources designed to help neurodivergent travelers, specifically those with sensory sensitivities, feel more comfortable or prepare for their experience at Chicago's airports.

COMPANION PLUS RESTROOM

The Companion Plus Restroom at O'Hare is a first-of-its-kind amenity, providing a restroom, shower, and other ADA features for disabled passengers. It is located in Terminal 2 near security checkpoint 5 (Gate F3).

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PASSENGER ASSISTANCE

Travelers Aid Chicago at O'Hare and Volunteer Information Services at Midway are both programs that provide resources and information to passengers traveling through the airports.

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LOCAL FAVORITES

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