

# 2022 Chicago Restaurant Guide



*Recommendations from the team at the Illinois Housing Development Authority*

Are you ready to be blown away by these Windy City eats? From celebrity chefs, to rooftop views, to world-renowned restaurants, Chicago's dining scene is truly sensational. Bring your appetite and enjoy a night on the town with friends and skyline views.

The restaurant guide provided below will give you options to meet any price range (\$-\$\$\$\$) and style of cuisine. Whether you are looking for a quick bite, recognizable favorites, or a local hot spot, we have named some of IHDA's best recommendations.

While most restaurants are within walking distance of the Hyatt Regency, we have provided exact locations to help ease your dining experience. We hope you enjoy!

## Really feeling like a local?



Check out [Chicago Food Authority](#) on Instagram for additional recommendations on the city's latest hot spots!

## Where to make reservations?



Check out **OpenTable** at [www.opentable.com](https://www.opentable.com).

## ITALIAN

### [Quartino Ristorante](#) \$\$

626 N State St, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 698-5000 | 0.8 mi

*Italian*

Quartino is a bustling downtown Chicago restaurant and wine bar noted for its distinctive Italian small-plates menu, vintage decor, and attentive, personable service staff. The menu features Italy's regional specialties including artisanal salumi, Neapolitan thin-crust pizza, house-made pasta, and seasonal dishes. Menu items, served in moderate portions and meant to be shared, are perfect for adventurous diners ready for a unique experience.

### [Osteria Via Stato](#) \$\$

620 N State St, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 642-8450 | 0.7 mi

*Italian*

Born from a trip through Italy by Lettuce Entertain You Founder Rich Melman and Chef David DiGregorio, the warmth of the inviting hospitality, rustic stone walls, glowing candlelight, and delicious cuisine—featuring artisanal antipasti, handmade pastas, mouthwatering entrees, and simple desserts—will transport you from this bustling neighborhood to a tavern in the Italian countryside. Join us on the patio for al fresco dining in the summer, overlooking one of the liveliest corners of River North!

### [Gene and Georgetti](#) \$\$\$

500 N Franklin St, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 527-3718 | 1.3 mi

*Italian & Steakhouse*

Old-school Chicago steakhouse serving meat, seafood, and Italian specialties in a traditional setting. More than 75 years of tradition and an award-winning commitment to dining excellence; the extensive wine selection and fully stocked bar will intrigue you while you indulge in the menu, which boldly offers entrées from steaks to chops, seafood to pasta. Steeped in history, the photos on the walls illustrate their story in this dynamic city, from signed celebrity images to familiar local faces.

### [Volare](#) \$\$

201 E Grand Ave, Chicago, IL 60611 | (312) 410-9900 | 0.4 mi

*Italian*

"Volare Ristorante Italiano reflects the look and feel of an old world Italian establishment." Family owned since the beginning, they've proudly called Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood home since 1997. The food represents traditional Italian cuisine with modern accents. Their goal is to provide an outstanding experience that will keep guests coming back again and again. Offering both contemporary interpretations of classic comfort dishes as well as unique ventures into new areas of Italian cooking.

## AMERICAN

### [True Food Kitchen](#) \$\$

1 W Erie St, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 204-6981 | 0.9 mi

*Healthy American*

A health-driven, seasonal restaurant merging nutrient-rich ingredients with a flavor-forward menu that rotates regularly to let guests experience great-tasting ingredients at the peak of their freshness. The open kitchen brings guests closer to the culinary craft while showcasing that there's nothing secret about the way they prepare their dishes. The scratch bar is brimming with a selection of wine, local beers, and seasonal cocktails made using fresh-pressed fruit and vegetable juices paired with organic spirits.

### [Rebar](#) \$\$\$\$

401 N Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60611 | (312) 588-8034 | 0.4 mi

*Lounge*

This chic, sophisticated lounge and bar in downtown Chicago located on the mezzanine level of a five-star hotel offers a vibrant atmosphere in which to enjoy captivating views of the Chicago River and Michigan Avenue Bridge. Rebar takes a progressive approach to food and drink and features ever-evolving hand-crafted cocktails and varied artisanal small plates. The beverage list is heavily focused on champagne and small-batch spirits and is constantly curated in an effort to innovate and feature the most exciting products in the industry.

### [Beatrix](#) \$\$

519 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 284-1377 | 0.9 mi

*American*

Modern all-day venue combining an American eatery, wine and cocktail bar, and bakery/cafe.

### [The Kitchen](#) \$\$

316 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 836-1300 | 0.6 mi

*American*

A relaxed American Bistro dedicated to serving delicious, real food sourced from American farmers. Local ingredients featured in modern American dishes at this rustic-chic spot with an open kitchen.

### [Billy Goat Tavern](#) \$

430 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611 | (312) 222-1525 | 0.2 mi

*American*

Home of the "Cheezborger." The Billy Goat Tavern is a chain of taverns located in Chicago. Its restaurants are based on the original Billy Goat Tavern founded in 1934 by Billy Sianis, a Greek immigrant.

## MEXICAN

### [XOCO](#) \$\$

449 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 661-1434 | 0.8 mi

*Mexican*

Xoco—pronounced “SHO-ko”—is the Aztec word for ‘little sister.’ But there’s nothing little about Xoco’s bold Mexican marketplace flavors. Open early and closing late, this quick-service café from Rick and Deann Bayless proffers contemporary expressions of Mexico’s most beloved street food and snacks: flaky empanadas, hot-from-the-fryer churros, frothy Mexican hot chocolate, crusty tortas, and meal-in-a-bowl caldos.

### [Mercadito](#) \$\$\$

108 W Kinzie St, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 329-9555

An upscale Mexican restaurant catering to the tastes of those who crave elevated authentic Mexican cuisine, specialty tequila, and mezcal libations. Mercadito delivers award-winning tacos, homemade tortillas, and seasonal guacamole focused on consistently delivering bold flavors and authentic recipes. Mercadito’s bar features more than 75 mezcals, carefully curated craft cocktails, and an ongoing rotating list of specialty libations featuring in-season produce and ingredients.

## ASIAN & RAMEN

### [Ramen San](#) \$\$

59 W Hubbard St #2, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 377-9950 | 0.6 mi

*Ramen*

Ramen-san is an upbeat den of Japanese noodles and beer nestled in the Chicago River North dining district. Rustic ramen joint for noodle soups, buns, and chicken wings plus cocktails, sake, and lots of whisky.

### [Sunda](#) \$\$\$

110 W Illinois St, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 644-0500 | 0.8 mi

*Asian Fusion*

Sunda New Asian is an award-winning restaurant at the vanguard of America’s New Asian movement showcasing Eastern Asian and Southeast Asian regional cuisine. Simple, flavorful dishes are served and shared while a full sushi bar provides an assortment of sushi, sashimi, and nigiri options. The beverage program revolves around a progressive list of premium sakes, Asian beers, champagnes, wine, and a seasonal craft cocktail list.

## STEAK & SEAFOOD

### [RPM Steak](#) \$\$\$

66 W Kinzie St, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 284-4990 | 0.7 mi

#### *Steak House*

Located in Chicago's River North neighborhood, RPM Steak is a modern take on the traditional steakhouse and features a contemporary chef-driven menu, an award-winning wine list, and a well-curated craft cocktail program. The sister restaurant to RPM Italian, RPM Steak marks the second collaboration between partners RJ, Jerrod and Molly Melman, celebrity couple Bill and Giuliana Rancic, and acclaimed chef Doug Psaltis. The space itself is an impressive 11,000 square feet and boasts an elegant sunken dining room with classic architecture and modern design. Perfect for a night on the town, a business dinner, or simply drinks with friends, RPM Steak brings approachable sophistication to every dining experience.

### [Steak 48](#) \$\$\$

615 N Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60611 | (312) 266-4848 | 0.6 mi

#### *Steak House*

Before indulging in one of the perfectly prepared steaks, whet your appetite with a generous selection from the appetizer menu. Try Fried Deviled Eggs, Prime Steakhouse Meatballs, or fresh Poke for starters. While they pride themselves on serving the best steaks in the city, they also feature many other common staples of American Steakhouse cuisine. The open kitchen features a raw bar on display for all guests to view. Ample selections of fresh seafood are instantly available on top of a giant bed of ice: fresh-shucked oysters from the West and East Coasts, colossal jumbo shrimp, Maine lobster, and succulent Alaskan king crab.

### [McCormick & Schmicks](#) \$\$

1 E Upper Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60601 | (312) 923-7226 | 0.3 mi

#### *Seafood*

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood & Steaks on Chicago's Wacker Drive is conveniently located in the Loop, just minutes away from Chicago Theater, Oriental Theater, Millennium Park, various shopping areas, and some of Chicago's best hotels. In the summer, enjoy the beautiful outdoor patio and seating area with wonderful views of the river. From fresh seafood and shellfish to aged steaks and garden fresh salads.

### [Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab](#) \$\$\$

60 E Grand Ave, Chicago, IL 60611 | (312) 379-5637 | 0.4 mi

#### *Seafood & Steakhouse*

Classic steak and seafood fare, including signature stone crab claws, served by a tuxedo-clad staff. The legendary Joe's Stone Crab first opened in Miami Beach in 1913. It all began when Joseph Weiss and his wife Jennie set up seven or eight tables on the front porch of the house they owned. 100 years later, Joe's has become one of the most beloved and widely recognized restaurants in the world, famous for its Florida Stone crab, signature sides, and Key lime pie.

### [Chicago Cut Steakhouse](#) \$\$\$

300 N LaSalle Dr, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 329-1800 | 0.6 mi

#### *Steakhouse*

Take two steak-house veterans, a dazzling space along the Chicago River, add a butcher and dry-aging room, and you begin to see what Chicago Cut is about. Chicago Cut is dedicated to putting culinary flair back into Chicago's upscale restaurant scene. That requires a unique menu, an unmatched wine list, and a modern twist on the traditional steakhouse setting.

## **PIZZA, BURGERS & QUICK BITES**

### [Bub City](#) \$\$

435 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 610-4200 | 0.7 mi

#### *Barbecue*

Large wood-and-brick bar with a country-western theme and a menu of BBQ/American comfort food. Live music, late night.

### [Peguods](#) \$

2207 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago, IL 60614 | (773) 327-1512 | 5.3 mi (Northside, Lincoln Park)

#### *Pizza*

Casual, brick-walled pizza pub where deep-dish pies with caramelized crusts are served until late.

### [Portillo's Hot Dogs](#) \$

100 W Ontario St, Chicago, IL 60610 | (312) 587-8910 | 1.0 mi (River North)

#### *Fast Food*

Chicago-born chain for hot dogs, Italian beef sandwiches, and more, plus beer and wine, in retro digs.

### [Lou Malnati's Pizzeria](#) \$

439 N Wells St, Chicago, IL 60654 | (312) 725-7777 | 0.9 mi

#### *Pizza*

Every Lou Malnati's pizza is handmade from scratch using the finest and freshest ingredients.

Every year, the Malnati team hand selects California vine-ripened tomatoes for the perfect sweet and tangy taste. The exclusive sausage blend is seasoned to exact specifications.

The fresh mozzarella cheese comes from the same small dairy that has supplied Lou Malnati's for over 40 years. And the family's secret recipe for flaky, buttery crust has been passed down from generation to generation. You'll know with every bite that each pizza was made with care and special attention.

### [Au Cheval](#) \$\$

800 W Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60607 | 1.6 mi (West Loop) | *Typically a long wait on the weekends*

*Burger, Upscale Diner*

One of Chicago's most famous burger joints. A diner-style bar and restaurant with a passion for eggs, Au Cheval elevates traditional diner fare. Guests can indulge in dishes ranging from chopped chicken liver and roasted bone marrow, to traditional sandwiches, egg-focused entrees, and the signature cheeseburger. The bar program showcases strong, classic cocktails including the Horse's Neck, Vieux Bonal, and Hemingway's Daiquiri. A robust draught beer list offers a wide range of neighborhood, domestic, and international selections. The dimly lit restaurant, pulsating with a vintage reel-to-reel soundtrack, features dark leather booths, dark wood paneling, and a zinc bar wrapped around the open kitchen.

## COCKTAILS AND CITY VIEWS

### [London House Rooftop](#) \$\$\$

85 E Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60601 | (312) 357-1200 | 0.2 mi

*Bar*

Three chic levels of hotel rooftop drinking and dining with indoor/outdoor seats and sweeping views. Savor the flavors of re-imagined American fare and cocktails at the indoor bar located on the 21st Floor. Or take in sweeping views of the Chicago River, Lake Michigan, and the Magnificent Mile while enjoying classic cocktails and small bites on the outdoor terrace.

### [Cindy's Rooftop](#) \$\$\$

12 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60603 | (312) 792-3502 | 0.5 mi

*Bar*

The jewel in the crown of The Athletic Association Hotel, Cindy's is a rooftop restaurant and open terrace with panoramic views of Millennium Park, The Art Institute, Lake Michigan, and beyond. With seasonal freshness reflected in both food and drink, this Chicago restaurant truly offers some of the best cuisine while donning the relaxed ambience of a Great Lakes beach house with a view. Executive Chef Christian Ragano joins forces with Sommelier Sterling Knight and renowned Spirit Guide Nandini Khaund to bring family-style classic comfort food, biodynamic wines, and award-winning cocktails with large-format apothecaries.

### [City Winery](#) \$

11 W. Riverwalk South, Chicago, IL 60601 | (312) 229-5593 | 0.4 mi

*Bar*

City Winery on the Chicago River walk provides Chicagoans and visitors a way to engage with the city in a unique way. Guests have a truly special experience with locally and sustainably-made products. The menu features top-selling items from the West Loop location. In addition, wine is served through a unique tap system to showcase the company's commitment to sustainability. Enjoy a glass of wine on the river walk and watch the buzzing boat scene.

**The J. Parker at Hotel Lincoln \$\$**

1816 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60614 | (312) 254-4747 | 2.6 mi (Northside, Lincoln Park)

*Lounge, Cocktails, Appetizers*

Sitting proudly above the Hotel Lincoln, The J. Parker offers the most spectacular views in all of Chicago. As you sip a signature cocktail, enjoy the unobstructed water views from one of the lounge's 140 outside seats, or 55 seats inside. The J. Parker is a perfect space for private events, a pre-dinner cocktail, or a night on the town.

**The Signature Room at the 95<sup>th</sup> \$\$\$**

875 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611 | (312) 787-9596 | 1.3 mi

*American*

Upscale spot high atop 875 North Michigan Avenue with wide views, American fare, and a separate lounge. With consistent accolades such as "Most Romantic Restaurant" and "Best View," The Signature Room and Signature Lounge have become part of the quintessential Chicago experience. Upscale dining and a menu of contemporary American cuisine lifted the popularity of the restaurant with Chicagoans and visitors alike.