

Bars

- [Green Door Tavern](#). Chicago's oldest bar, open since 1872. We wanted to have our after-party here, but they aren't open late on Sundays even on Memorial Day Weekend. Dive bar atmosphere inside and also has a small speakeasy hidden downstairs. Next door to the Italian beef restaurant that the show The Bear is based on.
- [Redhead Piano Bar](#). Near the hotels, good cocktails and live piano.
- [Headquarters](#). A large arcade bar with tons of free arcade games, and a good local beer selection.
- [Moneygun](#). A fun West Loop cocktail bar.
- [Three Dots and a Dash](#). Tiki bar.

Breweries

- [Begyle Brewing](#) & [Dovetail Brewery](#): Two fun breweries right next to each other, lots of outdoor seating.
- [Bungalow by Middle Brow](#): A real favorite! Amazing beer, natural wine, bread, and pizza. Also has outdoor seating.
- [Half Acre Beer Co.](#): A Chicago beer institution. Walking distance to [Spiteful Brewing](#), which is also great.
- [Off Color Brewing Taproom](#): Great beer and BYO food.
- [Northman's Beer and Cider Garden](#): Not a brewery but a beer garden on the river with a lot of local beers, fun place to hang out downtown in nice weather.

Chicago food

Here are our favorites of the Chicago staples:

- Chicago hot dogs at [Flub a Dub Chub's](#). (We will have Chicago hot dogs as the late night snack at the wedding, so don't worry if you don't have time to get here!)
- Italian beef at [Luke's](#) or the [original location of Al's Beef on Taylor St.](#)
- Deep dish pizza at [Peguod's](#)

Restaurants

- [Girl and the Goat](#)
- [Avec River North](#). They also have a rooftop bar [Bar Avec](#) with nice views and a more limited food menu.
- [Chilam Balam](#). Creative Mexican food from a chef from Mexico City. Cash only and BYOB. They will make margaritas for you if you bring the tequila.
- [Au Cheval](#) is famous for the best burgers in Chicago but they often have a two-hour wait and we've never managed to get in. We hear the move is to go early and put your name down then grab a drink nearby until they call you. But they also have Small Cheval locations throughout the city that we hear have the same burgers.
- If you are looking for a fancy, expensive, and unique Chicago restaurant experience we recommend [El Ideas](#) (essentially eating in a chef's kitchen), [Kumiko](#) (Japanese), [Indienne](#) (Indian), and [Elske](#) (Danish).

Coffee

- [Intelligentsia](#). Multiple locations around the city. You can get Intelligentsia coffee beans in grocery stores now and they also now have locations in LA, New York, Boston, and Austin, but it's originally from Chicago.
- [Dark Matter](#). Has an Osmium coffee bar in Lake View and a Caravanserai Mexican drinking chocolate focused cafe in Avondale.