

TRAVEL GUIDE



CHICAGO
ILLINOIS
Simply Magnificent

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The Chicago and Illinois Tourist Office welcomes you with this special Travel Guide designed to help the international traveller plan the perfect holiday.

To help you identify where to start, we've separated the state into five regions, each delivering its own experience.

Comprehensive listings, which include descriptions, addresses and phone numbers, point out a variety of things to see and do. **Shopping**, for example, organises stores and boutiques by neighbourhood and state regions. **Dining** is categorised by cuisine, while **Entertainment** covers everything from

blues bars and dance clubs to opera and theatre. Gardens, zoos, state parks and resorts are all listed under **Leisure/Recreation**. **Museums/History** lists important cultural institutions and historic sites. **Architecture** reveals notable landmarks throughout the state.

Remember, you can always visit **gochicago.com** for updated travel information on Illinois and Chicago.

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CHICAGO

Since its rise from the ashes of the Great Chicago Fire, the city of Chicago has picked itself up and never looked back. Today, this world-class city is internationally known for its unrivaled architecture, five-star cuisine, chic shopping and leading cultural institutions. Chicago also has a reputation as one of the friendliest and most walkable cities in the U.S., with a breathtaking lakefront that's close to all the action.



NEIGHBOURHOODS

Chicago is also known as a city of neighbourhoods, each with their own unique flavour. Shop designer boutiques and upscale retail centres on the stretch of North Michigan Avenue known as the Magnificent Mile®. The Loop is home to many of the city's leading museums and theatres, along with great shopping on State Street. Explore unique stores, restaurants and nightlife that ranges from comedy to blues clubs in the Near North Side neighbourhoods of Streeterville, Old Town, the Gold Coast, Lincoln Park and Lakeview.

Hip stores and art galleries, edgy restaurants and trendy clubs populate River North, Bucktown and Wicker Park. Authentic ethnic shops and restaurants can be found in Greektown, Little Italy, Chinatown, the German enclave in Lincoln Square and the Swedish community of Andersonville. South of downtown, the Hyde Park neighbourhood is home to the Museum of Science and Industry and the DuSable Museum of African-American History, as well as a number of African-American shops, restaurants and nightspots.

CHICAGO NEIGHBOURHOOD MAP



Explore Chicago Neighbourhoods

Discover the traditions, stories and people of Chicago with one of 17 different Chicago Neighbourhood Tours. You can book by phone, **312.742.1190**, in person at the Shop at the **Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St.** or online by visiting the "Travel Tips" section on gochicago.com.



ILLINOIS

Illinois is known as the Land of Lincoln, thanks to Abraham Lincoln who worked his way from humble legislator to President of the United States. Today, Illinois is a study in diverse cultures and landscapes, from the cosmopolitan city of Chicago to the rolling green hills of Southern Illinois.

This page offers helpful facts about transportation, weather and visitor information. For more details about visas, consulate offices and currency information, go to gochicago.com.

What you need to know

Central standard time:	6 hours earlier than GMT 1 hour earlier than East Coast 2 hours later than West Coast
Legal car rental age:	25 years old
Legal driving age:	16 years old
Legal drinking and gaming age:	21 years old (photo ID or passport required)
Emergency Services:	Dial 911

Guides

Additional guides packed with helpful information are downloadable at www.gochicago.com.

Visitor Centres

CHICAGO WATER WORKS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

163 E. Pearson Ave.

Mon. - Thur.:	8am - 7pm
Friday:	8am - 6pm
Saturday:	9am - 6pm
Sunday:	10am - 6pm
Holidays:	10am - 4pm

Closed Thanksgiving,
Christmas Day and
New Year's Day

CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTRE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

77 E. Randolph St.

Mon. - Thur.:	8am - 7pm
Friday:	8am - 6pm
Saturday:	9am - 6pm
Sunday:	10am - 6pm
Holidays:	10am - 4pm

Closed Thanksgiving,
Christmas Day and
New Year's Day

You can find helpful information at Tourist Information Centres throughout the state. Visit gochicago.com for locations and listings.

Airports

O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

773.686.2200

MIDWAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

773.838.0600

AVERAGE FLIGHT TIMES TO CHICAGO

FROM	TIME (HOURS)
Brussels	8
Dublin	8
Frankfurt	8
Hong Kong	14
London	8
Milan	9
Mexico City	4
Paris	8
Toronto	2
Zurich	8.5

CTA Trains

The elevated train service, nicknamed the El, connects both airports with the city. Blue Line=O'Hare & Orange Line=Midway. For more information and a CTA map, please refer to the back inside flap.

888.968.7282

Metra Commuter Rail

Metra system makes travelling to and from downtown Chicago and its surrounding areas easy. The 10-Ride Ticket saves 15% over one-way fares and can be shared. The Weekend Pass is good for unlimited rides on all Metra lines on both Saturday and Sunday.

Weekdays: 312.322.6774

Evenings & Weekends: 312.836.4949

Amtrak

Amtrak offers train service to many Illinois destinations and attractions, making it a cost-effective alternative to travelling by car, bus or plane.

800.872.7245

Accommodations

Looking for the perfect hotel for your trip to Illinois? Visit the "Packages" section on **gochicago.com** for hotel listings throughout the state, complete with images and available amenities.

WEATHER

MONTH	AVG. TEMP (°F/°C)	RAINFALL (AVG. INCHES)	SNOWFALL (AVG. INCHES)
Jan.	21.0/-6.1	1.5	10.7
Feb.	25.4/-3.6	1.4	8.4
March	37.2/2.8	2.7	6.5
April	48.6/9.2	3.6	1.8
May	58.9/14.9	3.3	.1
June	68.6/20.3	3.8	-
July	73.2/22.8	3.7	-
Aug.	71.7/22.0	4.2	-
Sept.	64.4/18.0	3.8	-
Oct.	52.8/11.5	2.4	.5
Nov.	40.0/4.4	2.9	1.9
Dec.	26.6/-3	2.5	8.8

Insider Tips

FREE TROLLEYS

You don't need a ticket to get from place to place in Chicago. Just look for the "Free Trolley" sign at popular Chicago destinations like Navy Pier, the Museum Campus, Lincoln Park Zoo, Michigan Avenue and State Street. Visit **gochicago.com** for additional information. Summer service from late May to early September and during the winter holiday season.

FREE CHICAGO GREETER TOURS

Given in over 18 different languages, see Chicago through the eyes of local volunteers. Select from more than 25 neighbourhoods and 40 popular interest areas including Fashion, Film, Ethnic Chicago and Public Art. Advanced registration is requested and information can be found in the "Travel Tips" section on **gochicago.com**.

Take advantage of the favourable exchange rate at some of the state's best boutiques, department stores and vertical malls.

CHICAGO

BUCKTOWN

Apartment Number 9

This chic men's clothing store carries both casual and dressy styles by designers that include Paul Smith and Jack Spade.

**1804 N. Damen Ave. –
773.395.2999**

futurgarb boutique

This urban loft store carries the latest underground fashions for men and women, including lines by Billabong, Salvage and Affliction.

**1359 N. Milwaukee Ave. –
773.276.1450**

Habit

More than 75 independent emerging Chicago designers show their wares here, including many limited-edition pieces.

**1951 W. Division Ave. –
773.342.0093**

Helen Yi

Offerings include a blend of couture designers and small label contemporary collections, including pieces by Chicago designers.

**1645 N. Damen Ave. –
773.252.3838**

Michelle Tan

This Chicago designer creates sleek yet seductive clothing for women, using silk, satin and other natural fabrics.

**1872 N. Damen Ave. –
773.252.1888**

Robin Richman

Find some of the funkiest shoes in Chicago, along with beaded jewellery and fun vintage travel knickknacks.

**2108 N. Damen Ave. –
773.278.6150**

Scoop NYC

Urban chic is the signature of this New York favourite that features everything from denim by Citizens of Humanity to Vera Wang gowns, along with an on-site café.

**1702 N. Milwaukee Ave. –
773.227.9930**

T-Shirt Deli*

Dream up your own message or choose an iron-on design from the menu of T-shirts, which are printed whilst you wait and come wrapped in butcher paper along with a bag of crisps.

**1739 N. Damen Ave. –
773.276.6266**

GOLD COAST

Barneys New York

A style icon since 1923, Barneys is the place that celebrities and fashionistas go to find sophisticated men's and women's clothing.

25 E. Oak St. – 312.587.1700

* Visit gochicago.com for additional locations

CLOTHING SIZE CONVERSION CHART				
WOMEN'S			MEN'S	
US	UK	Europe	US	Europe
2	4	32	34	44
4	6	34	36	46
6	8	36	38	48
8	10	38	40	50
10	12	40	42	52
12	14	42	44	54
14	16	44	46	56
16	18	46	48	58
18	20	48	-	-

SHOE SIZE CONVERSION CHART			
WOMEN(US)	MEN(US)	UK	EUROPE
5	-	3.5	37
6	-	4.5	38
7	-	5.5	39
8	7	6.5	40
9	8	7.5	41
10	9	8.5	42
11	10	9.5	44
12	11	10.5	46
13	12	11.5	47

George Greene

This high-end men's clothing shop features Kiton, Luciano Barbera and Yohji Yamamoto, as well as suits, jackets and shirts made to measure.

49 E. Oak St. – 312.654.2490

Jake Goldcoast

This unique denim shop for men and women features clothing by both established and up-and-coming designers.

939 N. Rush St. – 312.664.5553

Marilyn Miglin

Learn how to choose and apply makeup, as well as the best way to care for your skin, during a private consultation.

112 E. Oak St. – 800.662.1120

Ikram

Explore a treasure trove of clothing and shoes by upscale designers that include Alexander McQueen and Jimmy Choo, as well as vintage clothing and accessories.

873 N. Rush St. – 312.587.1000

Madison and Friends*

Find contemporary children's clothing in newborn to junior sizes, as well as baby gifts and the largest collection of kids' shoes in the city.

43 E. Oak St. – 312.642.6403

Ultimo

Catering to the fashionable set for more than 40 years, Ultimo carries dozens of haute designers and hundreds of accessories.

114 E. Oak St. – 312.787.1171

Insider Tips

GRAY LINE CHICAGO PREMIUM OUTLETS TOUR

Enjoy amazing savings and access to world-famous brands whilst shopping at Chicago Premium Outlets. You'll receive a complementary VIP coupon book for added bonus savings just by showing your Gray Line ticket stub. Call **800.621.4153** or visit the "Shopping" section on **gochicago.com** for more information.

BOOKABLE SHOPPING TOURS

Visit Chicago's locally owned boutiques with professional shopping insiders. For your customized experience, view our "Shopping" section on **gochicago.com** and pre-book your tour.



LAKEVIEW/ SOUTHPORT

Exhibit

Find hip looks at smart prices from hot labels that include 213 Industry and Rock Steady.
2961 N. Lincoln Ave. – 773.880.0448

Flirt

Get honest advice and styling tips from a welcoming staff who can help customers pull together great ensembles.
3449 N. Southport Ave. – 773.935.4789

Krista K

This stylish boutique features feminine everyday and special occasion pieces, as well as jewellery, scarves and accessories.
3458 N. Southport Ave. – 773.248.1967

Pink Frog

Youthful club clothes and accessories here range from rhinestone purses to platform shoes.
3201 N. Clark St. – 773.525.2680

LINCOLN PARK

Art Effect

Find great styles that go from day to night for women, along with jewellery and unusual gifts.
934 W. Armitage Ave. – 773.929.3600

Cynthia Rowley

Stylish outfits for work and play are the hallmarks of this innovative designer who hails from Illinois.
810 W. Armitage Ave. – 773.528.6160

Lori's Shoes*

This shoe lover's paradise carries everything from ballet flats to pumps, along with a fantastic selection of boots.
824 W. Armitage Ave. – 773.281.5655

*** Visit gochicago.com for additional locations**



MAGNIFICENT MILE®

900 North Michigan Shops

The 70 distinctive shops here include Bloomingdale's, Gucci, Max Mara and Mark Shale.

900 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.915.3916

Apple Store

This flagship store offers the hottest Apple products, workshops and special events.

679 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.981.4104

Chicago Place

This eight-storey mall houses Saks Fifth Avenue and 45 eclectic boutiques.

700 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.266.7710

The Shops at North Bridge

Explore Nordstrom and 50 world-class specialty shops here, as well as a diverse selection of restaurants.

520 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.327.2300

Water Tower Place

Eight floors hold more than 100 shops, including Macy's and the new home of American Girl Place, along with restaurants.

835 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.440.3166

OLD TOWN

Etre

Find elegant fashions for men and women, along with jewellery by Chicago designer Vicki Stauber.

1361 N. Wells St. – 312.266.8101

Fabrice

Check out fabulous jewellery, including the legendary Parisian collection of "fantasie bijoux", as well as bags, wraps and shawls.

1714 N. Wells St. – 312.280.0011

Josephine

Treat your feet at this chic shoe salon that features designs by Stella McCartney and Christian Lacroix.

1405 N. Wells St. – 312.274.0359

Jumbalia

This funky shop carries gifts, crafts, jewellery and antiques you won't find anywhere else.

1429 N. Wells St. – 312.335.9082

Sara Jane

New merchandise arrives daily at this hip shop that carries edgy fashions by emerging designers such as Billy Blue and June.

1343 N. Wells St. – 312.335.1962



THE LOOP/ STATE STREET

Filene's Basement*

This discount retailer offers amazing deals on designer men's and women's clothing, shoes, jewellery and more.

1 N. State St. – 312.553.1055

H&M*

You'll find trendy fashions at great prices from this chic European clothing chain.

20 N. State St. – 312.263.4436

Jeweler's Row

Dozens of jewellers sell exquisite gems and unique designs directly to the public from their Wabash Avenue studios.

5 S. Wabash Ave. – 312.424.2664

Macy's*

Shop and dine in this landmark location of the second-largest department store in the world, which offers 10 floors of shopping (including a department devoted to the latest fashions by Chicago designers) and a downloadable savings pass on its web site.

111 N. State St. – 312.781.1000

Nordstrom Rack*

Save 50-70% on apparel, shoes, handbags and more that all come directly from full-line Nordstrom stores.

24 N. State St. – 312.377.5500

Old Navy*

This family-friendly chain, which is part of the Gap brand, displays fun, reasonably-priced casual clothing in a huge loft-like space.

35 N. State St. – 312.551.0522

WICKER PARK

Casa de Soul

Faux fur shrugs, retro resin bracelets, Asian interior accessories and more are found at this eclectic store.

1919 W. Division St. – 773.252.2520

Clothes Minded

Select women's wardrobe staples and special occasion pieces at this fun shop that carries both local and national designers.

1735 N. Damen Ave. – 773.227.3402

Plein Aire

Everything from trendy to classic clothes are featured at great prices here, along with quirky buys such as sequin-embellished sleep sets.

2036 W. Division St. – 773.227.3772

Tangerine

Top designers that include Nanette Lepore and Laurie B. can be found at this modern emporium of feminine chic.

1719 N. Damen Ave. – 773.772.0505

*** Visit gochicago.com for additional locations**

BEYOND CHICAGO



CHICAGOLAND

Chicago Premium Outlets

This centre is home to more than 120 outlet stores offering designer bargains from Kate Spade, Polo Ralph Lauren and more.

1650 Premium Outlets Blvd., Aurora – 630.585.2200

Gurnee Mills

This huge mall is home to more than 200 manufacturer and retail outlet stores, including Gap, Nike and Liz Claiborne.

6170 W. Grand Ave., Gurnee – 847.263.7500

Long Grove Historic District

This historic 1800s village features more than 80 charming specialty shops and eateries housed in Victorian-era buildings.

307 Old McHenry Rd., Long Grove – 847.634.0888

Woodfield Mall

One of the largest shopping malls in the United States, Woodfield contains more than 300 stores, including Nordstrom and Macy's, and plenty of restaurants.

5 Woodfield Mall, Schaumburg – 847.330.1537

NORTHERN

Main Street Galena

Galena's historic downtown district is home to dozens of shops and restaurants housed in nineteenth-century landmark buildings.

Galena, IL – 815.777.4390

Prime Outlets Huntley

The outlet stores here include Ann Taylor, Eddie Bauer, Banana Republic and many more.

11800 Factory Shops Blvd., Huntley – 847.669.9100

CENTRAL

Tanger Outlets

Travel to Tuscola for outlet store bargains from Reebok, Tommy Hilfiger, Coach and more.

11800 Factory Shops Blvd., Tuscola – 217.253.2199

SOUTHERN

Southern Illinois Artisans Shop

Find the state's best selection of fine crafts created by more than 850 Illinois artists at this shop located within the Southern Illinois Art & Artisans Center.

14967 Gun Creek Trail, Whittington – 618.629.2220

Indulge in a five-star dining experience, dig into Chicago's famous deep-dish pizza, sample nearly any ethnic cuisine you can imagine or venture beyond Chicago for even more dining options.

CHICAGO

AWARD-WINNING DINING

Alinea

A four-star restaurant with outrageously hypermodern dishes created by Chef Grant Achatz, who was named Outstanding Chef by the James Beard Foundation.

1723 N. Halsted St. – 312.867.0110

Avenues

Chef Curtis Duffy creates innovative four-, eight- and 15-course menus at this stunning restaurant located in The Peninsula Chicago.

108 E. Superior St. – 312.573.6754

Charlie Trotter's

For 20 years, five-star Charlie Trotter's has garnered critical international acclaim for its creative dishes inspired by the freshest ingredients available each day.

816 W. Armitage Ave. – 773.248.6228

Frontera Grill/Topolobampo

Celebrity Chef Rick Bayless is the brain behind these acclaimed side-by-side Mexican restaurants, with Frontera Grill offering casual dishes and Topolobampo serving upscale Mexican cuisine.

445 N. Clark St. – 312.661.1434

Graham Elliot

Four-star Chef/owner Graham Elliot showcases his own "bistro-nomic" fare that blends a hip bistro ambiance with sensibly priced modern haute cuisine.

217 W. Huron St. – 312.624.9975

Il Mulino Chicago

This Chicago outpost of the popular upscale Italian eatery in New York City features rustic cuisine from the Abruzzi region of Italy.

1150 N. Dearborn St. – 312.440.8888

Moto

Homaro Cantu is the techno chef behind this over-the-top restaurant that offers unexpected surprises such as edible paper menus.

945 W. Fulton Market – 312.491.0058

* Visit gochicago.com for additional locations



NoMI

Located in the Park Hyatt Chicago, NoMI dazzles diners with its Asian-accented French cuisine and sweeping views of Michigan Avenue.

800 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.239.4030

North Pond

At this cosy restaurant on the edge of a lagoon in Lincoln Park, Chef Bruce Sherman creates seasonal dishes using ingredients grown by local farmers.

2610 N. Cannon Dr. – 773.477.5845

Schwa Restaurant

You'll find food presented as art at this restaurant presided over by Chef Michael Carlson, who was voted Best New Chef by *Food & Wine* magazine in 2006.

While alcohol isn't served, diners are welcome to bring their own.

1466 N. Ashland Ave. – 773.252.1466

Table Fifty-Two

Art Smith, Oprah's personal chef and cookbook author, offers refined Southern cuisine in this tiny Gold Coast restaurant that features an upper-level tea salon.

52 W. Elm St. – 312.573.4000

Tru

Chef Rick Tramonto creates award-winning progressive French dishes, whilst celebrity pastry chef Gale Gand whips up wonderful desserts.

676 N. St. Clair St. – 312.202.0001

CHICAGO CLASSICS— BREAKFAST

Bongo Room*

This popular spot in trendy Wicker Park is known for its pancakes, including a version made with crushed Oreo cookies and warm vanilla bean sauce.

1470 N. Milwaukee Ave. – 773.489.0690

Eleven City Diner

Breakfast is served all day at this traditional delicatessen that features staples like brisket and matzo ball soup and old-fashioned ice cream treats.

1112 S. Wabash Ave. – 312.212.1112

Ina's

Chef Ina Pinkney is the creative force behind this charming American café known for its great breakfasts, including vegetable hash and a tasty pasta frittata.

1235 W. Randolph St. – 312.226.8227



CHICAGO CLASSICS—STEAK, RIBS & SEAFOOD

Blue Water Grill

Dive into seafood dishes that include everything from fresh catch entrees to sushi and a raw bar, then head upstairs to the jazz bar.

520 N. Dearborn St. – 312.777.1400

Carson's*

Baby back barbecued ribs smoked for hours in a hickory wood-burning pit are the specialty of the house.

612 N. Wells St. – 312.280.9200

David Burke's Primehouse

Located in the chic James Chicago Hotel, this restaurant puts a modern spin on the classic American steakhouse.

616 N. Rush St. – 312.660.6000

Gene & Georgetti

This steakhouse, a tradition since 1941 and an old haunt of Frank Sinatra's, serves up steaks, chops and authentic Italian specialties.

500 N. Franklin St. – 312.527.3718

Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse*

This Gold Coast hot spot, a favourite among visiting celebrities, is known for its martinis, steaks and lobster tails.

1028 N. Rush St. – 312.266.8999

Harry Caray's*

Named for the late Hall of Fame baseball announcer, this Italian steakhouse serves up steaks, authentic Italian dishes and a museum of baseball history.

33 W. Kinzie St. – 312.828.0966

Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab

Although it may be known best for its fresh-caught stone crab, Joe's prime steaks and chops deserve equal billing.

60 E. Grand Ave. – 312.379.5637

Keefer's Restaurant

Acclaimed Chef John Hogan puts his twist on the classic Chicago steakhouse with a wide selection of prime steaks and fresh fish.

20 W. Kinzie St. – 312.467.9525

McCormick & Schmick's*

Known for the biggest selection of fresh seafood in Chicago, the extensive menu typically includes more than 30 dishes.

41 E. Chestnut St. – 312.397.9500

* Visit gochicago.com for additional locations

Mike Ditka's*

The former coach of Chicago's American football team, the Bears, is the namesake behind this restaurant that's decked out with sports memorabilia and a popular cigar bar.

100 E. Chestnut St. – 312.587.8989

Mortons The Steakhouse*

The original Mortons in Chicago is housed in a clubby restaurant with crisp white tablecloths, exposed brick walls and a discreet below-street locale in the bustling Rush Street district.

1050 N. State St. – 312.266.4820

N9NE

This modern steakhouse in the trendy West Loop features prime steaks, succulent seafood and a circular granite champagne and caviar bar in the centre of the dining room.

440 W. Randolph St. – 312.575.9900

RL

Dine on classic American dishes amidst Ralph Lauren décor at this stylish restaurant located adjacent to the flagship store.

115 E. Chicago Ave. – 312.475.1100

Shaw's Crab House*

This popular seafood destination prides itself on its fresh fish flown in daily from all coasts, as well as its casual oyster bar.

21 E. Hubbard St. – 312.527.2722

Smith & Wollensky

Located along the Chicago River, this traditional American steakhouse is known for its hand-cut steaks and excellent wine list.

318 N. State St. – 312.670.9900

Tavern at the Park

Enjoy breathtaking views of Millennium Park through the 6-metre-tall windows of this chic yet casual eatery.

130 E. Randolph St. – 312.552.0070

Twin Anchors Restaurant & Tavern

A favourite in the city's Old Town neighbourhood since 1932, Twin Anchors is known for its tasty barbecued ribs.

1655 N. Sedgwick St. – 312.266.1616

Wildfire*

This sleek steakhouse recalls a 1940s supper club, complete with a cosy martini lounge.

159 W. Erie St. – 312.787.9000

ZED451*

Try unlimited samplings of ZED451's seasonal multicultural offerings and check out the sexy rooftop deck.

739 N. Clark St. – 312.266.6691

Insider Tips

CHOCOLATE BAR AT THE PENINSULA

Chocoholics have a way of finding great places to enjoy their favourite treat. Perhaps that explains the popularity of this chocolate oasis. Visit on Fridays and Saturdays (8pm – midnight) for the all-you-can-eat chocolate buffet.

108 E. Superior St. – 312.573.6760

FUNKS GROVE MAPLE SIRUP

One of the few places in the Midwest where pure maple syrup is produced commercially—coupled with its location on the famous Route 66. In honour of Hazel Funk Holmes' vision, the business has kept the unique spelling of the word "sirup".

5257 Old Route 66, Shirley – 309.874.3360



CHICAGO DEEP-DISH PIZZA

Giordano's*

For more than 30 years, Giordano's has been serving up its family recipe deep-dish pizza stuffed with loads of cheese and topped with a tangy tomato sauce.

730 N. Rush St. – 312.951.0747

Lou Malnati's Pizzeria*

This family-run pizzeria offers a huge variety of pies, although it's hard to beat the namesake Lou: a combination of tomatoes, spinach, mushrooms and three cheeses layered in a deep, flaky crust.

439 N. Wells St. – 312.828.9800

Pizzeria Uno*

At the home of Chicago's original deep-dish pizza, invented by owner Ike Sewell back in 1943, you can entertain yourself by reading decades' worth of graffiti on the walls whilst waiting for your freshly made tomato-topped pie.

29 E. Ohio St. – 312.321.1000

CHICAGO-STYLE HOT DOGS

Gold Coast Dogs*

Order your Chicago-style hot dog here: start with an all-beef Vienna hot dog, top it with mustard, pickle relish, onions, hot peppers, a tomato slice, a pickle spear and celery salt and serve it in a poppyseed bun.

159 N. Wabash Ave. – 312.917.1677

Portillo's*

Favourites here include hot dogs, Italian beef, Polish sausage, pizza and ribs served in a Chicago-themed restaurant.

100 W. Ontario St. – 312.587.8910

Superdawg Drive-In

Towering boy and girl dog statues wink from the roof of this retro drive-in that serves plump Superdawgs and rich milkshakes.

6363 N. Milwaukee Ave. – 773.763.0660

* Visit gochicago.com for additional locations



INTERNATIONAL-ASIAN

Chinatown

Wentworth Avenue and Chinatown Square are some of the best places in the city to find authentic Chinese cuisine.

Cermak Rd. and Wentworth Ave. – 312.326.5320

Japonais

Modern Japanese cuisine is the focus at this see-and-be-seen restaurant that features a seductive lounge overlooking the Chicago River.

600 W. Chicago Ave. – 312.822.9600

Opera

Opera's skillful kitchen gives traditional Chinese cuisine a contemporary twist within the lush decor of a former warehouse.

1301 S. Wabash Ave. – 312.461.0161

Red Light

The playful pan-Asian menu takes its inspiration from the flavours of Thailand, China, Vietnam and Indonesia.

820 W. Randolph St. – 312.733.8880

Shanghai Terrace

The outdoor terrace with sweeping city views is the place to dine at this modern Chinese restaurant in the luxe Peninsula Chicago.

108 E. Superior St. – 312.573.6744

SushiSamba Rio

This stylish hot spot serves dishes that meld Japanese, Brazilian and Peruvian flavours in a club-like atmosphere, complete with a DJ booth and an all-season rooftop dining area.

504 N. Wells St. – 312.595.2300



INTERNATIONAL-FRENCH

Kiki's Bistro

Classic French dishes are the signature of this charming River North restaurant.

900 N. Franklin St. – 312.335.5454

Le Bouchon

This intimate storefront bistro has been serving authentic French fare in the Bucktown neighbourhood for years.

1958 N. Damen Ave. – 773.862.6600

Mon Ami Gabi*

Award-winning Chef/owner Gabino Sotelino is the creator of the authentic bistro dishes at this cosy French steakhouse.

2300 N. Lincoln Park West – 773.348.8886

Pierrot Gourmet

This European-style café and wine bar is located at the Peninsula Chicago and offers outdoor seating in warmer months.

108 E. Superior St. – 312.573.6749

INTERNATIONAL-GREEK

Greektown

Authentic Greek restaurants line the strip of Halsted Street known as Greektown, located just west of Chicago's downtown Loop.

Halsted St.

Athena Restaurant

This fine dining restaurant in the heart of Greektown offers traditional dishes and a picturesque outdoor summer patio.

212 S. Halsted St. – 312.655.0000

Greek Islands

The biggest restaurant in Greektown serves fresh seafood, lamb and chicken dishes from an open kitchen that allows diners to watch the chefs at work.

200 S. Halsted St. – 312.782.9855

Nine Muses

This laid-back restaurant that's popular with the Greek-American locals transforms into a nightclub in the evening.

315 S. Halsted St. – 312.902.9922

Pegasus

This bright and airy restaurant offers affordably priced Greek dishes and a rooftop deck with a great city view.

130 S. Halsted St. – 312.226.4666

Venus

The cuisine of Cyprus is featured at this Mediterranean restaurant with a unique bar in the shape of an ancient Greek warship.

820 W. Jackson Blvd. – 312.714.1001

*** Visit gochicago.com for additional locations**



INTERNATIONAL-ITALIAN

Little Italy Neighbourhood

Italian is still the native tongue spoken on Taylor Street at the heart of Chicago's Little Italy, where the smells of authentic Italian cooking waft down the street.

Taylor St.

Coco Pazzo

One of the top Italian restaurants in the city, Coco Pazzo focuses on creating traditional Tuscan cuisine.

300 W. Hubbard St. – 312.836.0900

Italian Village

This historic three-level Italian dining complex includes the contemporary Vivere, the rustic La Cantina and the whimsical Village restaurant.

71 W. Monroe St. – 312.332.4040

Spiaggia

Chef Tony Mantuano cooks up inventive Italian dishes at this award-winning restaurant that offers stunning views of Oak Street Beach and Lake Michigan.

980 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.280.2755

INTERNATIONAL-MEXICAN & LATIN AMERICAN

Adobo Grill*

Crowds flock to this happening Mexican spot for the fresh guacamole (prepared tableside), authentic Oaxacan mole and refreshing margaritas.

1610 N. Wells St. – 312.266.7999

Carnivale

This lively Latin restaurant serves dishes influenced by the flavours of Puerto Rico, Mexico, Cuba, Argentina and Peru, along with specialty drinks that include a raspberry mojito.

702 W. Fulton St. – 312.850.5005

NEW AMERICAN

Aria

Located in the Fairmont Hotel, this restaurant and lounge offers a globetrotting menu in a hip dining room that grooves to an international soundtrack.

200 N. Columbus Dr. – 312.444.9494

Bin 36

More than just a sleek contemporary American restaurant, Bin 36 also features a cheese bar and a shop with hard-to-find wines and accessories.

339 N. Dearborn St. – 312.755.9463

Blackbird

Named one of the 50 best restaurants in the country by *Gourmet* magazine, Blackbird serves innovative seasonal dishes prepared with a spare elegance complemented by the minimalist décor.

619 W. Randolph St. – 312.715.0708

BOKA

A smart menu of progressive American dishes in this restaurant's Lincoln Park locale just up the street from the Steppenwolf Theatre.

1729 N. Halsted St. – 312.337.6070

Custom House

Located in the hip Hotel Blake, critically acclaimed Chef Shawn McClain is at the top of his game with a varied menu that focuses on artisanal meats and super-fresh ingredients.

500 S. Dearborn St. – 312.523.0200

Sixteen

Located on the 16th floor of the soaring new Trump International Hotel & Tower, Sixteen offers an eclectic menu along with spectacular skyline vistas.

401 N. Wabash Ave. – 312.588.8030

Spring Restaurant

New American cuisine with a strong Asian influence is served at this sophisticated Wicker Park restaurant.

2039 W. North Ave. – 773.395.7100

The Signature Room at the 95th

Enjoy dining with a panoramic view of the city from 95 storeys up at this American restaurant atop the John Hancock Center.

875 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.787.9596

Viand

This posh restaurant is the perfect backdrop for Chef Steve Chiappetti's modern reinvention of American comfort food.

155 E. Ontario St. – 312.255.8505

VEGETARIAN

Chicago Diner

One of the first vegetarian restaurants in the city offers dishes that include a macrobiotic plate and vegan desserts.

3411 N. Halsted St. – 773.935.6696

Green Zebra

This contemporary vegetarian restaurant caters to a hip crowd with its imaginative seasonal cuisine.

1460 W. Chicago Ave. – 312.243.7100

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DESSERT

Eli's Cheesecake World

Take a behind-the-scenes factory tour and sample more than 30 varieties of Eli's Chicago-style cheesecake.

6701 W. Forest Preserve Ave. – 773.736.3417

Ethel's Chocolate Lounge*

Get your chocolate fix at these candy-coloured shops that encourage customers to stay awhile and chat over gourmet chocolates.

520 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.464.9330

Garrett Popcorn Shops*

Garrett's fresh-popped mix of CaramelCrisp® and CheeseCorn® popcorn are so addictive that it attracts a steady stream of devoted patrons.

26 W. Randolph St. – 312.201.0511

Ghirardelli Soda Fountain & Chocolate Shop

Indulge in ice cream creations and browse the shop's assortment of chocolate candies and gifts.

830 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.337.9330

Hershey's Chicago

This showcase store for the candy maker's complete line of goodies includes a bakery with an amusing singing baker.

822 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.337.7711

Hot Chocolate

Chef Mindy Segal creates amazing chocolate desserts along with a concise menu of casual American dishes.

1747 N. Damen Ave. – 773.489.1747

Vosges Haut-Chocolat*

Le Cordon Bleu-trained confectioner Katrina Markoff creates exquisite truffles with exotic ingredients such as curry and wasabi.

951 W. Armitage Ave. – 773.296.9866

BEYOND CHICAGO

CHICAGOLAND

Le Titi de Paris

This fine French restaurant, led by Chef Michael Maddox, has received many prestigious dining honours over the past 30 years.

1015 W. Dundee Rd., Arlington Heights – 847.506.0222

Lovell's of Lake Forest

This elegant regional American restaurant is named for owner James Lovell, a former astronaut and captain of the *Apollo 13* mission (his son Jay is the executive chef).

915 S. Waukegan Rd., Lake Forest – 847.234.8013

Osteria di Tramonto

Award-winning Chef Rick Tramonto is at the helm of this Italian restaurant located in the Westin Chicago North Shore.

601 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling – 847.777.6570

Tallgrass Restaurant

A constantly changing menu of contemporary French cuisine is served in the romantic dining rooms of this popular restaurant located in a historic 1895 building.

1006 S. State St., Lockport – 815.838.5566

Va Pensiero

This fine dining Italian restaurant on the North Shore features regional cuisine from all parts of Italy, with much of its pasta, cheese and prosciutto imported directly from the motherland.

1566 Oak Ave., Evanston – 847.475.7779

Walter Payton's Roundhouse

The late Chicago Bears football legend converted a historic railroad roundhouse into a complex that includes a restaurant, museum, microbrewery, cognac piano bar and nightclub.

205 N. Broadway, Aurora – 630.246.2739

NORTHERN

Cliffbreakers

Rockford's finest restaurant offers upscale American cuisine and lovely views of the Rock River.

700 W. Riverside Blvd., Rockford – 815.282.3033

Fried Green Tomatoes

Enjoy rustic Italian dishes and the signature fried green tomatoes at this romantic restaurant in downtown Galena.

213 N. Main St., Galena – 815.777.3938

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One Eleven Main

The chef here works with local farmers and producers to create dishes that give diners a true taste of Galena.

111 N. Main St., Galena – 815.777.8030

CENTRAL

Cozy Dog Drive In

This Route 66 landmark in Springfield is home to the Cozy Dog, similar to a hot dog baked in cornbread but tastier, using an original family recipe.

2935 S. 6th St., Springfield – 217.525.1992

D'Arcy's Pint

This cosy Irish pub is known for its classic Springfield horseshoe: a choice of meat or veggies served on Texas toast piled high with chips and topped with a homemade cheese sauce.

661 W. Stanford Ave., Springfield – 217.492.8800

Montgomery's on the Square

This restaurant in Monticello's town square offers a heartland dining experience, incorporating the bounty of the region in its seasonal menus.

108 S. Charter St., Monticello – 217.762.3833

SOUTHERN

17th Street Bar & Grill*

Bon Appétit magazine picked 17th Street Bar & Grill's apple wood-smoked barbecued ribs as the best in the United States in 2007.

32 N. 17th St., Murphysboro – 618.684.3722

Dance the night away, watch a Chicago sports team in action or enjoy a musical, drama or comedy. Try your luck at a casino or enjoy live music seven nights a week; after all, Chicago is the “Blues Capital of the World”.

CHICAGO



Navy Pier

Explore the Chicago Children's Museum, take a whirl on the giant Ferris wheel, hop aboard a sightseeing or dining cruise ship and see a show at the IMAX Theater or outdoor Skyline Stage.

600 E. Grand Ave. – 312.595.PIER

SPORTS

Chicago Bears

The Bears play American football at Soldier Field in downtown Chicago.

1410 S. Museum Campus Dr. – 312.235.7000

Chicago Blackhawks

The United Center converts from basketball court to ice rink when the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team is in town.

1901 W. Madison St. – 312.455.7000

Chicago Bulls

Chicago's hometown basketball team plays its home games at the United Center.

1901 W. Madison St. – 312.455.4000

Chicago Cubs

Wrigley Field, home to the North Side Chicago Cubs, was built in 1914 and is one of the oldest and most beloved ballparks in the country.

1060 W. Addison St. – 773.404.CUBS

Chicago Fire Soccer

Cheer on the Chicago Fire Soccer team during one of their fast-moving matches at Toyota Park.

7000 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview – 708.594.7200

Chicago White Sox

The World Champion Chicago White Sox major league baseball team calls U.S. Cellular Field on Chicago's South Side home.

333 W. 35th St. – 312.674.1000



MUSIC— ROCK, POP & HIP-HOP

Beat Kitchen

This friendly venue for local and national punk, indie and hard rock acts offers more than 30 kinds of beer and upscale bar food.

2100 W. Belmont Ave. – 773.281.4444

Chicago Theatre

Live theatre, music and dance performances and special events are presented in this lavish former movie palace.

175 N. State St. – 312.902.1500

Elbo Room

One of the city's best small venues for live music showcases bands that range in style from reggae to alternative rock.

2871 N. Lincoln Ave. – 773.549.5549

Empty Bottle

This hip spot features both established and underground indie acts in its snug space.

1035 N. Western Ave. – 773.276.3600

Metro

For 25 years, the Metro has paved the way for emerging artists and new music genres, giving a stage to alternative bands like the Smashing Pumpkins and Nirvana early in their careers.

3730 N. Clark St. – 773.549.0203

Schubas

This intimate venue features everything from local punk bands and hip-hop acts to singer-songwriters who perform in the back room.

3159 N. Southport Ave. – 773.525.2508

The Redhead Piano Bar

Sheet music lines the walls of this lively bar that offers upbeat music and great people watching.

16 W. Ontario St. – 312.640.1000

Insider Tips

HALF-PRICED THEATRE TICKETS

Buy tickets to same-day live Chicago theatre performances for up to half price at Hot Tix.

72 E. Randolph St. and Water Works Visitor Center, 163 E. Pearson St.

STARLIGHT THEATRE

On summer evenings, see a play under the stars at a play under the stars at Rockford's Starlight Theatre on the campus of Rock Valley College. The architecturally-stunning theatre features a star-shaped retractable roof and more than 1,000 seats.

**3301 N. Mulford Rd.
Rockford – 815.921.2160**

WRIGLEY FIELD TOUR

Get an insider's look at one of America's historic baseball parks during a 90-minute tour of historic Wrigley Field, home to the North Side professional baseball team, the Chicago Cubs.

1060 W. Addison St. – 773.404.CUBS



MUSIC—JAZZ & BLUES

Andy's Jazz Club

Founded in 1951, one of Chicago's most respected music clubs presents mainstream, bebop and swing jazz.

11 E. Hubbard St. – 312.642.6805

Blue Chicago*

This roomy 1920s-style club features some of Chicago's leading blues men and women, and offers admission to its sister club, Blue Chicago on Clark.

736 N. Clark St. – 312.642.6261

B.L.U.E.S.

Veterans of the blues circuit have been performing at this bar in Lincoln Park since 1979.

2519 N. Halsted St. – 773.525.8371

Buddy Guy's Legends

Innovative blues acts from around the world have performed on the stage here, including The Rolling Stones and Buddy Guy himself.

754 S. Wabash Ave. – 312.427.0333

Green Dolphin Street

This sleek supper club offers upscale food and a venue for performers that range from big band and bebop to Latin jazz.

2200 N. Ashland Ave. – 773.395.0066

Green Mill

Jazz of all stripes is played at this authentic 1940s-era club that also features a popular poetry slam on Sunday nights.

4802 N. Broadway St. – 773.878.5552

House of Blues

This restaurant and club is one of the most diverse entertainment venues in the city, and serves a soul-stirring Sunday gospel brunch.

329 N. Dearborn St. – 312.923.2000

Kingston Mines

One of Chicago's most notable blues clubs is a music house with two stages.

2548 N. Halsted St. – 773.477.4646

M Lounge

Modern jazz and marvelous martinis are popular at this cosy candlelit lounge space.

1520 S. Wabash Ave. – 312.447.0201

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Pops for Champagne/ Pops Jazz Club

This bubbly champagne bar features live jazz in its intimate club, and an eclectic selection of champagnes and sparkling wines in its Pops Shop.

601 N. State St. – 312.266.7677

MUSIC–LATIN/SALSA

Delacosta

Well-heeled patrons frequent this huge supper club that's designed to look like a Latin theatre, complete with masks and puppets hung from the walls.

465 E. Illinois St. – 312.464.1700

Nacional 27

This fine Latin restaurant turns into an after-hours club featuring the spicy sounds of salsa and merengue on its pulsating dance floor.

325 W. Huron St. – 312.664.2727

Rumba

The glamour of pre-revolutionary Havana comes to life at this trendy dinner and dance destination that offers Latin American fusion cuisine.

351 W. Hubbard St. – 312.222.0770

MUSIC–DANCE CLUBS

Crobar

This plush, upscale club puts on one of the best parties in town, with a DJ booth that rises up like an altar from the dance floor.

1543 N. Kingsbury St. – 312.266.1900

Excalibur

This granite castle houses four floors of dancing, live music, a restaurant, a billiards hall and a game arcade.

632 N. Dearborn St. – 312.266.1944

Le Passage & The Drawing Room

Dance to the DJ-spun music at Le Passage, then head next door to The Drawing Room, a culinary cocktail lounge that serves small plates and classic cocktails.

937 N. Rush St. – 312.255.0022

Sound-Bar

This stylish club features a 4,000-square-foot dance floor with fog machines, international DJs and three separate lounge areas.

226 W. Ontario St. – 312.787.4480

The Hangge Uppe

Dance the night away to five decades of music on two separate floors and snag a drink from one of the six bars.

14 W. Elm St. – 312.337.0561



Transit

This huge warehouse space boasts a state-of-the-art sound system, minimalist furniture and DJs spinning everything from hip-hop and house to dance anthems and reggae.

1431 W. Lake St. – 312.491.8600

COMEDY

Blue Man Group

A trio of bald blue guys are the stars of this wildly popular show that combines music, comedy and multimedia theatrics.

3133 N. Halsted St. – 773.348.4000

ComedySportz

Two teams battle it out with fast, funny and smart improv comedy routines that are appropriate for all ages.

929 W. Belmont Ave. – 773.549.8080

iO Theater

Home of the best long-form improv comedy in Chicago, iO offers two theatre spaces with performances by some of the best comedians around.

3541 N. Clark St. – 773.880.0199

The Second City

This improv institution has launched the careers of legendary comedians that include Bill Murray and Tina Fey, and features resident troupes that write and perform original comedy revues.

1616 N. Wells St. – 312.664.4032

Zanies Comedy Night Club*

For 30 years, Zanies has presented some of the biggest names in stand-up comedy.

1548 N. Wells St. – 312.337.4027

OPERA, SYMPHONY & DANCE

Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Located in Symphony Center, the CSO is a musical force to be reckoned with, and spends its summers performing at the suburban Ravinia Festival.

220 S. Michigan Ave. – 312.294.3000

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

The city's acclaimed contemporary dance company is known for its technical brilliance, innovative movement and fluid elegance.

1147 W. Jackson Blvd. – 312.850.9744

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Joffrey Ballet

The Joffrey's world-renowned ballet company performs at the magnificent Auditorium Theatre.

70 E. Lake St. – 312.386.8905

Lyric Opera

The world-renowned Lyric Opera of Chicago presents performances in the beautiful Art Deco auditorium of the Civic Opera House.

20 N. Wacker Dr. #860 – 312.332.2244

THEATRE

Broadway in Chicago

Three of the city's historic downtown theatre palaces offer a range of live entertainment, from major musicals to award-winning dramas.

17 N. State St. – 312.977.1700

Chicago Shakespeare Theater

Located on Navy Pier, this theatre presents dazzling Shakespeare productions presented by distinguished international playwrights and directors. Winner of the 2008 Regional Theatre Tony Award.

800 E. Grand Ave. – 312.595.5600

Drury Lane Theatre Water Tower Place

Popular Broadway plays and musicals are presented in this intimate theatre located within the Water Tower Place shopping centre.

175 E. Chestnut St. – 312.642.2000

Goodman Theatre

Celebrated artistic director Robert Falls leads this non-profit theatre that presents classic and cutting-edge plays.

170 N. Dearborn St. – 312.443.3800

Lifeline Theatre

This small theatre company creates highly visual interpretations of classic novels in a cosy 100-seat theatre.

6912 N. Glenwood Ave. – 773.761.4477

Lookingglass Theatre Company

This acclaimed theatre group, co-founded by Friends television star David Schwimmer, features inventive ensemble productions.

821 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.337.0665

Steppenwolf Theatre Company

Movie stars John Malkovich and Gary Sinise are two of the original members of this world-renowned theatre known for its edgy productions.

1650 N. Halsted St. – 312.335.1650

Victory Gardens Theater

Housed in the historic Biograph Theatre, Victory Gardens presents some of Chicago's most provocative and dynamic theatre.

2257 N. Lincoln Ave. – 773.871.3000

WINE BARS/ LOUNGES

404 Wine Bar

Sink into a cosy leather couch and choose from a wine list that features selections from vineyards around the world.

2856 N. Southport Ave. – 773.404.5886

Elm Street Liquors

This high-end lounge with a dive bar feel offers exotic drinks and music that leans toward indie and techno beats.

12 W. Elm St. – 312.337.3200

ENO

Wine, cheese and chocolate are on the menu at this sleek lounge located in the InterContinental Chicago hotel.

505 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.321.8738

Funky Buddha Lounge

This Moroccan-accented lounge and dance club features Latin, jazz, hip-hop and house music played by live bands and DJs.

728 W. Grand Ave. – 312.666.1695



Ghostbar

This seductively lit, ultra-chic lounge is located upstairs from the trendy N9NE steakhouse.

440 W. Randolph St. – 312.575.9900

J Bar

Housed in the happening James Hotel, this swanky bar features creative cocktails and plasma screens that display video art.

610 N. Rush St. – 312.660.7200

Plan B Bar + Kitchen

A seasonal menu and premium cocktails are the draw at this cool spot that plays rock, vintage hip-hop and '80s classics spun by DJs.

1635 N. Milwaukee Ave. – 773.252.2680

Rockit Bar and Grill

A favourite for celebrities, Rockit serves up modern comfort food and a cosy upstairs lounge.

22 W. Hubbard St. – 312.645.6000

The Grand Central

Offering the elegance of a piano lounge, this retro sports bar features DJs spinning nightly and an all-you-can-eat buffet.

950 W. Wrightwood Ave. – 773.832.4000

The Motel Bar

Designed as a hip motel bar without the motel, this hot spot offers old-fashioned cocktails, a pool table and a jukebox.

600 W. Chicago Ave. – 312.822.2900

The Tasting Room at Randolph Wine Cellars

Voted the “most romantic bar” in Chicago, The Tasting Room offers a sweeping city view and more than 100 wines by the glass, flight or tasting.

1415 W. Randolph St. – 312.942.1313

Vintage Wine Bar

This hip wine bar has a casual vibe that allows for friendly conversation and great wine choices.

1942 W. Division St. – 773.772.3400

VOLO Restaurant – Wine Bar

Pair a meal with an eclectic wine flight or hang out on the cabana patio surrounded by vibrant gardens.

2008 W. Roscoe St. – 773.348.4600

Webster's Wine Bar

Chicago's oldest wine bar offers more than 500 wines by the bottle in a vintage library atmosphere.

1480 W. Webster St. – 773.868.0608

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BEYOND CHICAGO

CHICAGOLAND

Arlington Park

Watch some of the best thoroughbred racing in the nation from the elegant six-storey grandstand.

2200 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights – 847.385.7500

Chicagoland Speedway/ Route 66 Raceway

Get ready for the excitement of NASCAR at Chicagoland Speedway and championship drag car racing at Route 66 Raceway.

500 Speedway Blvd., Joliet – 815.727.7223

Empress Casino

This Egyptian-themed riverboat casino is Chicagoland's first casino, and today boasts more than 1,100 slots and 20 table games, as well as the Empress Hotel.

2300 Empress Dr., Joliet – 815.744.9400

Grand Victoria Casino

This casino, located on the scenic Fox River in Elgin, is more than just a place to play; it is a place to dine and entertain in style.

250 S. Grove Ave., Elgin – 847.468.7000

Harrah's Joliet

Harrah's Casino Hotel also offers Stage 151 featuring live bands, and is located along the Des Plaines River in downtown Joliet.

151 N. Joliet St., Joliet – 815.740.7000

Hollywood Casino

This is the largest Chicagoland casino and is decorated with real movie memorabilia.

49 W. Galena Blvd., Aurora – 630.801.7000

Lynfred Winery Tasting Room

Sample award-winning wines in an oak-panelled tasting room and peruse the gift shop, then stay at Lynfred's lovely bed and breakfast, with suites themed according to world-renowned wine regions.

15 S. Roselle Rd., Roselle – 630.529.9463

Ravinia

Pack a picnic and experience music under the stars at this leafy outdoor venue.

1201 S. St. Johns Ave., Highland Park – 847.266.5100

Six Flags Great America/ Hurricane Harbor

Take a spin on the daredevil rides at Six Flags Great America theme park, then dive into water park fun at the adjacent Hurricane Harbor.

542 N. Route 21, Gurnee – 847.249.4636

Tempel Lipizzans

See graceful white Lipizzan stallions present ballet-like performances at Tempel Farms, the only place in the U.S. where these beauties are bred, trained and perform.

17000 Wadsworth Rd., Wadsworth – 847.626.7272

NORTHERN

August Hill Winery Tasting Room

Make a stop at this charming tasting room in downtown Utica that features August Hill wines (try the Chardonel), artisan cheeses, gourmet chocolates, artwork and hand-blown glassware.

106 Mill St., Utica – 815.667.5211



CENTRAL

Jumer's Casino & Hotel

The new Jumer's Casino & Hotel in Rock Island features a 42,500-square-foot gaming floor, the Oculus Bar with live music nightly and a 205-room hotel connected to the casino.

1735 1st Ave., Rock Island – 309.793.4200

Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino

The Par-A-Dice in East Peoria features a gaming facility docked on Peoria Lake that offers a variety of penny slot machines, table games and a 200-room hotel just steps away from the casino.

21 Blackjack Blvd., East Peoria – 309.699.7711

SOUTHERN

Argosy Alton

This riverboat casino docked on the Mississippi River features slots and table games, as well as Argosy's Music Hall, showcasing music legends such as Chuck Berry, along with edgy comedians.

219 Piasa St., Alton – 618.474.7500

Gateway International Raceway

This championship course hosts both NASCAR and NHRA car races. The complex includes a lighted 1.25-mile oval and a drag racing facility.

700 Raceway Blvd., Madison – 618.482.2400

Shawnee Hills Wine Trail

Wine lovers will want to linger on this trail made up of 10 award-winning wineries located along a 25-mile scenic drive through the Shawnee National Forest.

2865 Hickory Ridge Rd., Pomona – 618.967.4006

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Get off the beaten path and discover some of Southern Illinois' offbeat roadside attractions. With fun, quirky sites that range from the World's Largest Catsup Bottle to statues of Popeye and even Superman himself, you'll be glad you decided to take the side roads.

FUN ATTRACTIONS



Popeye Statue

The town of Chester, home of Popeye creator Elzie C. Segar, salutes the popular cartoon sailor with a whimsical bronze statue that stands in Segar Memorial Park.

Segar Memorial Park, Chester – 618.826.2326

Robert Wadlow Statue

Take a picture with the life-size bronze statue of Robert Wadlow, the world's tallest man (at nearly nine feet in height) and an Alton native who was affectionately known as the Gentle Giant.

2800 College Ave., Alton – 618.465.6676

Superman Statue

Take a picture with the 15-foot-tall Superman statue that stands guard over Metropolis, the superhero's adopted hometown, and visit the Super Museum, featuring rare Superman memorabilia.

611 Market St., Metropolis – 618.524.5518

World's Largest Catsup Bottle

This giant catsup bottle is actually a 170-foot-tall water tower that was built in 1949 by the bottlers of Brooks catsup, attracting fans ever since.

800 S. Morrison Ave., Collinsville – 618.344.8775

Explore the great outdoors at a scenic state park, wind your way along a wine trail, stroll through a flowering garden or just relax at a resort and spa.

CHICAGO



Millennium Park

This 24.5-acre park in the heart of Chicago showcases the work of architect Frank Gehry, artists Anish Kapoor and Jaume Plensa and renowned landscape designer Kathryn Gustafson.

201 E. Randolph St. – 312.742.1168

Beaches*

There are 29 beaches in Chicago where you can find a sunny stretch of sand and people watch. Some popular locations are Oak Street Beach, located right off Michigan Avenue, or North Avenue Beach, where you can sunbathe and play volleyball, too!

312.742.7529

Grant Park

This huge downtown park hosts the city's many free festivals, including the Chicago Blues Festival, Taste of Chicago and the Chicago Jazz Festival, and is home to Buckingham Fountain.

337 E. Randolph St. – 312.742.7648

Lincoln Park

This beautiful park along the lakefront is popular with bicyclists and joggers, and is home to the Chicago History Museum, Lincoln Park Zoo and Notebaert Nature Museum.

2045 Lincoln Park West – 312.742.7726

Lincoln Park Zoo

This free zoo in the heart of the city features an impressive ape house, the Farm-in-the-Zoo, a charming children's zoo, a carousel and paddle-boat rides on the lagoon.

2220 N. Cannon Dr. – 312.742.2000

Lurie Garden

Free guided tours of this beautiful garden in Millennium Park are offered from May through September.

201 E. Randolph St. – 312.742.1168

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BEYOND CHICAGO

CHICAGOLAND

Brookfield Zoo

The 200 acres of animals here include dolphins at the Seven Seas, penguins and sharks at The Living Coast and apes at Tropic World.

8400 31st St., Brookfield – 708.485.2200

Chicago Botanic Garden

Walk or ride a tram through the 20-plus gardens that range from the wild Midwestern prairie to a romantic English walled garden.

1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe – 847.835.5440

Morton Arboretum

Hop aboard the Acorn Express tram or walk the 14 miles of trails at this arboretum that's home to 1,700 acres of gardens and world-renowned plant collections.

4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle – 630.968.0074

NORTHERN

Aldeen Golf Club & Practice Centre

Ranked 4-1/2 stars by *Golf Digest*, this Dick Nugent-designed course has water hazards looming on 12 of 18 holes, and features the 26-acre Practice Centre.

1902 Reid Farm Rd., Rockford – 815.282.4653

Anderson Japanese Gardens

Stroll through the top Japanese gardens in North America, replete with waterfalls, koi ponds, a sixteenth-century-style teahouse and a new Asian fusion restaurant.

318 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford – 815.229.9390

Starved Rock State Park

Hike through forests and explore 18 canyons and sparkling waterfalls in a breathtaking setting along the Illinois River, then stay the night at the rustic 1930s Starved Rock Lodge.

Illinois Route 178, Utica – 815.667.4726

Chestnut Mountain Resort

Whoosh along slopes that are a challenge for both beginners and experts at this Galena ski resort and lodge nestled in the hills above the Mississippi River.

8700 W. Chestnut Rd., Galena – 815.777.1320

Insider Tips

FREE ADMISSION TO LINCOLN PARK ZOO

Enjoy a free family outing to Lincoln Park Zoo, one of the last remaining free zoos in the world.

2001 N. Clark St. – 312.742.2000

BIKE CHICAGO

Rent bikes or skates at Bike Chicago at Navy Pier. You can choose to bike on your own or join a Bike Chicago free guided tour April through October.

312.755.0488



CENTRAL

Celebration Belle

Enjoy a dinner cruise with live entertainment as you sail the Mississippi River aboard this 800-passenger riverboat that docks in Moline.

2501 River Dr., Moline – 309.764.1952

Great River Road

Starting in East Dubuque and winding along the banks of the Mississippi River, the Great River Road in Illinois travels through 550 miles of woodlands, farmlands and river towns to its end in Cairo.

581 S. Deere Rd., Macomb – 877.477.7007

Hardy's Reindeer Ranch

Open for the season August - September, Hardy's Reindeer Ranch houses a resident herd of friendly Alaskan reindeers, and offers a corn maze, pumpkins and hayrides in the autumn.

1356 County Rd. 2900 N., Rantoul – 217.893.3407

Scovill Park

Scovill Park is home to the Children's Museum of Illinois and the Scovill Zoo, which overlooks Lake Decatur and features animals from around the world.

71 S. Country Club Rd., Decatur – 217.421.7435

Spoon River Valley Scenic Drive

Drive the route during the October Fall Festival, when more than a dozen rural towns offer visitors everything from regional foods to musical performances and country crafts.

7838 E. IL Hwy. 95, Smithfield – 309.783.3283

Wildlife Prairie State Park

This 2,000-acre zoological park is home to cougars, bison, black bears and other animals that were native to Illinois during its frontier days.

3826 N. Taylor Rd., Hanna City – 309.676.0998

SOUTHERN

Cache River State Natural Area

Canoe or hike through Illinois' wetlands, home to a magnificent cypress-tupelo swamp, and visit the Barkhausen Wetlands Center to learn more about the area.

930 Sunflower Ln., Belknap – 618.634.9678

Cave-in-Rock State Park

Explore this state park's namesake 55-foot-wide limestone cave on the Ohio River that once harboured river pirates and stay overnight in one of the duplex cabins with a panoramic river view.

1 New State Park Rd., Cave-In-Rock – 618.289.4325



Eagle Watching in Alton

Join one of the many eagle-watching tours and events offered in Alton, or visit the Melvin Price Locks & Dam to get a bird's-eye view of the eagles soaring over the Mississippi River.

Route 100, Alton – 618.465.6676

Fort Massac State Park

Illinois' first state park features a replica of Fort Massac as it appeared during the French and Indian War, along with a museum that displays French and Native American artefacts.

1308 E. 5th St., Metropolis – 618.524.4712

Garden of the Gods

Hike the trails and bluffs of the Shawnee National Forest and discover the stunning Garden of the Gods, home to unusual sandstone formations with names such as Camel Rock.

Harrisburg – 618.253.7114

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Take a free trolley tour of this peaceful 200-acre spiritual retreat (which features a replica of France's Lourdes Grotto), shop the expansive religious store and dine at the Shrine Restaurant.

442 S. DeMazenod Dr., Belleville – 618.397.6700

Ohio River Scenic Route

Running parallel to the Ohio River, this scenic route rolls through Southern Illinois' Ohio River Valley, offering stunning views of the lush Shawnee National Forest.

Southern Illinois, from New Haven to Cairo – 618.833.9928

Pere Marquette State Park

The largest state park in Illinois offers 8,000 acres of seemingly endless outdoor activities, including hiking, biking, fishing, boating, horseback riding and winter eagle watching.

Route 100, Grafton – 618.786.3323

Shawnee National Forest

Spanning the southern tip of the state, the forest offers 300 miles of equestrian and hiking trails that pass awe-inspiring rock formations and towering bluffs.

50 Hwy. 145 S., Harrisburg – 618.253.7114

Escape to a resort where pampering and relaxation await. Immerse yourself in well-appointed amenities that include revitalizing spa treatments, championship golf courses and intimate dinners for two. Simply choose from the following resorts and discover your own personal oasis.

RESORTS



CHICAGOLAND

Eaglewood Resort and Spa

This Prairie Style luxurious retreat features upscale accommodations, dining, golf and a European Spa.

1401 Nordic Rd., Itasca – 630.773.1400

Pheasant Run Resort & Spa

Relax at this sprawling resort that offers a hair salon and day spa, two 18-hole golf courses, two theatres, a comedy club and several restaurants.

4051 E. Main St., St. Charles – 630.584.6300

NORTHERN

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa

Tee off from one of four championship golf courses, pamper yourself at the Stonedrift Spa, saddle up for a trail ride at the Shenandoah Riding Center and bike the resort's many paths.

444 Eagle Ridge Dr., Galena – 815.776.1320

CENTRAL

Heartland Spa

Find a holistic approach to relaxation and health at this secluded, all-inclusive spa that was listed on *Travel + Leisure* magazine's Top 10 Spas list.

1237 E. 1600 North Rd., Gilman – 815.683.2182

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View the works of legendary artists, learn about Illinois' presidential connection and follow the Heritage Trail.

CHICAGO

ART MUSEUMS

Art Institute of Chicago

This world-class cultural institution holds the largest collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings outside of Paris, as well as works by American masters.

111 S. Michigan Ave. – 312.443.3600

Museum of Contemporary Art

Designed by Berlin architect Josef Paul Kleihues, the MCA houses contemporary paintings, sculpture, photographs and videos.

220 E. Chicago Ave. – 312.280.2660

Museum of Contemporary Photography

Permanent collections and special exhibitions explore photography as an artistic medium.

600 S. Michigan Ave. – 312.663.5554

National Museum of Mexican Art

This museum in the Pilsen neighbourhood showcases art in all media by Mexican and Mexican-American artists.

1852 W. 19th St. – 312.738.1503

National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum

The only museum of its kind in the U.S. features artwork and poetry created by Vietnam War veterans.

1801 S. Indiana Ave. – 312.326.0270

Smart Museum of Art

Located on the University of Chicago campus, this museum features a permanent collection that spans five centuries of both Western and Eastern civilizations.

5550 S. Greenwood Ave. – 773.702.0200

Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows

The first museum dedicated to stained glass windows, with works by Louis Comfort Tiffany and John LaFarge, is located at Navy Pier.

600 E. Grand Ave. (Navy Pier) – 312.595.7437

SCIENCE AND NATURE

Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum

The first planetarium in the western hemisphere boasts two planetariums, interactive sky shows and space exhibits.

1300 S. Lake Shore Dr. – 312.922.7827



Field Museum

This natural history museum features a huge Egypt exhibit and Sue, the world's largest and most complete *T. rex* skeleton.

1400 S. Lake Shore Dr. – 312.922.9410

Museum of Science and Industry

Spend the day exploring more than 800 science and technology exhibits, including the popular Coal Mine and Omnimax Theater.

57th St. and Lake Shore Dr. – 773.684.1414

Notebaert Nature Museum

Check out the nature exhibits and the greenhouse Butterfly Haven, fluttering with winged beauties from around the world.

2430 N. Cannon Dr. – 773.755.5100

Shedd Aquarium

For more than a quarter of a century, The World's Aquarium is home to beluga whales, white-sided dolphins, sharks and other aquatic animals.

1200 S. Lake Shore Dr. – 312.939.2438

HISTORY AND CULTURE

Chicago History Museum

Trace Chicago's storied past through a series of exciting exhibits and collections.

1601 N. Clark St. – 312.642.4600

Chinese-American Museum of Chicago

Located in the heart of the Chinatown neighbourhood, this museum promotes Midwest Chinese-American culture.

238 W. 23rd St. – 312.949.1000

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Insider Tips

DISCOUNTS ON TOP ATTRACTIONS

Purchase a 9-day **CityPass** and save almost 50% on admissions to Chicago's most-visited attractions. Another option is the **Go Chicago** card with admission to over 25 of the top attractions and additional savings on shopping and dining throughout the city.

VOLO AUTO MUSEUM

Many iconic television autos now draw crowds to Volo Auto Museum. See the original *Batmobile*, *Grandpa Munster's Dragula*, *The General Lee* and many others.

**27582 Volo Village Rd.,
Volo – 815.385.3644**

LUCK FROM ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Visit Abraham Lincoln's tomb in Springfield where legend has it that rubbing his nose will give you good luck.

**1441 Monument Ave., Springfield –
217.782.2717**



DuSable Museum of African American History

One of the country's leading African-American museums features collections of art and artefacts, along with special programmes and events.

740 E. 56th Pl. – 773.947.0600

Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center

Artworks and archival collections illustrate the Greek immigrant experience at this museum in the Greektown neighbourhood.

801 W. Adams St. – 312.655.1234

McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum

Located in the Tribune Tower (home of the *Chicago Tribune* newspaper), this is the first museum in the U.S. devoted to freedom and the First Amendment.

445 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.222.4860

Oriental Institute Museum

This fascinating museum houses Oriental artefacts, the largest U.S. collection of Iraqi antiquities and a Mesopotamian gallery.

1155 E. 58th St. – 773.702.9514

Polish Museum of America

A vast display of Polish and Polish-American pieces includes folk costumes, military artefacts and artwork.

984 N. Milwaukee Ave. – 773.384.3352

Spertus Museum at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies

This newly renovated museum explores Jewish history, religion, art and culture through exhibitions and special programmes.

610 S. Michigan Ave. – 312.322.1700

BEYOND CHICAGO

CHICAGOLAND

Ernest Hemingway Birthplace & Museum

In Oak Park, see the Queen Anne-style house where the author was born in 1899, then tour the nearby Ernest Hemingway Museum, which showcases rare photos and Hemingway's early writings.

**339 N. Oak Park Ave.,
Oak Park – 708.848.2222**

NORTHERN

Burpee Museum of Natural History

At Rockford's natural history museum, meet Jane the juvenile *T. rex* (one of the 10 most important dinosaur discoveries of the past 100 years) and her new pal Homer, a Triceratops.

**737 N. Main St., Rockford –
815.965.3433**

Ronald Reagan Home and Visitor Center

Located in the tiny town of Dixon, the boyhood home of one of America's most popular presidents has been restored to its 1920s appearance, complete with period furniture.

**816 S. Hennepin Ave., Dixon –
815.288.5176**

Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site

Take a guided tour of this handsome home that was given to the future U.S. president by the townspeople of Galena in honour of his Civil War heroics.

**500 Bouthillier St., Galena –
815.777.3310**

CENTRAL

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

The largest presidential museum in the nation features two dazzling special effects theatres and artefacts that range from the Lincolns' personal items to a copy of the Gettysburg Address.

**112 N. Sixth St., Springfield –
217.558.8844**

Bishop Hill State Historic Site

This historic country village settled by Swedish immigrants in the mid-1800s showcases its heritage with restored colony buildings housing museums, shops and restaurants.

**103 N. Bishop Hill St.,
Bishop Hill – 309.927.3899**

Black Hawk State Historic Site

This 200-acre nature preserve is home to the Hauberg Indian Museum that pays homage to the Native Americans who once occupied the area, including the famed warrior Black Hawk.

**1510 46th Ave., Rock Island –
309.788.0177**

Carl Sandburg Historic Site

Visit the Pulitzer Prize-winning author's modest birthplace cottage and the next-door Visitor's Centre to see Sandburg mementos and a video about the author-poet's life.

**331 E. Third St., Galesburg –
309.342.2361**

Dickson Mounds Museum

One of the leading on-site archaeological museums in the U.S. displays artefacts and excavated sites that trace the 12,000-year history of the American Indian in the Illinois River Valley.

**10956 N. Dickson Mounds Rd.,
Lewistown – 309.547.3721**



Historic Nauvoo

Tour the Mormon sites of this river town founded in the early 1840s by the prophet Joseph Smith and early members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

290 N. Main St., Nauvoo – 217.453.2237

Illinois Amish Interpretive Center

View a film about the Central Illinois Amish and see artefacts from local Amish families, then sign up for one of the Amish Country Tours that visit actual farm homes and businesses.

111 S. Locust St., Arcola – 888.452.6474

Illinois State Capitol

Watch Illinois politics in action at this centre of state government that houses the offices of the Governor and state officers, as well as the House of Representatives and Senate chambers.

301 S. Second St., Springfield – 217.782.2099

Illinois State Museum

Stop by this museum to see life-size dioramas, hands-on children's exhibits and artefacts that tell the story of Illinois' land, life and people.

502. S. Spring St., Springfield – 217.782.6044

John Deere Pavilion

Learn all about the man whose plow invention changed farming forever at this striking complex that houses vintage and modern Deere equipment, along with hands-on agricultural exhibits.

1400 River Dr., Moline – 309.765.1000

Krannert Art Museum & Kinkead Pavilion

The museum is the second largest public art museum in the state and houses a collection of more than 8,000 works.

500 E. Peadody Dr., Champaign – 217.333.1861

Lincoln Herndon Law Offices State Historic Site

This Springfield law office filled with clutter and makeshift furniture draws a vivid picture of what a normal day was like for Abraham Lincoln and his partner.

Old Capitol Plaza, Springfield – 217.785.9363

Lincoln Home National Historic Site

Take a fascinating tour of the Springfield home where Abraham Lincoln and his family lived for 17 years, then stroll the surrounding four-block historic neighbourhood.

413 S. 8th St., Springfield – 217.492.4241

Lincoln's New Salem

Interpreters dressed in frontier clothing portray pioneers in this recreated village of timber shops and houses where a young Abraham Lincoln lived in the 1830s.

Rt. 97, Petersburg – 217.632.4000



Lincoln's Tomb

In Oak Ridge Cemetery, visit the final resting place of Abraham Lincoln, his wife and three of their sons at this site that features a monument and sculptures of Lincoln at various stages of his life.

**1441 Monument Ave.,
Springfield – 217.782.2717**

Nauvoo Temple

The Nauvoo Temple is a faithful limestone replica of the original that was built by Mormons when they first settled in the tiny river town of Nauvoo in the mid-1800s.

**50 N. Wells St., Nauvoo –
217.453.6252**

Old State Capitol

Tour the Old State Capitol, where Abraham Lincoln gave his famed "House Divided" speech and would later lie in state after his death.

**Old Capitol Plaza, Springfield –
217.785.9363**

SOUTHERN

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site

Discover the remains of an ancient city where a Mississippian Indian culture once flourished, which includes 68 of its original 120 earthen mounds.

**30 Ramey Dr., Collinsville –
618.346.5160**

Fort de Chartres

This former French military stronghold has been partially rebuilt and turned into a museum, with exhibits and artefacts that shed light on life in colonial Illinois.

**1350 State Rte. 155, Prairie du
Rocher – 618.284.7230**

Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

The Lewis and Clark Trail is a cultural destination that covers over 4,600 miles and pays respect to Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, who in 1893 set out to explore the lands west of St. Louis, and to find a water route to the Pacific. See a full-scale model of the famed explorers' keelboat and check out a replica of Camp River Dubois, where the Corps of Discovery prepared for its historic trip.

**1 Lewis and Clark Trail,
Hartford – 618.251.5811**

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Travel the Illinois stretch of historic Route 66, where colourful small-town attractions and local lore keep the spirit of the Mother Road alive. Take off and explore some of these sites as you retrace the miles of this storied highway.

217.525.9308

HISTORIC ROUTE 66 MOTHER ROAD



Lou Mitchell's

A fixture on Route 66 since 1923, Lou Mitchell's is a favourite downtown Chicago breakfast spot known for its hearty diner fare and complementary boxes of Milk Duds candies.

565 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago – 312.939.3111

Launching Pad Drive-In

Snap a photo with the famed Gemini Giant, a 28-foot-tall spaceman statue stationed in front of the Launching Pad Drive-In, a retro hamburger stand.

810 E. Baltimore St., Wilmington – 815.476.6535

Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum

See mementos from the Mother Road donated by Route 66 Hall of Fame members.

110 W. Howard St., Pontiac – 815.844.4566

Shea's Gas Station Museum

Owner Bill Shea is happy to share stories about his collection of gas station memorabilia and the 50 years he has spent doing business along the Mother Road.

2075 Peoria Rd., Springfield – 217.522.0475

The Ariston Cafe

Enjoy a meal at one of the oldest eateries on Route 66, which features much of its 1920s furnishings and is still run by the founder's family.

South Old Route 66, Litchfield – 217.324.2023

Old Chain of Rocks Bridge

This landmark bridge that spans the Mississippi River was built in 1929 as part of Route 66 and is now the largest pedestrian bridge in the world.

Madison, Illinois-Missouri border

Get a glimpse of the storied past of Illinois through the visionary work of acclaimed architects Daniel Burnham, Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Helmut Jahn and most recently Frank Gehry.

CHICAGO

Aon Center

Chicago's second-tallest building, rising 82 floors, was originally clad in thin slabs of marble that later had to be replaced with thicker, speckled white granite.

200 E. Randolph St.

BP Bridge

This winding brushed stainless steel bridge, designed by Frank Gehry, stylishly links Millennium Park to Daley Bicentennial Plaza.

201 E. Randolph St. – 312.742.1168

Chicago Water Tower

One of the few buildings to survive the Great Chicago Fire, the Historic Water Tower is an icon on North Michigan Avenue and houses the City Gallery, which showcases Chicago photography.

806 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.742.0808

Jay Pritzker Pavilion

Architect Frank Gehry designed this spectacular outdoor concert venue in Millennium Park that is home to the Grant Park Music Festival along with other free concerts and events.

201 E. Randolph St. – 312.742.1168

John Hancock Center

The third tallest skyscraper in Chicago is a 100-storey structure featuring huge, visually arresting X-braces. Visit the open-air Skywalk at the Hancock Observatory on the 94th floor and be treated to a panoramic view of Lake Michigan, and also dine at the Signature room on the 95th.

875 N. Michigan Ave. – 312.751.3681

Monadnock Building

This imposing structure was the world's largest office building when it was completed in 1893, and marked a historic transition in the development of structural methods.

53 W. Jackson Blvd.

Robie House

Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House, now part of the University of Chicago campus in Hyde Park, is a masterful structure that is open for tours as restoration work continues.

5757 S. Woodlawn Ave. – 708.848.1976



Insider Tips

CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

To learn more about the city's architecture, visit the Chicago Architecture Foundation, offering more than 70 different tours (some available in multiple languages)—on foot, by bus or on a boat cruise down the Chicago River.

224 S. Michigan Ave. – 312.922.3432

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOME AND STUDIO TOURS

There are 25 Wright buildings surrounding the Home and Studio. Take a guided or self-guided tour (available in multiple languages).

951 Chicago Ave., Oak Park – 708.848.1976



Rookery Building

Designed by Burnham & Root in the late 1800s, this exquisitely ornate structure features a lobby that was redone by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1907.

209 S. LaSalle St.

Sears Tower

The tallest building in North America, constructed in 1974, consists of nine framed skyscrapers incorporated into one massive building. See Chicago from the skydeck, where multi-language kiosks take visitors on a tour of city landmarks.

233 S. Wacker Dr. – 312.875.9696

Tribune Tower

Home of the *Chicago Tribune* newspaper offices, this Gothic-Revival landmark features flying buttresses and gargoyles.

435 N. Michigan Ave.

Wrigley Building

Patterned after the Seville Cathedral's Giralda Tower in Spain, this wedding cake-like building clad in white terra cotta is especially dazzling when bathed in floodlights in the evening.

410 N. Michigan Ave.

Public Art

Some of Chicago's finest art can be found in public. Here are a few spectacular outdoor pieces.

Alexander Calder:	<i>Flamingo</i> , Federal Center Plaza
Anish Kapoor:	<i>Cloud Gate</i> , Millennium Park
Jaume Plensa:	<i>The Crown Fountain</i> , Millennium Park
Jean Dubuffet:	<i>Monument with Standing Beast</i> , James R. Thompson Center
Joan Miro:	<i>Chicago</i> , Brunswick Building Plaza
Louise Nevelson:	<i>Dawn Shadows</i> , Madison Plaza
Marc Chagall:	<i>The Four Seasons</i> , First National Plaza
Marcel Francois Loyer:	Buckingham Fountain
Pablo Picasso:	<i>'The Picasso'</i> , Daley Civic Center Plaza

BEYOND CHICAGO



CHICAGOLAND

Baha'i House of Worship

One of only seven Baha'i temples in the world, this ornate 20-storey-tall temple features exquisite lace-like ornamentation, lavish grounds dotted with juniper trees and nine fountains.

100 Linden Ave., Wilmette – 847.853.2300

Farnsworth House

Designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe in 1951, this stunning "glass box" that seemingly floats above the banks of the Fox River is considered to be an icon of the American Modernist movement. Tours are available.

14520 River Rd., Plano – 630.552.0052

Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio

Tour the home and studio of this legendary architect who lived and worked in Oak Park as he perfected his Prairie style of architecture while designing several houses in the area.

951 Chicago Ave., Oak Park – 708.848.1976

Frank Lloyd Wright Unity Temple

Tour the Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District and visit Unity Temple, the only surviving public building of the architect's early Prairie School period, which Wright called his "little jewel".

875 Lake St., Oak Park – 708.383.8873

NORTHERN

Frank Lloyd Wright Pettit Memorial Chapel

Take a free self-guided tour of the Chapel, located in the Belvidere Cemetery, which was built in 1907 in memory of a local doctor.

1121 N. Main St., Belvidere – 815.547.7642

CENTRAL

Dana-Thomas House

One of the best-preserved examples of famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie design contains some 100 pieces of original Wright-designed furniture and stunning art glass.

301 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield – 217.782.6776

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