

Chicago Restaurant Guide

Have fun exploring Chicago's dining scene! Do call ahead or check online for the most up to date information. Also consider making reservations for dinner; now is not too soon for some. Most are on opentable.com.

Breakfast and Lunch in the Neighborhood (\$ - \$\$)

Intelligentsia Coffee | \$\$ Chicago based roaster. 53 E. Randolph St

Hannah's Bretzel | \$\$ That's a soft pretzel – we knew you'd ask. 131 S. Dearborn St

Toni Patisserie and Café | \$\$ Pastry chef owned/operated for sweet and savory B-L-D. 65 E Washington St.

Do-Rite Donuts | \$ Open M-F 6:30 am until they run out. 50 W. Randolph St

Epic Burger | \$\$ Eco friendly burgers? Not an oxymoron here. 517 S. State

Freshii | \$\$ Vegetarian. 17 E. Monroe

Naf Naf Grill | \$ Middle Eastern. 28 S. Wabash

Pastoral | \$\$\$ French deli, artisan cheese, bread, wine. 53 E. Lake St. Pastoral will pack up a picnic on request if Grant Park music is on your agenda

Cosi | \$\$ 116 S. Michigan Ave

Corner Bakery | \$\$ 35 E Monroe

Au Bon Pain | \$\$ 122 S. Michigan Ave

Le Pain Quotidien | \$\$ 20 N. Michigan Ave

Sweet Maple | \$\$ Housemade biscuits, breakfast and lunch specialties give this classic in the city's old Italian neighborhood broad appeal; come early or call ahead to gauge the wait. 1339 W. Taylor Street, (312) 243-8908 – take cab

Manny's Cafeteria & Deli | \$\$ It's not close by, but it is an experience. The Obama & Axelrod go-to place for corned beef and pastrami (also available for purchase from the adjacent deli). 1141 S. Jefferson, (312) 939-2855 – 2 miles south and west of Palmer House

Food Halls

Latinicity 108 N. State St, 3rd Floor

Revival Food Hall 125 S. Clark St.

Eataly 43 E. Ohio St.

Lunch or Dinner (\$\$ - \$\$\$)

Park Grill | \$\$ Outdoors patio in city park setting. American classic food. Always crowded. Reserve. 11 N. Michigan Ave. Millennium Park (312) 521-7275

The Gage | \$\$ Gastro pub creativity a few blocks north – options include venison and bison 24 S. Michigan Ave. (312) 372-4243.

Heaven on Seven | \$ Cajun/creole cooking in historic office building; Chef owned and operated for 30+ years. Cash only. 111 N Wabash, 7th Floor (312) 263-6443

Miller's Pub | \$\$ Great reasonable pub food and more. Just reopened after a million-dollar renovation. 134 S. Wabash, (312) 263-4988

Seven Lions | \$\$\$ Clubhouse restaurant and wine bar on the ground floor of the Institute's building
130 S. Michigan Ave, (312) 880-0130

Shaw's Crab House | \$\$\$ Oyster Bar. Seafood and fish pristine and pricey; Just off N Michigan Ave
21 E. Hubbard. (312) 527-2722.

Saigon Sisters | \$\$ Under the "L" tracks. Banh Mi stand gets inventive chef whose dishes are
inspired by Vietnamese cuisine, but not devoted to tradition. M-F: 11 am - 2 pm; T-Th 5:30 pm - 10
pm; F-Sat 5 pm - 10 pm. 567 W. Lake Street, (312) 498-0090

Slurping Turtle | \$\$ James Beard Foundation Best Chef serves ramen, Sushi, dumplings,
Creative small plates, desserts. 116 W. Hubbard, (312) 464-0466 (no reservations)

Terzo Piano | \$\$\$ Modern setting in the dramatic Modern Wing of the Art Institute; great cityscape
views; Locally sourced cuisine; Open Fri - Wed 11 am - 3 pm; Thur 11 am - 9 pm, when the Art
Institute is open until 8 PM. 159 E. Monroe Drive (312) 443-8650

Xoco | \$ Mexican "street food" Rick Bayless style: tortas, caldos, churros, and hot chocolate. Order at
the counter and find a seat. 449 N. Clark (312) 334-3688

Dinner Destinations within 1.5 miles of the Palmer House

Acadia | \$\$\$ "Hot" creative restaurant in the South Loop; dishes "camera-ready gorgeous;" seasoned
chef/owner doing his best work. 1639 S. Wabash (312)-360-9500

Atwood Café | \$\$ Contemporary American comfort food with the occasional ethnic tweak;
Chandeliers, sconces, Louis Sullivan grille work
1 W Washington (312) 368-1900

Cite | \$\$\$\$ Lofty traditional French. There are more inventive menu options, but Cite and Everest
have great skyline views. (For a great lower-altitude view closer by, see Terzo Piano)
505 N. Lakeshore Drive. 70th floor. (312) 644-4050

Everest | \$\$\$\$ Degustation and prix fixe menus only. Lofty setting on 40th floor, ask for window
seating. 440 S. LaSalle (312) 663-8920

Gioco | \$\$ Rustic Italian. Specializes in pasta and wood-grilled meat
1312 S. Wabash (312) 939-3870

Tesori | \$\$\$ Contemporary Italian and seafood at Symphony Center. Lunch friendly
65 E. Adams (312) 786-9911

Trattoria No. 10 | \$\$ Italian cuisine in a subterranean Grotto setting. Unpretentious and reliable.
10 N. Dearborn St. (312) 984-1718

Mercat A La Planxa | \$\$\$ Catalonian Tapas from Beard Award nominee Jose Garces; for roast
suckling pig order 72 hours in advance!
638 S. Michigan Ave (in Blackstone Hotel) (312) 765-0524

Gold Coast/Streeterville/River North/The Magnificent Mile – Upscale Shopping Heart of Chicago (within 2+ miles of Palmer House)

Bistrot Zinc | \$\$\$ Bistro classics, a relaxed inviting setting
1131 N. State, (312) 337-1131

Boarding House | \$\$\$ Simple, seasonal, innovative and eclectic
720 N. Wells St, (312) 280-0720

Café des Architectes | \$\$\$ Modern French dishes in stylish, conversation-friendly hotel dining room
Sofitel Chicago Water Tower, 20 E. Chestnut, (312) 324-4063

Café Spiaggia | \$\$\$ More affordable way to eat Tony Mantuano's Italian cuisine
980 N. Michigan Ave, (312) 280-2750

Osteria La Madia | \$\$ A Contemporary Pizzeria and more. Wood-fired, seasonal ingredients, whimsical starters, friendly service
59 W. Grand Ave, (312) 329-0400

Piccolo Sogno | \$\$\$ Stylish but relaxed, chef-owned, even dream-like. Has a beautiful backyard garden space. 464 N. Halsted, (312) 421-0077

Pizzeria Uno | \$ Venerable home of the Deep Dish; Waiting in line is part of the experience, like Disneyworld (and Pizzeria Due is down the block)
29 E. Ohio, (312) 321-1000

Quartino Ristorante and Wine Bar | \$ Group friendly Italian cuisine (lively noise level). Good food and prices. 626 N State, (312) 698-5000

. . . Serious Dining near the Gold Coast

Les Nomades | \$\$\$\$ Contemporary sumptuous French; Quiet elegance in a restored brownstone; Chef Roland Liccioni returned. 222 E Ontario, (312) 649-9010

Spiaggia | \$\$\$\$ Elegant Italian cuisine from much honored chef/partner Tony Mantuano. Stunning food, stunning view, stunning bill. 980 N. Michigan Ave, (312) 280-2750

If you're really serious:

Alinea | \$\$\$\$ Grant Achatz's flagship enterprise for molecular gastronomy. If you want to dine where competition for tables is international, you already know what to do. 1723 N. Halsted, (312) 867-0110

River North (2 miles from Palmer House)

Café Iberico | \$ Boisterous atmosphere at a budget taparia that serves small plates to share, paella, and lots of Sangria. Reservations for parties of 6+. 737 N LaSalle Dr, (312) 573-1510

GT Fish & Oyster | \$\$ Half traditional, half progressive fish and seafood focused shareable small plates. 531 N Wells St. (312) 929-3501

Fogo de Chao | \$\$\$ Brazilian churrascaria; “House of Meat on a Sword;” Carnivores delight; Vegetarian companions check out massive salad bar; \$59 per person) 661 N LaSalle Dr, (312) 932-9330

Frontera Grill and Topolobambo | \$\$\$ Celebration of Mexican cuisine by celebrity chef Rick Bayless. Reserve at Frontera or plan long wait on line (reservations only at the more ambitious and pricey Topolobambo.) 445 N Clark, (312) 661-1434

Coco Pazzo | \$\$\$\$ Endearing and enduring Italian favorite. Elegant seasonal cuisine ranges from classic to contemporary; Prepared with detailed attention. 300 W Hubbard St, (312) 836-0900

Gilt Bar | \$\$\$ American gastro pub. Classic cocktails and microbrews; Chef Sodikoff, veteran of French Laundry and Alain Ducasse, brings a funky chic to a mid-priced menu. 230 W Kinzie, (312) 464-9544

Gene and Georgetti | \$\$\$ Living history in a classic steakhouse. Established 1941, still in the family. Sometimes a T-bone is just a T-bone. 500 N. Franklin, (312) 527-3718

Kiki's Bistro | \$\$\$ French nostalgia classics – escargot, steak au poivre, roasted chicken and duck. Affordable French wine. Warm welcome. 900 N. Franklin, (312) 335-5454

Mercadito | \$\$ Trendy Mexican Cevicheria & Taqueria. Fun small “street food” plate cuisine. Eclectic Margaritas. Good for groups and happy hour. 108 W Kinzie, (312) 329-9555

[West Loop/West Town/Randolph Street Corridor \(2 mi from Palmer House\)](#)

. . . Chefs with Vision develop Industrial Warehouse Chic

Blackbird | \$\$\$\$ Exemplary progressive cuisine in a spare, conversation challenged setting. Odd sounding flavor matches that enchant! Award winning chef Paul Kahan. 619 W. Randolph, (312)-715-0708

Avec | \$\$ Shares the kitchen with Blackbird, but not the price. Bring friends for shareable plates, meet new ones in line and at communal tables. No reservations. Energetic vibe. Now also serves lunch. 615 W. Randolph, (312) 377-2002

The Publican | \$\$ Chef Kahan and Blackbird/avec team take on the farmhouse kitchen. “Pristine product, simply prepared” featuring pork, fish/seafood, and artisanal beers. Shared tables. 837 West Fulton Market, (312) 733-9555

Girl and the Goat | \$\$ Top Chef winner Stephanie Izard picked our “gritty” Randolph Street Corridor for her “fun foods, craft beers and badass environment.” Small plates to share. Reserve early or walk in and wait! 809 W Randolph St, (312) 492-6262

La Sardine | \$\$ Reliable French bistro fare from soup like onion gratinee to Choix de Desserts. 111 N. Carpenter, 312-421-2800

. . . Oopah! Eat Flaming Saganaki in Greektown – about 1.5 miles from Palmer House

Greek Islands | \$ 200 S. Halsted, (312) 348-5531

Parthenon | \$ 314 S. Halsted, (312) 726-2407
Santorini | \$\$ 138 S. Halsted, 312-829-8820

Dine in the Real Chicago – Take the Subway/ ‘L’ (Elevated train) – or cab it

Chinatown (about 2.5 mi from Palmer House) - Red Line south to Cermak-Chinatown

Lao Sze Chuan | \$\$ 2172 S Archer, (312) 326-5040

Lao Beijing | \$\$ 2138 S. Archer, (312) 881-0168

Lao Hunan | \$\$ 2002 S. Wentworth, (312) 225-7818

MingHin Cuisine | \$\$ Fresh seafood, Beijing Duck, Macau Style Roast Pork Belly, late night Hong Kong style dim sum, elegant décor, energetic young staffers, 2168 S. Archer Ave (312) 808-1999

The Cozy, Casual North Side – Northcenter, Ravenswood, Lincoln Square (About 7-8 mi from Palmer House) Brown Line North

Deleece | \$\$ Seasonally inspired neighborhood restaurant. 3747 N. Southport (773) 325-1710

Lakeview (about 6 miles from Palmer House) Brown Line North

DMK Burger Bar | \$ (773) 360-8686 and **FishBarChicago** | \$ (773) 687-8177 Classics revisited by accomplished restaurateurs. Trendy, crowded, “awesome”, Zagat rated. “Try the milkshakes” 2954 and 2956 N. Sheffield Ave

Urban Pioneering

Pilsen: 5 Rabanitos Restaurante & Taqueria | \$ Tacos and tortas alongside more ambitious plates, including vegetarian options; strategically located near the excellent (and free) National Museum of Mexican Art. BYOB. Pink Line to 18th Street. 1758 W. 18th St. (312) 285-2710

Bridgeport: Han 202 | \$\$\$ Prix-fixe upscale Chinese. A favorite, worth the 4-mile cab ride. BYOB 605 W 31 St. (312) 949-1314

Logan Square: Lula Café | \$\$ 13 years on, locally sourced menu better than ever. Artistic, eclectic dishes get rave reviews. Clean-cut hipster vibe. Blue Line NW to Logan Square or 6.5 miles by cab. 2537 N Kedzie Blvd, (773) 489-9554

Hyde Park: Nella Pizza e Pasta | \$\$ Wood-fired oven on the ground floor of a new Jeanne-Gang designed UChicago dormitory. Reservations recommended. 1125 E. 55th St, (773) 643-0603

After eating? Dancing!

Nacional 27 Modern Latin; Ceviche Bar, Casual/Elegant. Salsa Club Fri and Sat nights 325 W. Huron, (312) 664-2727