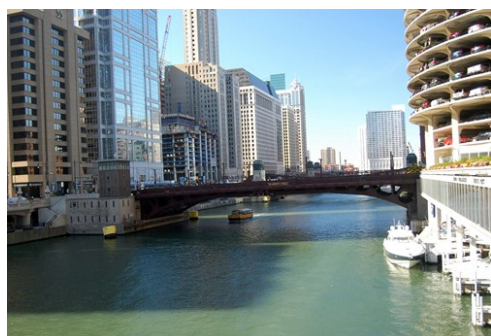




Chicago, Illinois

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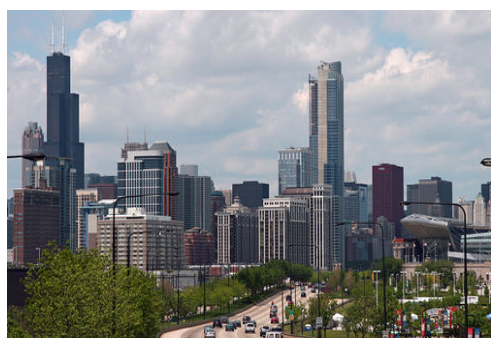


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Chicago is the largest city in the Midwest and blends influences from around the world. It has all of the big city attractions mixed with the more relaxed attitude and friendly people of the Midwest. Chicago is unique in that it is a thriving, bustling metropolitan area that manages to feel homey at the same time. The ethnic diversity, multi-cultural neighborhoods, and close proximity of these neighborhoods make Chicago a true melting pot. The main tourist areas of Chicago are very close together, making it an easy city to explore. A leisurely walk, a short bus or taxi ride, or even a boat tour will expose you to the famous museums, breathtaking architecture, exclusive shops, world class festivals, delectable restaurants, and all else that Chicago has to offer.

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THE CITY




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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.

Although internationally famous as the “Windy City,” Chicago’s weather is not what coined this term. Chicago has a colorful political history, and it is these politicians, known as “windbags” by some because they were full of “hot air,” which give this city its nickname. The weather in Chicago can be a challenge and while the winter—especially during Christmas time—is glittering and festive, April-November is the best time to visit.

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.

Like money? Then head on over to the Financial District to visit The Federal Reserve, The Chicago Mercantile Exchange, and The Chicago Stock Exchange.

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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.

Address: 1060 West Addison Street, Chicago, IL 60613
Phone: 773-404-2827 (CUBS)

The Chicago Cubs

The Chicago Cubs and historic Wrigley Field draw fans like no other baseball club in the country.

Internet: www.cubs.com

U.S. Cellular Field

The staff at U.S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox, prides itself on providing the best in customer service to White Sox and Major League Baseball fans.

Address: 333 West 35th Street, Chicago, IL 60616
Internet: <http://mlb.mlb.com/cws/ballpark/>

The Chicago White Sox

One of the American League's eight charter franchises, the Chicago team was established as a major league baseball club in 1900. At that time, the team played their home games at South Side Park. In 1910, the team moved into historic Comiskey Park, which they would inhabit for more than eight decades. Since 1991, the White Sox have played in U.S. Cellular Field, which was originally called New Comiskey Park and nicknamed "The Cell" by local fans. The White Sox last won the World Series in 2005.

Address: 333 W. 35th Street, Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: 312-674-1000
Internet: <http://chicago.whitesox.mlb.com/>

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.

Address: 1410 S. Museum Campus Drive • Chicago, IL 60605
Phone: 312-235-7000
Internet: www.soldierfield.net/

The Chicago Bears

The Bears have won nine NFL Championships. The Bears hold the NFL record for the most enshrinees in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, with 27 members, and the most retired jersey numbers (14). The Bears have also recorded more regular season and overall victories than any other NFL franchise. The franchise recorded its 700th win on November 18, 2010. They are one of only two remaining franchises from the NFL's founding.

Address: 1000 Football Dr Lake Forest, IL 60045-4829
Internet: <http://www.chicagobears.com/>

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.

Address: 1901 WEST MADISON STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60612
Phone: 312-455-4500
Internet: <http://www.unitedcenter.com/>

The Chicago Bulls

The Chicago Bulls play in the Central Division of the Eastern Conference in the National Basketball Association (NBA). They play their home games at the United Center. The team was founded in 1966 and won six NBA championships between 1991 and 1998 with two three-peats. All six championship teams were led by Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and coach Phil Jackson. The Bulls won an NBA record-72 games during the 1995-96 NBA season and are the only team in NBA history to win 70 games or more in a single season.

Address: 1901 West Madison Street Chicago, Illinois
Phone: 312-455-4000
Internet: <http://www.nba.com/bulls/>

Chicago Blackhawks

The Chicago Blackhawks are members of the Central Division of the Western Conference of the National Hockey League (NHL). They are the defending Stanley Cup Champions and have won five Stanley Cup championships since their founding in 1926. The Blackhawks are one of the Original Six NHL teams. Since 1994 the Blackhawks have played their home games at the United Center after having spent 65 years playing at Chicago Stadium.

Address: 1901 W Madison St., Chicago, IL 60612-2459
Phone: 312-455-7000
Internet: <http://blackhawks.nhl.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.

Address: 7000 S. Harlem Avenue Bridgeview, IL 60455
Phone: 708-594-7200
Internet: <http://www.chicago-fire.com/>

DO & SEE



Photo: Tom

In Chicago you will never find yourself bored. View the city from above at the Willis Tower Sky Deck or John Hancock Observatory, or the universe from below at the Adler Planetarium or Shedd Aquarium. See the wildlife at the Lincoln Park or Brookfield Zoos, or explore the past at one of the world class museums, such as the Art Institute of Chicago, the Field Museum of Natural History, and Museum of Science and Industry, or visiting one of the city's many historical architectural landmarks, like the Water Tower, Chicago Architecture Foundation, and Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio. Don't forget to explore the Millennium Park/Cloud Gate, Navy Pier, Lincoln Park, and Buckingham Fountain.

The Art Institute of Chicago

The Art Institute of Chicago is located inside Grant Park. Large bronze lion statues flank the front staircase and greet visitors. The Ryerson and Burnham Libraries are kept onsite, as well as extensive Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, American, Asian, and Old Masters paintings, sculptures, and pieces. Also located in the Institute are European, American, modern, and contemporary decorative arts and architectural, industrial, and graphic design works. Even if you aren't a huge art enthusiasts, it's impossible to pass up seeing original works by Monet and Renoir housed inside the Art Institute of Chicago.

Address: 111 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60603

Opening hours: Friday-Wednesday: 10:30a.m. – 5p.m.; Thursday: 10:30a.m. – 8p.m.

Phone: +1 312 443 3600

Tickets: Adults: \$23, Seniors: \$17, Students: \$17, Children under 14: Free; tickets can be purchased online or by calling Monday-Saturday: 877-307-4242 8a.m. to 8p.m. (Sunday: 8a.m. – 7p.m.)

Internet: www.artic.edu

John G. Shedd Aquarium

Shedd Aquarium is home to more than 32,500 animals representing 1,500 freshwater and marine species from around the world. The aquatic show features beluga whales, dolphins, penguins and more!

Address: 1200 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

Opening hours: Fall/Winter Hours: Monday - Friday 09.00-17.00, Saturday - Sunday & Holidays 09.00-18.00; Summer Hours (everyday through Labor Day): 09.00-18.00 daily

Phone: +1 312 939 2438

Internet: www.sheddaquarium.org

More Info: Shedd Aquarium is open every day of the year except Christmas.

Wrigley Field

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Address: 1060 West Addison Street, Chicago, IL 60613

Phone: (773) 404-CUBS (2827)

Navy Pier

A family attraction that features entertainment, amusement park rides, shopping, dining, lake front cruises, and more than 50 acres of gardens and parks.

Address: 600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago

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

Phone: +1 312 595 7437, +1 800 595 7437

Internet: www.navypier.com

The Field Museum

In 1997, Chicago's famous natural history museum, purchased Sue—the largest, most complete and best preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex ever discovered. This is a great museum for all ages.

Address: 1400 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

Opening hours: 09.00-17.00 daily

Phone: +1 312 922 9410

Internet: www.fieldmuseum.org

John Hancock Observatory

Located 1,000 ft above The Magnificent Mile®, you'll soon see why a visit here is rated an 'absolute must do' by tourists and locals alike. Enjoy breathtaking 360° views stretching across 4 states, and Lake Michigan.

Address: 875 N. Michigan Avenue 95th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611

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: 9:00am to 11:00pm Daily (last admission at 10:30pm)

Phone: 1-888-875-8439 (VIEW)

Internet: <http://jhochicago.com/en/>

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 at the tower.

In addition to being the North America's tallest building, it

is the third-tallest building in the world. It was constructed in 1974 and was designed by architect Bruce Graham. The building's Skydeck is a great place to admire a stunning view!

Address: 233 South Wacker Drive, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 875 9696
Internet: www.theskydeck.com
More Info: Enter Skydeck on Jackson Blvd (South side of building)

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, they have admission passes to fit your interests.

Address: 1300 S Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605
Opening hours: 9:30 am - 6 pm Daily
Phone: +1 312-922-7827
Internet: <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/>
More Info: Take the CTA to Roosevelt or the Metra to Museum Campus

Museum of Science and Industry

The Museum of Science and Industry is one of the largest science museums in the world with 35,000 artifacts. This is a place where you can learn more about the environment, the human body, space and transportation. A museum with lots of fun for both kids and adults.

Address: 5700 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago
Phone: +1 773 684 1414
Internet: www.msichicago.org
More Info: Located at 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive

Brookfield Zoo

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

Address: 8400 31st Street, Brookfield
Opening hours: Open year-round Monday-Saturday from 9:30 a.m.- 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Phone: +1 800 201 0784
Internet: www.brookfieldzoo.org

More Info: Parking is \$10 for cars and vans and \$12 for buses. There may be additional fees for special attractions as well.

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 offers shows with great actors.

Address: 800 East Grand Avenue, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 595 5600
Internet: www.chicagoshakes.com

Auditorium Building and Theatre

This historic Chicago landmark has a story to tell and is still a functioning theater. To see the theater at times other than those during scheduled performances, call +1 312 341-2389 to inquire about scheduled tours.

Address: 50 E. Congress Parkway
Phone: +1 312 922 2110
Tickets: +1 312 902 1500
Internet: www.auditoriumtheatre.org

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."

Address: 5757 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 994 4000
Internet: www.gowright.org

Museum of Contemporary Art

Free guided tours and audio tours are available to help visitors fully experience their visit to one of the largest contemporary art museums in the U.S. that also features special programs in a 300-seat theater and a café owned by Wolfgang Puck.

Address: 220 E. Chicago Avenue
Opening hours: Tuesday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Wednesday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Phone: +1 312 280 2660

Internet: www.mcachicago.org

Grant Park

Grant Park is often referred to as "Chicago's front yard" and is a popular park among tourists and locals. It is here 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.

Address: 337 E. Randolph Street

Phone: +1 312 742 3918

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

Lincoln Park Conservatory

Step inside and enjoy the 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.

Address: 2391 North Stockton Dr, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 742 7736

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

Architectural River Cruise

The Chicago Architecture Foundation offers an hour long cruise down the Chicago River, giving a history of Chicago Architecture. Be sure to bring your camera, as there are many enchanting views of the city.

Address: Michigan Avenue & The River, Chicago

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

Phone: +1 847 358 1330

Internet: www.cruisechicago.com

More Info: Southeast corner of the bridge, blue awning

Cloud Gate

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

Address: 201 East Randolph Street

Phone: +1 312 742 1168

Internet: [www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/millenniu](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/millennium_park--artarchitecture.html)
m_park--artarchitecture.html

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. It is bigger in area than Denmark and Croatia. In the summer time the lake is full of boats, people who are biking, walking or just enjoying the sun, which creates a beach-like atmosphere. There are lots of activities around, such as sailing, water taxi, early dinner cruises and night cruises.

Address: Lake Michigan, Chicago

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.

Select date on calendar above to purchase tickets in advance.

Tour Length: 45 - 60 minutes

Admission: \$12 adults, \$10 students & seniors (65+). Free tickets for children 3 and under.

Address: 875 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60301

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday-Saturday: Tours begin around 9am; call ahead and double check open hours.

Phone: +1 312 994 4000

Tickets: Admission: \$12 adults, \$10 students and persons 65+. Free tickets for children 3 and under.

Internet: cal.flwright.org/tours/unity

DINING



Photo: Jeremy Keith

In the United States, Chicago has a reputation for world class restaurants. Chicago's food is as diverse as its population. Every kind of food is available here—Polish, Greek, Mexican, Ethiopian & Vietnamese, as well as gourmet French and American cuisine. Chicago is also famous for its deep-dish pizza and hot dogs. No visit to Chicago is complete without sampling these delights.

Ditka's

Named after the famous football player and coach Mike Ditka, Ditka's is a restaurant and steakhouse like no other. Their food 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 may see the Coach while dining there.

Address: 100 East Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611
Opening hours: Monday-Thursday: 11a.m. - 10p.m.; Friday: 11a.m. - 11p.m.; Saturday: 9a.m. - 11p.m.; Sunday: 9a.m. - 10p.m.
Phone: +1 312 587 8989
Internet: www.ditkasrestaurants.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.

Address: 2024 North Halsted Street, Chicago, IL 60614
Opening hours: Monday-Thursday: 4p.m. - 10p.m.; Friday: 11:30a.m. - 12a.m.; Saturday: 10a.m. - 12a.m.; Sunday: 10a.m. - 10p.m.
Phone: +1 773 935 5000
Internet: www.cafebabareeba.com

Uno Chicago Grill

Uno 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 that had been served before. When people tasted it, they wanted more of the same and the lines have been forming ever since to get into the restaurant.

Address: 29 East Ohio, Chicago, IL 60611
Opening hours: Sunday:11:00AM-11:00PM Mon-Fri:11:00AM-1:00AM Saturday:11:00AM-2:00AM
Phone: 312-321-1000
Internet: <http://www.unos.com/>
More Info: 5 Chicago area locations and 140 locations around the world.

Le Colonial

Le Colonial offers French-influenced Vietnamese cuisine in an elegant setting. High ceilings, louvered shutters and rotating ceiling fans transport you to a romantic, colonial Vietnam.

Address: 937 North Rush Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 255 0088
Internet: www.lecolonialchicago.com

Japonais

Japonais offers contemporary Japanese with a stunning riverfront view and patio. Traditional sushi & appetizers make up the bulk of the menu, while the creative Japanese fusion entrees are also delicious.

Address: 600 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 822 9600
Internet: www.japonaischicago.com

Ruxbin Kitchen

This is a very small and intimate restaurant with attentive staff. Chef Edward Kim has created a menu which combines his culinary influences from French technique and Asian heritage. It can get crowded so come early.

Address: 851 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 624 8509
Internet: www.ruxbinchicago.com

Gino's East Pizzeria

Gino's East is the best place in Chicago to try their world famous deep-dish style pizza. You can find them at many different locations around the town.

Address: 633 North Wells, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 988 4200
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.

Frontera Grill

Frontera Grill is owned by Rick Bayless. 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 to you the bold flavors and immediate freshness that jump off the tongue—just as it does in Mexico.

Address: 445 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60654
Opening hours: Lunch hours: 11:30 am-2:30 pm Tues - Fri, Sat Brunch: 10:30 am-2:00 pm / Dinner hours: 5:20-10 pm Tues; 5-10 pm Wed & Thurs; 5-11 pm Fri & Sat
Phone: (312) 661-1434
Internet: <http://www.rickbayless.com/>
More Info: Reservation policy: Though our dining room is mostly seated on a first come first serve basis, we take a limited amount of reservations for all size parties. For weekend please book 8-10 weeks out. Please call to check availability.

Spiaggia

Spiaggia is one of Chicago's finest Italian restaurants in a glamorous setting on the Magnificent Mile. They have an award winning wine list and chef Tony Mantuano creates food to go with it.

Address: 980 North Michigan, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 280 2750
Internet: www.spiaggiarestaurant.com
More Info: Online reservations: www.opentable.com/spiaggia-chicago

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.

Address: 100 West 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. Very popular place so it might be crowded on the weekends.

Address: 6 East Chestnut, Chicago
Opening hours: Daily - 24hours
Phone: +1 312 943 4373

Morton's

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

Address: 1050 N. State Street
Opening hours: Monday-Saturday from 5:30 p.m.-11 p.m. and Sunday from 5 p.m.-10 p.m.
Phone: +1 312 266 4820
Internet: www.mortons.com
More Info: Reservations recommended

Bistrot Zinc

Bistrot Zinc has unique combinations along with

traditional French bistro fare in a warm, relaxing environment. Step in to this lovely French environment.

Address: 1131 North State Street, 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 serves huge portions. On the menu you will also find fresh seafood, side orders and tasty desserts. The atmosphere is vibrant and friendly.

Address: 1028 North Rush Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 266 8999
Internet: www.gibsonssteakhouse.com

L20

Sample a tasting menu full of creative, rotating seafood dishes prepared by head chef Matthew Kirkley and his staff, enhanced by the best ingredients available from land and sea.

Address: 2300 N. Lincoln Park West
Opening hours: Sunday-Monday and Wednesday-Thursday from 6 p.m.-10 p.m., Friday from 6 p.m.-11 p.m. and Saturday from 5 p.m.-11 p.m.
Phone: +1 773 868 0002
Internet: www.l2orestaurant.com

Everest

Enjoy fine French cuisine prepared by Chef Joho as you take in the breathtaking views of Chicago from the 40th floor of the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Address: 440 S. LaSalle Street, 40th Floor
Opening hours: Tuesday-Thursday from 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m., Friday from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. and Saturday from 5 p.m.-10 p.m.
Phone: +1 312 663 8920
Internet: www.everestrestaurant.com

Cape Cod Room

Located on the lower level of the Drake Hotel, this old-school seafood restaurant opened its doors to Chicago in the 1930s.

Address: 140 East Walton Place
Opening hours: Daily from 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m.
Phone: +1 312 932 4615
Internet: www.thedrakehotel.com/dine/cape-cod-room

The Purple Pig

The Purple Pig provides unique food at a good price. On the menu you will find tasty dishes such as a Berkshire pork chop with fava salata and pork osso bucco with soft polenta and gremolata. The atmosphere is busy and vibrant with excellent staff. Bon appétit!

Address: 500 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611
Opening hours: Sunday-Thursday: 11:30a.m. to 12a.m.; Friday-Saturday: 11:30a.m. - 2a.m.
Phone: +1 312 464 1744
Internet: www.thepurplepigchicago.com

Shaw's Crab House

Shaw's Crab House is two restaurants in one - a sophisticated, seafood restaurant and a lively oyster bar. Here you can eat fresh fish, shellfish, oyster and sushi. The place can get packed so make a reservation.

Address: 21 East Hubbard Street, Chicago, IL 60611
Opening hours: Lunch: Monday-Friday: 11:30a.m. - 2p.m.; Saturday: 11:30a.m. - 4p.m.; Dinner: Monday-Thursday: 5:30p.m. - 10p.m.; Friday-Saturday: 5p.m. - 11p.m.; Sunday: 5p.m. - 10p.m.; Brunch: Sunday: 10a.m. - 1:30p.m.
Phone: +1 312 527 2722
Internet: www.shawscrabhouse.com

Zapatista Cantina

Zapatista Cantina has authentic Mexican cuisine served in a sophisticated, lively environment. Named after Emilio Zapata, a key member of the Mexican revolution, Zapatista works hard to offer unique and please food in a warm, friendly environment. If you are in the mood for Mexican you will not be disappointed here!

Address: 1307 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605
Opening hours: Monday-Thursday: 4p.m. - 10p.m.; Friday: 4p.m. - 12p.m.; Saturday: 11a.m. - 12a.m.; Sunday: 11a.m. - 10p.m.
Phone: +1 312 435 1307
Internet: www.zapatistacantina.com

Big Bowl

If you're craving Chinese or Thai food, head over to Big Bowl. The friendly wait staff serves fresh food for a reasonable price. The atmosphere is cozy, and the food is delicious with lots of Asian flavors.

Address: 60 East Ohio Street, Chicago, IL 60611

Opening hours: Sunday-Thursdays: 11:30a.m. - 10p.m.; Friday-Saturday: 11:30a.m. - 11p.m.

Phone: +1 312 951 1888

Internet: www.bigbowl.com

CAFÉS



Photo: Peter Busse

Finding cafés in Chicago is not a problem. Choose from big American chains such as Starbucks or smaller, more intimate cafés that serve handmade pastries. They are scattered across the city, so enjoy one while taking a break from sightseeing and shopping.

Asado Coffee Co.

Pioneers of the brewed-to-order coffee movement, Asado Coffee Co. uses ceramic drippers to brew your perfect cup of coffee and tirelessly pursues the art of coffee roasting, the products of which are available for purchase.

Address: 1432 West Irving Park Road

Opening hours: Weekdays from 7-4 and Weekends from 8-4

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 in for breakfast or

order a delicious pastry to go with your coffee.

Address: 10528 S. Western Avenue

Opening hours: Tuesday-Friday from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Phone: +1 773 238 5580

Internet: www.beverlycoffeeroasters.com

More Info: Second location at 1909 W. 103rd Street

The Coffee Studio

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

Address: 5628 N. Clark St. in Andersonville, Chicago

Opening hours: Open 6.30am-9pm everyday

Phone: +1 773 271 7881

Internet: <http://www.thecoffeestudio.com/>

More Info: We offer free Wi-Fi with purchase (WEBbeams).

Argo Tea Café

Argo Tea has unique and tasty signature tea drinks, as well as traditional coffee choices. They blend their own tea, providing the customer with a fresh tea experience.

Address: 16 West Randolph Street, 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

Café Selmarie

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

Address: 4729 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago

Phone: +1 773 989 5595

Internet: www.cafeselmarie.com

Atwood Café

Atwood offers their customers their own interpretation of

American cuisine. Here you can find something for everyone, and they offer vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options.

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 houses work from local artists. Free Wi-Fi available.

Address: 1760 W. North Avenue
Public Transport: Blue Line to Damen O'Hare
Phone: +1 773 252 8228
Internet: www.gallerycafechicago.com

Senem's Coffee & Tea House

Strong Turkish coffee served in silver and copper cups is the signature drink at this Lakeview coffeehouse. Other unusual treats include blooming teas, where the tea bag opens up like a flower when dropped into a pot of hot water.

Address: 3508 N Broadway, Chicago, IL 60657
Opening hours: Thursday through Sunday 11 am to 7 pm
Phone: +1 773-501-0901
Internet: <http://senemscoffeehouse.com/>

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.

Address: 1462 Milwaukee Avenue
Phone: +1 773 661 2468
Internet: www.thewormhole.us

Bridgeport Coffee Company

Bridgeport Coffee Company was founded in 2004 and roasts its 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 called the Best Coffee Shop in Chicago by TimeOut Chicago. Also serves breakfast and lunch.

Address: 3101 South Morgan Street
Phone: +1 773 247 9950
Internet: www.bridgeportcoffeecompany.com

Ch'ava Café

Serves Intelligentsia coffee as well as features guest roasters. Ch'ava Cafe also serves lunch made from local, seasonal ingredients.

Address: 4656 N. Clark Street
Public Transport: Red Line to Lawrence stop
Phone: +1 773 942 6763
Internet: www.chavacafe.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.

Address: 3123 North Broadway
Phone: +1 773 348 8058
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.

Address: 2521 West Chicago Avenue
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.

Address: 4363 North Lincoln Avenue

Public Transport: Brown Line to Western, Damen or Montrose stops

Phone: +1 773 868 1876

Internet: www.northamerica.meinl.com

More Info: Additional location at 3601 Southport Avenue

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 vegetarian options. Street parking is available.

Address: 3408 N. Clark StBroreer

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

Phone: +1 773 248 6613

Grand Lux Café

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

Address: 600 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday: 11a.m. - 11:30p.m.; Friday: 11a.m. - 12:30a.m.; Saturday: 9a.m. - 12:30a.m.; Sunday: 9a.m. - 11:30p.m.

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 onsite 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.

Address: 2035 North Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 6a.m. - 8p.m.; Saturday-Sunday: 7a.m. - 8p.m.

Phone: +1 773 904 8177

Internet: ipsento.com

Email: info@ipsento.com

Knockbox Café

Knockbox Café is a great neighborhood coffee and sandwich shop. It offers plenty of space to stretch out and relax during your visit, or the chance to grab your coffee and head back out into Chicago. They brew Metropolis coffee and specialize in customer service.

Address: 1001 North California Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 6a.m. - 6p.m.; Saturday-Sunday: 7a.m. - 6p.m.

Phone: +1 773 360 8325

Internet: www.facebook.com/KnockboxCafe

Email: knockboxmgmt@gmail.com

The Perfect Cup

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

Address: 4700 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 6:30a.m. - 8p.m.; Saturday-Sunday: 7:30a.m. - 8p.m.

Phone: +1 773 989 4177

Internet: www.perfectcupchicago.com

Email: info@perfectcupchicago.com

Starbucks

Starbucks has a giant, cozy venue with wireless internet access where locals come to see and be seen. Fabulous people-watching in this favorite American chain of coffee shops.

Address: 202 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 541 1313

Internet: www.starbucks.com

More Info: Multiple locations

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Photo: leyla.a

Chicago has a lively nightlife and is particularly famous for its music scene. In addition to typical DJ clubs, there are also salsa clubs that are vibrant and popular. Because of its mix of international people, the live music found here is incredibly varied. 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 drinking age in Chicago is 21.

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The Signature Room/Signature Lounge

At this upscale, cozy 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.

Address: 875 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 787 9596
Internet: www.signatureroom.com

Le Colonial Lounge

Le Colonial lounge is a chic bar popular with the young,

clubby set. It is located upstairs from the restaurant of the same name. The staff serves tasty cocktails in a comfortable and romantic setting.

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.

Address: 18 East Bellevue Place, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 642 3400
Internet: www.luxbar.com

The Original Mother's

Division street is notorious for its bar scene and Mother's does not disappoint. A large venue with stylish antique sofas and easy chairs in front, with a lively dance floor in the back. The famed setting for the 1986 cult film, "About Last Night."

Address: 26 West Division Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 642 7251
Internet: www.rushanddivision.com/the-original-mothers

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.

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!

Address: 700 South Wabash Ave, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 427 1190

Internet: www.buddyguys.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.

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.

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.

Address: 1059 W. Addison

Public Transport: Red Line to Addison or 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 the 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.

Address: 16 W. Ontario Street

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 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!

Address: 2548 N. Halsted St.

Public Transport: Brown Line or Purple Line to Fullerton or Diversey

Phone: +1 773 477 4647

Internet: www.kingstonmines.com

Metro/SmartBar

With almost-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-Sunday nights to dance to some of the hottest DJs Chicago has to offer.

Address: 3730 N. Clark Street

Public Transport: Red Line to Addison Stop

Phone: +1 773 549 4140

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.

Address: 1383 N. Milwaukee Avenue

Phone: +1 773 278 1830

Internet: www.davenportspianobar.com

More Info: Cover charge and two-drink minimum required for entrance to Cabaret.

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.

Address: 1816 N. Clark Street

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday from 5 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday from 1 p.m.-1 a.m., and Saturday-Sunday from 11:30-1 a.m.

Internet: www.jparkerchicago.com

EPIC Sky

EPIC offers beautiful views of the city from its rooftop area, which is open seasonally. Stay late and socialize in the bar/lounge.

Address: 112 W. Hubbard Street

Opening hours: For lunch Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; for dinner Monday-Thursday from 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 5:30 p.m.-11 p.m.; roof open seasonally Monday-Thursday from 4 p.m.-12 a.m., Friday from 2 p.m.-12 a.m. and Saturday from 3 p.m.-12 a.m.; bar/lounge Monday-Thursday from 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m., Friday from 11:30 a.m.-2 a.m. and Saturday from 4 p.m.-3 a.m.

Phone: +1 312 222 4940

Internet: www.epicrestaurantchicago.com

Three Dots and a Dash

Owner of Three Dots and a Dash Paul McGee is one of Chicago's favorite mixologist. 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.

Address: 435 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654

Opening hours: Sunday-Thursday: 5p.m. - 2a.m.; Friday: 4p.m. - 2a.m.; Saturday: 5p.m. - 3a.m.;

Phone: +1 312 610 4220

Internet: 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.

Address: 3143 West Logan Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60647

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 5p.m. - 2a.m.; Saturday: 3p.m. - 3a.m.; Sunday: 3p.m. - 2a.m.

Phone: +1 773 661 2485

Internet: <http://billy-sunday.com/>

The Berkshire Room

Located in the Acme Hotel, the Berkshire Room is a popular new 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.

Address: 15 East Ohio Street, Chicago, IL 60611

Opening hours: Sunday-Friday: 4p.m. - 2a.m.; Saturday: 4p.m. - 3a.m.

Phone: +1 312 894 0800

Internet: 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 drink. 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.

Address: 2952 West Armitage Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 11a.m. - 2a.m.; Saturday: 11a.m. - 3a.m.; Sunday: 11a.m. - 2a.m.; food is served until 1a.m. nightly

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.

Address: 227 West 18th Street, Chicago, IL 60608

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 6p.m. - 2a.m.

Phone: +1 312 526 3851

Internet: punchhousechicago.com

SHOPPING



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Take your pick between high end shops, big malls, bargain boutiques or vintage clothing shops. Whether you're shopping on The Magnificent Mile on Michigan Avenue, State Street, Water Tower Place, The Merchandise Mart or The Woodfield Mall, you're bound to find what you're looking for!

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.

Address: North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Internet: www.themagnificentmile.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 onsite.

Address: 835 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10.00-9.00 Sun 11.00-18.00

Phone: +1 312 440 3166

Internet: www.shopwatertower.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.

Address: 5 WOODFIELD SHOPPING CENTER, SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173-5012

Public Transport: The Bus Stop is located at Entrance 1, Lower Level near JCPenney. The Village of Schaumburg offers a free trolley service Friday, Saturday and Sunday during mall hours (holiday hours vary). A trolley schedule can be found at:

<http://www.ci.schaumburg.il.us/TRANS/PTrans/Pages/Trolley.aspx>.

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

Phone: +1 847-330-1537

Internet: <http://www.simon.com/mall/woodfield-mall>

SARCA

SARCA is high fashion in the heart of Chicago. This upscale boutique offers women exclusive lines from top international designers.

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Phone: +1 312 255 0900

Internet: www.shopsarca.com

More Info: Closed temporarily for renovation. E-mail info@shopsarca.com for current address.

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 elite women.

Address: 15 East Huron Street

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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.

Address: 3243 N. Broadway

Opening hours: Monday-Friday from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Phone: +1 773 348-4287

Internet: www.goorin.com

More Info: Also located in Wicker Park at 1533 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Haberdash EDC

This high-end men's fashion boutique will be coming to The Loop in the fall of 2013, offering the great brands available on the haberdash online store.

Address: 150 W. Roosevelt Road

Internet: www.haberdashmen.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.

Address: 1650 Premium Outlets Blvd, Aurora

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Phone: +1 630 585 2200

Internet: www.premiumoutlets.com

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.

Address: 2828 North Clark Street #44

Internet: www.centuryshoppingcentre.com

Leaders1354

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

Address: 672 N Wells Street

Opening hours: Monday-Friday from 12 p.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m., and Sunday 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Phone: +1 312 787-7144

Internet: www.leaders1354.com

Block Thirty Seven

Five stories and an entire city block of shopping, dining and entertainment, Block Thirty Seven is located in the heart of the Loop in downtown Chicago. Browse contemporary goods at shops like Akira, Eileen Fisher, and Sabon.

Address: 108 N. State St.

Phone: +1 312 261 4700

The Shops at Northbridge

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

Address: 520 North Michigan Avenue

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Phone: +1 312 327 2300

Internet: www.theshopsatnorthbridge.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.

Address: 1350 block of West Randolph Street

Opening hours: 2013: July 27-28, August 24-25 and September 28-29

Internet: www.randolphstreetmarket.com

Garrett Popcorn Shop

We continue to use only the highest quality ingredients from area producers as we handcraft our gourmet popcorn in old-fashioned copper kettles. We strive to deliver the same popcorn today that customers first talked about in 1949. What makes Garrett Popcorn so special? We hot air pop our signature blend of kernels, which we then mix into our 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 our retail locations for decades.

Address: 401 N Michigan Ave Ste 1700 Chicago, IL 60611-4256

Opening hours: Mon-Thurs 10am-9pm Fri-Sat 9am-10pm Sun

9am-08pm

Phone: +1 312-943-4200

Internet: <http://www.garrett popcorn.com/chicago-locations/>

More Info: Experience first hand why Garrett Popcorn Shops® has been a Chicago Tradition Since 1949.

The Merchandise Mart

Although, many of the Mart's showrooms are only open to design trade professionals, there are 30 luxury kitchen and bath showrooms called LuxeHome located on the Mart's first floor that are open to the general public. The Merchandise Mart also hosts several trade shows each year that are open to trade professionals.

Address: 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza

Public Transport: Brown or Purple Line to Merchandise Mart stop

Phone: +1 800 677 6278

Internet: www.mmart.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.

Address: 900 North Michigan, Chicago

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10.00-19.00, Sun 12.00-18.00

Phone: +1 312 915 3916

Internet: www.shop900.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.

Address: 3200 North Clark, Chicago

Opening hours: 10.00-18.00 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. Paid parking is available in the garage adjacent to the mall.

Address: 210 W. North Avenue

Phone: +1 312 337 0436

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, find food, clothing, accessories, and home furnishings at one of these unique stores.

Address: 5247 North Clark Street

Public Transport: Red Line to Berwyn stop

Phone: +1 773 878 8570

Internet: www.andersonvillegalleria.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 onsite is a restaurant, photo studio, doll hair salon, and plenty of souvenirs. Check their website before visiting for special offers.

Address: 835 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday: 10a.m. - 8p.m.; Friday-Saturday: 9a.m. - 9p.m.; Sunday: 9a.m. - 6p.m. (hours can vary by season; call ahead to make sure store is open)

Phone: +1 877 247 5223

Tickets: For special events, visit

www.americangirl.com/stores/location_chi.php for various options and prices.

Internet: www.americangirl.com/stores/location_chi.php

ACCOMMODATIONS



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Whether you are visiting Chicago for business or pleasure, you can expect to find a hotel that suits your needs.

Chicago offers a great selection across the spectrum from luxury hotels to budget hotels. From historical and timeless to new and modern, Chicago has what you desire in your home away from home.

The Drake Hotel

The Drake hotel is an opulent, European style historic 1920s hotel overlooking Lake Michigan, with a prime location on Chicago's Magnificent Mile. The Drake offers easy access to shopping, dining and clubbing.

Address: 140 East Walton Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 787 2200
Internet: www.thedrakehotel.com

The Sofitel Chicago Water Tower

Hotel Sofitel is a sophisticated, elegant, contemporary and stylish hotel in Chicago. There is an excellent restaurant and lively bar inside the hotel, and it is a true architectural legacy.

Address: 20 East Chestnut Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 324 4000
Internet: www.sofitel-chicago.com

Monaco Chicago

Monaco Hotel is one of the U.S. Top 40 luxury hotels. It is located in Downtown Chicago and offers its guests the best suites with award-winning service.

Address: 225 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 960 8500
Internet: www.monaco-chicago.com

Central Loop Hotel

Affordable full-service boutique hotel located in the city center. This three-star hotel provides comfortable rooms and suites with all the common amenities. There is an on-site fitness room and a restaurant and pub.

Address: 111 West Adams Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 601 3525
Internet: www.centralloophotel.com

House of Two Urns

This bed and breakfast is situated in Wicker Park and is only minutes from downtown. The staff has been welcoming guests from all corners of the world since 1991. Free WiFi is available in every room.

Address: 1239 North Greenview Avenue, Chicago
Phone: +1 773 235 1408
Internet: www.twourns.com

Hyatt Regency Chicago

You will find this four-star luxury hotel off the banks of the Chicago River, situated only a five minute-walk from the Magnificent Mile and Millennium Park. Here you can enjoy impressive amenities, eat a mouth-watering dinner at the on-site restaurant and drink a delicious cocktail at the Big Bar.

Address: 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 565 1234
Internet: www.chicagoregency.hyatt.com

Ritz-Carlton Chicago (A Four Seasons Hotel)

Enjoy a luxurious stay at this five-star hotel located atop Chicago's famous Water Tower Place. As soon as you take your first step inside, you will notice the great hospitality and the amazing interior design. The spacious rooms with modern amenities provide great views over the city. Here you can unwind and pamper yourself with spa treatments and swim at the indoor pool.

Address: 160 East Pearson Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 266 1000
Internet: www.fourseasons.com/chicagorc

Hotel Sax Chicago

This three-star hotel has Art Deco surroundings with a lively and friendly vibe. It is situated in the very heart of Chicago city center, close to attractions, shopping and restaurants. There are also an on-site spa and restaurant. All rooms have an elegant design and come with contemporary comforts and with floor-to-ceiling windows.

Address: 333 North Dearborn Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 245 0333
Internet: www.hotelsaxchicago.com

Acme Hotel Company Chicago

Enjoy a comfortable stay at this three-star boutique hotel, which is situated in the city center, only three minutes from the luxury shops of the Magnificent Mile. There is an on-site restaurant where you can eat mouth-watering food and drink cocktails. Other hotel facilities are meeting rooms, a fitness center, hot tub and sauna.

Address: 15 East Ohio Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 894 0800
Internet: www.acmehotelcompany.com

Hard Rock Hotel Chicago

Hard Rock Hotel Chicago is known as the place to see and be seen as it is frequented by celebrities. At this four-star hotel, the guests appreciate the high level of personal service, the exclusive amenities, the musically-inspired atmosphere and the cool Art Deco design. Also provides hotel facilities like a spa, fitness center, restaurant and bar.

Address: 230 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 345 1000
Internet: www.hardrockhotelchicago.com

Holiday Inn Express Chicago-Downers Grove

This two-star hotel is located in the western suburbs of Chicago within easy reach of city attractions. Each of the well-appointed rooms includes free WiFi, Cable TV and

coffee facilities. If you wish to work out, there is a health and fitness center (on-site).

Address: 3031 Finley Road, Downers Grove, Illinois
Phone: +1 630 810 9500
Internet: www.ihg.com

Trump International Hotel and Tower Chicago

Featuring urban contemporary style, the hotel housed between the 14th and 27th floors of the 92-story Trump Tower building, offers everything you could ever want in a hotel, including a fitness center with a spa, a pool, restaurants and first-class room amenities.

Address: 401 N. Wabash Avenue
Phone: +1 877 458 7867
Internet: www.trumpchicagohotel.com

Peninsula Chicago

Surround yourself with beauty, elegance and luxury with a stay at this five-star hotel located within Chicago's Magnificent Mile.

Address: 108 E. Superior Street
Phone: +1 866 288 8889
Internet: www.chicago.peninsula.com

Hotel Burnham Chicago

The Hotel Burnham Chicago is a boutique hotel that features a great location on the Loop and has a variety of amenities. In house restaurant Atwood Café serves a wide selection of American cuisine favorites and is open for breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner daily. The hotel also features hosted wine hours, private dining, pet accommodations, and all the comforts to make you forget your worries while in Chicago.

Address: 1 West Washington Street, Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: +1 866 690 1986 or +1 312 782 1111
Internet: www.burnhamhotel.com

DeWitt Place

When staying at DeWitt Place you will have access to an apartment-style accommodation with a fully-equipped

kitchen. The spacious studios and one-bedroom suites offer tasteful decoration with amenities like queen size bed, flat-screen TV and free WiFi.

Address: 900 North Dewitt Place, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 642 7020
Internet: www.dewittplace.com

Best Western River North Hotel

River North Hotel is located steps away from the Magnificent Mile. Walking distance to attractions, dining, nightlife and shopping. This award winning hotel is an affordable hotel and suitable for business and leisure travellers alike.

Address: 125 West Ohio Street, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 467 0800
Internet: www.bestwestern.com

Hostelling International Chicago

H.I. Chicago is a hostel offering clean, safe accommodations in the heart of the city. It is within walking distance of most major attractions, and the hostel includes free walking tours around the city.

Address: 24 East Congress Parkway, Chicago
Phone: +1 312 360 0300
Internet: www.hichicago.org

Chicago Getaway Hostel

If you are looking for a budget alternative head over to this three-star hostel located in Lincoln Park, close to restaurants and bars. Here you can stay in a dorm or a private room. It also provides common areas such as a kitchen and outdoor patio. Continental breakfast is served every morning.

Address: 616 West Arlington Pl, Chicago
Phone: +1 773 929 5380
Internet: www.getawayhostel.com

The Congress Plaza Hotel

The Congress Plaza Hotel is conveniently located in downtown Chicago. Previous visitors of the hotel include

presidents, foreign dignitaries, celebrities, actors, and opera stars. If you want to feel like royalty, spend the night with Congress Plaza Hotel and immerse yourself in their classic beauty and modern touches.

Address: 520 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605
Phone: +1 312 427 3800
Internet: www.congressplazahotel.com

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile

Four-star Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile is located in the heart of Chicago's action. Harvest, the onsite restaurant, offers unique American cuisine provided fresh from nearby midwestern towns. Chicago Marriott Downtown places you in the best part of Chicago and gives you access to the Magnificent Mile, where it is easy to get lost for days.

Address: 540 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611
Opening hours: Check In: 4p.m.; Check Out: 12p.m.
Phone: +1 312 836 0100
Internet: www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/travel/chidt-chicago-marriott-downtown-magnificent-mile

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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 centre.

Internet: www.flychicago.com

Time Zone

Chicago is located in the Central time zone, and all times are reflected in Central time.

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 and 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.

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

Post Office

The Main Post Office is located on 433 West Harrison Street. It is open 24 hours, seven days a week. Visit the website for more information.

Address: 433 West Harrison Street, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 983 8030 or toll free +1 800 275 8777

Internet: www.usps.com

Dentist

Chicago Dental Emergency Service is open 24 hours.

Phone: +1 773 897 5803

Internet: www.emergencydentist247.com/locations/chicago

Pharmacy

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

Address: 757 North Michigan, Chicago

Phone: +1 312 664 8686
Internet: www.walgreens.com

Hospital

John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, 1900 West Polk Street, tel: +1 312 864 6000, www.cchil.org

Northwestern Memorial Hospital, 251 East Huron Street, tel: +1 312 926 2000, www.nmh.org

Telephone

Country Code: +1

Area Code Chicago: 312 or 773

Electricity

110 volts, 60 hz
Standard two pin plugs

Population

2.8 million

Currency

Dollar, 1 \$ (USD) = 100 cents

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



		Garland Circuit	B3	New Street	C2
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