



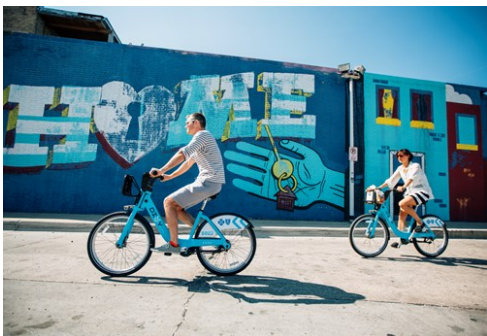
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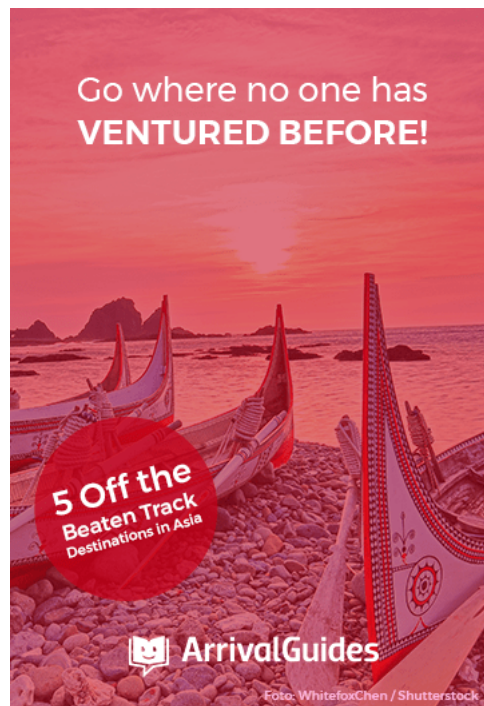


City of Chicago



Clayton Hauck/Choose Chicago

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 theatres, shops & 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 theatres 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.

Learn more at:

www.visittheusa.com/destination/chicago

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
Opening hours: June 8-10, 2018
Tickets: Free admission
Internet: www.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
Opening hours: June 1-2, 2018
Tickets: Free admission

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
Opening hours: July 11-15, 2018
Internet: www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/taste_of_chicago.html

Chicago Jazz Festival (August-September)



A Labour 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
Opening hours: August 30-September 2, 2018

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
Opening hours: September 28-30, 2018

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
Opening hours: September 7-23, 2018
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 7, 2018

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

Public Transport: October 11-25, 2018

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/zoolights-presented-comed-and-powershares-qqq-invesco

DO & SEE



Big Bus Tours

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.

Learn more at:

www.visittheusa.com/destination/chicago

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

Opening hours: Seasonal, see home page for more information: www.cruisechicago.com

Phone: +1 847 358 1330

Internet: www.visittheusa.com/experience/chicagos-first-lady-cruises-touring-illinois-architectural-hub

More Info: Cruises leave from Chicago Riverwalk

The 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 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +1 312 922 9410

Internet: www.visittheusa.com/experience/chicago-illinois-inspiring-curiosity-field-museum

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

Address: 1200 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 939 2438

Internet: www.visittheusa.com/experience/chicago-illinois-underwater-explorations-around-world-shedd-aquarium

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 E Grand Ave, Chicago

Opening hours: Opening hours vary by season:

www.navypier.org/visit/hours-admission

Phone: +1 312 595 7437

Internet: www.visittheusa.com/experience/chicago-illinois-landmarks-navy-pier-and-centennial-wheel

More Info: At Streeter Dr. 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. It was designated by Wright himself as "the

cornerstone of modern architecture".

Photo: Sandra Cohen-Rose and Colin Rose/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 5757 S Woodlawn Ave, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 994 4000

Internet: www.gowright.org

Willis Tower (Sears Tower)



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 S Wacker Dr, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 875 9696

Internet: www.theskydeck.com

More Info: Btwn Adams St & Jackson Blvd; enter Skydeck on Jackson Blvd (south side of building)

Cloud Gate



Cloud Gate n 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 E Randolph St, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 742 1168

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.

Photo: alisafarov/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2001 N Clark Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 742 2000

Internet: www.lpzoo.org

Grant Park



Grant Park is often referred to as "Chicago's front yard", and is 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 E Randolph Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 742 3918

Internet: www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/grant-park

Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier



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/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 800 E Grand Ave, 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.

Photo: Thomas Barrat/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lake Michigan, Chicago

Museum of Science and 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 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago

Opening hours: Daily 9.30am-4pm

Phone: +1 773 684 1414

Internet: www.visittheusa.com/experience/museum-science-and-industry-chicago-illinois-fun-all-ages

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.

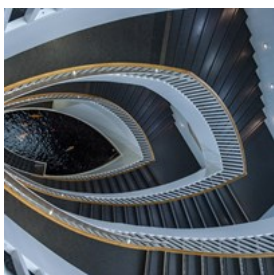
Photo: Nagel Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2391 N Stockton Dr, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 742 7736

Internet: www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/lincoln-park-conservatory

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 cafe owned by Wolfgang Puck.

Photo: Kevin Kipper/Shutterstock.com

Address: 220 E Chicago Ave, Chicago

Opening hours: Tue 10am-9pm, Wed-Thu 10am-5pm, Fri

10am-9pm, Sat-Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +1 312 280 2660

Internet: www.mcachicago.org

Auditorium Building and 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.

Photo: FeyginFoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 50 E Congress Parkway, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 922 2110

Internet: www.auditoriumtheatre.org

Brookfield Zoo



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

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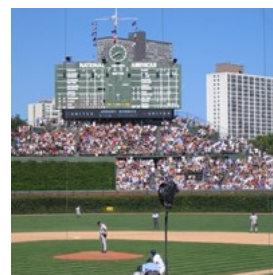
Address: 8400 31st St, Brookfield

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +1 800 201 0784

Internet: www.brookfieldzoo.org

Wrigley Field



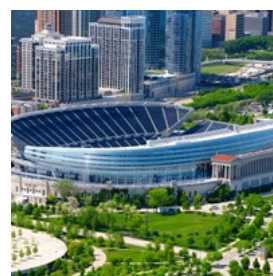
Wrigley Field in Chicago has been the home of the Chicago Cubs since 1916, making it one of the oldest ballparks still in operation, second only to

Fenway Park in Boston.

Photo: Thechitowncubs/Wikimedia Commons

Address: 1060 W Addison St, Chicago

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.

Photo: Richard Cavalleri/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1410 S Museum Campus Dr, 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: Nicole Yeary/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 1901 W Madison St, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 455 4500

Internet: www.unitedcenter.com

Chicago Fire Soccer Club / Toyota Park



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. Toyota Park is the Fire's home stadium. Since the fall of 2011, the Chicago Bliss of the Lingerie Football League have also played in Toyota Park before making the Sears Center their home arena.

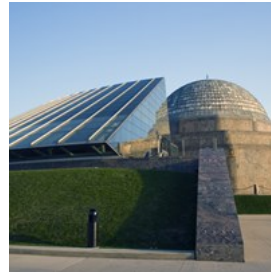
Photo: goatling/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 7000 S Harlem Ave, Bridgeview

Phone: +1 708 594 7200

Internet: www.chicago-fire.com

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.

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Address: 1300 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago

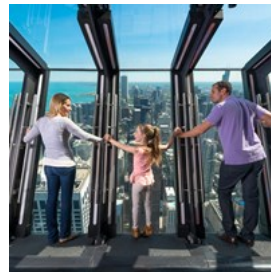
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9.30am-4pm

Phone: +1 312 922 7827

Internet: www.adlerplanetarium.org

More Info: Take the CTA to Roosevelt or the Metra to Museum Campus

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

Address: 875 N Michigan Ave, Chicago

Public Transport: CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) 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: www.visittheusa.com/experience/chicago-illinois-vie
ws-visiting-360-chicago-observation-deck

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.

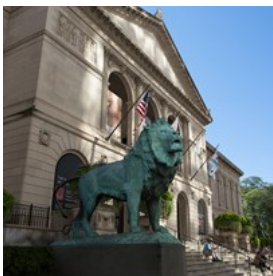
Photo: Henryk Sadura/Shutterstock.com

Address: 875 Lake Street, Oak Park

Phone: +1 312 994 4000

Internet: www.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

Address: 111 South Michigan Ave, Chicago

Opening hours: Fri-Wed 10.30am-5pm, Thu 10.30am-8pm

Phone: +1 312 443 3600

Internet: www.visittheusa.com/experience/art-institute-chicago-illinois-artistic-discoveries-await

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

Opening hours: Sun-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat 10am-8pm

Phone: +1 877 285 4796

Internet: www.visittheusa.com/experience/big-bus-tours-perfect-introduction-chicago-illinois

More Info: Tours begin at 98 E Upper Wacker Dr

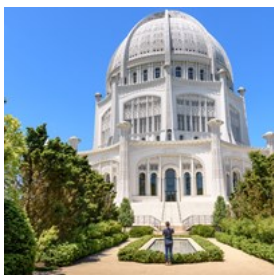
EXCURSIONS



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 hand-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

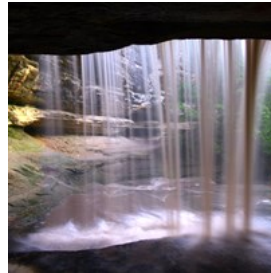
Worship and the Illinois Holocaust Museum. Chicago's elevated train brings you to Evanston, a lively city that's home to Northwestern University.

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-chicago-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.

Learn more at:
www.visittheusa.com/destination/chicago

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 E Superior St, Chicago
 Phone: +1 312 266 3337
 Internet: www.ginoseast.com
 More Info: Additional locations in Chicago: 2801 N Lincoln Ave, 162 E Superior St, 521 S Dearborn St, and 8725 W Higgins St

Le Colonial



Le Colonial offers French-influenced Vietnamese cuisine in an elegant setting. High ceilings, louvred 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: 937 N Rush St, Chicago
 Phone: +1 312 255 0088
 Internet: www.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 N Michigan, Chicago
 Opening hours: Mon-Thurs 5.30-10pm, Fri-Sat 5pm-11pm, Sun 5pm-10pm
 Phone: +1 312 280 2750
 Internet: www.spiaggiarestaurant.com

Portillo's Hot Dogs



Portillo is a Chicago favorite, famous for its hot dogs 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 W Ontario, Chicago
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 Haurylik/Shutterstock.com
Address: 6 E Chestnut, Chicago
Opening hours: Open 24 hours
Phone: +1 312 943 4373
Internet: www.tempochicago.com

Bistrot Zinc



Bistrot Zinc serves dishes of unique flavor combinations, along with traditional French bistro fare, in a warm, relaxing environment. The brunch menu is a particular delight.

Photo: CHIKARAvv/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1131 N State St, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 337 1131
Internet: www.bistrotzinc.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.

Photo: White78/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1028 N Rush St, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 266 8999
Internet: www.gibsonssteakhouse.com

Morton's



Morton's serves classic American steakhouse fare - of the finest quality - at its several worldwide locations. Its flagship restaurant in Chicago has been a staple of the local dining scene since 1978.

Photo: Solis Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1050 N State St, Chicago
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5.30pm-11pm, Sun 5pm-10pm
Phone: +1 312 266 4820
Internet: www.mortons.com
More Info: Reservations recommended

Everest



Enjoy fine French cuisine curated carefully by Check Joho, as you take in the breathtaking views of Chicago from the 40th floor of the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/Shutterstock.com
Address: 440 S LaSalle St, Chicago
Opening hours: Tue-Thu 5.30pm-9pm, Fri 5.30pm-9.30pm, Sat 5pm-10pm
Phone: +1 312 663 8920
Internet: www.everestrestaurant.com
More Info: 40th Floor

Uno Chicago Grill



Uno first started in Chicago in 1943, when Ike Sewell developed deep dish pizza and opened a new type of restaurant at the corner of Ohio & Wabash. It was here that Ike served a pizza unlike any other that had been served before. When people tasted it, they wanted more of the same, and lines have been forming ever since.

Photo: Supitcha McAdam/Shutterstock.com

Address: 29 E Ohio, Chicago

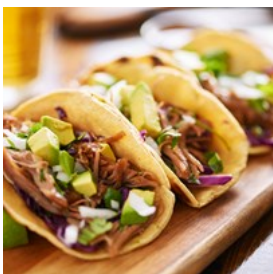
Opening hours: Sun 11am-11pm, Mon-Fri 11am-1am, Sat 11am-2am

Phone: + 1 312 321 1000

Internet: www.unos.com

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

Frontera Grill



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". 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.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com

Address: 445 N Clark St, Chicago

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: 500 N Michigan Ave, Chicago

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11.30am-12pm, Fri-Sat 11.30am-2am

Phone: +1 312 464 1744

Internet: www.thepurplepigchicago.com

Ditka's



Named after the famous football player and coach Mike Ditka, Ditka's is a restaurant and steakhouse like no other. Their portions are large

enough to satisfy a linebacker but have a fresh and unique American flair. Handcrafted drinks and unique beers are the perfect opener to your meal; make sure to try their crab cakes and Da Pork Chop, a six-point Berkshire pork chop that is melt-in-your-mouth delicious. Reservations are recommended - and who knows, you just might see the Coach while dining there.

Photo: stockcreations/Shutterstock.com

Address: 100 E Chestnut St, Chicago

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

Phone: +1 312 587 8989

Internet: www.ditkasrestaurants.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 E Hubbard St, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 527 2722
Internet: www.shawscrabhouse.com

Big Bowl



If you're craving Chinese or Thai food, 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 E Ohio St, Chicago
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11.30am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11.30am-11pm, Sun 11.30am-9.30pm
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 N Halsted St, Chicago
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 4pm-10pm, Fri 11.30am-12pm, Sat 9am-12pm, Sun 9am-10pm
Phone: +1 773 935 5000
Internet: www.cafebabareeba.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.

Argo Tea Cafe



Argo Tea has unique and tasty signature tea drinks, as well as traditional coffee choices. They blend their own tea, providing the customer with original drinks hardly found elsewhere.

Photo: Shulevskyy Volodymyr/Shutterstock.com
Address: 16 W Randolph St, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 324 3899
Internet: www.argotea.com
More Info: Additional locations in Chicago: 819 N. Rush St.; 1 N. Dearborn St.; 140 S. Dearborn St.; 1 S. Franklin St.; 3135 N. Broadway; 435 N. Michigan Ave.; 222 Merchandise Mart, Ste. 113; 958 W. Armitage Ave.; and at Willis Tower, University of Chicago Medical Center, Northwestern Memorial Hospital and O'Hare Airport

Cafe Selmarie



and Intelligentsia coffee.

At Cafe Selmarie you can dive into cakes, pastries, tarts and cookies. They do not only have delicious desserts, but also a full-service espresso bar

Photo: Elena Veselova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4729 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago

Phone: +1 773 989 5595

Internet: www.cafeselmarie.com

Atwood



gluten free options.

Atwood offers customers an original interpretation of American cuisine. Here you can find something for everyone, including vegan, vegetarian and

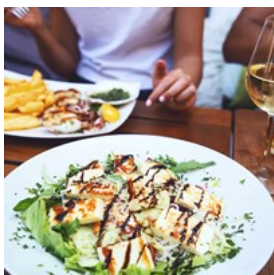
Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 W Washington St, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 368 1900

Internet: www.atwoodcafe.com

Gallery Cafe



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

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

Photo: Natalia Deriabina/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1760 W North Ave, Chicago

Public Transport: Blue Line to Damen O'Hare

Phone: +1 773 252 8228

Internet: www.gallerycafechicago.com

The Wormhole Cafe



DeLorean. Also serves breakfast and lunch.

Enjoy your coffee while checking out the Wormhole's collection of 80s memorabilia, from retro movie posters to the 'Back to the Future'

Photo: Stay_Positive/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1462 Milwaukee Ave, Chicago

Phone: +1 773 661 2468

Internet: www.thewormhole.us

Pick Me Up Cafe



menu options, including vegetarian. Street parking is available.

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

Photo: VGstockstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3408 N Clark St, Chicago

Public Transport: Red Line to Addison or Belmont; Brown Line to Belmont or Southport; or Purple Line to Belmont

Phone: +1 773 248 6613

Bridgeport Coffee Company



Chicago and throughout the U.S. With a commitment to providing organic, fair trade products, Bridgeport Coffee Company has been

Bridgeport Coffee Company was founded in 2004. They roast their own coffee beans, which are sold to coffee bars and restaurants in

named the Best Coffee Shop in Chicago by TimeOut Chicago. Also serves breakfast and lunch.

Photo: illustrissima/Shutterstock.com
Address: 3101 S Morgan St, Chicago
Phone: +1 773 247 9950
Internet: www.bridgportcoffeecompany.com

Intelligentsia



Intelligentsia coffee is served all over Chicago, but why not go straight to the source? While Intelligentsia is now a national chain with

locations in Los Angeles and New York, this coffee roaster opened its flagship location on North Broadway in Chicago in 1995.

Photo: george photo cm/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1233 N Wells St, Chicago
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 atmosphere and friendly staff.

Photo: Kichigin/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2521 W Chicago Ave, Chicago
Phone: +1 773 384 7827
Internet: www.starloungecoffee.com

Julius Meinl



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 N Southport Ave, Chicago
Phone: +1 773 868 1857
Internet: www.meinlus.com
More Info: Additional location at 4115 N Ravenswood Ave

The Coffee Studio

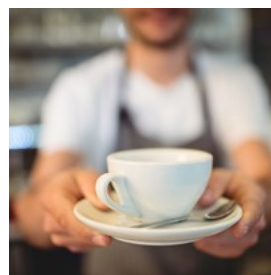


The Coffee Studio is a modern, independent espresso bar focused on expertly crafting delicious drinks and snacks from fresh locally-roasted

coffee beans and simple, flavorful ingredients. Now serving wine and craft beers.

Photo: Sundays Photography/Shutterstock.com
Address: 5628 N Clark St in Andersonville, Chicago
Opening hours: Daily 6.30am-9pm
Phone: +1 773 271 7881
Internet: www.thecoffeestudio.com
More Info: Free Wi-Fi with purchase

Asado Coffee Co.



Pioneers of the brewed-to-order coffee movement, Asado Coffee Co. use ceramic drippers to brew your perfect cup of coffee and tirelessly

pursue the art of coffee roasting, the products of

which are available for purchase.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1432 W Irving Park Rd, Chicago
Phone: +1 773 413 9454
Internet: www.asadocoffee.com

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 S Western Ave, Chicago
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 7am-2pm, Sat-Sun 8am-2pm
Phone: +1 773 238 5580
Internet: www.beverlycoffeeoasters.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 N Michigan Ave, Chicago
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-11.30pm, Fri 11am-12.30am, Sat 9am-12.30am, Sun 9am-11.30pm
Phone: +1 312 276 2500
Internet: www.grandluxcafe.com

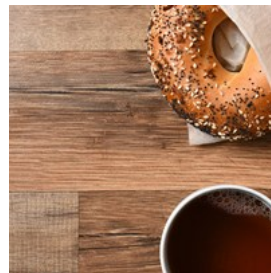
Ipsento



If you're looking for something different than an average cup o' joe, visit Ipsento. Their coffees are roasted on-site, and they feature a wide variety of drinks that you won't find anywhere else. Try the Nutella Latte, Cardamom Rose, or Pumpkin Latte when in season.

Photo: Oliveshadow/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2035 N Western Ave, Chicago
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6am-6pm, Sat-Sun 7am-6pm
Phone: +1 773 904 8177
Internet: www.ipsento.com
Email: info@ipsento.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 N Damen Ave, Chicago
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6.30am-8pm, Sat-Sun 7am-8pm
Phone: +1 773 989 4177
Internet: www.perfectcupchicago.com
Email: info@perfectcupchicago.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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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.

Learn more at:

www.visittheusa.com/destination/chicago

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

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.

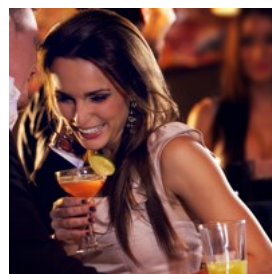
Photo: Daxiao Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 18 East Bellevue Place, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 642 3400

Internet: www.luxbar.com

The Original Mother's



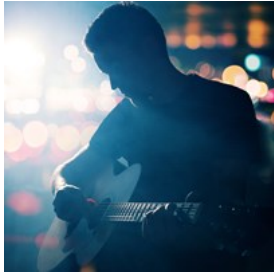
Division street is known for its bar scene, and Mother's does not disappoint. A large venue with stylish antique sofas and easy chairs out front,

with a lively dance floor in the back. The famed setting for the 1986 cult film, "About Last Night".

Photo: Jacob Lund/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.

Photo: [donatas1205/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/donatas1205)
 Address: 329 North Dearborn, Chicago
 Phone: +1 312 923 2000
 Internet: www.houseofblues.com

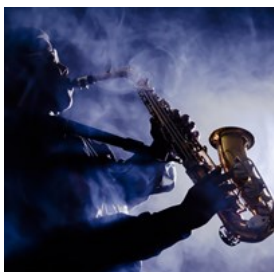
Buddy Guy's Legends



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!

Photo: [aodaodaodaod/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/aodaodaodaod)
 Address: 700 South Wabash Ave, Chicago
 Phone: +1 312 427 1190
 Internet: www.buddyguy.com

Jazz Showcase



Jazz Showcase is a famous venue for live Chicago jazz since 1947. Here you can always find a good program, and on Sundays there are

matinees with special discounts for students, seniors and musicians.

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

Internet: www.jazzshowcase.com

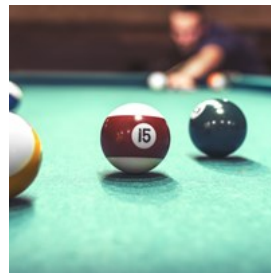
The Green Mill Cocktail Lounge



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.

Photo: [santypan/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/santypan)
 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](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/DenisRozhnovsky)
 Address: 1059 W. Addison, Chicago
 Public Transport: Red Line to Addison of Sheridan; Brown Line to Southport
 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 W. Ontario Street, Chicago
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 until 3:30 a.m. 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 N. Halsted St., Chicago
Public Transport: Brown Line or Purple Line to Fullerton or Diversey
Phone: +1 773 477 4647
Internet: www.kingstonmines.com

Metro/SmartBar

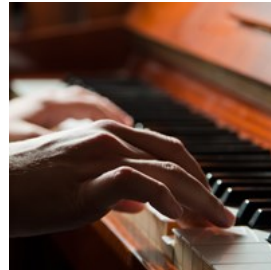


With nearly nightly live shows, Metro has been a staple of the Chicago music scene since it first opened in 1982, and has hosted major acts as well as promoted up-and-coming artists from the Chicago area and all over the nation. Smart Bar is located on the basement floor of Metro and follows the same 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 N. Clark Street, Chicago
Public Transport: Red Line to Addison Stop
Phone: +1 773 549 0203
Internet: www.metrochicago.com

Davenport's Piano Bar and 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 N. 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 N. Clark Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 254 4747
Internet: www.jparkerchicago.com

Three Dots and a Dash



Owner of Three Dots and a Dash Paul McGee is one of Chicago's favorite mixologists. His newest 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. You

must be 21 years old or older to enter.

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Address: 435 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-2am, Fri 4pm-2am, Sat 4pm-3am

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 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, IL 60647

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, IL 60611

Opening hours: Sun-Fri 4pm-2am, Sat 4pm-3am

Phone: +1 312 894 0945

Internet: www.theberkshireroom.com

Parson's Chicken & Fish



Parson's Chicken & Fish is a delightful 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, IL 60647

Opening hours: Mon-Thurs 11am-12am, Sat 10am-2am, Sun 10am-12am

Phone: +1 773 384 3333

Internet: www.parsonschickenandfish.com

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, IL 60608

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 6pm-2am, Sat 6pm-3am

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.

Learn more at:

www.visittheusa.com/destination/chicago

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: Alliance/Shutterstock.com

Address: N Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Internet: www.themagnificentmile.com

Bloomington'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.

Photo: www.BillionPhotos.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: 900 N Michigan, Chicago

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

Phone: +1 312 915 3916

Internet: www.shop900.com

Water Tower Place



This is sophisticated shopping 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 N Michigan Ave, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 11am-6pm

Phone: +1 312 440 3166

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

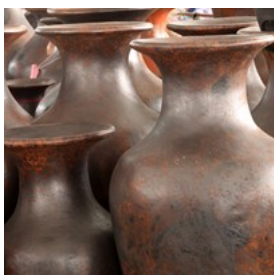
Piper's Alley



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 W North Ave, Chicago
 Phone: +1 312 337 0436
 Internet: www.pipersalleyparking.com

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 deli, clothing, accessories, and home furnishings at some of its unique stores.

Photo: stacyarturogi/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 5247 N Clark St, Chicago
 Public Transport: Red Line to Berwyn stop
 Phone: +1 773 878 8570
 Internet: www.andersonvillegalleria.com

Block Thirty Seven



Five stories and an entire city block of shopping, dining and entertainment, Block Thirty Seven (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: LuckyImages/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 108 N State St, Chicago
 Phone: +1 312 261 4700

Century Shopping Centre



This seven-level vertical shopping center was originally built as a 3,000-seat theater in the 1920s. It now houses a seven-screen theater complex housed on the center's upper floors as well as the Aveda Institute of Chicago, a CVS pharmacy and shops offering personal services. Parking is available in the garage adjacent to the mall.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 2828 N Clark St #44, Chicago
 Phone: +1 773 929 8499
 Internet: www.thecenturychicago.com

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: Daniel M Ernst/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 1350 W Randolph St, Chicago
 Opening hours: Sat & Sun 10am-5pm
 Phone: +1 312 666 1200
 Internet: www.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.

Photo: racorn/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 15 E Huron St, Chicago
 Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm
 Phone: +1 312 587 1000
 Internet: www.ikram.com

Goorin Bros.

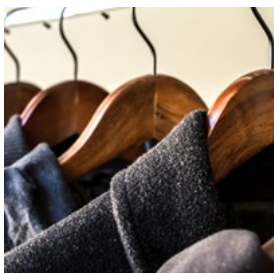


Four generations of the Goorin family have been bringing quality headwear to the U.S. for over 100 years. These hat makers have two

locations in Chicago.

Photo: Eugene Partyzan/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 1533 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago
 Phone: +1 773 384 4287
 Internet: www.goorin.com

Leaders1354



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 W Madison St, Chicago
 Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-7pm, Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 12pm-5pm
 Phone: +1 312 787 7144
 Internet: www.leaders1354.com

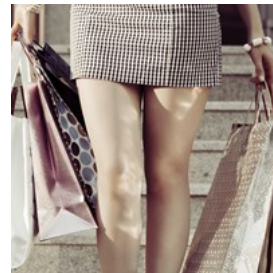
Chicago Premium Outlets



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 Blvd, Aurora, Chicago
 Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 10am-7pm
 Phone: +1 630 585 2200
 Internet: www.premiumoutlets.com

The Shops at Northbridge



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

Photo: wrangler/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 520 N Michigan Ave, Chicago
 Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 11am-7pm
 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.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Woodfield Shopping Center, Schaumburg

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 11am-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 N Michigan Ave Ste 1700, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-8pm, Fri-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +1 888 476 7267

Internet: www.garrettpopcorn.com

American Girl Place



If you have a daughter, niece, or relative who is a fan of dolls, 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 Ave, Chicago

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

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: AnemStyle/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5220 Fashion Outlets Way, Rosemont

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +1 847 928 7500

Internet: www.visittheusa.com/experience/fashion-outlets-chicago-illinois-designer-brands-just-outside-city

ESSENTIAL 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.

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Airport



Chicago has two airports: O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport. O'Hare is approximately 18 miles (30 km) northwest of the

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

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

Photo: Juan Garces

Internet: www.flychicago.com

Best Time to Visit



Contrary to what its nickname - "Windy City" - implies, winds aren't too much of a concern 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 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.

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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, 04.45-1.00 for travel information on CTA, PACE, and Metra.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +1 312 836 7000

Internet: www.transitchicago.com

More Info: For Hearing Impaired +1 312 836 4949

Taxi



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.

Yellow Cab Company: +1 312 829 4222

Checker Taxi Company: +1 312 243 2537

Pharmacy



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

Photo: Gemma Garner

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: Andy Fuchs

Address: 433 West Harrison Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 983 8030

Internet: www.usps.com

More Info: Toll free +1 800 275 8777

Telephone



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

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



110 volts, 60 hz Standard
two-pin plugs

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

2.84 million

Currency

Dollar, 1 \$ (USD) = 100 cents

Internet

www.visittheusa.com/destination/chicago

Newspapers

Chicago Tribune

Chicago SunTimes

The Reader

Time Out Chicago

(weekly magazine with event listings)

Emergency numbers

911

Tourist information

Chicago Office of Tourism

Chicago Cultural Center

77 E. Randolph Street

Chicago Water Works

163 E. Pearson Street



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River Esplanade Park
Addams Memorial Park
Olive Park
Chicago Children's museum
Navy Pier

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Grant Park
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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