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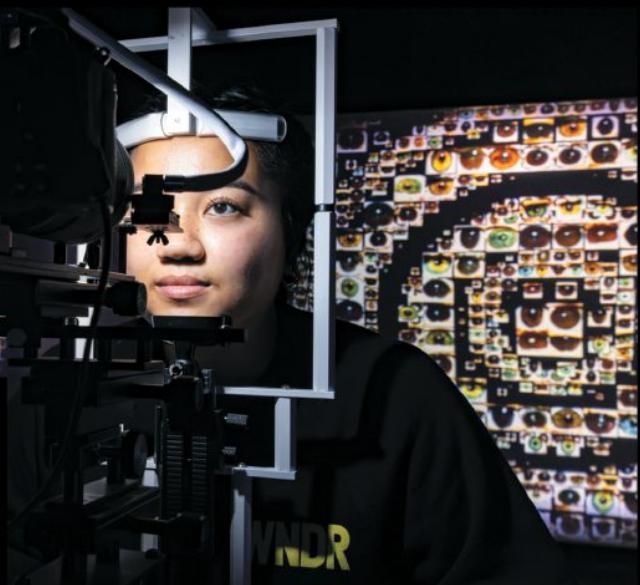
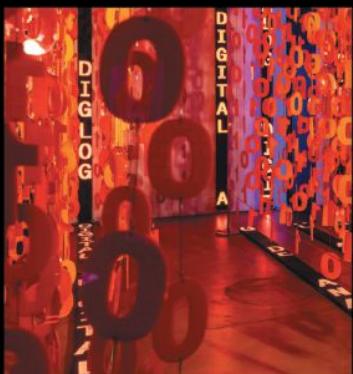
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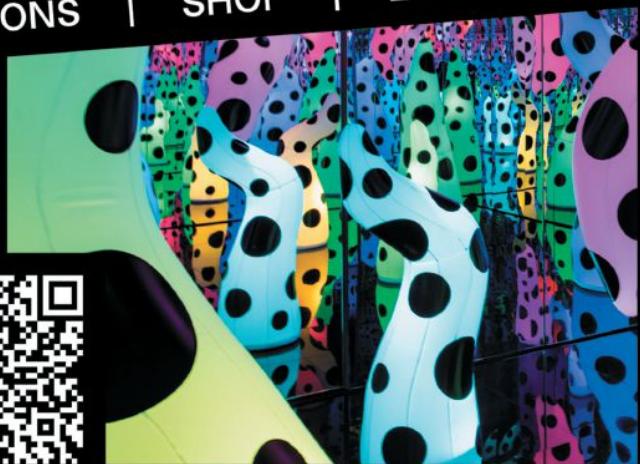
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Welcome to Chicago, the city that feels like home no matter where you're from!

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

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

attendees to families with young children.

There is truly no better destination for meetings, sporting events, and leisure travel than Chicago. Visitors can take in our miles of sandy lakefront beaches in the summer or celebrate the winter holidays at one of countless attractions and pop-ups. Chicago was selected as the host city for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, we welcomed back the first-of-its-kind NASCAR Chicago Street Race Weekend, and we were named Best Big City in the U.S. for the eighth consecutive year by the readers of Condé Nast

Traveler. As you explore our city, we hope you'll come to understand why we continue to win the hearts of tens of millions of travelers every year.

Whether you are planning to visit our renowned museums, dine at award-winning restaurants, enjoy the scenic beauty of our waterfronts, or attend one of our many festivals and events, you'll find that Chicago is a city that welcomes you with open arms and endless possibilities.

Thank you for choosing Chicago. We know you're going to love it.

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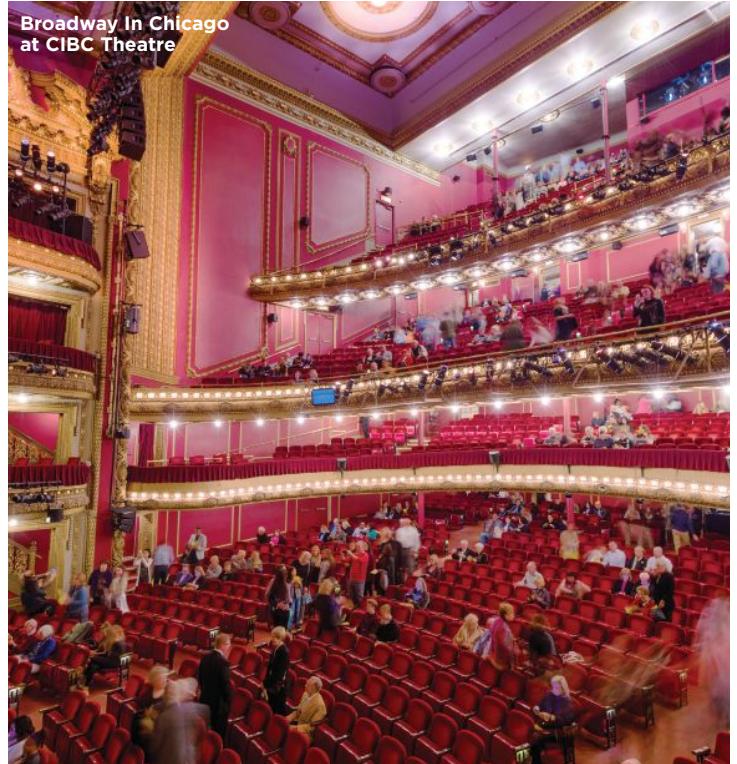
The soul of Chicago can be found on the city's stages. Our dynamic theatre scene is home to cutting-edge storefronts, Tony Award-winning companies, exciting pre-Broadway debuts, and beyond — making a trip to the theatre an essential part of any visit to Chicago.

We chatted with Marissa Lynn Jones, Executive Director of the **League of Chicago Theatres**, about can't-miss theatrical experiences and what makes Chicago's theatre scene special.

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO THE THEATRE INDUSTRY?

I grew up in performance and watching performance. When I was younger, we would do Black history plays in church as a way to learn about our culture, our ancestors, and each other.

From there, I grew to have a deep love for theatre and the performing arts. I knew I wanted to explore how to share stories on a large scale, not just the performance side but also the administrative side, learning how everything is done and made.



WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES CHICAGO'S THEATRE SCENE UNIQUE?

We have over 200 theatre companies here, which many people don't know. And Chicago is known for its storefront theatre scene. We have amazing storefront theatre companies that do phenomenal, award-winning work throughout our 77 neighborhoods and beyond.

HOW DOES THE CITY ITSELF INFLUENCE OUR THEATRE SCENE?

Chicago's diversity has a huge impact on our stages. We as a city are very reflective of the diversity of the nation as a whole. This empowers us to tell stories from different cultural backgrounds and share those different lived experiences with those in the room. It's very special, and an opportunity to share stories and humanity through performance.

WHAT ARE SOME ESSENTIAL CHICAGO THEATRE EXPERIENCES?

I would say visitors definitely should check out our storefront theatre scene — places like **Steep Theatre**, **A Red Orchid Theatre**, **Aguijón Theater**, **PrideArts**, **Lifeline Theatre**, and so many more. Then there are the classic theatres like the **Goodman Theatre**, **Steppenwolf Theatre**, and **The Second City**. **Broadway In Chicago** also brings amazing works and artists from across the country to be seen on our stages.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: CLAYTON HAUCK; JANES STEINKAMP PHOTOGRAPHY; @TOMULGRAPHICS (2 PHOTOS)



WHAT IS THE MISSION OF CHICAGO THEATRE WEEK?

Every February, **Chicago Theatre Week** offers accessibly priced tickets to shows all over the city and surrounding suburban areas. The tickets are priced so that people can see as many shows as possible. It's a great opportunity to come enjoy Chicago and become a theatre fanatic during that time.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT CHICAGO'S THEATRE COMMUNITY?

I love how much of a family we are. We really support each other and the work we are doing on stage. Chicago is an incubator for playwrights, actors, and new theatre companies to develop their talent.

And our theatre scene is a reflective voice of what makes Chicago Chicago — different people from different backgrounds, coming together and sharing space.



FESTIVALS & EVENTS

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

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WINTER

CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL PUPPET THEATER FESTIVAL

Jan. 15 - 26

Citywide

Discover the magic of puppetry at the nation's largest puppet theatre festival, featuring captivating performances from artists across the globe.

CHICAGO RESTAURANT WEEK

Jan. 24 - Feb. 9

Citywide

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

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Jan. 26 - Feb. 9

Citywide

Join in culinary events, a colorful parade that rolls through Chinatown, and performances from Chinese music and dance groups.

CHICAGO THEATRE WEEK

Feb. 6 - 16

Citywide

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

CHICAGO AUTO SHOW

Feb. 8 - 17

McCormick Place

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



CHICAGO SPORTS



February - October

CHICAGO FIRE

Soldier Field
chicago-fire.com

Head to the lakefront to see a fast-paced match by the Chicago Fire Football Club, past winner of the MLS Cup.



March - October

CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Rate Field
whitesox.com

Catch a White Sox game and watch for the dazzling fireworks that celebrate each home run with a flourish.



March - October

CHICAGO STARS

SeatGeek Stadium
chicagoredstars.com
See exciting soccer plays by the Chicago Stars team, a prominent force in the National Women's Soccer League.



April - October

CHICAGO CUBS

Wrigley Field
cubs.com

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

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 15

Loop

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

EXPO CHICAGO

April 24 - 27

Navy Pier

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

SUEÑOS MUSIC FESTIVAL

May 24 - 25

Grant Park

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



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May - July

CHICAGO UNION

Martin Stadium
watchufa.com/union
The city's championship team is part of USA Ultimate, the largest flying disc organization in the world.



May - September

CHICAGO SKY

Wintrust Arena
sky.wnba.com
Watch one of the hottest teams in women's basketball take on rivals with precision and skill in the South Loop.



September - January

CHICAGO BEARS

Soldier Field
chicagobears.com
Join the energetic crowd in singing the anthemic *Bear Down, Chicago Bears* each time the team makes a touchdown.



October - April

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

United Center
blackhawks.com
Keep an eye out for mascot Tommy Hawk, who exuberantly dances to *Chelsea Dagger* every time the team scores.



October - April

CHICAGO BULLS

United Center
bulls.com
Snap a selfie with the statue of Chicago basketball superstar Michael Jordan and catch the Bulls action on the court.

SUMMER

NAVY PIER FIREWORKS

May - August

Navy Pier

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

MAXWELL STREET MARKET

May - October

Maxwell Street

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

LOGAN SQUARE ARTS FESTIVAL

June

Logan Square

Held in the heart of Logan Square, this art-focused fest also includes local foods and performers.

CHICAGO BLUES FESTIVAL

June 5 - 8

Millennium Park

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

RIBFEST

June 6 - 8

North Center

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

MIDSOMMARFEST

June 13 - 15

Andersonville

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

CHICAGO PRIDE FEST & PARADE

June 21 - 22 & June 29

Northalsted

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

SUNDAYS ON STATE

June/July

State Street

This summer event series turns one of Chicago's most iconic Loop streets into a giant block party, with food, drinks, shopping, art, and more.

SUMMERDANCE

June - September

Citywide

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

FIESTA DEL SOL

July

Pilsen

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

CHINATOWN SUMMER FAIR

July

Chinatown

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

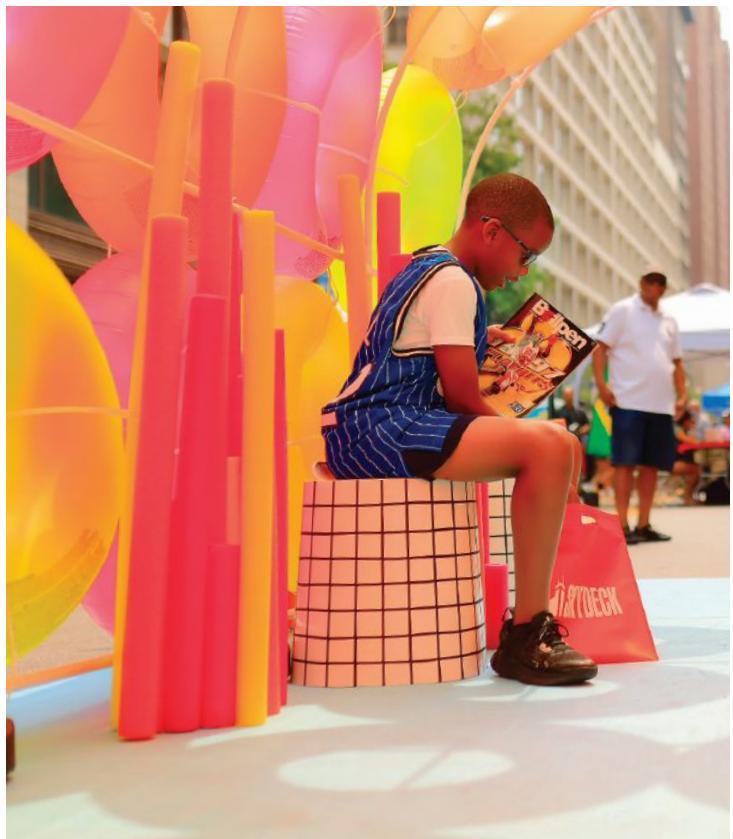
NASCAR CHICAGO STREET RACE WEEKEND

July 5 - 6

Loop

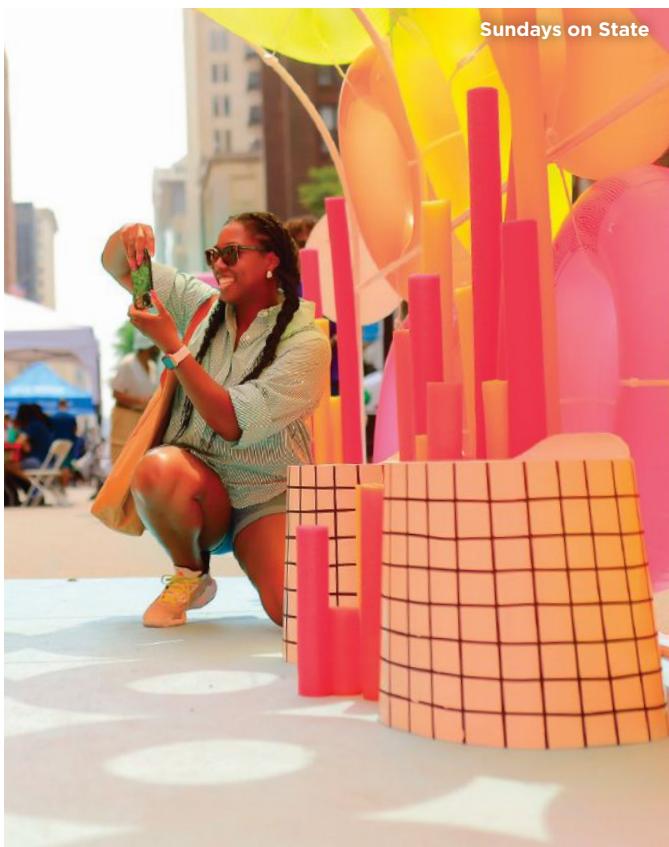
Hear the roar of the engines as NASCAR takes over downtown Chicago for this one-of-a-kind street race.

Lollapalooza





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WINDY CITY SMOKEOUT

July 10 – 13

United Center

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

AFRICAN/CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF LIFE

July 11 – 13

Park 540

This four-day family fest offers lively music, food, arts, crafts, games, and more.

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July 12

Jackson Park

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

CHICAGO GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL

July 12

Millennium Park

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

LOLLAPALOOZA

July 31 – Aug. 3

Grant Park

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

BUD BILLIKEN PARADE

Aug. 9

Martin Luther King Drive

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

NORTHALSTED MARKET DAYS

Aug. 9 – 10

Northalsted

This summer street festival, held in a historic LGBTQ+ neighborhood, offers a fun weekend of live music, dancing, DJs, and vendors.

CHICAGO AIR AND WATER SHOW

Aug. 16 – 17

Lakefront

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

CHICAGO HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Aug. 22 – 23

Millennium Park

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

EXPLORE THE CITY OF ARCHITECTURE WITH A MISSION IN MIND

CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE CENTER

For nearly six decades, the Chicago Architecture Center has been demonstrating the importance of architecture and design in Chicago and beyond. As a certified non-profit, all CAC ticket purchases directly support our education efforts and community engagement projects.

GET OUT ON THE WATER

March–November

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

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



HIT THE PAVEMENT

Year Round

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

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



DISCOVER THE CENTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Year Round

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

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

When you embark on a river cruise, hit the pavement on a walking tour, visit the center or shop our Design Store, you're supporting educational programs for design enthusiasts of all ages.

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TASTE OF CHICAGO

Sept. 5 - 7

Grant Park

One of the country's largest free-admission food festivals offers a diverse taste of Chicago's acclaimed culinary scene.

26TH STREET MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Sept. 14

Little Village

One of the largest parades in the Midwest, this joyous procession features brightly colored floats, mariachi bands, and folkloric dancing.

CHICAGO GOURMET

Sept. 25 - 28

Millennium Park

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

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DESTINOS: CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL LATINO THEATER FESTIVAL

September - November

Citywide

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

HISTORIC PULLMAN HOUSE TOUR

October

Pullman

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

OPEN HOUSE CHICAGO

October

Citywide

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

DAY OF THE DEAD XICAGO

October

Pilsen

The National Museum of Mexican Art hosts this annual cultural celebration that features traditional altars, live music, and art activities.

BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON

Oct. 12

Citywide

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

CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Oct. 15 - 26

Citywide

North America's longest-running competitive film festival features movie screenings, world premieres, and special celebrity appearances.

ARTS IN THE DARK

Oct. 18

State Street

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

THE WINTRUST MAGNIFICENT MILE LIGHTS FESTIVAL

November

The Magnificent Mile

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

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EXPERIENCE NEIGHBORHOOD CULTURE

Discover hidden gems in five of Chicago's 77 diverse neighborhoods as you explore important cultural attractions, locally loved foods and festivals, and vibrant street art.

BY AMY BIZZARRI

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UPTOWN

On **Argyle Street** in Uptown, a vibrant tapestry of Asian restaurants dish up delectable banh mi, dim sum, and more. During the summer months, the weekly **Argyle Night Market** (July – September) offers alfresco dining and live music. At the annual **Argyle Lunar New Year Parade** in February, community groups, dancers, and performers will come together to celebrate the Year of the Snake.

The **Clifton Avenue Street Art Gallery**, located near the Wilson CTA Red Line train station, is an outdoor art space featuring over 24 murals and sculptures created by local and international artists.

The historic **Byline Bank Aragon Ballroom** has hosted everything from big band shows to punk rock marathons. Nearby, **The Riviera Theatre** played a significant role during the Jazz Age and remains a central part of Chicago's entertainment scene. And don't miss the iconic **Green Mill**, a jazz club that has been enchanting audiences for over a century.

The **Black Ensemble Theater** presents rousing musicals focused on African American culture and heroes. The **PrideArts Center** celebrates the diversity and vibrancy of the LGBTQ+ community with live shows, film screenings, and exhibitions.

HUMBOLDT PARK

The charming **Humboldt Park Boathouse**, the centerpiece of 207-acre **Humboldt Park**, sits near a picturesque lagoon and the city's only inland beach. Rent a swan-shaped pedal boat and paddle the serene waters. **The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture**, housed in the former Humboldt Park stables, features exhibits exploring the art of Puerto Rico and its diaspora.

Barrio Borikén is the first state-designated Puerto Rican cultural district in the country. Twin steel gateway sculptures shaped like fluttering Puerto Rican flags bookend the half-mile stretch of Division Street known as **Paseo Boricua**. Over 50 vibrant murals adorn the area, celebrating Puerto Rican heritage and history. **Paseo Boricua Tour Company** offers captivating walking tours of the interesting architecture and murals that dot the Humboldt Park neighborhood.

Puerto Rican Fest Chicago in June features live music, carnival rides, traditional foods, and the **Puerto Rican People's Day Parade**, a colorful procession that marches down Division Street. The September **Fiesta Boricua** showcases Puerto Rican pride with a weekend of music and dance — including bomba, salsa, and merengue — plus pop-up eateries and joyful revelry.

CHICAGO GREETER TOURS

The free Chicago Greeter program matches visitors with enthusiastic local volunteers who will customize a tour to your interests and language. Register at least 10 business days in advance for your 2- to 4-hour tour, and let your guide know which neighborhoods you'd like to visit.

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PULLMAN

Built in the 1880s as a town for the workers who manufactured luxury train cars, **Pullman National Historical Park** played a significant role in America's labor and civil rights history. The **National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum** preserves the legacy of the Pullman Porters and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the country's first Black labor union. Daily walking tours led by National Park Service rangers depart from the **Visitor Center**.

The **Pullman Exhibit Hall** presents displays on the town's history and artifacts from the Pullman family mansion. Visitors can also join walking tours hosted by the **Historic Pullman Foundation** on the first Sunday of the month (May – October). The **Historic Pullman House Tour** in October offers exclusive access to the neighborhood's well-preserved homes. And

don't miss Pullman's annual **Juneteenth Celebration**.

After your visit, dig into mouthwatering barbecue — including rib tips, pulled pork, and loaded fries — cooked up by acclaimed pitmaster and Food Network's *BBQ Brawl* winner Dominique Leach at Pullman's **Lexington Betty Smokehouse**.

BRONZEVILLE

Chicago's historic Black Metropolis is an art-filled neighborhood with notable landmarks around every corner. The **Monument to the Great Northern Migration** pays tribute to the many African Americans who traveled to Chicago from the South in search of freedom. The **Victory Monument** honors Black World War I veterans. And the **Bronzeville Walk of Fame**, comprised of 92 bronze markers embedded in the sidewalks from 25th to 35th streets, pays tribute to the neighborhood's most distinguished residents. The

35-foot, granite-and-bronze **The Light of Truth Ida B. Wells National Monument** salutes the legacy of this groundbreaking journalist and civil rights activist.

Important architecture abounds in Bronzeville. The **Robert W. Roloson Houses**, designed by the legendary Frank Lloyd Wright in 1894, stand as a testament to early modern architecture with their distinctive row house design. The **Forum**, built in 1897, has hosted countless social and political gatherings. The **Chicago Defender Building**, originally a synagogue, became the influential headquarters of the *Chicago Defender* newspaper from 1920 to 1960. And the **Supreme Life Building**, constructed in 1921, symbolizes the economic success of the first African American-owned insurance company in the northern U.S.

The **South Side Community Art Center**, the oldest African American art center in the nation, serves as Bronzeville's artistic

community hub, thanks to its inspiring array of public exhibits and events that include film screenings, workshops, lectures, and panel discussions.

On the third Friday of each month from June to September, the free **Bronzeville Art District Trolley Tour** connects visitors with the local gallery scene and Black artists at **Gallery Guichard**, **Faie African Art**, **Blanc Gallery**, the **Bronzeville Artist Lofts**, and the **South Side Community Art Center**.

Stroll, bike, or hop on a trolley to explore local businesses while enjoying creative performances during **Bronzeville Summer Nights**, hosted on the second Friday of July, August, and September. The **Bud Billiken Parade**, the largest African American parade in the country, is a lively procession of bands, floats, and dancers that has been celebrating Black culture every August since 1929.

Day of the Dead Xicago in Pilsen



PILSEN

The **National Museum of Mexican Art** showcases

Mexican culture and history through vibrant exhibits and a permanent collection of more than 18,000 pieces from ancient Mexico to the present. During the annual **Day of the Dead Xicágo** celebration in October, the museum transforms into a beautiful space to honor loved ones with ofrendas (altars).

On **2nd Fridays Gallery Night**, hosted by the **Chicago Arts District**, artists along South Halsted Street in Pilsen open their studios to the public. The nonprofit **Pilsen Arts & Community House** mentors local artists, in addition to offering exhibitions, pop-up shows, artist talks, and art instruction. Grab dinner and drinks, plus catch an indie band concert, at the neighborhood's landmark **Thalia Hall**.

Pilsen is known for its spectacular public art, particularly the many colorful **murals** along **16th Street** and **18th Street**. What began in the late 1960s as an effort by local artists to unify and inspire Mexican American residents has evolved into a stunning outdoor gallery.

Savor mole dishes from some of Pilsen's most popular eateries, accompanied by live music, at the annual **Mole de Mayo** in May.

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Bronzeville's South Side Community Art Center

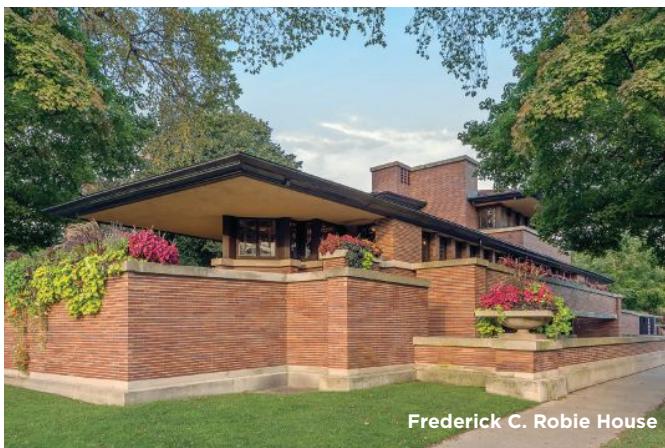


Millennium Park

MUST-SEE SIGHTS

Don't miss out on only-in-Chicago experiences, from amazing architecture to sky-high observatories and unique outdoor attractions.





MILLENNIUM PARK

Make your first stop the shiny Cloud Gate sculpture (affectionately known as "The Bean") and snap the quintessential Chicago selfie. Don't miss the multimedia Crown Fountain, flower-filled Lurie Garden, and free concerts on the lawn of the stunning Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE CENTER

Learn how Chicago became the epicenter of architecture through fascinating exhibits at the Chicago Architecture Center. Or join one of the boat, train, bus, and walking tours led by expert guides, including the award-winning Chicago Architecture Center River Cruise Aboard Chicago's First Lady.

SKYDECK CHICAGO/THE LEDGE

Begin your adventure at Willis Tower with The Skydeck Experience, a playful, interactive museum of Chicago history. Afterward, you'll be whisked up to the 103rd-floor Skydeck Chicago where the star of the show is The Ledge, a series of glass-enclosed observation boxes offering Instagram-worthy views.

360 CHICAGO/TILT

At the 94th-floor 360 CHICAGO you'll be treated to incredible vistas of the city, Lake Michigan, and up to four surrounding states. If you dare, step onto the TILT thrill ride that slowly leans standing riders out from the observatory, hovering 1,030 feet above The Magnificent Mile.

FREDERICK C. ROBIE HOUSE

Tour the spectacular Frederick C. Robie House in Hyde Park with a docent from the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the best examples of Wright's signature Prairie style, which sparked a revolution in residential architecture when it was unveiled in 1910.

CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER

This gorgeous Chicago landmark has been a downtown gathering spot since 1897. Take a free tour and learn the stories behind the building's history and ornate architecture, including the world's largest Tiffany stained-glass dome. Attend a free art show, music or dance performance, and more.

NAVY PIER

There's fun for everyone at this lively waterfront destination. Ride the sky-high Centennial Wheel, let the kids explore the Chicago Children's Museum, see a play at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater, be wowed by the new Flyover attraction, take a dining cruise on Lake Michigan, and view free summertime fireworks from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

ROUTE 66 MARKERS

An eye-catching new Route 66 marker — posted at Michigan Avenue and Adams Street in celebration of the famed highway's upcoming centennial — heralds the starting point of the historic Mother Road. You'll also find Route 66 markers along Ogden Avenue in three Chicago neighborhoods.



Chicago Pride Parade

CHICAGO PRIDE

Home to the nation's oldest official LGBTQ+ neighborhood, Chicago dazzles with a kaleidoscope of queer-owned shops, restaurants, clubs, and attractions throughout the city.

BY AMY BIZZARRI

SHOPPING

The Magnificent Mile's **SPACE 519** is a chic lifestyle concept store showcasing women's apparel and home accents. Enjoy light, California-inspired cuisine at **The Lunchroom**, the shop's modern all-day cafe.

Browse jewelry, clothing, and home goods crafted by over 170 local designers and artisans at **Wolfbait & B-girls** in the heart of Logan Square.

In the Edgewater neighborhood, shop hand-poured soy candles, lush soaps, and home fragrances scented with natural botanicals at **Edgewater Candles**.

Rugged outdoor charm meets mid-century sophistication at **Cowboys and Astronauts**, an eclectic boutique in Andersonville.

Head to the bustling, multicultural enclave of Rogers Park to browse a curated selection of fine wine, artisan cheeses, charcuterie, and locally made gifts at **Provisions**.

Humboldt House in Humboldt Park features a colorful mix of funky home decor, kitchen and bar accessories, jewelry, and handcrafted wellness products that will elevate your self-care routine.

DINING

Marina's Bistro & Rum Bar brings Puerto Rican flavors to the Uptown neighborhood. Pair traditional dishes like motongo and arroz con gandules with Caribbean cocktails, such as the passion fruit mojito.

Drew's on Halsted is an elegant yet relaxed restaurant with a delightful mix of American fare, outstanding martinis, a summer patio for alfresco dining, and impeccable service. It's a Northalsted go-to for a romantic dinner, brunch, and happy hour.

Dig into succulent brisket, pulled pork, or smoked chicken with delectable soul food sides at **Lexington Betty Smokehouse** in the historic Pullman neighborhood.

The family-owned **Williams Inn Pizza & Sports Bar** serves pub fare, pizza, and pasta in the South Loop.

necessary & sufficient coffee in Logan Square is a woman-owned specialty coffee shop known for its friendly walk-up window service.

Award-winning **Kale My Name** crafts inventive plant-based dishes like cauliflower wings, loaded nachos, and jackfruit wraps in Albany Park.

Charming gastropub **Lady Gregory's Irish Bar & Restaurant** in Andersonville serves classic Irish pub favorites. Its cozy library, complete with a fireplace, boasts books and 300+ whiskeys.

Jennivee's Bakery is a small cafe in Lakeview that serves a rainbow of delicious cupcakes and "sky-high" cake slices. Ingredients like ube and mango are a tasty nod to the owner's Filipino heritage.

NIGHTLIFE

South Beach meets Hollywood at **Kit Kat Lounge & Supper Club** in Northalsted. The famed Kit Kat Divas perform dazzling nightly drag shows. And a martini and cocktail list with over 200 offerings fuels a night of unabashed fun.

Sidetrack, also in Northalsted, is a multilevel LGBTQ+ bar and nightclub featuring seven unique rooms, eight bars, a spacious rooftop deck, nightly themed events, musical sing-alongs, and an extensive menu of frozen cocktails.

Stylish James Beard Award-nominated lounge **Nobody's Darling** in Andersonville delivers innovative cocktails named after Black icons like Nina Simone and Eartha Kitt.

The Baton Show Lounge in Uptown has been the premier drag showcase in the country for 55 years. Expect great drinks and a thrilling show.

A historic gay club in the South Shore neighborhood, **Jeffery Pub** has provided a welcoming space with a small dance floor and attentive bartenders for over 40 years.

Rogers Park Social is an inclusive neighborhood bar known for its craft beer and cocktails, live jazz music on Mondays, and dog-friendly policy. It's a popular spot for Rogers Park locals to gather.

Dorothy, a '70s era-inspired lesbian bar nestled in a cozy basement in the West Town neighborhood, hosts regular live performances and serves both spirit-free and boozy cocktails.



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ATTRACTIOnS

Unfolding along a half-mile stretch of North Halsted Street, **The Legacy Walk** honors LGBTQ+ notables with an outdoor exhibit of bronze markers attached to rainbow pylons in Northalsted, the first officially recognized LGBTQ+ neighborhood in the U.S.

The **Leather Archives & Museum** in Rogers Park displays artifacts, art, and books that represent the leather, kink, BDSM, and fetish communities.

The **Gerber/Hart Library & Archives**, also in Rogers Park, is the largest circulating library of gay and lesbian titles in the Midwest, boasting over 14,000 volumes and 800 periodicals.

Featuring a 30-foot-tall Keith Haring sculpture, the poignant **AIDS Garden** on Lake Michigan in Lakeview is dedicated to memorializing the early days of the HIV epidemic and honoring those affected by the disease.

The **PrideArts Center** in Uptown highlights LGBTQ+ stories through diverse live theatre performances and art exhibitions, all within its two intimate performance spaces.

TOP 5 LGBTQ+ EVENTS

CHICAGO PRIDE FEST & PRIDE PARADE

Join the rollicking two-day Pride Fest party held the weekend before the Pride Parade (which takes place on the last Sunday in June). The Pride Parade is known for its show-stopping floats that draw one million enthusiastic spectators.

MIDSOMMARFEST

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

PRIDE SOUTH SIDE

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

NORTHALSTED MARKET DAYS

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

REELING: THE CHICAGO LGBTQ+ INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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

EXPLORE THE CITY'S WATERFRONTS

With a river that cuts through the heart of the city and a pristine lakefront dotted with sandy beaches, the city's two waterfronts offer endless adventures — hop aboard an architecture cruise, sip cocktails on the sand, swim with a skyline view, and so much more.

BY LISA SHAMES

CHICAGO RIVER

The **Chicago Riverwalk** is chock-full of gorgeous river views and interesting attractions. Explore the inner workings of the Chicago River's magnificent moveable bridges at the **McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum** located beneath the DuSable Bridge. Seek out whimsical **public art** along the pedestrian trail. Shop unique artisan goods at the **Community Marketplace**. Soak up the



views at one of the waterfront cafes or beer gardens, including **City Winery** and the **Chicago Brewhouse**.

Learn about the history of Chicago's stunning skyscrapers at the **Chicago Architecture Center**, just a few steps off the Riverwalk near Michigan Avenue. Inside this multistory space you'll find fascinating exhibits that include the largest scale model of the city.

For a different perspective, board one of the many

sightseeing boats docked at the Riverwalk. On the **Chicago Architecture Center River Cruise Aboard Chicago's First Lady**, trained local volunteers tell the stories behind some of the city's most famous architectural gems. Themed tours, including fireworks and a beer-and-barbecue cruise, are the specialty of **Wendella Tours & Cruises**. Tall buildings and taller tales are part of **Mercury Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline**'s urban adventure cruises. Enjoy a sunset brew

cruise or historical tour on a retired Chicago fireboat with **Chicago Fireboat Tours**.

Gourmet food, craft cocktails, dancing, and breathtaking views aboard a glass-enclosed vessel are all part of a **City Experiences Dinner Cruise** on the Chicago River. Feel like the captain of your own ship by chartering an electric retro boat, a pontoon, or a unique hot tub boat from **Chicago Electric Boat Company**. Get an up-close view of

the Chicago River and its landmarks on a guided excursion with **Urban Kayaks**.

Once the sun sets, the world's largest permanent art projection transforms an architectural landmark into a larger-than-life canvas. **ART on THE MART** presents moving digital images by renowned artists, synced with music, on the river-facing facade of THE MART. Grab a spot on the Chicago Riverwalk between Wells and Lake streets for the best view.



Chicago Riverwalk
RANVESTEL PHOTOGRAPHIC

LAKE MICHIGAN

Spanning 18.5 miles, the **Chicago Lakefront Trail** skims the shoreline of Lake Michigan, making it perfect for a leisurely stroll or jog. Or rent wheels from **Bike and Roll Chicago** or **Bobby's Bike Hike** and cycle the trail solo or on a guided tour.

Navy Pier offers 50 acres of shops, restaurants, and attractions, along with seasonal events and free dance, music, and film programs. Get a bird's-eye view of the city atop **Pier Park**'s 200-foot-tall **Centennial Wheel**. Or take a ride on the high-flying **Wave Swinger**. Experience extraordinary immersive worlds at **Illuminarium**.

Get an adrenaline rush on **Flyover**, a multisensory flight simulation over Chicago. At **Polk Bros Park** see a cultural performance and cool down in the interactive fountain. See innovative Tony Award-winning plays and musicals that celebrate the works of The Bard at the **Chicago Shakespeare Theater**. Enjoy live music and craft brews at the **Navy Pier Beer Garden**. On Wednesday and Saturday nights throughout the summer, watch dazzling free **fireworks**.

Departing from Navy Pier, **Chicago Seadog Extreme Thrill Ride** offers a high-speed experience, while **Shoreline Sightseeing** features

narrated skyline cruises. Or hop aboard the four-masted **Tall Ship Windy** schooner for a one-of-a-kind Lake Michigan tour.

Spend an upscale evening on the water with a three-course plated meal aboard a **City Experiences Dinner Cruise** on Lake Michigan. Or sample Midwestern fare on the seasonal patio of **The Lakefront Restaurant**, located just north of Navy Pier in Lincoln Park.

With some 26 miles of lakefront, Chicago has many beautiful beaches for sunning and swimming. **Oak Street Beach** offers terrific people watching and skyscraper views, while **North Avenue Beach** features lively

volleyball games and water sports aplenty. For awesome skyline vistas, head to **Rainbow Beach**. Part of the South Shore Cultural Center, **South Shore Beach** has its own nature sanctuary. Enjoy eats, drinks, and live music at the nearby **South Shore Social Beach Club**.

Take your pick of water sports on the lake. Try stand-up paddleboarding at **Chicago SUP** and jet skiing at **Jet Ski Chicago**, both at **North Avenue Beach**. Enjoy kayaking, SUP, and jet skiing at **Chicago Water Sport Rentals** at **31st Street Harbor**. **Bobby's Kayak Company** at **Ohio Street Beach** offers kayak rentals, as well as guided lake tours.

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Rainbow Beach





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DISCOVER CHICAGO'S CULTURE SCENE

Connect with the city's rich legacy of theatre, music, dance, and art by exploring some of Chicago's leading cultural institutions.

BY ROSALIND CUMMINGS-YEATES



MUSEUMS

As one of the oldest and most beloved museums in the country, the **Art Institute of Chicago** boasts collections spanning 5,000 years of global art and creativity. Highlights include masterpieces by Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Edward Hopper.

A champion of innovative perspectives, the **Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago** displays groundbreaking exhibits that showcase the diversity of contemporary art and culture. The museum also offers live performances and workshops.

Explore the history and culture of African Americans in Chicago and across the diaspora

at **The DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center**.

The museum hosts a range of exhibits and events that reflect on the Black experience.

The vibrant cultural expressions of Mexico — including art, photography, and film — are showcased at the **National Museum of Mexican Art**. Dive into art from both sides of the border with exhibits, performing arts programs, and cultural events.

The **Smart Museum of Art at The University of Chicago** encourages visitors to examine societal issues through art. The museum offers exhibits, community collaborations, and public programs that encourage inventive outlooks.

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THEATRE

See an exciting pre-Broadway premiere or a national touring production at a historic downtown theatre presented by **Broadway In Chicago**. Expect to see blockbuster musicals, dramas, and comedies all year long.

Dip into Chicago's legendary local theatre scene at the **Steppenwolf Theatre Company**. As one of the most influential ensemble theatres in the nation, Steppenwolf presents

dynamic productions that are always on must-see theatre lists.

Established in 1925, the **Goodman Theatre** has a long-standing reputation for staging excellent productions in the Loop. Its diverse offerings of original and classic plays guarantee an amazing night of theatre.

The **Court Theatre at The University of Chicago** is a Tony Award-winning company that reimagines classic productions for contemporary audiences, noted for its fresh takes on familiar stories.

Edgy plays in an intimate setting are the hallmark of **A Red Orchid Theatre**. See thought-provoking works that will linger long after the show from this ensemble-based theatre.



Jay Pritzker Pavilion

Telling the transformative stories of Latino artists is the mission of **Teatro Vista**. Stage performances that incorporate theatre and innovative storytelling are a signature of the company's productions.

MUSIC

Soak in the natural beauty and architectural splendor of **Millennium Park** while listening to a variety of free alfresco concerts at the **Jay Pritzker Pavilion**. Enjoy everything from rock to R&B to folk music.

Head to the landmark **Symphony Center** to hear classical music by the Grammy Award-winning **Chicago Symphony Orchestra**, along with guest performances of jazz, pop, and global music.

The **Lyric Opera of Chicago** is renowned as an international powerhouse of great opera.

Each season presents an eclectic range of classic and contemporary productions.

Experience the essence of Chicago music at **Buddy Guy's Legends**, the premier showcase for Chicago blues. Owned by legendary blues guitarist Buddy Guy, this is the spot to see both stars and up-and-coming talent.

One of Chicago's most iconic music venues (and a favorite hangout of notorious gangster Al Capone), the **Green Mill** has served up live jazz and cocktails for over 100 years. The lounge also hosts the first and longest-running slam poetry series in the country.

A Chicago nightlife institution, **Spybar Chicago** hosts local and international DJs spinning house, techno, and electronic beats in a cozy River North basement space.

CHICAGO THEATRE PICKS

CHICAGO THEATRE WEEK

Experience the extraordinary range of Chicago's theatre scene during this 10-day celebration each February. Snag discounted tickets to more than 100 shows, from rousing musicals to experimental dramas. Learn more at chicagotheatreweek.com.

FAT HAM

Goodman Theatre
Through Feb. 23

Co-produced with Chicago's Definition Theatre, a boisterous Southern cookout is the setting for a Black, queer discovery of identity.

GLASSHEART

City Lit Theater
Through Feb. 23

This Chicago premiere is a modern-day reimagining of the classic *Beauty and the Beast* fairy tale.

FUN HOME

Porchlight Music Theatre
Through March 2

Based on a graphic novel, *Fun Home* is the story of seeing your parents through grown-up eyes.

CIRCUS QUIXOTE

Lookingglass Theatre
Through March 30

Follow the folly-filled quest of Don Quixote to bring good deeds back into the world.

CYGNUS

The Gift Theatre
Feb. 6 – March 16

Cydney believes an angel rescued her from an unspeakable trauma, but the truth is even stranger.

HAMLET

Chicago Shakespeare Theater
March 13 – 23

In collaboration with the Chicago Latino Theater Alliance, Shakespeare's text is blended with personal stories of young performers with Down syndrome.

TITANIQUE

Broadway In Chicago
March 25 – May 18

Off-Broadway's award-winning hit turns the *Titanic* love story into a hysterical musical fantasy.

THE LISTENERS

Lyric Opera of Chicago
March 30 – April 11

Claire joins a cult-like group to destroy the source of a humming noise that is driving her mad.

ART

Remy Bumppo Theatre Company
May 1 – June 1

This thought-provoking comedy explores the true value of both art and friendship.

DIANA

Theo
May 23 – July 6

The timeless Princess Diana is the focus of this electrifying musical.

WAR OF THE WORLDS

Lifeline Theatre
May 23 – July 13

This sci-fi thriller is a study in human nature when the social order is disrupted.

DANCE

Located on the edge of Millennium Park, the **Harris Theater** is a state-of-the-art venue that hosts a variety of dance and music performances. Resident companies showcase ballet, African, jazz, tap, and contemporary styles.

One of the premier dance companies in the world, the **Joffrey Ballet** offers a thrilling lineup of classic masterpieces and cutting-edge works. The company is beloved for its spectacularly staged holiday production of *The Nutcracker*.

Red Clay Dance Company performs exhilarating Afro-contemporary choreography with a mission of amplifying the voices of the African diaspora.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago brings the excitement of original contemporary dance to Chicago stages with singular choreography and an evolving repertory.

The energetic spirit of Africa flows through the performances of **Muntu Dance Theatre**, which interprets traditional and modern African and African American dance and folklore.

One of the top jazz dance companies in the U.S., **Giordano Dance Chicago** has dazzled audiences with inspiring performances for over 60 years.



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INSIDER TIP

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DANCE

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FILM FESTIVALS

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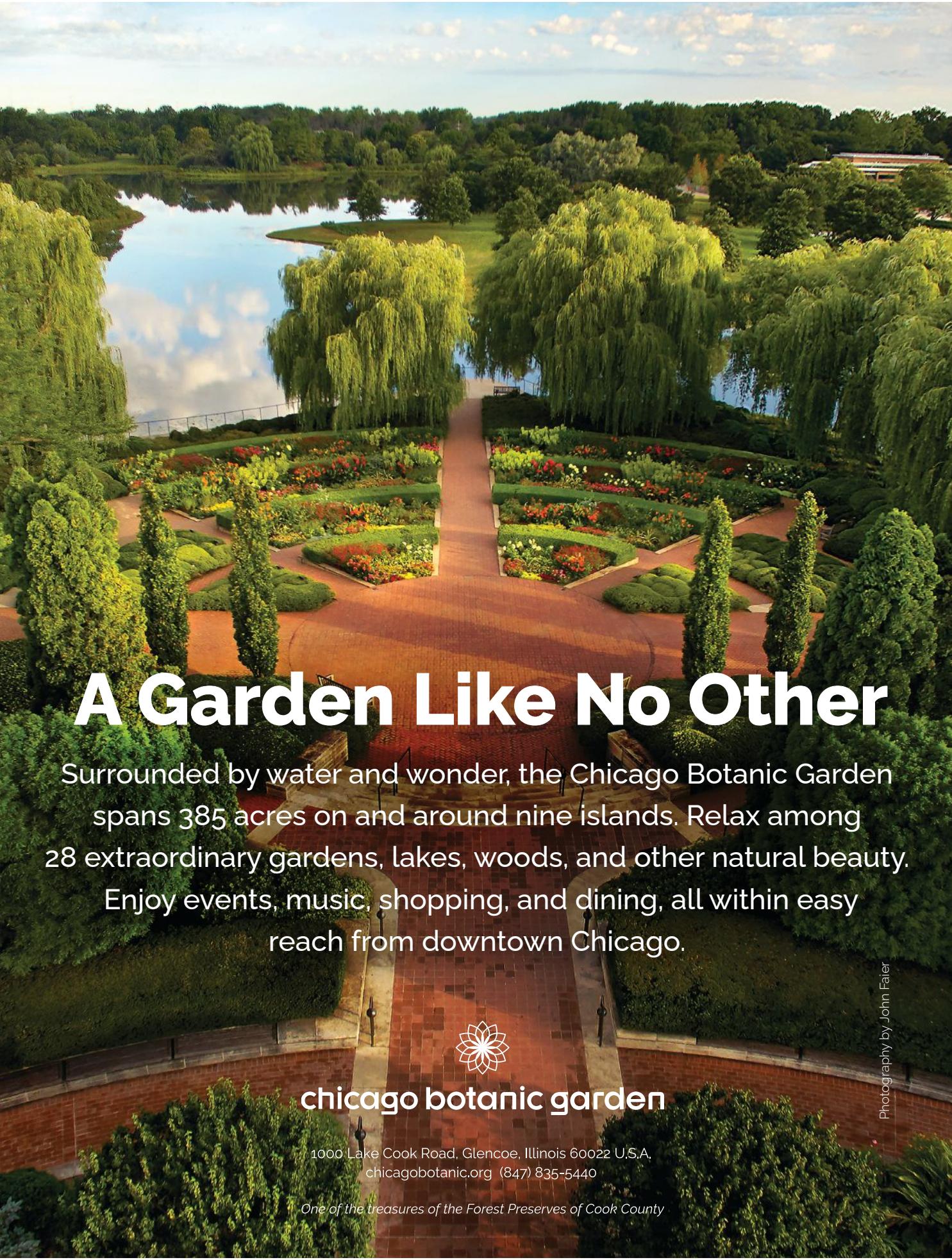
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FAMILY FUN



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Chicago is the ultimate playground for everyone from toddlers to teens who will love the city's fun outdoor attractions, interactive museums, and wild zoos.

BY AMY BIZZARRI

Come face-to-face with lions, tigers, and bears at the always-free **Lincoln Park Zoo** in the heart of the city. See animals in sprawling landscaped habitats, such as gorilla families at play in a rainforest, at **Brookfield Zoo Chicago** in west suburban Brookfield.

At **Navy Pier**, kids can take a spin on the 200-foot-tall **Centennial Wheel** in **Pier Park**, catch a live outdoor show at **Polk Bros Park**, "drive" a CTA bus at the **Chicago Children's Museum**, take a virtual flight over Chicago landmarks at **Flyover**, become immersed in nature at **Illuminarium**, and watch as summertime **fireworks** light up the night sky over Lake Michigan.

Customize your own slime from a rainbow of 25 vats and an array of scents at the **Sloomoo Institute**. Dive into a pool of rainbow sprinkles and eat unlimited frozen treats at the **Museum of Ice Cream**.

At **Color Factory Chicago**, kids can slide into a ball pit celebrating the many shades of green and revel in a room filled with Chicago flag-inspired confetti. Stretch your imagination in one of Yayoi Kusama's famous Infinity Mirror Rooms at the Insta-worthy **WNDR Museum**. Explore mind-bending vignettes that challenge your perceptions at the **Museum of Illusions Chicago**.

Burn off energy at **Maggie Daley Park**. Rollerblade or

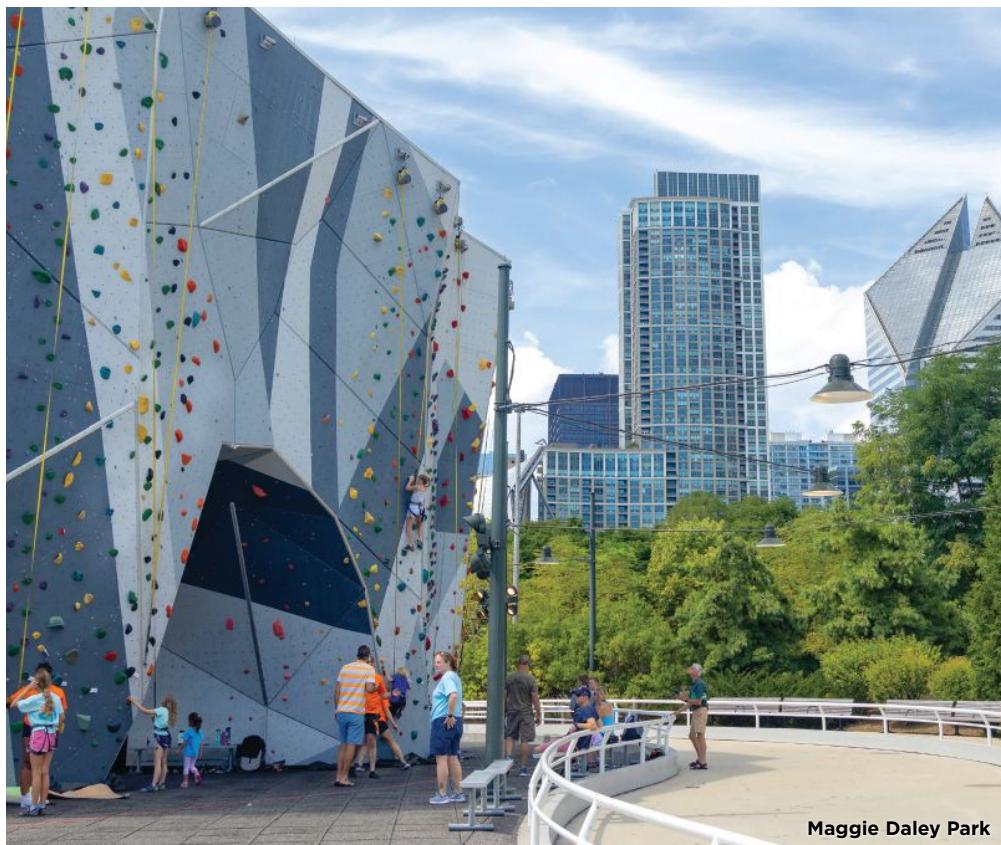
ice skate along the scenic **Skating Ribbon**, scale the 40-foot-tall **Climbing Wall**, challenge the family to a round of **City Mini Golf** (featuring Chicago-themed landmarks), or swing and slide at the inventive **Play Garden**.

The **Griffin Museum of Science and Industry** invites kids to explore hundreds of hands-on exhibits, where they can board a World War II German submarine, stand inside a whipping tornado, and descend into an Illinois coal mine. Pet an armadillo or dance with hundreds of free-flying butterflies at the **Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum**.

The lakefront Museum Campus is home to three of the city's leading cultural institutions. At the **Field Museum** see SUE, the towering *T. rex*, and descend into a mummy's tomb. The **Shedd Aquarium** is an aquatic wonderland that's home to marine animals that include beluga whales and sharks. The **Adler Planetarium** whisks visitors through the solar system in two domed sky theatres.

The **Bronzeville Children's Museum** brings African American history to life via exhibits designed for children ages 3 through 9. Enjoy quiet time at the **American Writers Museum**, where the Children's Literature Gallery is a cozy reading area with popular kids' books and a sweet squirrel-themed mural.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: ALEANDRO REYES/TEQUILAGRAPHICS, LUCY HEWITT, RAVESTEL PHOTOGRAPHIC



Maggie Daley Park



6 FREE THINGS TO DO

1 Millennium Park was made with kids in mind. Splash around the Crown Fountain, snap a family selfie in front of the reflective Cloud Gate sculpture (also called “The Bean”), wander the tranquil Lurie Garden, and enjoy live music at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

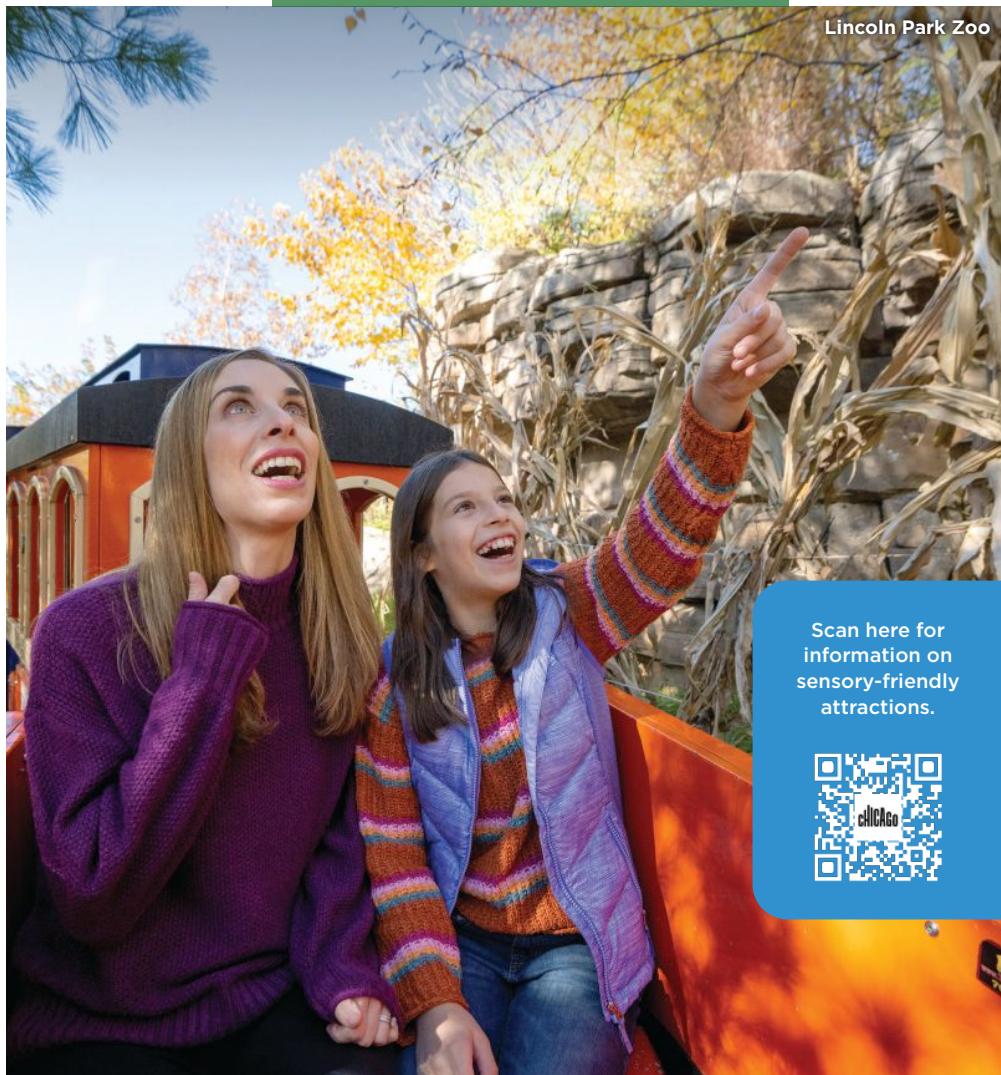
2 At the Pullman National Historical Park, kids can explore a preserved 19th-century factory town and earn their Junior Ranger badge.

3 Rent a bicycle and tackle Big Marsh Bike Park’s six challenging trails and BMX jump.

4 Hike The 606, a 2.7-mile elevated urban trail with scenic lookouts and public art installations.

5 The Lincoln Park Conservatory brims with colorful exotic plants in a Victorian-era greenhouse.

6 In Jackson Park’s Japanese Garden of the Phoenix, watch for the blossoming cherry trees in spring and see Yoko Ono’s Sky Landing sculpture, composed of 12 stainless-steel lotus flower petals.





GLOBAL DINING

Get a taste of global cuisines throughout Chicago, where you'll find dishes representing countries ranging from Mexico to South Korea in neighborhood restaurants. **BY LISA SHAMES**

Between its colorful tropical drinks and Caribbean-inspired cuisine, Hyde Park's **14 Parish Restaurant & Rhum Bar** makes the breezy islands seem a lot closer.

Whether you're craving spicy Szechuan shrimp or Cantonese pan-fried noodles, **Evergreen Restaurant** in Chinatown offers an array of authentic Asian dishes. Can't decide? Opt for a family dinner.

With choices ranging from crispy chicken wings to fried whole fluke, Pilsen's **HaiSous Vietnamese Kitchen** helmed by husband-and-wife owners Thai and Danielle Dang celebrates Vietnamese street food in a chic setting.

Inspired by cuisine from the chef's hometown of Guadalajara, **La Catedral**

Cafe & Restaurant offers some of the city's best chilaquiles and other iconic Mexican dishes.

Regional Indian flavors and ingredients, paired with modern culinary techniques, find a welcome home at the West Loop's sophisticated **ROOP Chicago**.

Also in the West Loop, Korean fare takes center stage at **SoJu BBQ** with dishes ranging from kimchi dumplings to ribeye bulgogi, served alongside soju-centric cocktails.

Tacotlan in the Hermosa neighborhood has gone viral on social media, thanks to its deliciously cheesy quesabirria taco. The Mexican restaurant also dishes

up birria grilled cheese sandwiches and burritos.

Step inside the elegant West Loop brick mansion that's home to **Sinhá** and discover authentic Brazilian dishes served for brunch and lunch.

At **Sunda New Asian**, with locations in River North and Fulton Market, sample an extensive menu of dishes from Japan, China, and beyond. Standouts include Sunda's signature sushi and nigiri, Thai noodles, creative dim sum, and a thoughtful craft sake selection.

In Wicker Park, **Mama Delia** celebrates traditional Spanish cuisine — think paella and tapas — made with imported regional ingredients.

HaiSous Vietnamese Kitchen

Inspired by the cosmopolitan taverns of Greece, Logan Square's **Andros Taverna** serves updated classic mezes, as well as grilled meats and seafood, in a lush atmosphere.

At Humboldt Park's **Papa's Cache Sabroso**, the pollo chon (marinated rotisserie chicken), jibarito (plantain sandwich), and other Puerto Rican specialties are paired with heartfelt hospitality.

Check out Chicago's latest Michelin-awarded restaurants at choosechicago.com/michelin.



Demera Ethiopian Restaurant

Initially established to provide humanitarian aid to Ukraine, Avondale's **Anelya**, from award-winning chefs Johnny Clark and Beverly Kim, honors the country with dishes such as dumplings, potato pancakes, and house-made bread.

Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, **Mima's Taste of Cuba** in Irving Park specializes in Cuban comfort food ranging from empanadas and croquetas to slow-roasted pork.

At **Galit** in Lincoln Park, James Beard Award-winning chef Zachary Engel brings a seasonal, localized approach to the menu of Middle Eastern dishes.

Specializing in Colombian-style empanadas, arepas, and churrasco, Lakeview's **Las Tablas** was one of Chicago's first restaurants to showcase the cuisine of this South American country.

Traditional Ethiopian cuisine made with authentic ingredients is the specialty at Uptown's **Demera Ethiopian Restaurant**, where the large, shareable dishes make it the perfect place for a group dinner.

Cozy **Oda** in Andersonville features Turkish-Georgian fusion cuisine in its wide-ranging menu that includes flaky spinach-feta borekas, crispy falafel, and lamb kebabs.

CLASSIC CHICAGO EATS

Chicago hot dog

The traditional Chicago dog is an all-beef frank nestled in a poppy seed bun and loaded with toppings that include yellow mustard, sweet relish, diced onions, tomato wedges, a pickle spear, sport peppers, and a dash of celery salt — no ketchup!

Deep dish pizza

Invented in 1943 by Ike Sewell at Pizzeria Uno in River North, Chicago's famed pie is still served there, as well as at many other pizzerias around Chicago.

Italian beef sandwich

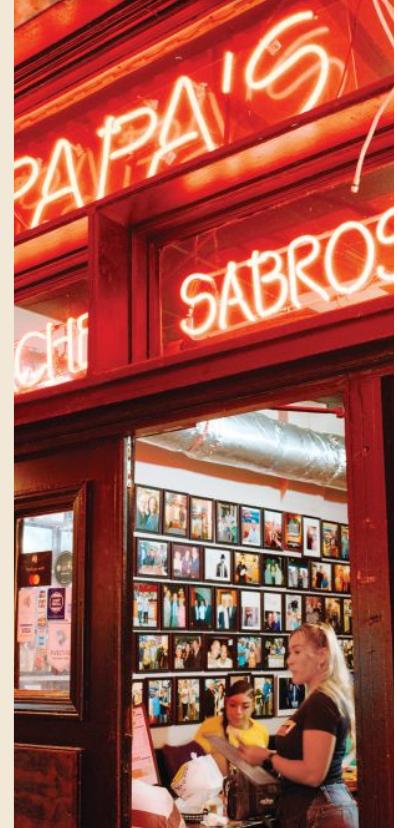
Featured on the hit show *The Bear*, order yours dipped in au jus and served sweet (with peppers) or hot (topped with giardiniera).

Jibarito

This fried plantain sandwich was introduced in Humboldt Park in the 1990s and is on the menu of many Puerto Rican restaurants in Chicago.



Papa's Cache Sabroso



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ACCESSIBLE CHICAGO

TRIP TIPS TO HELP EXPLORE THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

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GETTING AROUND

Chicago O'Hare and **Midway International Airports** both offer accessibility amenities and special accommodations to help travelers with disabilities get to and from Chicago, including accessible parking and service animal areas. The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program provides lanyards for travelers with disabilities who might require additional support or assistance.

All **Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)** buses and 'L' trains are accessible. Bus features include ramps, designated seating, wheelchair securement, and audio announcements. Travelers will find Braille on fare vending machines and wheelchair-accessible gates at train stations.

People with disabilities can request a **Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV)** through the city's taxi dispatch service via phone at 888-928-2227 or the **CURB** app. Passengers can also request **Uber WAV** rides through the **Uber** app.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS

Those sensitive to high-energy environments will find inclusive offerings at many of Chicago's top cultural attractions, including the **Shedd Aquarium**. Download the Shedd's sensory-friendly app to discover activities and spaces like the Quiet Room, where families can take a break. On select dates, the Shedd offers the Calm Waters program for guests seeking a more low-key experience.

Explore interactive exhibits during Low-Sensory Mornings at the **Griffin Museum of Science and Industry**. The museum also offers sensory backpacks and noise-reducing headphones. A Sensory Map provides details on exhibits that could be intense and highlights others that are quiet or have dim lighting.

Sensory-friendly activities at **Navy Pier** include Play for All events at the Chicago Children's Museum. Select performances at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater feature lower lighting, noise-reducing headphones, and subdued audience engagement.

WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE SPACES

Downtown **Millennium Park** features smooth concrete paths for exploring the sights. Accessible seats can be reserved in the Jay Pritzker Pavilion. Visitors can request to use a complimentary wheelchair at the Patron Services Tent.

Most museums in Chicago are wheelchair accessible. For example, the **Adler Planetarium** at the Museum Campus features accessible entrances, elevators, and restrooms. Its sky theatres offer designated seating for wheelchair users. Free manually operated wheelchairs are offered on a first-come, first-served basis at the box office.

The lakefront **Northerly Island** features paved trails that make it easy for those using wheelchairs to explore. At its **Huntington Bank Pavilion**, reserve accessible seats that offer clear views of the outdoor concert stage.

INCLUSIVE PERFORMANCES

Steppenwolf Theatre Company's accessibility resources include ASL-interpretations and assistive hearing devices for patrons who are deaf and hard-of-hearing, along with audio-described performances, Braille playbills, and touch tours for guests who are blind or have low vision. Sensory-friendly performances feature less noise, lower lights, and spaces between seats.

Accessibility services for guests who are hearing impaired at the **Lyric Opera of Chicago** include the innovative SoundShirt vibration technology and assistive hearing devices. Audio-described performances, touch tours, Braille and large-print programs, and high-powered opera glasses are available for those with low or no vision.

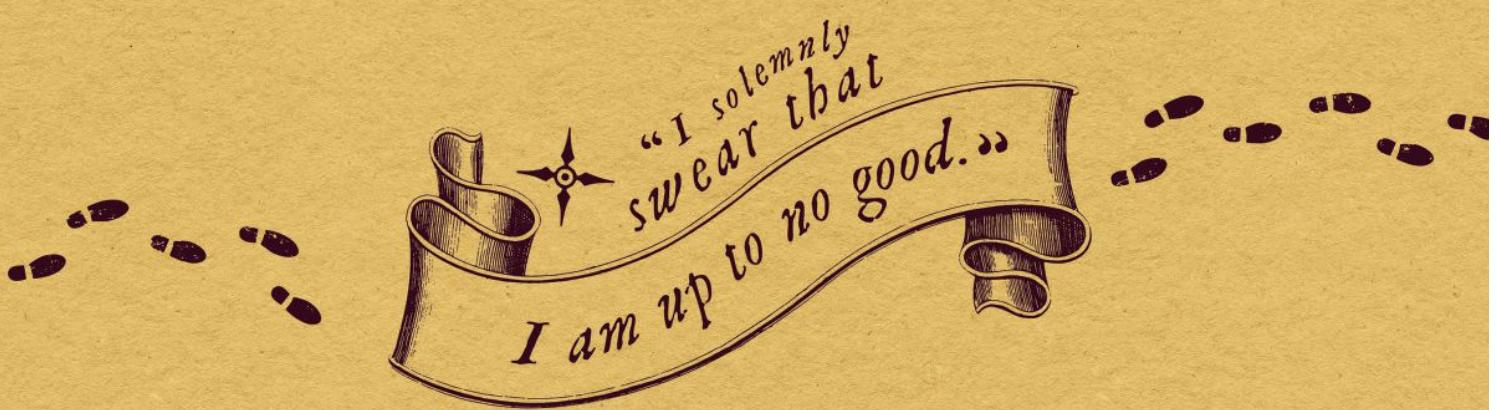
The **Goodman Theatre** offers touch tours, assistive listening devices, ASL- and open-captioned performances, audio-described performances, and Braille and large-print programs. Check the Goodman's calendar for sensory-friendly performances.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Cooler Chicago weather signals a calendar warm-up with holiday events that celebrate the joy of fall and winter's seasonal traditions.

BY ROSALIND CUMMINGS-YEATES

Welcome October's bright fall colors and crisp temps at **Lincoln Park Zoo** with professional pumpkin carvers, a harvest maze, and autumn-themed food and drinks during **Fall Fest**. The family-friendly fun continues at the end of the month with **Spooky Zoo**, when kids can trick or treat among the animals, make fun crafts, and watch live entertainment.

The Loop's historic State Street comes alive at night with mesmerizing performers, marching bands, and elaborate

costumes during the **Arts in the Dark** Halloween parade. Jaw-dropping puppetry and festive floats add to the free-wheeling atmosphere.

Experience over-the-top creativity at the **Haunted Halsted Halloween Parade** in the LGBTQ+ Northalsted neighborhood. The event ranks as one of the top Halloween parades in the country. Don't miss the high-energy awards presentation and music performances after the parade.

VITO PALMIANO



The Wintrust Magnificent Mile Lights Festival

The **National Museum of Mexican Art** celebrates Mexico's meaningful traditions with **Day of the Dead Xicágo**, where you can view ornate altars honoring departed loved ones and try cultural activities like sugar skull decorating.

The **Chicago Botanic Garden** in suburban Glencoe hosts the thrilling **Night of 1,000 Jack-o'-Lanterns**, when illuminated artist-carved pumpkins line the many garden trails. Costumed entertainers and live carving demos are also part of the fun.

The **Chicago Thanksgiving Parade** kicks off the holiday season with over 100 floats led by Teddy the Turkey, the official parade mascot who's joined by marching bands, celebrities, and Santa Claus. Watch for the whimsical mega balloon characters that drift down the parade route.

The **Wintrust Magnificent Mile Lights Festival**, the largest nighttime parade in the U.S., marches along Chicago's Michigan Avenue and illuminates more than one million twinkling holiday lights.

Stop by Daley Plaza in the Loop during the annual **Christkindlmarket Chicago**.

This German holiday market features traditional German foods like bratwurst and potato pancakes, alongside handcrafted gifts such as wooden toys and beautiful ornaments.

Head to **Navy Pier for Light Up The Lake**, where you

can race down an ice slide, shop an artisan market, join in craft workshops, meet Santa, see holiday-themed drone shows, and watch dazzling fireworks on Saturday nights.

Visit **Millennium Park** for holiday festivities like the annual **Lighting of the City of Chicago Christmas Tree**,

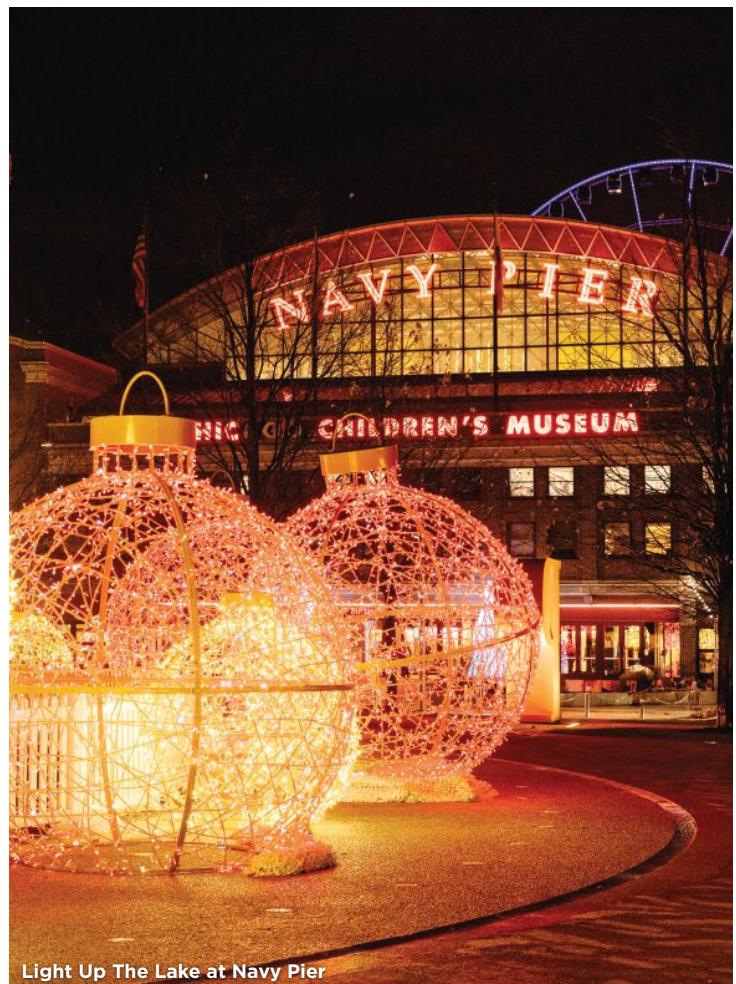
which towers in all its glory over Michigan Avenue. Join the **Millennium Park Holiday Sing-Along**, featuring an array of local

groups singing holiday songs from various cultures.

The **Griffin Museum of Science and Industry** hosts one of Chicago's most beloved holiday traditions with **Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light**, a fantastic display of more than 50 trees that surround the four-story Grand Tree, with exhibits that reflect holiday traditions from all over the globe.

Lincoln Park's ZooLights offers a twinkling winter wonderland that includes food and drinks, costumed characters, an enchanted forest, a light maze, and a towering 18-foot-tall holiday tree.

Over two million glowing LED lights illuminate suburban **Brookfield Zoo Chicago's Holiday Magic**, where you'll encounter



Light Up The Lake at Navy Pier

WINTER FUN



Whirl around one of Chicago's largest outdoor ice rinks and catch magical views of the skyline at the **McCormick Tribune Ice Rink** in Millennium Park.

For an icy adventure, whip along the **Maggie Daley Park Skating Ribbon**. Glide past snow-covered trees and the mountain-like Climbing Wall for some of the most scenic ice skating in the city.

Midway Plaisance Ice Rink showcases the historic elegance of Hyde Park and The University of Chicago campus as you skate the rink, located on the site of the world's first-ever Ferris wheel, a major attraction at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

Cozy up to bonfires and watch husky sled dogs in action during **Polar Adventure Days at Big Marsh Park**. Guided bird hikes, live music, and winter crafts top off the activities.

Whoosh down the 220-foot slope of the **Soldier Field Sledding Hill**, where frosty fun is guaranteed thanks to a snow machine that cranks out the fluffy stuff.

Bundle up for winter games in the sky at **The Gwen hotel's rooftop curling rink**. The iceless rink offers sweeping city views, as well as hot drinks and a fire pit to help players keep warm.

light tunnels, massive animal-shaped displays, and trees festively decorated by local community groups.

Wander along a trail of glowing installations, music, and vibrant colors during **Lightscape** at the **Chicago Botanic Garden**. View stunning light sculptures, singing trees, and laser light displays.

African dancing, drumming, and singing that highlight the seven principles of Kwanzaa are joyful elements of the week-long **Kwanzaa Celebration at The DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center**.

Celebrate the first day of Hanukkah beneath a 31-foot-tall menorah during the **Menorah Lighting Celebration** at Daley Plaza in the Loop. A DJ spinning tunes and

samplings of traditional fried jelly donuts round out the festivities.

Embrace the holidays with loads of attractions and events during **Winterland at Gallagher Way**, held at historic Wrigley Field. **Christkindlmarket Wrigleyville** offers a charming selection of gifts, along with German food and drinks. At

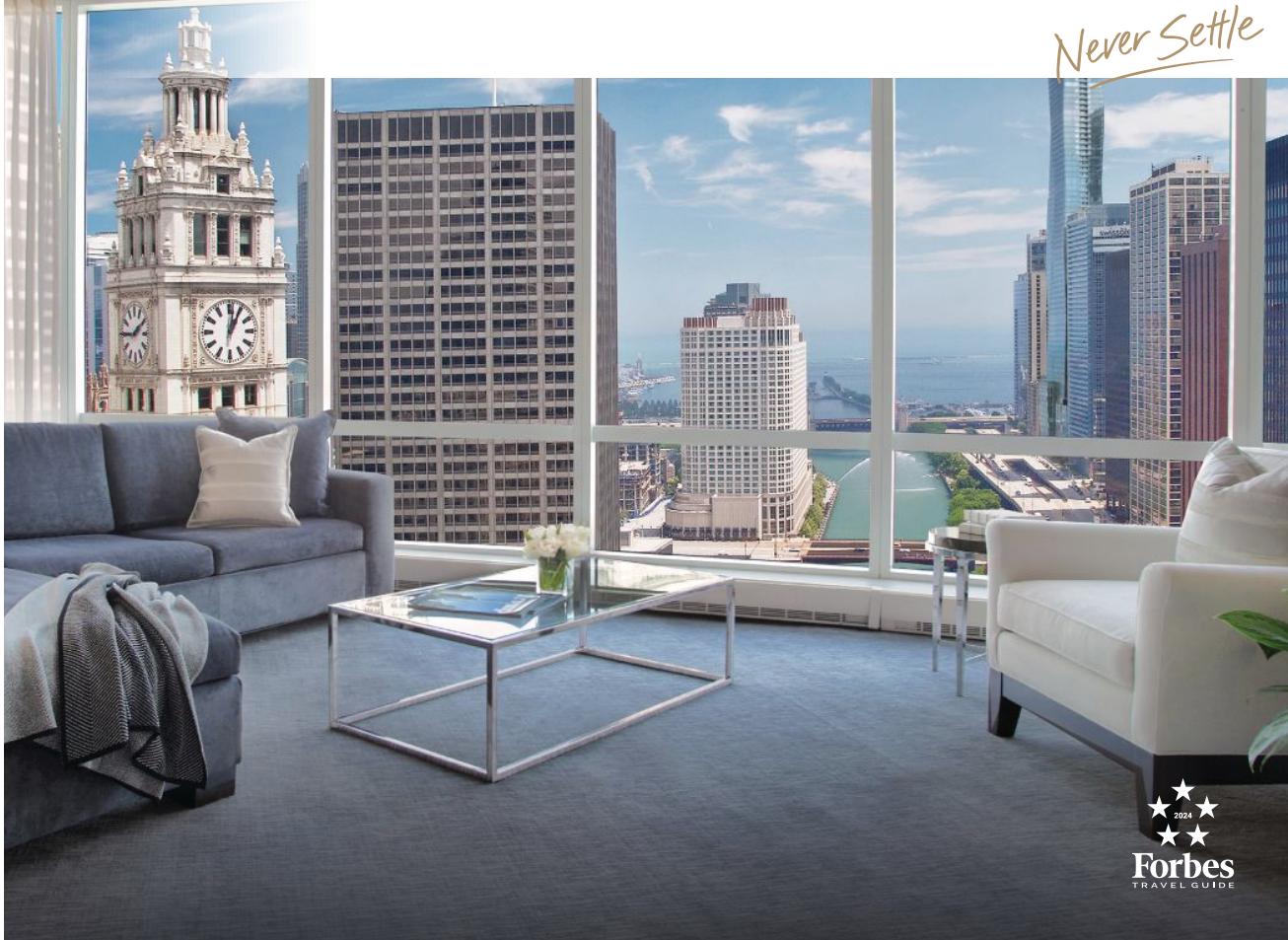
Santa's Workshop, snap a selfie with Santa, take a spin on a carousel ride, and join in a holiday-themed workshop.

Holiday Movies at Gallagher Way presents classic, family-friendly flicks like *Elf* and *A Christmas Story*. Attend the **8th Night 8th Light Hanukkah Celebration**, a Jewish community commemoration. At **Gallagher Ice Rink**, glide around on skates or ice bumper cars.

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CHICAGO FILM FESTIVALS

The longest-running Latino film fest in the country, the **Chicago Latino Film Festival** held in April features some 50 feature films and 35 shorts.

Presented in May, the **Asian American Showcase** provides a platform for new work by established and emerging Asian American filmmakers.

The **Chicago Critics Film Festival** in May features a selection of the most sought-after films of the year handpicked by Chicago Film Critics Association members.

Every September, the **Chicago Underground Film Festival** showcases underground and avant-garde cinema, video, and performance.

Held in October, the **Chicago International Film Festival** is North America's longest-running competitive film festival, presenting the best in international cinema.

The **Black Harvest Festival** is Chicago's annual November film event that explores the Black, African American, and African Diaspora experience.

Find more Chicago film festivals at chicagoscreens.org.

The city of Chicago, along with its iconic eateries and camera-ready landmarks, has earned top billing in a slew of popular movies and TV shows.

BY LISA SHAMES

FILM SITES

The Italian beef stand where it all started, **Mr. Beef on Orleans** (aka The Original Beef of Chicagoland) was famous among locals for its stellar sandwiches decades before it got its starring role on the hit show **The Bear**. Beloved for its homemade ice cream and chocolates, 90-year-old **Margie's Candies** served as the location for chef Syd's final stop on her Chicago food tour in Season 2 of the series.

Dubbed Molly's Pub on **Chicago Fire**, Bucktown's **Lottie's Pub** functions as the regular hangout of the Firehouse 51 crew, while the **Chicago Fire Academy** makes numerous appearances in the show. Like Chicagoans, the squad members of **Chicago P.D.** are also fans of celebrated Route 66 diner **Lou Mitchell's** in the West Loop and the South Loop's **White Palace Grill**. **Lottie's Pub** is also an end-of-the-day stop for the **Chicago Med** crew.

Chicago during the Prohibition Era served as an atmospheric backdrop for crime movie **The Untouchables**, with many of the city's historic buildings playing a part. The Untouchables' offices were located in the Loop's beautiful **Rookery Building**.

The famous falling baby carriage scene was shot in **Union Station** on the staircase leading down from Canal Street to the Great Hall. In the movie **Public Enemies**, Johnny Depp starred as John Dillinger, who meets his demise outside the **Biograph Theater** in Lincoln Park, the actual site of the notorious gangster's death.

In **Ferris Bueller's Day Off**, Ferris and his friends spent part of their day off from school at the **Art Institute of Chicago** viewing its renowned masterpieces, including Georges Seurat's *A Sunday on La Grande Jatte*. They also took in a rousing Chicago Cubs baseball game at **Wrigley Field**.

The Blues Brothers and its Chicago locations live on in the memories of film fans. The Palace Hotel Ballroom, where the Blues Brothers get their first major gig, was filmed at the **South Shore Cultural Center**. For the film's finale, Jake and Elwood scramble through the Loop's **Daley Plaza** in a mad rush to get to City Hall.

In **High Fidelity**, the main character Rob relives his romantic failures throughout the city. Outside the **Music Box Theatre**, he's rebuffed by his childhood sweetheart, while at Uptown's **Green Mill** he muses about his one true love.

TOURS

Chicago Movie Tours

offers film-focused walking tours, with experts offering insider details along the way. Tours range from The Art of Ferris Bueller at the Art Institute of Chicago to Beneath the Big Screen: Chicago and Movie Underground, which features 10 locations.

On Location Tours'

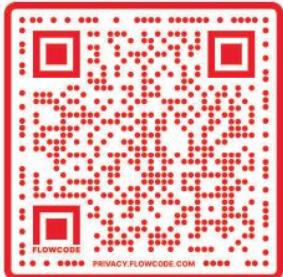
Downtown Chicago TV & Movie Sites Tour is a fascinating two-hour experience that steps into the scenes of films such

as *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *The Dark Knight*, and more as you take in iconic Chicago sites. Local actors lead the tours, offering behind-the-scenes stories.

On the Yes, Chef! Chicago: A Bear-Inspired Food Tour from **Chicago Food & City Tours** you'll travel to restaurants featured on this uber-popular show, as well as sample dishes. Dive into the flavors of the Logan Square, River North, and West Loop spots frequented by *The Bear*'s staff, including the now-famous Mr. Beef on Orleans.



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Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave.
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We've been your guide to Chicago's iconic architecture for over 80 seasons. Enjoy Chicago aboard our Architecture River Tours and Skyline Lake Tours.

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

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875 N. Michigan Ave.
888-875-8439
360chicago.com
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312-245-9300
bobbysbikehike.com/chicago
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739 N. Clark St.
312-763-3674
chiwinery.com
The Tasting Room at Chicago Winery is a great way to dive into our rich winemaking heritage and exceptional vintages. Come in for a tour or flight!

The Escape Game Chicago

River North
42 E. Ontario St.
312-453-7753
thescapegame.com/chicago
Play Chicago's #1 escape room! Enjoy five immersive adventure games: The Heist, Prison Break, Gold Rush, Mission: Mars, and Special Ops.

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West Loop
1339 S. Wood St.
312-888-3153
flyhelitours.com
Experience Chicago like never before with Fly Heli. Enjoy breathtaking helicopter tours over your favorite iconic landmarks. Book your tour now!

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Streeterville
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888-895-8595
experienceflyover.com/chicago
Experience Chicago from a whole new perspective through an immersive journey of wonder and discovery.

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Purchase online or from participating attractions
800-887-9103
gocity.com/chicago/en-us
Go City Chicago offers multi-attraction pass options with over 30+ experiences, including museums, boat and walking tours, observation decks, and many more.

Illuminarium

Streeterville
Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave.
800-441-0819
illuminarium.com/chicago
Illuminarium at Navy Pier offers a captivating cinematic experience, using advanced tech and storytelling to transport guests to stunning destinations.

Millennium Park

Loop
201 E. Randolph St.
312-744-1168
millenniumparkfoundation.org
The sky's the limit when hosting an event in Chicago's Millennium Park. Millennium Park is the perfect location for your high-profile events.

Museum of Illusions

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

Navy Pier

Streeterville
600 E. Grand Ave.
navypier.org
A Chicago landmark and the city's most-visited destination, featuring more than 50 acres of parks, shops, theatres, restaurants, and attractions.

Poetry Foundation

River North
61 W. Superior St.
312-790-7070
poetryfoundation.org
The Poetry Foundation is an independent literary organization dedicated to poetry, offering free events, a library, and a gallery open to all!

Skydeck Chicago

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

Swedish American Museum

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

Uptown USPS Post Office

Uptown
4850 N. Broadway St.
773-561-1720
exploreuptown.org/public-art
Uptown United facilitates public art projects that enliven our streetscape. Explore over 80 works of public art around Uptown's inclusive community.

TOURS & ATTRACTIONS

KEY

- =ADA Compliant
- =Family Friendly
- =Seasonal
- =Minority Owned
- =Women Owned

WNDR Museum

West Loop
1130 W. Monroe St.
312-278-7908
wndrmuseum.com/location/chicago
WNDR is an ever-evolving, immersive experience with a lounge, shop, and awe-inspiring interactive installations for those curious enough to wonder.

BEACHES/GARDENS/PARKS

The 606

Bucktown/Wicker Park
1801 N. Milwaukee Ave.
the606.org
Run, walk, or bike along this 2.7-mile elevated trail and park system, a former rail line set above city streets that spans four Chicago neighborhoods.

Buckingham Fountain

Loop
Columbus Dr. and Congress Pkwy.
312-742-4847
chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/clarence-f-buckingham-memorial-fountain
This popular landmark and tourist attraction offers visitors a dazzling music, light, and water show from dusk until 11 p.m., spring through fall.

Centennial Fountain & Water Arc

Streeterville
300 E. McClurg Ct.
312-751-6633
mwrd.org
Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. - midnight, with shows on the hour from May 1 - Oct. 1.

Chicago Botanic Garden

North Suburbs
1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe
847-835-8370
chicagobotanic.org
The Chicago Botanic Garden is a world-renowned living museum and so much more. Its roots grow throughout greater Chicago and beyond.

Chicago Riverwalk

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

Chicago Lakefront Trail

Loop
300 S. Lake Shore Dr.
312-742-7529
chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/lakefront-trail
Beautiful skyline views (plus beaches, parks, and harbors) stretch along this 18-mile recreational bike/running path on the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Garden of the Phoenix

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

Garfield Park Conservatory

Garfield Park
300 N. Central Park Ave.
312-746-5100
garfieldconservatory.org
The third-largest garden-under-glass in the world, Garfield Park Conservatory spans 12 acres of indoor and outdoor gardens. It's a national botanical treasure.

Humboldt Park

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

Lincoln Park Conservatory

Lincoln Park
2391 N. Stockton Dr.
312-742-7736
chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/lincoln-park-conservatory
Peaceful and enchanting gardens in the heart of Lincoln Park, adjacent to Lincoln Park Zoo. Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. Free admission.

Maggie Daley Park

Loop
337 E. Randolph St.
312-742-3918
maggiedaleypark.com
Located next to Millennium Park, this modern urban playground for all ages has a unique Skating Ribbon, Rock Climbing Wall, and a Play Garden.

Millennium Park

Loop
201 E. Randolph St.
312-744-1168
millenniumparkfoundation.org
This award-winning center for art, music, architecture, and landscape design features the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Crown Fountain, Lurie Garden, and Cloud Gate sculpture.

Northerly Island Park

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

Ping Tom Memorial Park

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

Washington Park

Hyde Park
5531 S. Martin Luther King Dr.
773-256-1248
chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/washington-george-park
This sprawling 372-acre park between Cottage Grove Avenue and Martin Luther King Drive, located on the south side of Chicago, hosts concerts and special events.

BIKE/SEGWAY TOURS

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

Streeterville
540 N. Lake Shore Dr.
312-245-9300
bobbysbikehike.com/chicago
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BOAT TOURS

Chicago Architecture Center

Loop
111 E. Wacker Dr.
312-922-3432
architecture.org
Over 75 architecture tours are offered across Chicago, including the CAC River Cruise Aboard Chicago's First Lady. Exhibitions and programs all year.

Chicago's First Lady Cruises

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

City Cruises Chicago

Streeterville
River Esplanade
888-957-2634
cityexperiences.com/chicago-city-cruises
The most elegant, unique way to experience Chicago. Three-course plated dining, entertainment, outstanding service, and stunning views — all for one price.

Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline

Loop
112 E. Wacker Dr.
312-332-1353
mercurycruises.com
Don't miss Mercury's Urban Adventure Cruise, a complete city tour of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan's downtown harbor. Our guides make the difference.

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BUS TOURS

Aries Charter Transportation

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

Chicago Hauntings

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



SOUTH SIDE TOURS

www.southside-tours.com

Loop
Tours leave from SW corner of Monroe Street and Wabash Avenue
773-300-6346
Audio and video-enabled tours of Chicago's south side aboard a shuttle bus. Tours enhanced through personal storytelling from local residents. Explore six neighborhoods in three hours!

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce

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

Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

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

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Streeterville
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312-245-9300
bobbysbikehike.com/chicago
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Chicago Dine-Around

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

HISTORIC SITE/ARCHITECTURE

Blacklion

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

Glessner House

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

PUBLIC ART

Daley Civic Center

Loop
50 W. Washington St.
312-603-7980
thedaleycenter.com
The Daley Center offers free cultural programming throughout the year. Performances include singing, dancing, flag raisings, cultural ceremonies, and more.  

Smart Museum of Art, The University of Chicago

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

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

American Writers Museum

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

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312-245-9300
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chicagohauntings.com
Offering walking haunted history tours, ghost hunts, and paranormal investigations in Chicago's most legendary and spooky locations.

Chicago History Museum

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

Chicago Mahogany Tours

Purchase tickets online
312-965-7768
chicagomahogany.com
Dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of the rich history and culture of Chicago, including its people, architecture, and impact on the world. 

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cruisechicago.com
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312-332-1353
mercurycruises.com
Don't miss Mercury's Urban Adventure Cruise, a complete city tour of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan's downtown harbor. Our guides make the difference.   ♀

On Location Tours

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

Pilsen Public Art Tours

Pilsen
1508 W. 19th St.
773-787-6847
ppat.space
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Starbucks Reserve Roastery

Magnificent Mile
646 N. Michigan Ave.
312-283-7100
starbucksreserve.com/en-us/locations/chicago
Join us at the Chicago Starbucks Reserve Roastery for an immersive private tour or an unforgettable experience. Find us on tock.com to learn more. 

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VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

Macy's on State Street Visitor Information Center

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choosechicago.com
Free brochures, maps, and concierge services are available from our team of City Concierges to help navigate the city and plan your stay in Chicago.

ZOOS

Brookfield Zoo Chicago

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

Lincoln Park Zoo

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

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers

Loop
2 N. Michigan Ave.
312-260-1748
raisingcanes.com
Order the chicken fingers, Cane's sauce, Texas toast, coleslaw, and fries. **L D**

Ramsay's Kitchen

West Suburbs
39 W. Jefferson St., Naperville
331-244-2550
gordonramsayrestaurants.com/en/us/ramsays-kitchen/locations/naperville
Take a seat at our table and get a glimpse into chef Gordon Ramsay's culinary experiences across the globe. **L**

River Roast

River North
315 N. LaSalle St.
312-527-1417
riverroastchicago.com
Situated on the iconic Chicago River with stunning views of downtown, River Roast is a lively social house featuring contemporary American tavern fare. **B R L D \$\$\$**

Sky Terrace

Streeterville
Ivy Hotel Chicago
233 E. Ontario St.
312-643-3400
ivyhotelchicago.com/restaurants-near-chicago-il/sky-terrace
Sky Terrace serves creative drinks, small plates, and downtown views. Located near The Magnificent Mile, it's a top rooftop destination.

Somerset

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

South Branch Tavern & Grille

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

State and Lake Chicago Tavern

Loop
201 N. State St.
312-239-9588
stateandlakechicago.com
State and Lake is the quintessential Chicago tavern, serving up breakfast, lunch, and dinner with an emphasis on local and regional ingredients. **B B R L D LN \$\$**

Terrace 16

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

Waterview Kitchen + Bar

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

Yardbird Southern Table

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

AMERICAN CONTEMPORARY**Adamus**

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

Adorn Bar & Restaurant

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

the Albert

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

Alpana

River North
831 N. State St.
312-632-0410
alpanachicago.com
Stylish bistro serving wine-inspired cuisine in Chicago's historic Gold Coast neighborhood. Bar service and patio dining available. **Q**

Chicago Winery

River North
739 N. Clark St.
312-763-3674
chiwinery.com
LIVA at Chicago Winery is a chef-driven, community-inspired restaurant for locals and visitors alike, located in River North. **B R D LN**

Cindy's

Loop
12 S. Michigan Ave.
312-940-3552
chicagoathletichotel.com
Cindy's menu focuses on light American fare driven by seasonally inspired ingredients, along with a distinctively spirit-driven beverage program. **B R L D LN \$\$\$**

Commons Club

Loop
203 N. Wabash Ave.
312-940-4682, 312-940-4747
commonsclub.com
This is where work and play intermingle. Where cocktails embolden a palate-pleasing culinary menu. Where guests and locals meet and share stories. **D \$\$\$**

CURRENT Chicago

Streeterville
644 N. Lake Shore Dr.
312-255-4460
currentchicago.com
True to its name, CURRENT features a fresh, modern take on seasonal American cuisine, showcasing simple and soulful ingredient-driven dishes. **B B R L D LN \$\$\$**

eden

Avondale
2734 W. Roscoe St.
312-764-1933
edeninchicago.com
Chef Devon Quinn's eden is a seasonal restaurant with private dining rooms and a menu featuring flavors from their on-site greenhouse and local farms. **Q B R L D \$\$\$**

Fora

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

Fulton Market Kitchen

West Loop
311 N. Sangamon St.
312-733-6900
fultonmarketkitchen.com
Fulton Market Kitchen is a combination restaurant, lounge, and gallery featuring globally inspired cuisine, a one-of-a-kind craft cocktail program, and a stunning rotating art collection. **Q D LN \$\$\$**

HotHouse @ DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago - Magnificent Mile

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

J. Parker

Lincoln Park
1816 N. Clark St.
312-254-4700
jparkerchicago.com
Hotel Lincoln's swanky rooftop oasis features spectacular views of Lake Michigan and the Chicago skyline. Perfect for a night on the town or private events.

Juniper

Gold Coast
1244 N. Dearborn Pkwy.
312-416-5811
juniperspiritsandoysters.com
Taste and sip innovation at our restaurant in Chicago's Gold Coast. #BeHappyMakePlans **B B R D LN \$\$\$**

Level Two @ Hyatt Chicago Mag Mile

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

Lost Reef Lounge

Lakeview
964 W. Belmont Ave.
773-360-1961
lostreef.com
This exhilarating lounge provides a sublime, immersive experience with lavish crafted cocktails, luxurious wines, and delectable small bites. **B R D \$\$\$**

Monarch & Lion

Streeterville
302 E. Illinois St.
312-459-7750
monarchandlion.com
A British pub in the heart of Chicago. Join us for a pint and elevated British pub fare. **Q**

Proxi

West Loop
565 W. Randolph St.
312-466-1950
proxichicago.com
Executive chef Andrew Zimmerman takes you on a ride to the world's most culinary-rich corners. **Q D \$\$**

Ramsay's Kitchen

West Suburbs
39 W. Jefferson St., Naperville
331-244-2550
gordonramsayrestaurants.com/en/us/ramsays-kitchen/locations/naperville
Try the Gordon Ramsay Burger — it's indulgently delicious. **L**

Roanoke Restaurant

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

Gibson's Bar & Steakhouse - Chicago

Gold Coast
1028 N. Rush St.
312-266-8999
gibsonssteakhouse.com
Gibson's has been the pinnacle of Gold Coast dining for over 23 years. An energetic atmosphere and unsurpassable service make it a party every night.

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Hawksmoor Chicago

River North
500 N. LaSalle Dr.
312-272-4240
thehawksmoor.com/locations/chicago
Hawksmoor is an award-winning steakhouse and cocktail bar serving all-natural beef, dry-aged steaks, locally sourced seafood, and small-farm produce.

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HOLU

Chinatown
2101 S. Jefferson St.
312-291-8472
holuchicago.com
Refined Asian steakhouse featuring dry-aged prime steaks, Japanese, Australian, and American wagyu, premium seafood, sushi, small plates, and more.

Michael Jordan's Steak House

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

Morton's The Steakhouse - Chicago (Wacker Place)

Loop
65 E. Wacker Pl.
312-201-0410
mortons.com/wacker
Morton's continues to set the standard, serving USDA prime aged beef, fresh fish and seafood, hand-picked produce, and elegant desserts.

Nisos Prime

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

Ocean Prime

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

Shula's Steak House

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

Smith & Wollensky

River North
318 N. State St.
312-670-9900
smithandwollensky.com
Our quintessential steakhouse overlooks the Chicago River. Featuring USDA prime, dry-aged steaks and seafood, complemented by an award-winning wine list.

Steak 48

River North
615 N. Wabash Ave.
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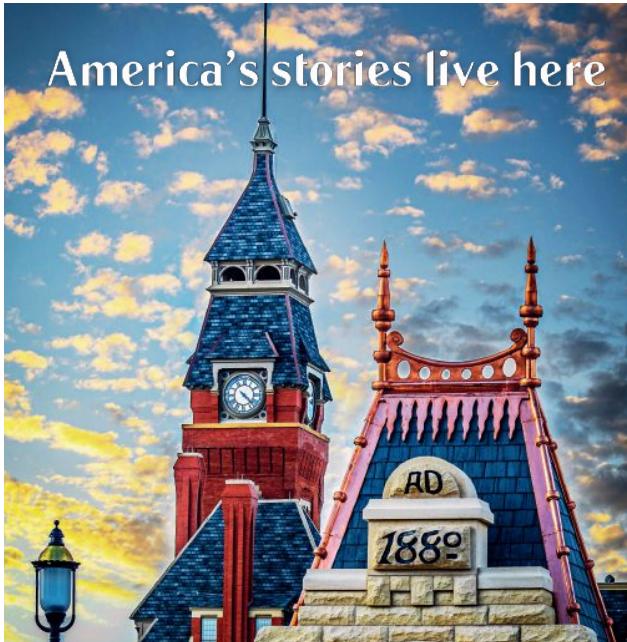
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Connect with colleagues, family, and friends in Chicago. OAG, the leading

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With more than 45 passenger airlines arriving in Chicago from approximately 260 airports worldwide, it's no wonder Chicago has been voted the best big city in the U.S. seven years in a row by the *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Awards 2023.

THE O'HARE EXPERIENCE

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



The Hampton Social in O'Hare's Terminal 5



EVOLVE by Hudson in Midway's Central Market

TERMINAL 5 EXPANDED AND RENOVATED

At 350,000 square feet, the Terminal 5 extension at O'Hare boasts 10 new gates, expanded seating, new restrooms, and more amenities — from art installations to an interfaith room, and a mix of local and national restaurants and retail shops including Bar Siena, The Hampton Social, and Chick-fil-A. Large bright windows offer airfield views, while open seating areas, modern furniture, and plentiful charging stations provide comfort and convenience. The expansion brings the total number of security checkpoint lanes to 13 and also improves immigration facilities.

AIRLINE LOUNGES

Whether arriving early at the airport or waiting for others to arrive in Chicago, travelers can work or relax in the various airline club lounges. Day passes can be purchased by nonmembers at most of the clubs. At O'Hare, the most recent lounge to open was the Delta

Sky Club in Terminal 5. With 20,000 square feet, this is the largest premium passenger lounge that the airline offers outside of its hub airports.

The United Club in Terminal 1 is nearly twice the size of the previous United Club it replaced near Gate 16.. With available seating for 400, there is no shortage of space for lounge-goers to work at individual tables, one-person desks, couches, lounge chairs, and coworking-style desks. American Airlines' Admiral's Club in Terminal 3 will also receive a refresh as part of the Terminal 3 development project.

THE MIDWAY EXPERIENCE

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

SHOP, DRINK & DINE The redeveloped Central Market, located at the intersection of Concourses A and B, is

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

THE CLUB MDW

For the first time in the airport's 96-year history, Midway offers a shared-use passenger lounge. The Club MDW opened in September 2024 and is conveniently located in the airport's Central Market at the intersection of Concourses A and B. It is available for all travelers regardless of airline and class of service, and it offers complimentary food and beverage service to all patrons in an inviting, relaxing environment. The lounge is accessible through Priority Pass, the world's largest airport lounge membership program.

The design of the 3,300-square-foot club draws inspiration from Chicago's rich architectural history, featuring high-contrast, monochromatic tones. The classic minimal geometry offers an elegant backdrop for the design, combining a wide range of materials, including metallic accents and plush upholstery that provide a warm and comforting guest experience.

IMPROVED SECURITY EXPERIENCE

An 80,000-square-foot security pavilion opened in September 2020, touting new technology and a wider, streamlined Transportation Security Administration (TSA) checkpoint. Visitors will experience reduced wait times during peak periods, with the TSA now able to process as many as 5,000 passengers per hour.

ACCESSIBILITY

The CDA is focused on ensuring Chicago's airports are fully accessible to all passengers.

ACCESSIBLE DROP-OFF AREAS

Accessible drop-off areas equipped with curb ramps are provided throughout the arrival and departure vehicle loading areas. Restrooms, elevators, signage, restaurants, water fountains, and diaper changing facilities follow ADA guidelines.

CHANGING PLACES FACILITY

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

HIDDEN DISABILITIES SUNFLOWER PROGRAM

The CDA partnered with the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program to offer additional support to travelers with invisible disabilities, such as autism, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and hearing loss. Lanyards, bracelets, hats, and other sunflower items with a green background and a sunflower enable individuals

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MOTHER'S ROOMS AND LACTATION PODS

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VISUAL INTERPRETING THROUGH AIRA

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PASSENGER ASSISTANCE

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

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Interior and exterior service animal relief areas (SARAs) are available at both airports for passenger convenience.

LOCAL FAVORITES

Sample Chicago's top local spots at O'Hare and Midway Airports.

REFRESHING BREWS

Pair a Cruz Blanca Mexican lager with award-winning sandwiches from **Tortas Frontera by Rick Bayless** (ORD Terminals 1, 3, 5). From pale ale to pilsner, **Goose Island Beer Company** (ORD Terminals 1, 3) has you covered. Belly up to the bar at **Harry Caray's Shortstop** (MDW Concourse A) and pair a cold draft with toasted ravioli.

QUICK EATS

Handhelds from fast-casual favorites, like a smash burger from **The Hampton Social** (ORD Terminal 5) or a buffalo chicken mac from **The Orange Line** (MDW Concourse B), are great on the go. **Burger Federation** (ORD Terminal 3) touts the "Best Burger in the City" with its Little Miss Figgy Burger.

KIDS' PICKS

For your lil' flyers, touch down at **Woodgrain Neapolitan Pizzeria** (MDW Concourse A) for a mini cheese pizzetta and fruit combo. Sports fans will find chicken fingers and Pitcher's Pasta on the junior meal menu at **Chicago Cubs Bar & Grill** (ORD Terminal 3).

TAKE THE 'L' TRAIN TO & FROM THE AIRPORT

- Best fare into town: Just \$5 (including any transfers to other lines)
- Fly direct to the Loop with fast, frequent service (under 45 minutes to downtown)

O'HARE Catch the Chicago Transportation Authority (CTA) Blue Line at O'Hare Station, which directly connects to Terminals 1, 2, and 3. Use the Airport Transit System (ATS) to connect to Terminal 5.

MIDWAY The Midway Station of the CTA Orange Line is located next to the airport terminal and connected by an enclosed walkway.

CTA transitchicago.com



NAVIGATE THE CITY

The downtown Loop serves as the hub of Chicago's public transit network that extends to surrounding neighborhoods and suburbs, as well as O'Hare and Midway International Airports.



CTA 'L' train in the Loop

TAKE THE 'L'

The eight Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) 'L' lines — the Blue Line (24 hours), Brown Line, Green Line, Orange Line, Pink Line, Purple Line, Red Line (24 hours), and Yellow Line — serve 145 train stations across the city. transitchicago.com

RIDE THE BUS

There are 127 CTA bus routes throughout the city — buses stop every few blocks. Several lines operate 24 hours. transitchicago.com

HOP ON METRA

Metra commuter trains connect outlying suburbs to downtown and are an easy way to travel to and from the heart of the city. Single trip fares start at \$3.75. metrarail.com

RIDE AMTRAK

Amtrak provides intercity passenger rail services to more than 500 destinations in 46 states. Catch Amtrak trains at Chicago's downtown Union Station. amtrak.com

HAIL A CAB

Taxis are plentiful and easy to hail. Check individual companies for rates. **CHICABS** offers options for passengers to electronically hail and pay for a taxi through mobile apps **ARRO** (ridearro.com) and **Curb** (gocurb.com). Chicago is also **Uber** (uber.com) and **Lyft** (lyft.com) friendly.

GRAB A BIKE

Chicago's Divvy bike- and scooter-sharing program is an inexpensive and easy way to get around. Thousands of bikes and scooters are available at hundreds of stations across the city. Single classic bike rides are \$1 to unlock and \$0.18 per minute. Or try Divvy's ebike, with a pedal-assist motor. Pay \$1 to unlock the ebike, plus \$0.44 per minute. Scooters are \$1 to unlock and \$0.44 per minute. divvybikes.com

TRY A WATER TAXI

Seasonal water taxis are a scenic and budget-friendly way to reach points of interest along the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Take a ride with **Shoreline Water Taxi** (shorelinesightseeing.com) or **Chicago Water Taxi** (chicagowatertaxi.com).

All fares are subject to change.

CTA FARES

CTA fares start at \$2.25 for buses and \$2.50 for trains with a reloadable Ventra card.

Single-ride Ventra ticket: \$3 (includes three rides within two hours of use) or \$5 (from O'Hare Airport).

One-day Ventra ticket: \$10 (unlimited rides for 24 hours). transitchicago.com



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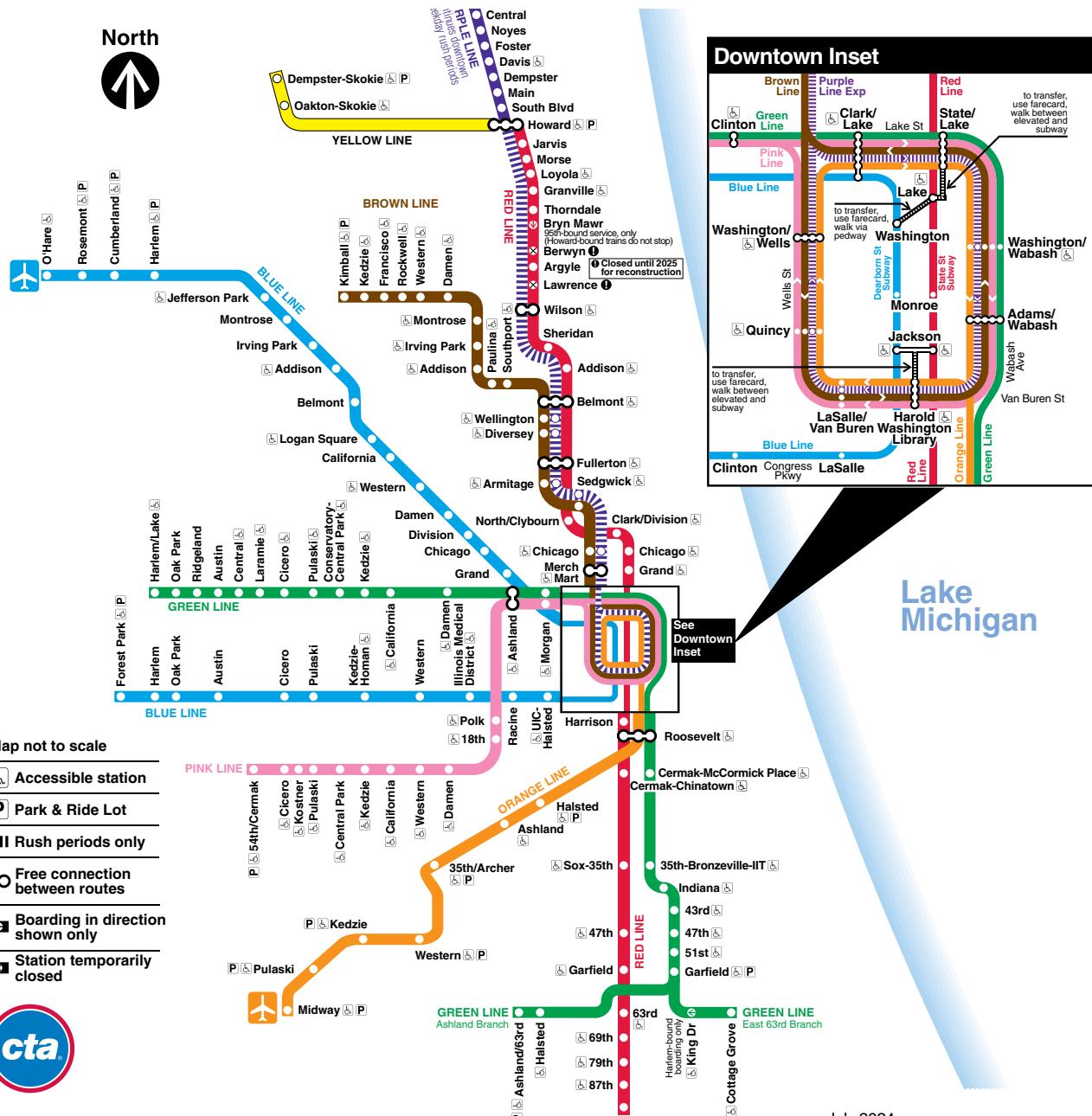
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