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More than 42 kilometers of lakefront frame Chicago's stunning urban skyline. Here in the heart of the Midwest, the nation's third-largest city boasts soaring skyscrapers and colorful neighborhoods against a backdrop of sandy beaches and beautiful parks. This cosmopolitan playground bursts with things to do. Sightseeing options range from Chicago icons — such as Millennium Park's Cloud Gate, Grant Park's Buckingham Fountain and Navy Pier's Ferris wheel — to fascinating history and architecture tours.

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THE CITY



Choose Chicago

Chicago, the third largest city in the U.S., nuzzles the shores of picturesque Lake Michigan, which reflects the dazzling skyline. As a vibrant and international city, it boasts world-class museums, cuisine and nightlife. The numerous outdoor parks and miles of lakefront paths are a wonderful attraction for sporty types, while the exclusive theaters, shops and restaurants appeal to the sophisticated visitor. Chicago is also the birthplace of modern jazz and blues, so an excursion to one of its many clubs is a must for music novices and aficionados alike.

If you are a sports fan, Chicago's world-class venues can accommodate almost every professional and amateur sport discipline imaginable. Whether you're watching or playing, sports are an integral part of life in Chicago. During the baseball season the town is split. The South Side lives and dies with the White Sox while the North Side cozies up with the Cubs. The National League Cubs play at historic Wrigley Field while the American League White Sox call U.S. Cellular Field home. The NFL's Chicago Bears take to the gridiron at Soldier Field and the United Center is home of the NBA's Chicago Bulls. Hockey fans can watch the NHL Blackhawks, also at the United Center, or the minor-league Chicago Wolves at Allstate Arena. And soccer fans can see the MLS Chicago Fire at

Toyota Park. There are numerous college sports teams in the area, as well as horse racing and auto races in the suburbs.

And if the Performing Arts are more to your taste, Chicago is the home of over 200 theaters hosting the Chicago Symphony, Chicago and Joffrey Ballet Companies, world renowned and "up and coming" local artists and musicians, Tony Award winning Broadway world premiers, Improvisation at Second City, and edgy original plays. Plan on spending a few hours somewhere like the State Street or Downtown Theatre Districts when you're in Chicago, and be prepared to journey through fairytale wonderlands, discover dazzling sights and sounds, soak up thought-provoking story lines, and even laugh 'till it hurts on any given day or night.

EVENTS



Choose Chicago

If it's music you've come for, you'll find every genre at live music clubs and outdoor events like Millennium Park concerts, Lollapalooza and the Chicago Blues Festival. Chicago's calendar is packed with local street festivals, holiday celebrations and special events year round.

Blues Festival (June)



The annual Blues Festival is Chicago's biggest music festival, and the largest one in the entire world to not charge an admission fee. Attendees number in the hundreds of thousands.

Photo: Adam Alexander Photography/Choose Chicago
Address: Millennium Park
Tickets: Free admission
Internet: bluesfestivalguide.com

Gospel Music Festival (June)

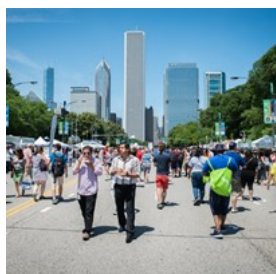


Bringing together the traditional and modern takes on the gospel genre rooted in Chicago's history, the Gospel Music Festival features

performers from across the nation. Admission is free of charge.

Photo: Andrew Miller Photography/Choose Chicago
Address: Millennium Park & Chicago Cultural Center
Tickets: Free admission
Internet: www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/chicago_gospel_musicfestival.html

Taste of Chicago (July)



A grand-scale happening showcasing all Chicago's vibrant dining scene has to offer, with live music and entertainment to go along.

Photo: Andrew Miller Photography/Choose Chicago
Address: Grant Park
Internet: www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/taste_of_chicago.html

Chicago Jazz Festival (August–September)



A Labor Day weekend celebration of the jazz genre featuring performers from all across the nation.

Photo: Adam Alexander Photography/Choose Chicago
Address: Chicago Cultural Center, Millennium Park
Internet: www.jazzinchicago.org/chicagojazzfest

Chicago Gourmet (September)



A celebration of all things food, Chicago Gourmet features lectures and workshops by prominent chefs, seminars on wine and mixology, VIP culinary experiences, and delightful tastings.

Photo: Adam Alexander Photography/Choose Chicago
Address: Millennium Park
Internet: www.chicagogourmet.org

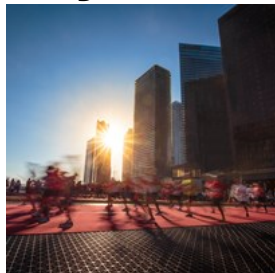
World Music Festival Chicago (September)



The United States' largest and longest-lasting international music festival takes place in Chicago, introducing guests and city residents to music genres and instruments from all across the globe. Events take place at venues across the city.

Photo: Filipe B. Varela/Shutterstock.com
Internet: www.choosechicago.com/events-and-shows/concerts-and-music/world-music-festival-chicago

Chicago Marathon (October)



With up to 45,000 yearly participants, the Chicago Marathon is among the global six World Marathon Majors.

Photo: Marcel Lesch/Shutterstock.com

Opening hours: October 8th

Internet: www.chicagomarathon.com

Chicago International Film Festival (October)



The Chicago International Film Festival brings motion pictures from the across the world (and the state of Illinois) to the Windy City, showcasing the best of the world's cinematographic endeavor within a space of 2 exciting weeks.

Photo: hafakot/Shutterstock.com

Internet: www.chicagofilmfestival.com

Christkindlmarket Chicago (November–December)



Following the European (German) tradition of open-air Christmas markets, Chicago now boasts one of its own, with an additional

location in Naperville.

Photo: Ranvestel Photographic/Choose Chicago

Internet: www.christkindlmarket.com

ZooLights at Lincoln Park Zoo (December)

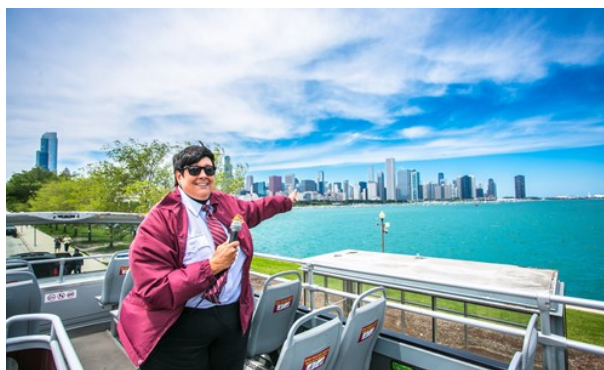


Zoo grounds come to life every year around the Christmas holiday season, with spectacular light displays and shows, as well as entertainment for the whole family.

Photo: John Kershner/Shutterstock.com

Internet: www.lpzoo.org/pressroom/zoolights

DO & SEE



Big Bus Tours/Miles Partnership Chicago

Chicago is renowned for its cultural offerings with more than 40 museums and a dedicated Museum Campus, home to The Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium and Adler Planetarium. Don't miss the Art Institute of Chicago, which contains 300,000 works in its permanent collection, and Museum of Science and Industry, the largest in the Western Hemisphere. As the only U.S. city with five regional Tony Award-winning theaters, Chicago's theater scene takes center stage.

With several of the world's tallest buildings located here, Chicago is a showcase for modern masterpieces and historic landmarks by America's greatest architects including Frank Lloyd Wright, Daniel Burnham and Louis Sullivan. Go above the view at 360 CHICAGO Observation Deck in the John Hancock Center

(be sure to try the TILT experience, which leans you out over Michigan Avenue). Stay grounded but still take in the beautiful cityscape with a stroll along the Chicago Riverwalk, where you can enjoy a delicious meal or grab a drink right on the water. The Riverwalk can also serve as your launching point for an architecture tour or canoe trip down the Chicago River. Take the kids to Lincoln Park Zoo and Wrigley Field, two iconic and family-friendly attractions.

Architectural River Cruise



It's one thing to gaze at Chicago's famed skyline, and another altogether to view it on Chicago, Illinois' popular architecture tour, the Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady Cruises. See the city's iconic structures from the perspective of the Chicago River, where the skyline unfolds before you as you learn about each building's architectural features and place in local history.

Photo: Mercury Skyline Yacht Charters, Inc.
Address: Michigan Avenue & The River, Chicago
Phone: +1 847 358 1330
Internet: www.cruisechicago.com
More Info: Cruises leave from Chicago Riverwalk

Field Museum



Visit the Galapagos, walk through a hall of glittering gems, step inside an earth lodge, or encounter the elaborate masks of the Pacific Islands: There's so much to see and do at The Field Museum, a world-class natural history museum in the vibrant city of Chicago, Illinois. From temporary exhibits for traveling shows to

an extensive collection of artifacts, The Field Museum showcases a variety of habitats, cultures, plants and animals throughout its hallowed halls.

Photo: Choose Chicago
Address: 1400 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago
Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm
Phone: +1 312 922 9410
Internet: www.fieldmuseum.org

Shedd Aquarium



It is at Chicago's Shedd Aquarium, where you can stroll among the winding waters of the Amazon River, the legendary coral reefs of the Caribbean, the coastal beauty of the Pacific Northwest and the icy majesty of the Arctic — all in one visit. Located on the shores of Lake Michigan in the heart of downtown Chicago, Shedd Aquarium will transport you to aquatic wonders from all corners of the globe.

Photo: Choose Chicago/Miles Partnership Chicago
Address: 1200 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 939 2438
Internet: www.sheddaquarium.org

Navy Pier



With museums, theaters, parks, gardens and the iconic Centennial Wheel, it's a perfect complement to the rich history and vibrant energy of Chicago. Navy Pier welcomes new events and features to its beloved location on the Lake Michigan waterfront, reflecting a dynamic city that continues to reinvent itself. There's something for everyone here, whether you like to shop, ride, sightsee, cruise or stroll.

Photo: City of Chicago

Address: 600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago

Opening hours: Change seasonally

Phone: +1 312 595 7437

Internet: navypier.org

More Info: The pier itself is always open. Shops & attractions vary in hours.

Robie House



This 1909 creation is one of Frank Lloyd Wright's most famous houses in the prairie style. Wright himself proclaimed the house to be "the cornerstone of modern architecture."

Photo: Sandra Cohen-Rose and Colin Rose/cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)

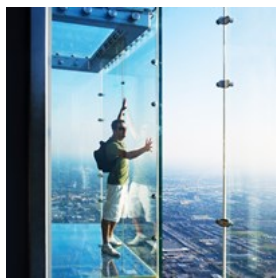
Address: Frederick C. Robie House, 5757 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago

Opening hours: Thu-Mon 9:30am-4pm, Tue & Wed closed

Phone: +1 312 994 4000

Internet: www.flwright.org/visit/robiehouse

Willis Tower — Skydeck Chicago



Although still commonly referred to as Sears Tower, North America's tallest building was renamed Willis Tower in 2009 after Willis Group Holdings, a global insurance broker whose Midwest offices are housed there. In addition to being North America's tallest building, it is the third-tallest building in the entire world. It was constructed in 1974, designed by architect Bruce Graham. The building's Skydeck is a great place to admire a stunning view.

Photo: VICTOR TORRES/Shutterstock.com

Address: 233 South Wacker Drive, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 875 9696

Internet: theskydeck.com

More Info: Between Adams Street & Jackson Boulevard.

Enter Skydeck on Jackson Boulevard (south side of building)

Cloud Gate



Cloud Gate in Millennium Park is also commonly referred to as "The Bean" because of its bean-like shape. It is one of the largest sculptures of its kind in the world, made from stainless steel plates. The sculpture's surface reflects the city's skyline and people around like a giant mirror.

Photo: Clayton Hauck/Choose Chicago

Address: 201 East Randolph Street, Chicago

Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo is free, open every day of the year and offers something for everyone. Here you can take a stroll through Chicago's most visited gardens and meet animals from around the world. There is also an on-site cafe with pleasant refreshments.

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Address: 2001 North Clark Street, Chicago

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +1 312 742 2000

Internet: www.lpzoo.org

Grant Park



Grant Park is often referred to as "Chicago's front yard", and is a popular park among both tourists and locals. It is here that you will find some of the city's most popular attractions, including Buckingham Fountain, Millennium Park and the Art Institute of Chicago. This is also a

place where many events take place, like the Chicago Blues Festival and The Taste of Chicago – the largest food festival in the world.

Photo: Adam Alexander/Choose Chicago
Address: 337 East Randolph Street, Chicago
Internet:
www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/grant-park

Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier



The Chicago Shakespeare Theater is beautifully located on the Navy Pier, and offers an amazing view over the city. It is a small theater full of energy and drama that puts on shows with exceptionally talented actors.

Photo: Tracie Hall/cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: 800 East Grand Avenue, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 595 5600
Internet: www.chicagoshakes.com

Lake Michigan



Walking along the lake shore is just one of those things you should not miss when visiting Chicago. Lake Michigan is huge and feels more like a sea (larger in area than Denmark and Croatia). In the summer, people take out boats onto the lake, and go biking, walking or just enjoying the sun along its shore, which creates a beach-like atmosphere. There are lots of activities around, such as sailing, water taxi, early dinner cruises and night cruises.

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Museum of Science & Industry



The Museum of Science and Industry is, at over 37,000 square meters, the largest science museum in the Western Hemisphere, with more than five hectares of exhibits. MSI is a vibrant institution with tons of dynamic displays, interactive exhibits and tours for everyone in your group, both kids and adults.

Photo: The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago
Address: 5700 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago
Opening hours: Daily 9.30am-4pm
Phone: +1 773 684 1414
Internet: www.msichicago.org
More Info: Located at 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive

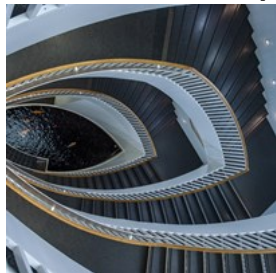
Lincoln Park Conservatory



Step inside and enjoy amazing flowers from all around the world at the Lincoln Park Conservatory. Here you will find tropical palms, exotic plants and flowers. No matter the time of the year, this park conservatory is always green and lush. Admission is free.

Photo: Nagel Photography/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2391 North Stockton Drive, Chicago
Opening hours: Wed-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon & Tue closed
Phone: +1 312 742 7736
Internet:
lincolnparkconservancy.org/projects/conservatory-garden

Museum of Contemporary Art



Free guided tours and audio tours are available to help visitors fully experience their tour of the largest contemporary art museums in the U.S.,

which also features special programs in a 300-seat theater and a trendy restaurant and bar Marisol.

Photo: Kevin Kipper/Shutterstock.com

Address: 220 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago

Opening hours: Tue 10am-9pm, Wed-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +1 312 280 2660

Internet: mcachicago.org

Auditorium Building & Theatre



This historic Chicago landmark has a story to tell, and is still a functioning theater where you can watch ballet, concerts and drama

performances. The Auditorium Building was designed by Louis Sullivan and Dankmar Adler and completed in 1889.

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Address: 50 East Congress Parkway, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 922 2110

Internet: auditoriumtheatre.org

Brookfield Zoo



Operated by the Chicago Zoological Society, the Brookfield Zoo offers several fun and educational activities for the whole family.

Photo: forksandspoons/Shutterstock.com

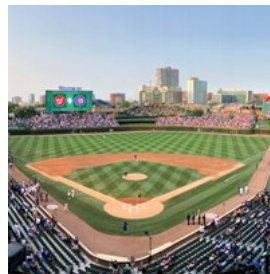
Address: 8400 31st Street, Brookfield

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +1 708 688 8000

Internet: www.czs.org/Brookfield-ZOO/Home

Wrigley Field



Wrigley Field in Chicago has been the home of the Chicago Cubs since 1916, making it one of the oldest ballparks still in operation, second only to

Fenway Park in Boston.

Photo: Ryan Dickey/cc by 2.0/wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: 1060 West Addison Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 773 404 2827

Internet: www.mlb.com/cubs/ballpark

Soldier Field



Originally opened in 1924, Soldier Field was known as one of the great venues during the "Golden Age of Sports" and one of Chicago's

most famous landmarks. Now, decades later, Soldier Field promises to continue the tradition of hosting exciting sporting and special events.

Chicago Fire Soccer Club is a Major League Soccer (MLS) based in Chicago. The organization is named for the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, and was founded in 1997. In their first league season in 1998, the Fire won the MLS Cup as well as the U.S. Open Cup (the "double"). They have also won U.S. Open Cups in 2000, 2003, and 2006; in addition to the 2003 MLS Supporters' Shield. In 2020, Chicago Fire moved back to Soldier Field.

Photo: Richard Cavalleri/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1410 South Museum Campus Drive, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 235 7000

Internet: www.soldierfield.net

United Center



The United Center, home to the Chicago Blackhawks and Chicago Bulls, is the largest arena in the United States.

Since opening, the United Center has hosted over 200 events each year and has hosted over forty million guests since its opening in 1994.

Photo: Eric Kilby/cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr

Address: 1901 West Madison Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 455 4500

Internet: www.unitedcenter.com

SeatGeek Stadium



The stadium is home to the Chicago Red Stars of the National Women's Soccer League and is also used for concerts, festivals, and other

events. With a capacity of over 20,000 spectators, the stadium offers a thrilling atmosphere that brings people together.

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Address: 7000 South Harlem Avenue, Bridgeview

Phone: +1 708 594 7200

Internet: www.seatgeekstadium.com

More Info: The stadium changed its name from Toyota Park in 2018

Adler Planetarium



Built in 1930, The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum in Chicago, Illinois, was the first planetarium built in the Western Hemisphere and

is the oldest in existence today. From daily programs to exhibitions and special lectures, there are admission passes to fit your individual interests.

Photo: Jack Richards/unsplash

Address: 1300 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

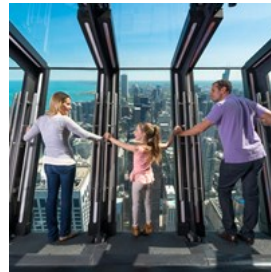
Public Transport: Take the CTA to Roosevelt or the Metra to Museum Campus

Opening hours: Daily 9am-4pm

Phone: +1 312 922 7827

Internet: www.adlerplanetarium.org

360 CHICAGO Observation Deck



Windy City's extraordinary observatory on the 94th floor of the historic John Hancock Center offers 360-degree views of the iconic

Chicago, Illinois skyline and beyond. When the weather is clear, you can see up to 80 kilometers and all the way to four different states. Check out the newly opened TILT experience, which has you step up to a full-length window that slowly tilts from the building right out over the city at a 30-degree angle.

Photo: 360 Chicago Observation Deck/Miles Partnership Chicago

Address: 875 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Public Transport: CTA buses run along Michigan Avenue 24 hours a day. CTA Red Line train stop, located right on Chicago and State.

Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm; admission ends 10:30pm

Phone: +1 888 875 8439

Internet: 360chicago.com

More Info: 94th Floor

Unity Temple



The only public service building designed by Frank Lloyd Wright's prairie period still remaining, Unity Temple is made of reinforced concrete. There are two separate parts to the building: the Unity Temple, for worship, made of high, skylit spaces, and Unity House, an area for congregation social gatherings that is connected by an entry-level foyer. Of the temple, Wright said: "Unity Temple makes an entirely new architecture — and is the first expression of it. That is my contribution to modern architecture". Advanced tickets are recommended.

Photo: Henryk Sadura/Shutterstock.com

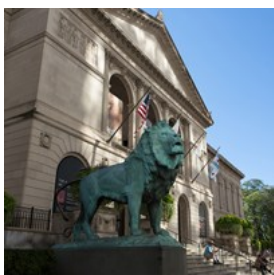
Address: 875 Lake Street, Oak Park

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-5pm, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 9am-noon, Sun closed

Phone: +1 708 848 6225

Internet: unitytemple.org

Art Institute of Chicago



With over 300,000 works of art in its collection, the museum has something for everyone, and continues to be ranked among the world's best.

Look for Edward Hopper's "Nighthawks" or Georgia O'Keeffe's "Sky above Clouds" — just a few of the beloved American paintings in the collection. The museum has the largest Impressionist collection outside of Paris, including works by Vincent van Gogh, Claude Monet and Georges Seurat, as well as a remarkable international modern and contemporary collections, with art and artifacts spanning 5,000 BC to the present.

Photo: Art Institute Chicago/Miles Partnership Chicago

Address: 111 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon 11am-5pm, Tue & Wed closed, Thu 11am-8pm, Fri-Sun 11am-5pm

Phone: +1 312 443 3600

Internet: www.artic.edu

Big Bus Tours



With a flexible hop-on, hop-off policy, engaging guides and comfortable, open-top buses, exploring Chicago's best attractions and sights is as easy as it gets with Big Bus Tours. Choose a one-, or multi-day ticket, and you'll get the time and the insider's knowledge to size up the city on your own schedule. Big Bus Tours also offers handicap accessibility, pre-recorded Spanish audio tours and even a free cup of hand-roasted coffee from one of Chicago's finest, Corner Bakery. No worries if you want to spend hours at landmark attractions such as Navy Pier or Millennium Park; stops are frequent and many, making it possible for you to experience the key destinations in Chicago on your own terms.

Photo: Big Bus Tours/Miles Partnership Chicago

Internet: www.bigbustours.com/en/chicago/chicago-bus-tours

More Info: Tours begin at 98 East Upper Wacker Drive

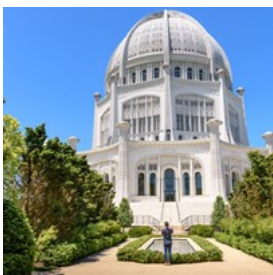
EXCURSIONS



Abel Arciniega/Choose Chicago

Explore Illinois and experience both the nonstop energy of a big city and the charm of friendly small towns. Beyond Chicago, shop at outlet malls for fabulous bargains, hike on wooded trails through scenic state parks and tour incredible Frank Lloyd Wright architecture. Take a nostalgic road trip on legendary Route 66, stroll historic small-town Main Streets to stop at diners and soda fountains for a glimpse of true Americana and visit Abraham Lincoln's home in Springfield. Watch Illinois makers in action as they craft beer at more than 80 breweries across the state and follow an Illinois wine trail.

Chicago's North Shore



Bordering Chicago, north along the shores of Lake Michigan, find numerous attractions including the Chicago Botanic Garden, the Baha'i House of Worship and the Illinois Holocaust Museum. Chicago's elevated train brings you to Evanston, a lively city that's home to Northwestern University.

Photo: UmFOTO/Shutterstock.com

Internet:

www.visittheusa.com/destination/chicagos-north-shore

Heritage Corridor & Route 66



Travel back in time on Route 66, nicknamed 'America's Main Street'. Revisit history along the Illinois & Michigan Canal, which is lined with state parks, historic sites and landscapes from rolling hills to bluffs. Discover the steep sandstone canyons and wooded trails of Starved Rock State Park.

Photo: Jason Patrick Ross/Shutterstock.com

Internet: www.visittheusa.com/experience/illinois-heritage-corridor-road-trip

Rockford



Just 60 minutes from Chicago O'Hare Airport, Rockford is the place to slow down and relax. Explore the Anderson Japanese Gardens, Frank Lloyd Wright's Laurent House and the Coronado Theater. Kayak on the Rock River and play golf on 11 courses.

Photo: Rock and Wasp/Shutterstock.com

Internet: www.visittheusa.com/destination/rockford

DuPage



Just 20 miles from Chicago, discover a tapestry of charming small towns with lush trails, family-friendly museums, zoos, parks and outdoor recreation. Enjoy fine dining, shopping and upscale accommodation, along with easy access to Route 66 and O'Hare International Airport.

Photo: Alexander Varbenov/Shutterstock.com

Internet: www.visittheusa.com/experience/beyond-chicagos-skyline-luxury-dupage-county

DINING



Lou Malnati's Pizzeria/Choose Chicago

Chicago's culinary scene is filled with star chefs, unique ethnic eateries and award-winning fine dining restaurants known around the world. Just as famous is the Chicago-style hot dog and deep dish pizza. As a top food destination, the city boasts 7,300 restaurants in every price range and cuisine.

Gino's East Pizzeria



Gino's East is one of the best places in Chicago to try the world famous deep-dish style pizza.

Foodies in-the-know consider a trip here a

Chicago essential. There are multiple locations across town.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: 162 East Superior Street, Chicago

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 312 266 3337

Internet: www.ginoseast.com

More Info: Second Windy City location at 521 South Dearborn (South Loop)

Le Colonial



Le Colonial offers French-influenced Vietnamese cuisine in an elegant setting. High ceilings, louvered shutters and rotating fans

transport you to a time forgone, all the while treating you to an exquisite French-Vietnamese fusion menu.

Photo: StockPhotosLV/Shutterstock.com

Address: 57 East Oak Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 255 0088

Internet: www.lecolonialchicago.com

Email: info@lecolonialchicago.com

Spiaggia



Spiaggia is one of Chicago's finest Italian restaurants, based in a glamorous setting on the Magnificent Mile. They have an award-winning

wine list, and chef Tony Mantuano creates superb dishes to match.

Photo: klaikungwon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 980 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 280 2750

Internet: www.spiaggiarestaurant.com

Portillo's Hot Dogs



Portillo is a Chicago favorite, famous for its hot dogs, Italian beef sandwiches, and other delicious casual dining options. There is an

outdoor patio where you can enjoy your food when the weather permits.

Photo: Carol Mellema/Shutterstock.com

Address: 100 West Ontario Street, Chicago

Opening hours: Daily 10am-midnight

Phone: +1 312 587 8910

Internet: www.portillos.com

Tempo



Tempo is an all-day and all-night restaurant on the trendy Gold Coast, with fabulous breakfast and brunch fare. The place is extremely

popular, so it tends to get crowded at weekends.

Cash only.

Photo: Alena Haurlyik/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 East Chestnut Street, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon 6:30am-2:30pm, Tue-Sun

6:30am-8:30pm

Phone: +1 312 943 4373

Internet: www.tempochicago.com

Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse



Enjoy a good steak at this classic American steakhouse, and come with an empty stomach - the staff serve huge portions. On the menu

you will also find fresh seafood, a variety of side orders and tasty desserts. The atmosphere is vibrant and friendly, and great for people-watching.

Photo: White78/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1028 North Rush Street, Chicago

Opening hours: Daily 11am-close

Phone: +1 312 266 8999

Internet: www.gibsonssteakhouse.com

More Info: Features heated and covered patio

Uno Chicago Grill



Uno first started in Chicago in 1943, when Ike Sewell developed deep dish pizza and opened a new type of family-friendly restaurant at the corner of Ohio & Wabash. It was here that Ike served a pizza unlike any other that had been served before.

Photo: Supitcha McAdam/Shutterstock.com

Address: 29 East Ohio Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 321 1000

Internet: www.unos.com

More Info: 5 Chicago area locations and 140 locations around the world

Frontera Grill



Frontera Grill uses beautiful ingredients, often organic and custom-grown, to bring diners the bold flavors and immediate freshness

that jump off the tongue — just as they do in Mexico.

In 1994, Frontera Grill was ranked the world's third-best casual dining restaurant by the International Herald Tribune. In 2007, Frontera Grill won the James Beard Foundation's "Outstanding Restaurant" award, designating it the best restaurant in the U.S. In 2011, the Chicago Sun-Times called it "a study in the art of Mexican cookery".

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com

Address: 445 North Clark Street, Chicago

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 11:30am-9pm, Sat & Sun

10:30am-9pm

Phone: +1 312 661 1434

Internet: www.rickbayless.com

The Purple Pig



The Purple Pig provides exceptional fare in a lively environment, and at decent prices. On the menu you will find tasty dishes such as the

Berkshire pork chop with fava salata and pork osso bucco with soft polenta and gremolata. Bon appétit.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: 444 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 312 464 1744

Internet: www.thepurplepigchicago.com

Shaw's Crab House



Shaw's Crab House is two establishments in one - a sophisticated seafood restaurant and a lively oyster bar. Here you'll be treated to fresh fish,

shellfish, oysters and sushi. The place can get packed, so do make a reservation.

Photo: garetsworkshop/Shutterstock.com

Address: 21 East Hubbard Street, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11:30am-9pm, Fri 11:30am-10pm,

Sat 10:30-10pm, Sun 10:30am-9pm

Phone: +1 312 527 2722

Internet: www.shawscrabhouse.com

Big Bowl



If you're craving Chinese or Thai food with a craft beer on the side, head over to Big Bowl. The friendly staff serve fresh food at reasonable prices.

The atmosphere is cozy, and the food is delicious with a focus on Asian flavors.

Photo: sarsmis/Shutterstock.com

Address: 60 East Ohio Street, Chicago

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11:30am-8pm, Fri & Sat 11:30am-9pm

Phone: +1 312 951 1888

Internet: www.bigbowl.com

Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba!



Indulge in authentic Spanish tapas at Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba. The menu also offers other traditional dishes like paella, and, to wash it all

down, try the Spanish drink sangria. Every Saturday and Sunday, a Spanish brunch is served. This is a restaurant where you can enjoy quality food for a reasonable price.

Photo: CatchaSnap/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2024 North Halsted Street, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 4pm-9pm, Fri 11:30am-11pm, Sat 10am-11pm, Sun 10am-9pm

Phone: +1 773 935 5000

Internet: www.cafebabareeba.com

Middle Brow Beer Co.



At Middle Brow Beer Co. you'll be able to couple a pint of ale with slices of pizza. Their beer selection includes their Trademark Brut, an India

pale ale, and their Bloc Party Raz, a tart wheat beer with raspberries. The pizza menu rotates to feature seasonal toppings.

Photo: 4 PM production/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2840 Armitage Avenue, Logan Square, Chicago

Opening hours: Wed-Fro 8am-9pm, Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 9am-7pm

Phone: +1 773 687 9076

Internet: www.middlebrowbeer.com

Email: middlebrowbeer@gmail.com

Jeong Restaurant



Sporting classy interiors almost entirely in dark wood, Jeong offers a tasting menu that features salmon tartare, 'bok bun ja', a fruity

Korean wine, and 'goguma', a pudding made with roasted Korean sweet potatoes. There are also à-la-carte options, including pulled duck confit, sashimi and pork dumplings with fermented vegetables and spices.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1460 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 5pm-9:30pm

Phone: +1 312 877 5016

Internet: www.jeongchicago.com

Email: jtran@jeongchicago.com

CAFES



Choose Chicago

Locating a great cafe in Chicago poses no difficulty. Choose from large American chains or smaller, more intimate cafes that serve artisan coffee and hand-made pastries. They are scattered across the city, so enjoy one while taking a break from sightseeing and shopping.

Cafe Selmarie



At Cafe Selmarie you can dive into cakes, pastries, tarts, cookies, and some healthy comfort food. They do not only have delicious desserts, but

also a full-service espresso bar and Intelligentsia coffee.

Photo: Elena Veselova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4729 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago

Phone: +1 773 989 5595

Internet: www.cafeselmarie.com

Atwood



Atwood offers customers an original interpretation of American cuisine. At this stylish hotel restaurant you can find something for everyone,

including vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 West Washington Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 368 1900

Internet: www.atwoodcafe.com

Gallery Cafe



Located in the Wicker Park / Bucktown neighborhood of Chicago, this locally-owned coffee shop roasts all of its own coffee beans. Affordable

breakfasts and lunches are made to order, with vegetarian options available. The cafe also displays works by local artists. Wi-Fi available.

Photo: Natalia Deriabina/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1760 West North Avenue, Chicago

Public Transport: Blue Line to Damen O'Hare
Opening hours: Daily 8am-3pm
Phone: +1 773 252 8228
Internet: www.gallerycafechicago.com
More Info: Second location at 734 North Milwaukee Avenue

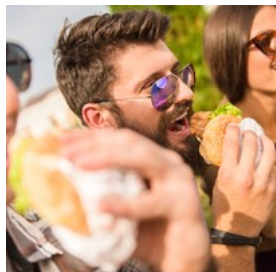
The Wormhole Cafe



Enjoy your coffee while checking out the Wormhole's collection of 80s memorabilia, from retro movie posters to the 'Back to the Future' DeLorean. Also serves breakfast and lunch.

Photo: [Stay_Positive/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/Stay_Positive)
Address: 1462 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago
Opening hours: Daily 7am-11pm
Phone: +1 773 661 2468
Internet: www.thewormhole.us

Pick Me Up Cafe



This late-night diner and espresso bar is located close to Wrigley Field. A local favorite, Pick Me Up also has a full bar and serves a wide variety of menu options, including vegan. Street parking is available.

Photo: [VGstockstudio/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/VGstockstudio)
Address: 3408 North Clark Street, Chicago
Public Transport: Red Line to Addison or Belmont; Brown Line to Belmont or Southport; or Purple Line to Belmont
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-10pm, Sat & Sun 8am-10pm
Phone: +1 773 248 6613

Bridgeport Coffee Company



Bridgeport Coffee Company was founded in 2004. They roast their own coffee beans, which are sold to coffee bars and restaurants in Chicago and throughout the U.S. With a commitment to providing organic, fair trade products, Bridgeport Coffee Company has been named the Best Coffee Shop in Chicago by TimeOut Chicago. Also serves breakfast and lunch.

Photo: [illustrissima/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/illustrissima)
Address: 3101 South Morgan Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 773 247 9950
Internet: www.bridgeportcoffeecompany.com

Intelligentsia



Intelligentsia branded coffee is served all over Chicago, but why not go straight to the source? Always a smart choice. While Intelligentsia is now a national chain with locations in Los Angeles and New York, this high-end coffee roaster opened its flagship location on North Broadway in Chicago in 1995.

Photo: [george photo cm/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/george_photo_cm)
Address: 1233 North Wells Street, Chicago
Opening hours: Daily 7am-6pm
Phone: +1 312 229 1400
Internet: www.intelligentsiacoffee.com

Star Lounge Coffee Bar



With an ever-rotating menu of uniquely-flavored coffees, Star Lounge Coffee Bar serves Dark Matter Coffee, which is locally roasted by the owner. Come for the coffee and stay for the artsy atmosphere and friendly staff.

Photo: Kichigin/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2521 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago

Phone: +1 773 384 7827

Internet: www.starloungecoffee.com

Julius Meinl Restaurant & Cafe



Julius Meinl brings the atmosphere of a Viennese coffee house to Chicago. A well-known brand in Vienna, Austria and Central Europe, Julius Meinl Coffee is served in many leading cafes in Vienna. They also offer delicious Viennese dishes and pastries from the Julius Meinl Patisserie.

Photo: Cyndi58/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3601 North Southport Avenue, Chicago

Phone: +1 773 868 1857

Internet: www.meinlus.com

More Info: Additional location at 4115 North Ravenswood Avenue

The Coffee Studio



The Coffee Studio is a modern, independent espresso bar focused on expertly crafting delicious drinks and snacks from fresh locally-roasted coffee beans and simple, flavorful ingredients. Now serving wine and craft beers.

Photo: Sundays Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5628 North Clark Street, Andersonville, Chicago

Phone: +1 773 271 7881

Internet: www.thecoffeestudio.com

More Info: Free Wi-Fi with purchase

Beverly Bakery



Beverly Bakery's custom coffees are brewed fresh daily and can also be ordered online. Stop by for breakfast or order a delicious pastry to go with your coffee.

Photo: kaband/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10528 South Western Avenue, Chicago

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 7am-2pm, Sat & Sun 8am-2pm

Phone: +1 773 238 5580

Internet: www.beverlycoffeeroasters.com

Grand Lux Cafe



Indulgence and variety are the key words to define Grand Lux Cafe. Their menu features dishes from across the globe, including Thai, Malaysian, Caribbean, European, and classic American. Aside from ample portions that are perfect for sharing, Grand Lux Cafe also features several signature drinks and a wide selection of spirits to enhance your meal.

Photo: creativesunday/Shutterstock.com

Address: 600 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-10pm, Fri 11am-11pm, Sat 11am-11pm

Phone: +1 312 276 2500

Internet: www.grandluxcafe.com

The Perfect Cup



For a great cup of coffee, try the Perfect Cup. They have coffee classics like lattes and espressos, as well as house specialties. They also offer a light breakfast or lunch, as well as delectable pastries.

Photo: Steve Cukrov/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4700 North Damen Avenue, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-5pm, Sat 8am-6pm, Sun 8am-6pm

Phone: +1 773 989 4177

Internet: www.perfectcupchicago.com

Email: info@perfectcupchicago.com

More Info: Cash only

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Clayton Hauck/Choose Chicago

For nightlife, head to the many cocktail lounges, sports bars or dance clubs that dot the entertainment landscape. Or get tickets to legendary comedy club The Second City. Famous jazz and blues clubs abound, as well as smaller venues that represent local musicians and quiet bars with small bands playing music from around the world. Keep in mind that the legal drinking age is 21.

The Signature Room/Signature Lounge



The Signature Room offers a breathtaking view from the top floor of the John Hancock center. Do not forget to try their Signature martini "Sidecar" once you are there.

Photo: Anton Watman/Shutterstock.com

Address: 875 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 787 9596

Internet: www.signatureroom.com

Le Colonial Lounge



Le Colonial isn't only a refined dining establishment, but also a lounge featuring a chic bar popular with the young, clubby set. It is located upstairs from the restaurant of the same name. The staff serve tasty cocktails in a comfortable and romantic setting.

Photo: alexpro9500/Shutterstock.com

Address: 937 North Rush Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 255 0088

Internet: www.lecolonialchicago.com

More Info: Outdoor patio available

Luxbar



Luxbar is a sophisticated two-story bar that features elegant marble floors and tables, mahogany walls and a stunning marble staircase that makes you feel like a movie star. Serves dinner as well as inventive cocktails.

Photo: Daxiao Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 18 East Bellevue Place, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-midnight, Sat & Sun

9am-midnight
Phone: +1 312 642 3400
Internet: www.luxbar.com

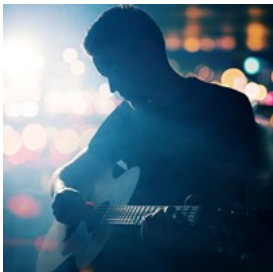
The Original Mother's



Division street is known for its bar scene, and Mother's does not disappoint. A large venue with stylish antique sofas and easy chairs out front, with a lively dance floor in the back. Versatile, with karaoke nights as well as indie short film festivals. The famed setting for the 1986 cult film, "About Last Night".

Photo: [Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com)
Address: 26 West Division Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 642 7251
Internet: www.originalmothers.com

House of Blues



House of Blues is an international chain of clubs, which promote current rock bands and other various acts performing jazz, blues, soul, funk and pop music.

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Address: 329 North Dearborn Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 923 2000
Internet: www.houseofblues.com

Buddy Guy's Legends



Buddy Guy's Legends is a world-famous live blues club named for Rock & Roll Hall of Fame legend, Buddy Guy. This is the place to go for blues!

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Address: 700 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 427 1190
Internet: www.buddyguy.com

Jazz Showcase



Jazz Showcase is a famous venue for live Chicago jazz since 1947, showcasing local and international talent. Matinees with special discounts for students, seniors and musicians on Sundays.

Photo: [Geoff Goldswain/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com)
Address: 806 South Plymouth Court, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 360 0234
Internet: www.jazzshowcase.com

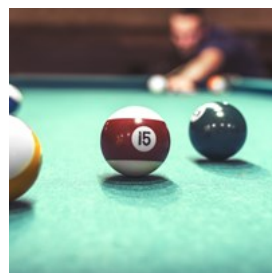
The Green Mill Cocktail Lounge



The Green Mill Cocktail Lounge is a legendary live music venue with different varieties of jazz in a 1940s-style lounge. They capture jazz from New York to New Orleans.

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Address: 4802 North Broadway, Chicago
Phone: +1 773 878 5552
Internet: www.greenmilljazz.com

Cubby Bear Lounge



The Cubby Bear is located right across the street from Wrigley Field, and anyone hanging out in one of the club's private rooms has a view of the field. This is the place to be to catch all of the action after a Cubs game. Live bands perform regularly. Check the club's website for a

list of performances. This late-night venue also serves lunch.

Photo: Denis Rozhnovsky/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1059 West Addison Street, Chicago
Public Transport: Red Line to Addison of Sheridan; Brown Line to Southport
Opening hours: Wed-Sun 11am-1am, Mon & Tue closed
Phone: +1 773 327 1662
Internet: www.cubbybear.com

Redhead Piano Bar



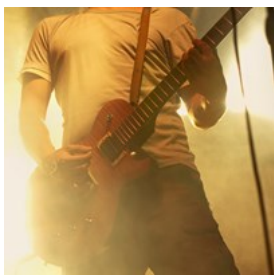
Gather around the piano and sing along to live music. The Redhead Piano Bar's intimate atmosphere is conducive to connecting with old

and new friends over a drink and a song.

Business casual attire is required.

Photo: archimede/Shutterstock.com
Address: 16 West Ontario Street, Chicago
Opening hours: Wed-Sun 6pm-1am
Phone: +1 312 640 1000
Internet: www.theredheadpianobar.com

Kingston Mines



This is the place to go for live blues music. Kingston Mines has been around since 1968, and this is one blues locale that really delivers. Stay all

night, since the music doesn't stop, with bands rotating on two stages. Kingston Mines also has a late-night kitchen serving a full menu. Make sure to try the BBQ ribs.

Photo: Kohlhuber Media Art/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2548 North Halsted Street, Chicago
Public Transport: Brown Line or Purple Line to Fullerton or Diversey
Opening hours: Thu-Sat 6pm-1am
Phone: +1 773 477 4647

Internet: www.kingstonmines.com

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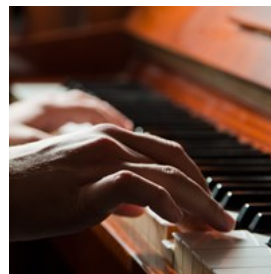


With nearly nightly live shows, Metro has been a staple of the Chicago music scene since it first opened in 1982, and has hosted major acts as well

as promoted up-and-coming artists from the Chicago area and all over the nation. Smart Bar is located on the basement floor of Metro and follows the same principle of promoting artists on the rise. Come here Wednesday through Sunday nights to dance to some of the hottest DJs Chicago has to offer.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: 3730 North Clark Street, Chicago
Public Transport: Red Line to Addison Stop
Phone: +1 773 549 0203
Internet: www.metrochicago.com

Davenport's Piano Bar & Cabaret



Davenport's is definitely the place to go for entertainment and atmosphere, with a piano bar located in the front room, and a cabaret in

the back.

Photo: Inga Dudkina/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1383 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago
Phone: +1 773 278 1830
Internet: www.davenportspianobar.com

The J. Parker



Enjoy your drink with class and a spectacular view in one of the lounges of The J. Parker, sitting above the Lincoln Hotel.

Photo: Andrei Mayatnik/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1816 North Clark Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 254 4747
Internet: www.jparkerchicago.com

Three Dots & a Dash



Owner of Three Dots and a Dash Paul McGee is one of Chicago's favorite mixologists. His newest Polynesian-island themed bar centers around a 16 drink menu, focusing on eight classics and eight new creations, and has a Hawaiian tiki bar feel. Make sure to try the famous Painkiller No. 3 and enjoy some snacks. It's a great place to mingle with Chicagoans.

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Address: 435 North Clark Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 610 4220
Internet: www.threedotschicago.com

Billy Sunday

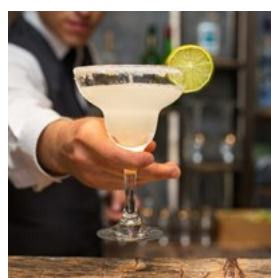


When mixologist Alex Bachman and Yusho eatery chef Matthias Merges joined forces, they created Billy Sunday, a cozy, high concept antique-accented cocktail bar. Their drink menu features unique ingredients such as quince, grenadine, and ambergris-laced palm sugar; their food menu has items like pig ears and a chicken liver spread. Each of their 10

signature drinks feature different spirits. If you prefer more straight up beverages, they are able to accommodate all tastes.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com
Address: 3143 West Logan Boulevard, Chicago
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5pm-2am, Sat 5pm-3am, Sun 3pm-1am
Phone: +1 773 661 2485
Internet: www.billy-sunday.com

The Berkshire Room



Located in the Acme Hotel, the Berkshire Room is a popular night spot for Chicagoans. Benjamin Schiller's Blue Collar Lagers menu has become famous for its variety and delicious offers. Executive Chef Chris Curren offers delicious food to complement the fantastic drink menu. Try the the Dealer's Choice: you choose the liquor, flavor, and glassware, and the bartender crafts your drink from there.

Photo: Tarik Kaan Muslu/Shutterstock.com
Address: 15 East Ohio Street, Chicago
Opening hours: Tue-Thu 5pm-12am, Fri 5pm-1am, Sat 4pm-1am
Phone: +1 312 894 0945
Internet: www.theberkshireroom.com

Parson's Chicken & Fish



Parson's Chicken & Fish is a delightfully hip bar that features a friendly outdoor atmosphere (weather and season permitting) and a great mix of food and drinks. Signature Negroni Slushies are a popular item. If you don't try a Negroni Slushie, then opt for a Smoky Paloma; its ingredients include tequila, St. Germain, lime

juice, San Pellegrino Pompelmo, mezcal, and salt.

Photo: Shane W Thompson/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2952 West Armitage Avenue, Chicago

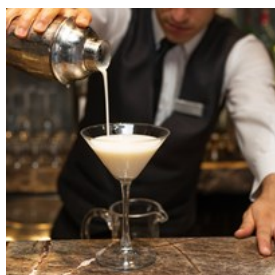
Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

Phone: +1 773 384 3333

Internet: www.parsonschickenandfish.com

More Info: Two more locations at 2435 North Halsted Street & 2109 West Chicago Avenue

Punch House



Punch House is a 1970s recreational room-themed basement bar. The laid back atmosphere makes the bar a great place to relax after a busy day out

on the town. Try the Garrick Club: gin, cherry liqueur, raw sugar, lemon juice, and carbonation.

Photo: Tarik Kaan Muslu/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1227 West 18th Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 526 3851

Internet: www.punchhousechicago.com

SHOPPING



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Shopping is a big deal in Chicago. Don't miss Michigan Avenue's 13-block stretch, The Magnificent Mile, with more than 300 stores to explore, including major department stores, luxury boutiques and the can't-miss, multi-level Water Tower Place mall.

The Magnificent Mile



A mile of exclusive luxury shops along North Michigan Avenue: Gucci, Escada, Prada, Cartier and all the other internationally famous

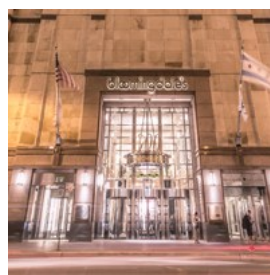
high-end shops are represented here.

Photo: Ken Lund/cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Internet: www.themagnificentmile.com

Bloomingdale's Building



This is an eight-story shopping structure with upscale, luxury shops, including the Chicago flagship Bloomingdale's location. It also houses

restaurants and cinemas.

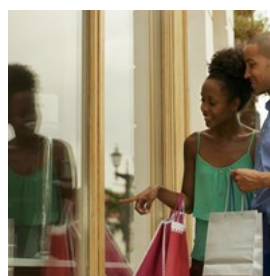
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Address: 900 North Michigan, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 440 4460

Internet: www.shop900.com

Water Tower Place



The Water Tower Place is a sophisticated shopping center in a spectacular eight-level atrium building. Situated across from the Chicago Water

tower, which is one of the only surviving structures of the 1871 great Chicago fire. There are restaurants and a cinema on-site.

Photo: Diego Cervo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 835 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-7pm, Fri & Sat 11am-8pm, Sun noon-6pm

Phone: +1 312 440 3580

Internet: www.shopwatertower.com

Broadway & Clark Street



An assortment of chic, funky shops extend for several blocks west on Broadway, and north and south on Clark Street.

Vintage clothing shops, stylish one-of-a-kind boutiques, and edgy shops with motorcycle gear inspired clothes and accessories all converge in these few blocks.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3200 North Clark, Chicago

Opening hours: 10am-6pm for most shops

More Info: At the intersection of Clark & Belmont

Piper's Alley



Having undergone several renovations over the years, this four-story mall located in historical Old Town Chicago was originally built in the 1970s. In addition to containing restaurants and shops, it is also the home to Second City, the renowned improvisational comedy group that has launched the careers of several famous comedians, such as SNL stars Chris Farley, John Belushi, Dan Akroyd and Tina Fey as well as "The Office" star Steve Carell. Catch a show today to glimpse tomorrow's comedy stars.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com

Address: 210 West North Avenue, Chicago

Andersonville Galleria



Part gallery, part boutique mall — find virtually everything at one of the nearly 100 locally-owned shops located at Andersonville

Galleria. Located in Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood, it features a deli, clothing, accessories, and home furnishings at some of its unique stores.

Photo: Lou Stejskal/cc by 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: 5247 North Clark Street, Chicago

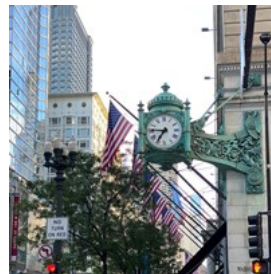
Public Transport: Red Line to Berwyn stop

Opening hours: Sun 11am-6pm, Mon-Sat 11am-7pm

Phone: +1 773 878 8570

Internet: andersonvillegalleria.com

Block 37



Five stories and an entire city block of shopping, dining and entertainment, Block 37 (also known as 108 North State Street) is located in the heart of the Loop in downtown Chicago. Browse contemporary goods at shops like Akira, Eileen Fisher, and Sabon.

Photo: Eugene Krasnaok/unsplash

Address: 108 North State Street, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 11am-6pm

Phone: +1 312 261 4700

Internet: www.blockthirtyseven.com

More Info: Across the street from Marshall Fields Clock & the Chicago Theater

Randolph Street Market



Vintage is always vogue at the Randolph Street Market Festival, home to the Chicago Antique Market, Indie Designer Market, Modern Vintage Chicago and the Holiday Market. Enjoy music, food and drinks as you browse.

Photo: Liam McGarry/unsplash

Address: 1350 West Randolph Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 666 1200

Internet: randolphstreetmarket.com

ikram



High-end women's boutique carrying a mix of American, European and Japanese designs and named after owner Ikram Goldman, who has styled Chicago's elites.

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Address: 15 East Huron Street, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun closed

Phone: +1 312 587 1000

Internet: www.ikram.com

Leaders 1354



Leaders 1354 has been Chicago's leading source for stylish street wear since 2002. Located in Wicker Park, Leaders 1354 also has a web-based store where you can order online.

Photo: conejota/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1152 West Madison Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 787 7144

Internet: www.ldrs1354.com

Chicago Premium Outlets



Enjoy discounts on your favorite brands at 120 outlet stores, such as Banana Republic, Calvin Klein, J. Crew and Kenneth Cole.

Photo: imtmphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1650 Premium Outlets Boulevard, Aurora

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-8pm, Fri & Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 11am-6pm

Phone: +1 630 585 2200

Internet: www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/chicago

The Shops at Northbridge



These four levels of world-class shops and restaurants encompass seven blocks of the Magnificent Mile.

Photo: Ksenia Chernaya/pexels

Address: 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 11am-6pm

Phone: +1 312 327 2300

Internet: www.theshopsatnorthbridge.com

Woodfield Mall



Surround yourself with fashion, food, and fun with the most distinctive collection of shopping, dining and entertainment. Woodfield has the finest

collection of department stores and specialty shops in the Great Lakes region including Nordstrom, Macy's, Lord & Taylor, JCPenney, Sears and nearly 300 stores and restaurants.

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Address: 5 Woodfield Shopping Center, Schaumburg

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-8pm, Fri & Sat 10am-9pm, Sun noon-6pm

Phone: +1 847 330 0220

Internet: www.simon.com/mall/woodfield-mall

Garrett Popcorn Shop



What makes Garrett Popcorn special? They hot air pop their signature blend of kernels, which they then mix into their secret family recipes. Every batch is handmade daily

and the result is an irresistible snacking sensation, which has generated lines of historic proportions outside of their retail locations for decades.

Photo: Nomad_Soul/Shutterstock.com
Address: 401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago
Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm
Phone: +1 888 476 7267
Internet: www.garrettpopcorn.com

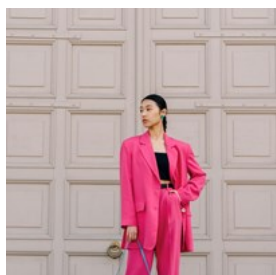
American Girl Place



If you have a fan of dolls in your life, you must stop and visit the American Girl Place while in Chicago. Specializing in custom dolls to fit given physical descriptions as well as story-centric dolls, American Girl has the perfect gift for any little girl. Choose from hundreds of options including skin color, hair color and style, outfit, eye color, and a plethora of other options. Also on-site is a restaurant, photo studio, doll hair salon, and plenty of souvenirs. Check their website before visiting for special offers.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com
Address: 835 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago
Opening hours: Sun-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 10am-7pm
Phone: +1 877 247 5223
Internet: www.americangirl.com

Fashion Outlets of Chicago



Dive headfirst into some of the best shopping in town at the Fashion Outlets of Chicago, located only 24 kilometers from downtown Chicago. This expansive, indoor outlet destination is packed with over 130 designer stores featuring savings of up to 75% off.

Anchored by Bloomingdale's The Outlet Store, Neiman Marcus Last Call, Nordstrom Rack, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th and Forever 21, the Fashion Outlets stands apart as the only multi-level shopping outlet in the U.S. Midwest.

Photo: cottonbro studio/pexels
Address: 5220 Fashion Outlets Way, Rosemont
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 10am-7pm
Phone: +1 847 928 7500
Internet: www.fashionoutletsofchicago.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



Citizens of the Schengen countries, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and the Kingdom of Brunei can visit the United States for up to 90 days without applying for a visa (as well as citizens of Andorra, Lichtenstein, Monaco and San Marino). Citizens of these countries must obtain an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) before traveling. All other travelers must obtain a visa before visiting the United States. International travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their

intended trip in order to enter the country.

Photo: mana5280/unsplash

Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW)



Midway Airport is 6.5 miles (10 km) southwest of the city center. The Orange Line train takes passengers to and from Midway airport and downtown Chicago and also runs 24 hours.

Chicago Midway Airport is a domestic airport located on the southwest side of Chicago. It is the second-largest airport in the Chicago metropolitan area, after O'Hare.

The Orange Line train provides direct service between Midway Airport and downtown Chicago. The train station is located right outside of the airport terminal and offers a convenient and affordable way to get to the city.

Various taxi and ride-sharing services are available at Midway Airport. You can find them at designated areas outside of the terminal.

If you prefer to drive, Midway Airport offers a variety of rental car options.

There are also several bus services that operate to and from Midway Airport, including the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus system and the airport shuttle service.

You can find out more about transportation options at the information booth on the bag claim level near Door 3 LL.

Photo: NASA/public domain/wikimedia(image cropped)
Address: South Cicero Avenue, Chicago

Phone: +1 773-838-0600

Internet: www.flychicago.com/midway

Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD)



The Chicago O'Hare International Airport is the main airport serving Chicago. O'Hare is approximately 18 miles (30 km) northwest of the city center. You can take the new Airport Transit System (ATS) to navigate between Terminals 1, 2, 3, and 5, as well as the Multi-Modal Facility (MMF) for rental cars, Economy Parking Lot F, Kiss 'n' Fly, Pace buses and Metra. The Blue Line train takes passengers to and from O'Hare and downtown Chicago and runs 24 hours a day.

Taxis take about 20-30 minutes to get to the city center.

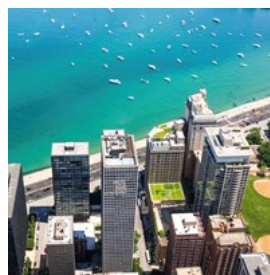
Photo: Ben Wicks/unsplash

Address: 10000 West Balmoral Avenue, Chicago

Phone: +1 800 832 6352

Internet: www.flychicago.com/ohare

Best Time to Visit



Contrary to what its nickname "Windy City" implies, the winds aren't too much of a concern, and the nickname itself ties in with Chicago's political history more than its climate. The best times to visit are around the Christmas season (for the festive lights and holiday atmosphere), or, if higher temperatures are what you prefer, any time from late spring (April) to early fall.

Photo: natasha t/unsplash

Public Transport



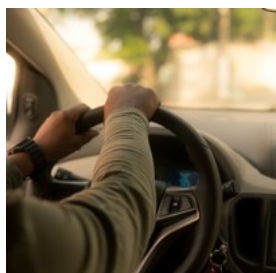
Chicago has an excellent system of trains, buses and a commuter rail. Pay in cash on the bus and in exact change. Transit cards may be purchased at selected outlets, which eliminates the hassle of needing exact change. You may also call and get exact directions on public transport to and from any destination in the city. RTA Travel Information service is available seven days a week, including holidays, from 4:45am to 1 am for travel information on CTA, PACE and Metra.

Photo: Maarten van den Heuvel/unsplash

Phone: +1 312 836 7000

Internet: www.transitchicago.com

Taxi



Traditional taxis are widely available throughout the city, and they can be hailed on the street or booked through a dispatch service. It is very easy to find a taxi downtown or near the Miracle Mile. There is no extra charge for baggage or credit card use, and tipping is optional. Credit cards are accepted in all taxis. Alternatively, you can hail a cab and pay using CHICABS-approved apps ARRO and CURB.

Photo: Jackson David/unsplash

Internet:

www.choosechicago.com/plan-your-trip/getting-around

Pharmacy



Walgreens is open 24 hours, seven days a week and there are a number of Walgreens in downtown Chicago.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/unsplash

Address: 757 North Michigan, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 664 8686

Internet: www.walgreens.com

Post



The Main Post Office is located on 433 West Harrison Street. Visit the website for more information.

Photo: Mason B./unsplash

Address: 433 West Harrison Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 983 8030

Internet: www.usps.com

Telephone



Country Code: +1 Area Code Chicago: 312 or 773

Photo: cottonbro/pexels

Electricity



All power sockets in the United States provide a standard voltage of 110-120V with a standard frequency of 60Hz. Plug type A has two flat

parallel pins.

Photo: ergonomofis/unsplash

Population

2.7 million (2021)

Currency

Dollar, 1 \$ (USD) = 100 cents

Internet

www.choosechicago.com

www.chicago.gov

www.visittheusa.com/destination/chicago

Newspapers

Chicago Tribune — www.chicagotribune.com

Chicago SunTimes — chicago.suntimes.com

The Reader — chicagoreader.com

Time Out Chicago — www.timeout.com/chicago

(weekly magazine with event listings)

Emergency numbers

911

Tourist information

Chicago Office of Tourism

Chicago Cultural Center

77 East Washington Street

Open daily 10am–5pm

Chicago Water Works

163 East Pearson Street

Open Mon–Thu 10am–6pm, Fri & Sat 9am–5pm, Sun

1pm–5pm



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Adams Street	A4 B4	Grand Avenue	A2 B1 C1	North Water Street	B2 C2
Arcade Place	A3	Gravey Circuit	B2 B3	Ohio Street	A1 B1 C1
Benton Place	B3	Haddock Place	A2 B2	Ontario Street	A1 B1 C1
Calhoun Place	A3	Holden Street	B3	Orleans Street	A1
Canal Street	A3 A4	Hubbard Street	A2 B2	Plymouth Circuit	B4
Chicago Avenue	A1 B1 C1	Huron Street	A1 B1 C1	Post Place	A2
Clark Street	B1 B2 B3 B4	Illinois Street	A2 B2 C2	Quincy Street	A4
Columbus Drive	C2 C3 C4	Jackson Boulevard	A4 B4	Randolph Street	A3 B3 C3
Congress Drive	C4	Jackson Drive	C4	River Drive	C2
Congress Parkway	B4	Kinzie Street	A2 B2	Rush Street	B1 B2
Congress Plaza Drive	B4	La Salle Street	A1 A2 A3 A4	Sedgwick Street	A1
Couch Place	A3 B3	Lake Shore Drive	C1 C2 C4 D2	South Water Street	B2 C2
Court Place	A3	Lake Street	A3 B3	St Clair Street	B1 C2
Dearborn Street	B1 B2 B3 B4	Macchesney Circuit	B2	State Street	B1 B2 B3 B4
East Lake Shore Drive	C1	Madison Street	A3 B3	Stetson Avenue	C2 C3
Erie Street	A1 B1 C1	Marble Place	A4 B4	Superior Street	A1 B1 C1
Fairbanks Circuit	C1	Mc Clurg Circuit	C1	Van Buren Street	A4 B4
Federal Street	B4	Merchandise Mart Plaza	A2	Wabash Avenue	B1 B2 B3 B4
Field Boulevard	C2 C3	Michigan Avenue	B1 B2 B3 B4	Wacker Drive	A2 A3 A4 C2
Financial Place	A4	Monroe Drive	C3	Washington Boulevard	A3 B3
Franklin Street	A1 A2 A3 A4	Monroe Street	A3 B3	Wells Street	A1 A2 A3 A4