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Three Perfect Days in Chicago - A Journey Connected Travel Guide

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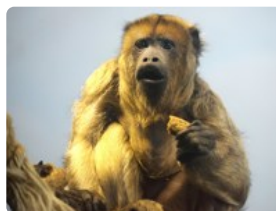
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If you are a sports fan, Chicago's world-class venues can accommodate almost every professional and amateur sport discipline imaginable. Whether you're watching or playing, sports are an integral part of life in Chicago. During the baseball season the town is split. The South Side lives and dies with the White Sox while the North Side cozies up with the Cubs. The National League Cubs play at historic Wrigley Field while the American League White Sox call U.S. Cellular Field home. The NFL's Chicago Bears take to the gridiron at Soldier Field and the United Center is home of the NBA's Chicago Bulls. Hockey fans can watch the NHL Blackhawks, also at the United Center, or the minor-league Chicago Wolves at Allstate Arena. And soccer fans can see the MLS Chicago Fire at Toyota Park. There are numerous college sports teams in the area, as well as horse racing and auto races in the suburbs.

And if the Performing Arts are more to your taste, Chicago is the home of over 200 theaters hosting the Chicago Symphony, Chicago and Joffrey Ballet Companies, world renowned and "up and coming" local artists and musicians, Tony Award winning Broadway world premiers, Improvisation at Second City, and edgy original plays. Plan on spending a few hours somewhere like the State Street or Downtown Theatre Districts when you're in Chicago, and be prepared to journey through fairytale wonderlands, discover dazzling sights and sounds, soak up thought-provoking story lines, and even laugh 'till it hurts on any given day or night.



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Chicago is renowned for its cultural offerings with more than 40 museums and a dedicated Museum Campus, home to The Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium and Adler Planetarium. Don't miss the Art Institute of Chicago, which contains 300,000 works in its permanent collection, and Museum of Science and Industry, the largest in the Western Hemisphere. As the only U.S. city with five regional Tony Award-winning theaters, Chicago's theater scene takes center stage.

With several of the world's tallest buildings located here, Chicago is a showcase for modern masterpieces and historic landmarks by America's greatest architects including Frank Lloyd Wright, Daniel Burnham and Louis Sullivan. Go above the view at 360 CHICAGO Observation Deck in the John Hancock Center (be sure to try the TILT experience, which leans you out over Michigan Avenue). Stay grounded but still take in the beautiful cityscape with a stroll along the Chicago Riverwalk, where you can enjoy a delicious meal or grab a drink right on the water. The Riverwalk can also serve as your launching point for an architecture tour or canoe trip down the Chicago River. Take the kids to Lincoln Park Zoo and Wrigley Field, two iconic and family-friendly attractions.



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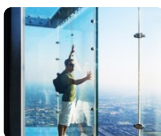
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Lake Michigan

Walking along the lake shore is just one of those things you should not miss when visiting Chicago. Lake Michigan is huge and feels more like a sea (larger in area than Denmark and Croatia). In the summer, people take out boats onto the lake, and go biking, walking or just enjoying the sun along its shore, which creates a beach-like atmosphere. There are lots of activities around, such as sailing, water taxi, early dinner cruises and night cruises.



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Museum of Contemporary Art

220 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago

+1 312 280 2660

Free guided tours and audio tours are available to help visitors fully experience their tour of the largest contemporary art museums in the U.S., which also features special programs in a 300-seat theater and a trendy restaurant and bar Marisol.



Auditorium Building & Theatre

50 East Congress Parkway, Chicago

+1 312 922 2110

This historic Chicago landmark has a story to tell, and is still a functioning theater where you can watch ballet, concerts and drama performances. The Auditorium Building was designed by Louis Sullivan and Dankmar Adler and completed in 1889.



Brookfield Zoo

8400 31st Street, Brookfield

+1 708 688 8000

Operated by the Chicago Zoological Society, the Brookfield Zoo offers several fun and educational activities for the whole family.



Wrigley Field

1060 West Addison Street, Chicago

+1 773 404 2827

Wrigley Field in Chicago has been the home of the Chicago Cubs since 1916, making it one of the oldest ballparks still in operation, second only to Fenway Park in Boston.



Soldier Field

1410 South Museum Campus Drive, Chicago
+1 312 235 7000

Originally opened in 1924, Soldier Field was known as one of the great venues during the "Golden Age of Sports" and one of Chicago's most famous landmarks. Now, decades later, Soldier Field promises to continue the tradition of hosting exciting sporting and special events.

Chicago Fire Soccer Club is a Major League Soccer (MLS) based in Chicago. The organization is named for the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, and was founded in 1997. In their first league season in 1998, the Fire won the MLS Cup as well as the U.S. Open Cup (the "double"). They have also won U.S. Open Cups in 2000, 2003, and 2006; in addition to the 2003 MLS Supporters' Shield. In 2020, Chicago Fire moved back to Soldier Field.



United Center

1901 West Madison Street, Chicago
+1 312 455 4500

The United Center, home to the Chicago Blackhawks and Chicago Bulls, is the largest arena in the United States. Since opening, the United Center has hosted over 200 events each year and has hosted over forty million guests since its opening in 1994.



SeatGeek Stadium

7000 South Harlem Avenue, Bridgeview
+1 708 594 7200

The stadium is home to the Chicago Red Stars of the National Women's Soccer League and is also used for concerts, festivals, and other events. With a capacity of over 20,000 spectators, the stadium offers a thrilling atmosphere that brings people together.



Adler Planetarium

1300 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago
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Built in 1930, The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum in Chicago, Illinois, was the first planetarium built in the Western Hemisphere and is the oldest in existence today. From daily programs to exhibitions and special lectures, there are admission passes to fit your individual interests.



360 CHICAGO Observation Deck

875 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago
+1 888 875 8439

Windy City's extraordinary observatory on the 94th floor of the historic John Hancock Center offers 360-degree views of the iconic Chicago, Illinois skyline and beyond. When the weather is clear, you can see up to 80 kilometers and all the way to four different states. Check out the newly opened TILT experience, which has you step up to a full-length window that slowly tilts from the building right out over the city at a 30-degree angle.



Unity Temple

875 Lake Street, Oak Park
+1 708 848 6225

The only public service building designed by Frank Lloyd Wright's prairie period still remaining, Unity Temple is made of reinforced concrete. There are two separate parts to the building: the Unity Temple, for worship, made of high, skylit spaces, and Unity House, an area for congregation social gatherings that is connected by an entry-level foyer. Of the temple, Wright said: "Unity Temple makes an entirely new architecture — and is the first expression of it. That is my contribution to modern architecture". Advanced tickets are recommended.



Art Institute of Chicago

111 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago
+1 312 443 3600

With over 300,000 works of art in its collection, the museum has something for everyone, and continues to be ranked among the world's best. Look for Edward Hopper's "Nighthawks" or Georgia O'Keeffe's "Sky above Clouds" — just a few of the beloved American paintings in the collection. The museum has the largest Impressionist collection outside of Paris, including works by Vincent van Gogh, Claude Monet and Georges Seurat, as well as a remarkable international modern and contemporary collections, with art and artifacts spanning 5,000 BC to the present.



Big Bus Tours

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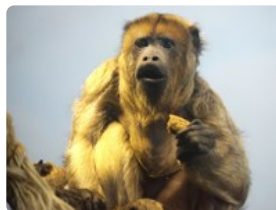
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Chicago, Illinois - Cafes

Locating a great cafe in Chicago poses no difficulty. Choose from large American chains or smaller, more intimate cafes that serve artisan coffee and hand-made pastries. They are scattered across the city, so enjoy one while taking a break from sightseeing and shopping.



Cafe Selmarie

4729 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago
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At Cafe Selmarie you can dive into cakes, pastries, tarts, cookies, and some healthy comfort food. They do not only have delicious desserts, but also a full-service espresso bar and Intelligentsia coffee.



Atwood

1 West Washington Street, Chicago
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Atwood offers customers an original interpretation of American cuisine. At this stylish hotel restaurant you can find something for everyone, including vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options.



Gallery Cafe

1760 West North Avenue, Chicago
+1 773 252 8228

Located in the Wicker Park / Bucktown neighborhood of Chicago, this locally-owned coffee shop roasts all of its own coffee beans. Affordable breakfasts and lunches are made to order, with vegetarian options available. The cafe also displays works by local artists. Wi-Fi available.



The Wormhole Cafe

1462 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago
+1 773 661 2468

Enjoy your coffee while checking out the Wormhole's collection of 80s memorabilia, from retro movie posters to the 'Back to the Future' DeLorean. Also serves breakfast and lunch.



Pick Me Up Cafe

3408 North Clark Street, Chicago
+1 773 248 6613

This late-night diner and espresso bar is located close to Wrigley Field. A local favorite, Pick Me Up also has a full bar and serves a wide variety of menu options, including vegan. Street parking is available.



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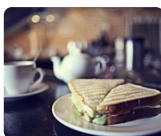
Bridgeport Coffee Company was founded in 2004. They roast their own coffee beans, which are sold to coffee bars and restaurants in Chicago and throughout the U.S. With a commitment to providing organic, fair trade products, Bridgeport Coffee Company has been named the Best Coffee Shop in Chicago by TimeOut Chicago. Also serves breakfast and lunch.



Intelligentsia

1233 North Wells Street, Chicago
+1 312 229 1400

Intelligentsia branded coffee is served all over Chicago, but why not go straight to the source? Always a smart choice. While Intelligentsia is now a national chain with locations in Los Angeles and New York, this high-end coffee roaster opened its flagship location on North Broadway in Chicago in 1995.



Star Lounge Coffee Bar

2521 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago
+1 773 384 7827

With an ever-rotating menu of uniquely-flavored coffees, Star Lounge Coffee Bar serves Dark Matter Coffee, which is locally roasted by the owner. Come for the coffee and stay for the artsy atmosphere and friendly staff.



Julius Meinl Restaurant & Cafe

3601 North Southport Avenue, Chicago
+1 773 868 1857

Julius Meinl brings the atmosphere of a Viennese coffee house to Chicago. A well-known brand in Vienna, Austria and Central Europe, Julius Meinl Coffee is served in many leading cafes in Vienna. They also offer delicious Viennese dishes and pastries from the Julius Meinl Patisserie.



The Coffee Studio

5628 North Clark Street, Andersonville
+1 773 271 7881

The Coffee Studio is a modern, independent espresso bar focused on expertly crafting delicious drinks and snacks from fresh locally-roasted coffee beans and simple, flavorful ingredients. Now serving wine and craft beers.



Beverly Bakery

10528 South Western Avenue, Chicago
+1 773 238 5580

Beverly Bakery's custom coffees are brewed fresh daily and can also be ordered online. Stop by for breakfast or order a delicious pastry to go with your coffee.



Grand Lux Cafe

600 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago
+1 312 276 2500

Indulgence and variety are the key words to define Grand Lux Cafe. Their menu features dishes from across the globe, including Thai, Malaysian, Caribbean, European, and classic American. Aside from ample portions that are perfect for sharing, Grand Lux Cafe also features several signature drinks and a wide selection of spirits to enhance your meal.



The Perfect Cup

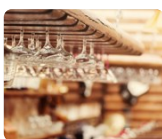
4700 North Damen Avenue, Chicago
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For a great cup of coffee, try the Perfect Cup. They have coffee classics like lattes and espressos, as well as house specialties. They also offer a light breakfast or lunch, as well as delectable pastries.



Chicago, Illinois - Bars & Nightlife

For nightlife, head to the many cocktail lounges, sports bars or dance clubs that dot the entertainment landscape. Or get tickets to legendary comedy club The Second City. Famous jazz and blues clubs abound, as well as smaller venues that represent local musicians and quiet bars with small bands playing music from around the world. Keep in mind that the legal drinking age is 21.



The Signature Room/Signature Lounge

875 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago
+1 312 787 9596

The Signature Room offers a breathtaking view from the top floor of the John Hancock center. Do not forget to try their Signature martini "Sidecar" once you are there.



Le Colonial Lounge

937 North Rush Street, Chicago
+1 312 255 0088

Le Colonial isn't only a refined dining establishment, but also a lounge featuring a chic bar popular with the young, clubby set. It is located upstairs from the restaurant of the same name. The staff serve tasty cocktails in a comfortable and romantic setting.



Luxbar

18 East Bellevue Place, Chicago
+1 312 642 3400

Luxbar is a sophisticated two-story bar that features elegant marble floors and tables, mahogany walls and a stunning marble staircase that makes you feel like a movie star. Serves dinner as well as inventive cocktails.



The Original Mother's

26 West Division Street, Chicago
+1 312 642 7251

Division street is known for its bar scene, and Mother's does not disappoint. A large venue with stylish antique sofas and easy chairs out front, with a lively dance floor in the back. Versatile, with karaoke nights as well as indie short film festivals. The famed setting for the 1986 cult film, "About Last Night".



House of Blues

329 North Dearborn Street, Chicago
+1 312 923 2000

House of Blues is an international chain of clubs, which promote current rock bands and other various acts performing jazz, blues, soul, funk and pop music.



Buddy Guy's Legends

700 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago
+1 312 427 1190

Buddy Guy's Legends is a world-famous live blues club named for Rock & Roll Hall of Fame legend, Buddy Guy. This is the place to go for blues!



Jazz Showcase

806 South Plymouth Court, Chicago
+1 312 360 0234

Jazz Showcase is a famous venue for live Chicago jazz since 1947. showcasing local and international talent. Matinees with special discounts for students, seniors and musicians on Sundays.



The Green Mill Cocktail Lounge

4802 North Broadway, Chicago
+1 773 878 5552

The Green Mill Cocktail Lounge is a legendary live music venue with different varieties of jazz in a 1940s-style lounge. They capture jazz from New York to New Orleans.



Cubby Bear Lounge

1059 West Addison Street, Chicago
+1 773 327 1662

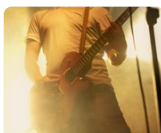
The Cubby Bear is located right across the street from Wrigley Field, and anyone hanging out in one of the club's private rooms has a view of the field. This is the place to be to catch all of the action after a Cubs game. Live bands perform regularly. Check the club's website for a list of performances. This late-night venue also serves lunch.



Redhead Piano Bar

16 West Ontario Street, Chicago
+1 312 640 1000

Gather around the piano and sing along to live music. The Redhead Piano Bar's intimate atmosphere is conducive to connecting with old and new friends over a drink and a song. Business casual attire is required.



Kingston Mines

2548 North Halsted Street, Chicago
+1 773 477 4647

This is the place to go for live blues music. Kingston Mines has been around since 1968, and this is one blues locale that really delivers. Stay all night, since the music doesn't stop, with bands rotating on two stages. Kingston Mines also has a late-night kitchen serving a full menu. Make sure to try the BBQ ribs.



Metro/SmartBar

3730 NorthClark Street, Chicago
+1 773 549 0203

With nearly nightly live shows, Metro has been a staple of the Chicago music scene since it first opened in 1982, and has hosted major acts as well as promoted up-and-coming artists from the Chicago area and all over the nation. Smart Bar is located on the basement floor of Metro and follows the same principle of promoting artists on the rise. Come here Wednesday through Sunday nights to dance to some of the hottest DJs Chicago has to offer.



Davenport's Piano Bar & Cabaret

1383 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago
+1 773 278 1830

Davenport's is definitely the place to go for entertainment and atmosphere, with a piano bar located in the front room, and a cabaret in the back.



The J. Parker

1816 North Clark Street, Chicago
+1 312 254 4747

Enjoy your drink with class and a spectacular view in one of the lounges of The J. Parker, sitting above the Lincoln Hotel.



Three Dots & a Dash

435 North Clark Street, Chicago
+1 312 610 4220

Owner of Three Dots and a Dash Paul McGee is one of Chicago's favorite mixologist. His newest Polynesian-island themed bar centers around a 16 drink menu, focusing on eight classics and eight new creations, and has a Hawaiian tiki bar feel. Make sure to try the famous Painkiller No. 3 and enjoy some snacks. It's a great place to mingle with Chicagoans.



Billy Sunday

3143 West Logan Boulevard, Chicago
+1 773 661 2485

When mixologist Alex Bachman and Yusho eatery chef Matthias Merges joined forces, they created Billy Sunday, a cozy, high concept antique-accented cocktail bar. Their drink menu features unique ingredients such as quince, grenadine, and ambergris-laced palm sugar; their food menu has items like pig ears and a chicken liver spread. Each of their 10 signature drinks feature different spirits. If you prefer more straight up beverages, they are able to accommodate all tastes.



The Berkshire Room

15 East Ohio Street, Chicago
+1 312 894 0945

Located in the Acme Hotel, the Berkshire Room is a popular night spot for Chicagoans. Benjamin Schiller's Blue Collar Lagers menu has become famous for its variety and delicious offers. Executive Chef Chris Curren offers delicious food to complement the fantastic drink menu. Try the the Dealer's Choice: you choose the liquor, flavor, and glassware, and the bartender crafts your drink from there.



Parson's Chicken & Fish

2952 West Armitage Avenue, Chicago
+1 773 384 3333

Parson's Chicken & Fish is a delightfully hip bar that features a friendly outdoor atmosphere (weather and season permitting) and a great mix of food and drinks. Signature Negroni Slushies are a popular item. If you don't try a Negroni Slushie, then opt for a Smoky Paloma; its ingredients include tequila, St. Germain, lime juice, San Pellegrino Pompelmo, mezcal, and salt.



Punch House

1227 West 18th Street, Chicago
+1 312 526 3851

Punch House is a 1970s recreational room-themed basement bar. The laid back atmosphere makes the bar a great place to relax after a busy day out on the town. Try the Garrick Club: gin, cherry liqueur, raw sugar, lemon juice, and carbonation.

Chicago, Illinois - Dining

Chicago's culinary scene is filled with star chefs, unique ethnic eateries and award-winning fine dining restaurants known around the world. Just as famous is the Chicago-style hot dog and deep dish pizza. As a top food destination, the city boasts 7,300 restaurants in every price range and cuisine.





Gino's East Pizzeria

162 East Superior Street, Chicago

+1 312 266 3337

Gino's East is one of the best places in Chicago to try the world famous deep-dish style pizza. Foodies in-the-know consider a trip here a Chicago essential. There are multiple locations across town.



Le Colonial

57 East Oak Street, Chicago

+1 312 255 0088

Le Colonial offers French-influenced Vietnamese cuisine in an elegant setting. High ceilings, louvred shutters and rotating fans transport you to a time forgone, all the while treating you to an exquisite French-Vietnamese fusion menu.



Spiaggia

980 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

+1 312 280 2750

Spiaggia is one of Chicago's finest Italian restaurants, based in a glamorous setting on the Magnificent Mile. They have an award-winning wine list, and chef Tony Mantuano creates superb dishes to match.



Portillo's Hot Dogs

100 West Ontario Street, Chicago

+1 312 587 8910

Portillo is a Chicago favorite, famous for its hot dogs, Italian beef sandwiches, and other delicious casual dining options. There is an outdoor patio where you can enjoy your food when the weather permits.



Tempo

6 East Chestnut Street, Chicago

+1 312 943 4373

Tempo is an all-day and all-night restaurant on the trendy Gold Coast, with fabulous breakfast and brunch fare. The place is extremely popular, so it tends to get crowded at weekends. Cash only.



Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse

1028 North Rush Street, Chicago

+1 312 266 8999

Enjoy a good steak at this classic American steakhouse, and come with an empty stomach – the staff serve huge portions. On the menu you will also find fresh seafood, a variety of side orders and tasty desserts. The atmosphere is vibrant and friendly, and great for people-watching.



Uno Chicago Grill

29 East Ohio Street, Chicago
+1 312 321 1000

Uno first started in Chicago in 1943, when Ike Sewell developed deep dish pizza and opened a new type of family-friendly restaurant at the corner of Ohio & Wabash. It was here that Ike served a pizza unlike any other that had been served before.



Frontera Grill

445 North Clark Street, Chicago
+1 312 661 1434

Frontera Grill uses beautiful ingredients, often organic and custom-grown, to bring diners the bold flavors and immediate freshness that jump off the tongue — just as they do in Mexico.

In 1994, Frontera Grill was ranked the world's third-best casual dining restaurant by the International Herald Tribune. In 2007, Frontera Grill won the James Beard Foundation's "Outstanding Restaurant" award, designating it the best restaurant in the U.S. In 2011, the Chicago Sun-Times called it "a study in the art of Mexican cookery".



The Purple Pig

444 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago
+1 312 464 1744

The Purple Pig provides exceptional fare in a lively environment, and at decent prices. On the menu you will find tasty dishes such as the Berkshire pork chop with fava salata and pork osso bucco with soft polenta and gremolata. Bon appétit.



Shaw's Crab House

21 East Hubbard Street, Chicago
+1 312 527 2722

Shaw's Crab House is two establishments in one – a sophisticated seafood restaurant and a lively oyster bar. Here you'll be treated to fresh fish, shellfish, oysters and sushi. The place can get packed, so do make a reservation.



Big Bowl

60 East Ohio Street, Chicago
+1 312 951 1888

If you're craving Chinese or Thai food with a craft beer on the side, head over to Big Bowl. The friendly staff serve fresh food at reasonable prices. The atmosphere is cozy, and the food is delicious with a focus on Asian flavors.



Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba!

2024 North Halsted Street, Chicago
+1 773 935 5000

Indulge in authentic Spanish tapas at Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba. The menu also offers other traditional dishes like paella, and, to wash it all down, try the Spanish drink sangria. Every Saturday and Sunday, a Spanish brunch is served. This is a restaurant where you can enjoy quality food for a reasonable price.



Middle Brow Beer Co.

2840 Armitage Avenue, Logan Square
+1 773 687 9076

At Middle Brow Beer Co. you'll be able to couple a pint of ale with slices of pizza. Their beer selection includes their Trademark Brut, an India pale ale, and their Bloc Party Raz, a tart wheat beer with raspberries. The pizza menu rotates to feature seasonal toppings.



Jeong Restaurant

1460 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago

+1 312 877 5016

Sporting classy interiors almost entirely in dark wood, Jeong offers a tasting menu that features salmon tartare, 'bok bun ja', a fruity Korean wine, and 'goguma', a pudding made with roasted Korean sweet potatoes. There are also á-la-carte options, including pulled duck confit, sashimi and pork dumplings with fermented vegetables and spices.

Chicago Tourist Resources



Chicago, Illinois - Tourist Information



Passport / Visa

Citizens of the Schengen countries, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and the Kingdom of Brunei can visit the United States for up to 90 days without applying for a visa (as well as citizens of Andorra, Lichtenstein, Monaco and San Marino). Citizens of these countries must obtain an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) before traveling. All other travelers must obtain a visa before visiting the United States. International travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the country.



Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW)

South Cicero Avenue, Chicago

+1 773-838-0600

Midway Airport is 6.5 miles (10 km) southwest of the city center. The Orange Line train takes passengers to and from Midway airport and downtown Chicago and also runs 24 hours.

Chicago Midway Airport is a domestic airport located on the southwest side of Chicago. It is the second-largest airport in the Chicago metropolitan area, after O'Hare.

The Orange Line train provides direct service between Midway Airport and downtown Chicago. The train station is located right outside of the airport terminal and offers a convenient and affordable way to get to the city.

Various taxi and ride-sharing services are available at Midway Airport. You can find them at designated areas outside of the terminal.

If you prefer to drive, Midway Airport offers a variety of rental car options.

There are also several bus services that operate to and from Midway Airport, including the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus system and the airport shuttle service.

You can find out more about transportation options at the information booth on the bag claim level near Door 3 LL.



Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD)

10000 West Balmoral Avenue, Chicago

+1 800 832 6352

The Chicago O'Hare International Airport is the main airport serving Chicago. O'Hare is approximately 18 miles (30 km) northwest of the city center. You can take the new Airport Transit System (ATS) to navigate between Terminals 1, 2, 3, and 5, as well as the Multi-Modal Facility (MMF) for rental cars, Economy Parking Lot F, Kiss 'n' Fly, Pace buses and Metra. The Blue Line train takes passengers to and from O'Hare and downtown Chicago and runs 24 hours a day.

Taxis take about 20-30 minutes to get to the city center.



Best Time to Visit

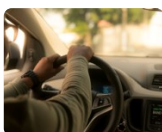
Contrary to what its nickname "Windy City" implies, the winds aren't too much of a concern, and the nickname itself ties in with Chicago's political history more than its climate. The best times to visit are around the Christmas season (for the festive lights and holiday atmosphere), or, if higher temperatures are what you prefer, any time from late spring (April) to early fall.



Public Transport

+1 312 836 7000

Chicago has an excellent system of trains, buses and a commuter rail. Pay in cash on the bus and in exact change. Transit cards may be purchased at selected outlets, which eliminates the hassle of needing exact change. You may also call and get exact directions on public transport to and from any destination in the city. RTA Travel Information service is available seven days a week, including holidays, from 4:45am to 1 am for travel information on CTA, PACE and Metra.



Taxi

Traditional taxis are widely available throughout the city, and they can be hailed on the street or booked through a dispatch service. It is very easy to find a taxi downtown or near the Miracle Mile. There is no extra charge for baggage or credit card use, and tipping is optional. Credit cards are accepted in all taxis. Alternatively, you can hail a cab and pay using CHICABS-approved apps ARRO and CURB.



Pharmacy

757 North Michigan, Chicago
+1 312 664 8686

Walgreens is open 24 hours, seven days a week and there are a number of Walgreens in downtown Chicago.



Post

433 West Harrison Street, Chicago
+1 312 983 8030

The Main Post Office is located on 433 West Harrison Street. Visit the website for more information.



Telephone

Country Code: +1

Area Code Chicago: 312 or 773



Electricity

All power sockets in the United States provide a standard voltage of 110–120V with a standard frequency of 60Hz. Plug type A has two flat parallel pins.