

Area Dining & Recreation Guide

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RESTAURANTS



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The Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago
 909 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611
 312.943.7200

Pricing Guide
 \$ = most entrees \$10-15
 \$\$ = most entrees \$16-25
 \$\$\$ = most entrees \$26-40
 \$\$\$\$ = most entrees \$40 and up

1. Bistro 110
 110 E Pearson St. | 312.266.3110 | \$\$

Bistro 110 is a legendary Chicago favorite that lures locals and visitors alike with its chic style, neighborhood charm and vibrant energy. Its signature oven-roasted whole garlic served with warm, crusty French bread is just a prelude to what an authentic French bistro has to offer.

- 2. Carmine's**
1043 N Rush St. | 312.988.7676 | \$\$

Carmine's offers heaping portions of mouthwatering Italian cuisine, excellent wines, live music and an upbeat atmosphere.
- 3. Le Colonial**
937 N Rush St. | 312.255.0088 | \$\$-\$\$\$

Le Colonial is a French-Vietnamese restaurant that vividly recaptures the beauty, romance and spirit of French colonial Southeast Asia from the 1920s. The dinner menu is all Vietnamese; French influences are evident in the restaurant's extensive wine list.
- 4. Devon Seafood Grill**
39 E Chicago Ave. | 312.440.8660 | \$\$\$

Devon Seafood Grill serves dishes prepared from the freshest catch from the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. It also offers a seasonal prix fixe menu.
- 5. Ditka's**
100 E Chestnut | 312.587.8989 | \$\$-\$\$\$

Ditka's has an understated sports motif, white linen tablecloths, hardwood floors, intimate leather booths and rich mahogany wood accents. Known for chops and steaks, Ditka's fare also includes a wide variety of appetizers, soups and salads, fresh seafood and pasta dishes.
- 6. Feast Restaurant + Bar**
25 E Delaware Place | 312.337.4001 | \$\$

Feast's location offers perfect people-watching from its sidewalk cafe. Always a little cooler by the lake, the soft breeze adds to a fun and delicious dinner experience. Featured menu items include the Feast's fabulous beef, turkey and black bean veggie burgers.
- 7. Hugo's Frog Bar and Fish House**
1024 N Rush St. | 312.640.0999 | \$\$

Contrary to popular belief, the name is not taken from the restaurant's signature frog legs appetizer or entrée. The menu changes daily and features day-boat seafood and shellfish, and prime steaks. A three-course prix fixe menu is also offered.
- 8. LuxBar**
18 E Bellevue Place | 312.642.3400 | \$

LuxBar was inspired by the work of Adolf Loos, whose "American Bar" was designed and built in early 20th-century Vienna. The restaurant conveys the same simple elegance, and its menu features feel-good foods created with fresh ingredients.
- 9. Merlo on Maple**
16 W Maple St. | 312.335.8200 | \$\$

Merlo on Maple prepares sophisticated recipes based on Bolognese cuisine. The main commitment of the kitchen is devoted to maintaining the authenticity of Northern Italian cuisine and the integrity and flavor of the ingredients, utilizing them to create handmade pasta, fish, meats and dessert dishes.
- 10. RL Restaurant**
115 E Chicago Ave. | 312.475.1100 | \$\$\$

Located adjacent to the world's largest Polo store, RL Restaurant represents Ralph Lauren's debut into the restaurant industry. The food is inspired by American classics, and some of the more popular items are prepared tableside.
- 11. Rosebud on Rush**
720 N Rush St. | 312.266.6444 | \$\$

A renovated brownstone is the perfect setting for the appetizing dishes served here, such as handmade *pappardelle* and *cavatelli*.

12. Rosebud Steakhouse

192 E Walton Place | 312.397.1000 | \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

Although steak is Rosebud Steakhouse's specialty, the restaurant also offers a diverse selection of fine, fresh seafood. The colossal side dishes are perfect accompaniments.

13. Saloon Steakhouse

200 E Chestnut St. | 312.280.5454 | \$\$

Big steaks, fresh seafood, tasty side dishes and top-shelf martinis are the specialties here, including the famous bone-in filet mignon and the house favorite "cowboy-cut" bone-in ribeye steak. Fresh seafood is flown in daily for those seeking lighter fare.

14. The Signature Room at the 95th

875 N Michigan Ave. | 312.787.9596 | \$\$\$

Located atop the John Hancock Center, The Signature Room is the highest restaurant in Chicago. It offers diners a stunning panoramic view of the Chicago skyline and features seafood, steaks and chops.

15. Tavern on Rush

1031 N Rush St. | 312.664.9600 | \$\$

A popular dining spot for both locals and visitors, this upscale, contemporary Chicago steakhouse boasts an extensive menu of classic American fare, including prime steaks and chops, fresh fish, pasta and daily specials.

SIGHTS & ATTRACTIONS

ARTS, CULTURE & SCIENCE

■ **Art Institute of Chicago**

111 S Michigan Ave. | 312.443.3933

The Art Institute of Chicago is an encyclopedic fine art museum. Its permanent collection of paintings, drawings, photography and textiles includes the largest compilation of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist works outside the Louvre.

■ **Museum of Contemporary Photography**

600 S Michigan Ave. | 312.663.5554

The Museum of Contemporary Photography is the only one of its kind in the Midwest, with an exclusive commitment to the medium of photography. Its permanent collection focuses on American and U.S. resident photography of the 20th century and today.

■ **Museum of Science and Industry**

5700 S Lake Shore Drive | 773.684.1414

The largest science museum in the Western Hemisphere, this museum is known for its unique, quirky permanent exhibits. It offers more than 800 captivating interactive exhibits, including the U-505 submarine captured during World War II and a NASA spacecraft used on the Apollo 8 mission.

Chicago's lakefront Museum Campus features Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum, The Field Museum and The Shedd Aquarium.

■ **Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum**

1300 S Lake Shore Drive | 312.922.7827

Explore the universe at Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum—the world's only museum with two full-size planetarium theaters and home to one of the world's most impressive antique telescope collections.

■ **The Field Museum of Natural History**

1400 S Lake Shore Drive | 312.922.9410

The Field Museum houses 20 million biological and anthropological specimens, including Sue—the largest, most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex ever found. Journey through the world of Ice Age mammoth hunters, view the permanent exhibit featuring the ancient Americas, and tour the visiting pirate-themed exhibit.

■ **Shedd Aquarium**

1200 S Lake Shore Drive | 312.939.2438

Strap a mask and flippers onto your imagination and chart a course to Shedd Aquarium. Aside from fishes, the aquarium is also home to marine mammals, birds, snakes, amphibians and insects. Get up close with 22,000 aquatic species from rivers, reefs, lakes (including the Great Lakes) and the global oceans.

ENTERTAINMENT

■ **Goodman Theatre**

170 N Dearborn St. | 312.443.3811

Now playing at Goodman is *Animal Crackers*, based on the Marx Brothers' hilarious antics, and *Stoop Stories*, written and performed by Pulitzer Prize Finalist Dael Orlandersmith. The Goodman, which earned a Special Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre, produces unsurpassed classic and contemporary works.

■ **Lyric Opera of Chicago**

20 N Wacker Drive | 312.332.2244

Lyric Opera of Chicago, founded in 1954, is one of the world's greatest opera companies. Renowned internationally for its artistic excellence, Lyric offers free 30-minute lectures for ticket holders one hour prior to curtain for all performances. Its current production is *Faust*.

PARKS, SIGHTS & SHOPPING

■ **Lincoln Park Zoo**

2001 N Clark St. | 312.742.2000

Lincoln Park Zoo, a free zoo, was founded in 1868 when the Lincoln Park Commissioners were given a gift of a pair of swans. Now, Lincoln Park Zoo is home to nearly 1,250 animals.

■ **Millennium Park**

201 E Randolph St. | 312.742.1168

Millennium Park, an award-winning center in the heart of Chicago, offers dazzling music, art, landscape design and architecture—including the mammoth stainless steel Cloud Gate sculpture. Stop by the Welcome Center in the North Exelon Pavilion for details on the park's current offerings.

■ **John Hancock Observatory**

875 N Michigan Ave. | 1.888.875.8493

John Hancock is the fourth-tallest building in Chicago and the sixth-tallest in the United States. With sweeping views spanning four states—Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois—the observatory also features a wall of murals depicting Chicago's history.

■ **Navy Pier**

600 E Grand Ave. | 312.595.74917

Navy Pier is Chicago's lakefront playground—a 3,300-foot-long pier on the shoreline of Lake Michigan. The Midwest's top tourist destination, the pier offers a boardwalk, 150-foot Ferris wheel, boat and segway tours, and countless dining and shopping options.

■ **Magnificent Mile**

Michigan Avenue, from the Chicago River to Oak Street

Along Michigan Avenue is an eight-block stretch from the Chicago River to Oak Street with nearly 500 stores showcasing everything from high-end retail to bargain shopping to specialty stores. *National Geographic* named the Magnificent Mile one of the ten best shopping avenues in the world, alongside Rodeo Drive and Fifth Avenue. Don't forget to take a trolley ride.