

2025 Chicago Restaurant Guide

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE IHDA TEAM

Are you ready to be blown away by these Windy City eats? From celebrity chefs 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.

This restaurant guide 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 a few of IHDA's best recommendations.

Some restaurants are within walking distance of the Marriott Marquis, others will require a cab or other mode of transportation. 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!

Ready to make reservations? Check out [OpenTable](#).

ONSITE OPTIONS



WOVEN + BOUND (\$\$)

2121 S. Prairie Avenue • (312) 824-0535

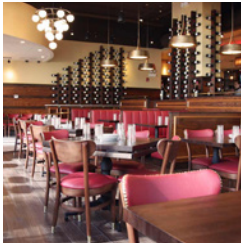
(American) Executive Chef Michael Reich, invites you to explore a menu that pays homage to Chicago's rich cultural tapestry. Inspired by the Midwest, Chicago, and the South Loop, Woven and Bound weaves local elements into uniquely refreshing dishes. From breakfast to dinner, savor the complexity and boldness of flavors, challenging your palate with each bite.



SHOWROOM FOOD HALL (\$)

2121 S. Prairie Avenue • (312) 824-0500

(American) Inspired by the glittering showrooms and enterprising garages of Chicago's Motor Row, Showroom Food Hall brings a dynamic culinary experience to the burgeoning entertainment and convention district. Celebrating classic Americana with hand-crafted, all-American comfort food, enjoy the flavors of Chicago with five restaurants to explore. Start your engines at Revolution Coffee featuring specialty drinks and house-made pastries and sweets. Make a mid-day pit stop and discover Argosy Street Tacos, Hot Licks: A Taste of Chicago, or Winged Warrior Pizza and Wings. Unwind and refuel after a day of meetings at Nomad Beer and Wine.



IL CULACCINO (\$\$)

2134 S. Indiana Avenue • (312) 794-5300 • 0.2 mi

Chic setting for Italian dining with cocktails and a wine bar plus shaded outdoor seating in season. Sample unique wines and delicious plates accompanied by the friendly and superior service that has become the hallmark of this family-owned restaurant.



CAFÉ BIONDA (\$\$)

1924 S. State Street • (312) 313-6485 • 0.6 mi

Café Bionda is a beloved Italian restaurant and bar located in Chicago's South Loop, just minutes from McCormick Place. Known for its classic Italian dishes, warm hospitality, and lively atmosphere, it's the perfect spot for dinner or drinks. Whether you're dining before a conference, enjoying a casual night out, or hosting a private event, Café Bionda delivers an authentic Italian experience with a South Loop charm that keeps guests coming back.



QUARTINO RISTORANTE (\$\$)

626 N. State Street • (312) 698-5000 • 3.1 mi

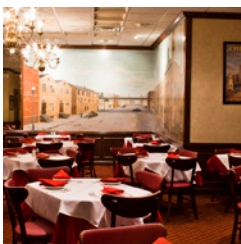
Quartino is a bustling downtown Chicago restaurant and wine bar noted for its distinctive Italian small-plates menu, vintage decor, and attentive, personable service staff. The menu features Italy's regional specialties including artisanal salumi, Neapolitan thin-crust pizza, house-made pasta, and seasonal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



TUSCANY (\$\$)

1014 W. Taylor Street • (312) 829-1990 • 2.6 mi

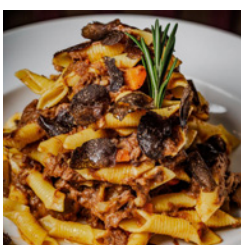
Tuscany is a Chicago institution for over a quarter century. It delivers rich Tuscan flavors and hometown hospitality with a menu that features both expertly prepared classics and one-of-a-kind dishes that will take your taste buds on a trip to Northern Italy.



GENE AND GEORGETTI (\$\$\$\$)

500 N. Franklin Street • (312) 527-3718 • 3.4 mi

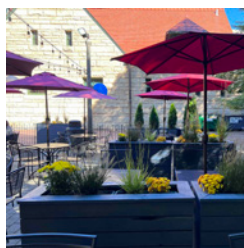
Old-school Chicago steakhouse serving meat, seafood, and Italian specialties in a traditional setting. More than 75 years of tradition and an award-winning commitment to dining excellence; the extensive wine selection and fully stocked bar will intrigue you while you indulge in the menu. Steeped in history,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



VOLARE (\$\$)

201 E. Grand Avenue • (312) 410-9900 • 3.5 mi

Volare Ristorante Italiano reflects the look and feel of an old world Italian establishment. Family owned since the beginning, they've proudly called the Streeterville neighborhood home since 1997. The food represents traditional Italian cuisine with modern accents. Offering both contemporary interpretations of classic comfort dishes as well as unique ventures into new areas of Italian cooking.



THE SPOKE AND BIRD (\$\$)

205 E. 18th Street • (929) 263-2473 • 0.2 mi

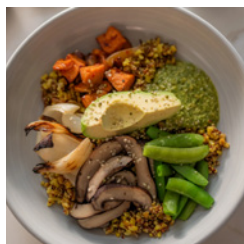
The Spoke and Bird Cafe (South Loop) is your neighborhood farm-to-table cafe and beer garden featuring a seasonal, made-from-scratch menu sourced from local farms, local brews on tap, and a full coffee bar.



FATPOUR TAP WORKS (\$\$)

2206 S. Indiana Avenue • (312) 878-9292 • 0.2 mi

Expanding over two stories, the restaurant boasts the largest beer venue in the South Loop. This location offers stunning private space, outdoor patio seating, dining room, bar, and includes our signature keg wall.



TRUE FOOD KITCHEN (\$\$)

1 W. Erie Street • (312) 204-6981 • 3.6 mi

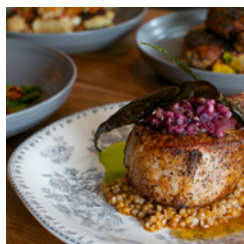
A health-driven, seasonal restaurant merging nutrient-rich ingredients with a flavor-forward menu that rotates regularly to let guests experience great-tasting ingredients at the peak of their freshness. The open kitchen brings guests closer to the culinary craft while showcasing that there's nothing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



BEATRIX LOOP (\$\$)

155 N. Wacker Drive • (312) 736-0404 • 2.9 mi

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



VIRTUE (\$\$\$)

1462 E. 53rd Street • (773) 947-8831 • 5.6 mi

Stationed in the Hyde Park neighborhood, Virtue is a Southern American restaurant that leads with a culture of hospitality and kindness. Virtue prides itself on unpretentious service, timing, and most importantly providing great value. Virtue uses heritage techniques to create some familiar flavors and new ones.



THE GAGE (\$\$)

24 S. Michigan Avenue • (312) 372-4243 • 2.9 mi

The Gage, nestled in the vibrant heart of Downtown Chicago, is a true gem in the world of Gastro Pub cuisine. Its menu effortlessly marries European flair with American innovation, creating a dining experience that's both rustic and refined. Highlights include lobster bisque and burgers with truffle fries. The Gage's commitment to quality and tradition, paired with an award-winning wine list, ensures every visit is a memorable affair.



LA CANTINA (\$\$)

1911 S. Michigan Avenue • (312) 842-1911 • 0.4 mi

Small, casual cantina serving Mexican faves and fruit flavored margaritas in a terra-cotta space. Serving fresh and authentic Mexican food and cocktails with an extensive tequila and mezcal selection.



CASA TULUM (\$\$)

1700 S. Michigan Avenue • (773) 759-1429 • 0.5 mi

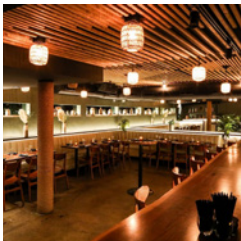
The restaurant’s 20-year-old owner used TikTok to document the process of opening a restaurant in Chicago, drumming up early support from followers. Casa Tulum is nestled in the heart of Chicago’s South Loop, offering a refreshing escape with the vibrant flavors of Mexico. Their mission is to bring the essence of Tulum to the city, combining fresh, authentic dishes with a laid-back, beachy vibe.



XOCO (\$\$)

67 W. Illinois Street • (312) 723-2131 • 3.2 mi

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 Street • (312) 329-9555 • 3.2 mi

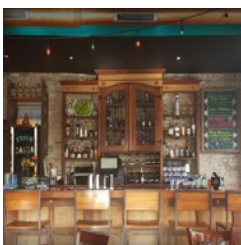
An upscale Mexican restaurant catering to the tastes of those who crave elevated authentic Mexican cuisine, specialty tequila, and mezcal libations. Mercadito delivers award-winning tacos, homemade tortillas, and seasonal guacamole focused on consistently delivering bold flavors and authentic recipes. Their bar features more than 75 mezcals, craft cocktails, and a rotating list of specialty libations.



TZUCO (\$\$)

720 N. State Street • (312) 374-8995 • 3.6 mi

Located in the bustling River North neighborhood of Chicago, Tzuc, helmed by the Michelin-starred Chef Carlos Gaytán, offers a blend of authentic Mexican flavors and sophisticated French techniques. Named after Chef Gaytán’s hometown, Huitzuco, the restaurant boasts a menu rich in ceviche, seafood, and traditional Mexican dishes, served in a spacious dining room, lively bar, lounge, and an all-weather outdoor terrace.



CAFE EL TAPATIO (\$\$)

3400 N. Ashland Avenue • (773) 327-5475 • 8.6 mi

The Parra family has owned and operated this cheerful neighborhood gem for 46 years and make frequent trips to Mexico for menu ideas and cook up several family specialties. Beyond the standard tacos, burritos, and chimichangas are dishes such as crepas de pollo.



ASIAN AND RAMEN



MINGHIN CUISINE (\$\$)

2168 S. Archer Avenue • (312) 808-1999 • 0.9 mi

MingHin Cuisine is a family style restaurant providing authentic Hong Kong Cuisine and Dim Sum, to the Chicagoland area and its surrounding suburbs. Each location features contemporary, modern Asian décor. MingHin has won numerous consumer choice awards such as being named the Best Chinese Restaurant in Illinois, one of the best Dim Sum Restaurants in America, and is a 4 time Michelin Bib Gourmand winner.



YAO YAO (\$\$)

230 W. Cermak Road • (312) 929-4279 • 0.8 mi

Yao Yao is a Chinese restaurant located in the heart of Chicago, offering a wide variety of delicious dishes to suit every taste.



RAMEN SAN WHISKY BAR (\$\$)

219 N. Green Street • (773) 645-0085 • 3.6 mi

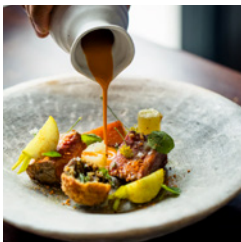
Ramen-san is an upbeat den of Japanese noodles and beer nestled in the Chicago River North dining district. It's a rustic ramen joint for noodle soups, buns, and chicken wings plus cocktails, sake, and lots of whisky.



SUNDA (\$\$\$)

333 N. Green Street • (312) 900-0033 • 3.6 mi

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.



ROOP CHICAGO (\$\$)

736 W. Randolph Street • (312) 809-6964 • 5.3 mi

ROOP embodies the beauty and soul of India through its innovative dining experience. Chef Rohit Thaledi strikes a modern balance and personal twist on authentic Indian flavors through traditional recipes and fresh local ingredients, prepared with international techniques.



MOTT STREET (\$\$\$)

1401 N. Ashland Avenue • (773) 687-9977 • 6.0 mi

Mott Street serves vibrant feast-style dining in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood. Taking inspiration from the night markets of Asia and his Korean-American childhood, Chef Edward Kim pairs eastern cooking techniques with Chicago ingredients to create umami-laden flavors, juxtaposing tastes and textures for a wildly exciting menu.



STEAK AND SEAFOOD



THE CHICAGO FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT (\$\$\$\$)

1401 S. Michigan Avenue • (312) 786-1401 • 0.9 mi

The Chicago Firehouse Restaurant, located in the South Loop, is housed in a historic 1905 Romanesque Revival building, formerly Engine Company 104 of the Chicago Fire Department. The restaurant offers an upscale American dining experience with classic steakhouse fare and seafood, complemented by seasonal dishes



WAGYU HOUSE CHICAGO (\$\$\$\$)

1147 S. Delano Court East • (312) 585-8655 • 1.7 mi

Wagyu House by The X Pot, an innovative dining concept by Chubby Group, offers an All-You-Can-Eat Japanese shabu-shabu and barbecue experience featuring A5 Wagyu and the freshest seafood. With 5D projection dining rooms and robot servers, we are at the forefront of culinary technology,



STEAK 48 (\$\$\$\$)

615 N. Wabash Avenue • (312) 266-4848 • 3.0 mi

Before indulging in one of the perfectly prepared steaks, whet your appetite with 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. Ample selections of fresh seafood are available on top of a giant bed of ice: fresh-shucked oysters, colossal jumbo shrimp and more.



JOE'S SEAFOOD, PRIME STEAK AND STONE CRAB (\$\$\$\$)

60 E. Grand Avenue • (312) 379-5637 • 3.1 mi

Classic steak and seafood fare, including signature stone crab claws, served by a tuxedo-clad staff. It all began in Miami Beach in 1913 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 Drive • (312) 329-1800 • 3.1 mi

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.



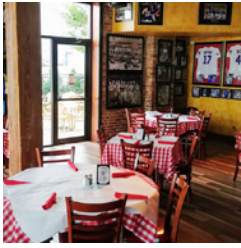
RPM STEAK (\$\$\$\$)

66 W. Kinzie Street • (312) 284-4990 • 3.2 mi

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 space is an impressive 11,000 square feet and boasts an elegant sunken dining room. RPM Steak brings approachable sophistication to every dining experience.



PIZZA, BURGERS AND QUICK BITES



PIZANO'S (\$\$)

2106 S. Indiana Avenue • (312) 842-0777 • 0.7 mi

Pizano's Pizza and Pasta in Chicago is known for its traditional Italian food and Chicago-style pizza, particularly its deep-dish and thin-crust options. The restaurant offers a variety of menu items, including homemade pasta and sauces, and is praised for its family-friendly atmosphere and service.



LOU MALNATI'S PIZZERIA (\$\$)

805 S. State Street • (312) 786-1000 • 1.6 mi

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 fresh mozzarella cheese comes from the same small dairy that has supplied Lou Malnati's for over 40 years. You'll know with every bite that each pizza was made with care and special attention.



PORTILLO'S HOT DOGS (\$)

520 W. Taylor Street • (312) 587-8910 • 2.1 mi

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



MANNY'S (\$\$)

1141 S. Jefferson Street • (312) 939-2855 • 2.1 mi

Manny's is a cherished Chicago institution that has been serving classic Jewish comfort food since 1942. This family-run deli is renowned for its hearty corned beef sandwiches, crispy potato pancakes, and rich matzo ball soup. Manny's offers a warm, cafeteria-style setting where locals, tourists, and politicians alike gather to enjoy its timeless fare.



BILLY GOAT TAVERN (\$)

430 N. Michigan Avenue • (312) 222-1525 • 2.9 mi

Home of the "Cheezburger," 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.



AU CHEVAL (\$\$)

800 W. Randolph Street • (312) 929-4580 • 3.5 mi

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 dimly lit restaurant features dark leather booths, dark wood paneling, and a zinc bar wrapped around the open kitchen.



COCKTAILS AND CITY VIEWS



DUNEYRR FERMENTA WINERY AND BREWERY (\$\$)

2337 S. Michigan Avenue • (312) 374-1903 • 0.5 mi

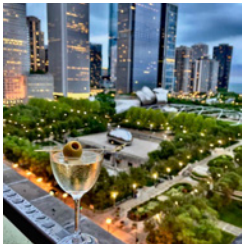
Duneyrr Fermenta’s unique tasting room beckons you into a world where the art of craft brewing harmoniously intertwines with the traditions of a natural winery.



MOODY TONGUE (\$\$)

2515 S. Wabash Avenue • (312) 600-5111 • 0.5 mi

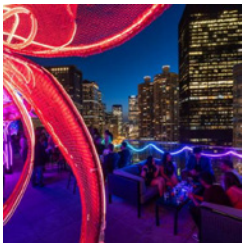
Exotic beers are offered along with oysters and cake at this brewery tasting room with a fireplace.



CINDY’S ROOFTOP (\$\$)

12 S. Michigan Avenue • (312) 792-3502 • 2.1 mi

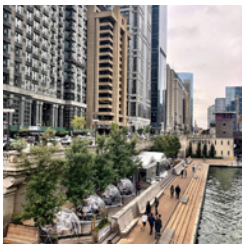
The jewel in the crown of The Athletic Association Hotel, Cindy’s is a rooftop restaurant and open terrace with panoramic views of Millennium Park, The Art Institute, Lake Michigan, and beyond. With seasonal freshness reflected in both food and drink, this Chicago restaurant truly offers some of the best cuisine while donning the relaxed ambience of a Great Lakes beach house with a view.



LONDON HOUSE ROOFTOP (\$\$\$\$)

85 E. Wacker Drive • (312) 357-1200 • 2.6 mi

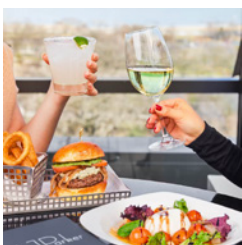
Three chic levels of hotel rooftop drinking and dining with indoor/outdoor seats and sweeping views. Savor the flavors of re-imagined American fare and cocktails at the indoor bar located on the 21st Floor. Or take in sweeping views of the Chicago River, Lake Michigan, and the Magnificent Mile while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



CITY WINERY (\$\$)

11 W. Riverwalk South • (312) 229-5593 • 2.6 mi

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. 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 Street • (312) 254-4747 • 5.3 mi

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.