

# Chicago

## Dining Guide



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# SUGGESTED RESTAURANTS IN THE CHICAGO AREA

By the Fellows of Estes Park Institute

Welcome to Chicago. After our first conference here last year, it has already become an Estes Park favorite! The following list of restaurants is a very small sample of the many fine restaurants located in Chicago and its environs. Restaurant reviews and more complete listings are available from many online sources such as [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com), [www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com), [www.chicagomag.com](http://www.chicagomag.com), or [www.chicago.eater.com](http://www.chicago.eater.com). Please verify information when making a reservation as it is subject to change. We sincerely hope you enjoy Chicago and your conference experience. Thank you for choosing Estes Park Institute.

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## Dining at the JW MARRIOTT CHICAGO

The following restaurants are located at the JW Marriott Chicago. For more information, visit [www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/restaurant/chijw-jw-marriott-chicago](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/restaurant/chijw-jw-marriott-chicago).

### The Florentine

312-660-8866  
[www.the-florentine.net](http://www.the-florentine.net)

Characterized by simplicity and paramount ingredients, the menu features seasonal Italian cuisine and includes an extensive antipasti selection, handmade pastas, wood-fired pizzas, and other seasonal dishes.

#### RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

#### HOURS

Breakfast: 6:30 am – 10:30 am, Monday thru Saturday  
6:30 am – 11:00 am, Sunday  
Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:30 pm, Monday thru Friday  
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Nightly  
Saturday and Sunday Brunch: 11:00 am – 2:30 pm

### The Lobby Lounge

The Lobby Lounge at the JW Marriott Chicago offers a more casual experience. Specialty coffees, breakfast sandwiches, and bakery items are available in the morning. Chef's Features, soups, sandwiches, salads, and desserts are available throughout the rest of the day, along with appetizers and cocktails. There is a special Happy Hour menu from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

#### RESERVATIONS

No

#### HOURS

6:30 am – 11:00 pm, Daily

To plan a private dining event in one of the hotel's banquet rooms, please contact Catering at 312-660-8232.

## Acanto

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18 South Michigan Avenue  
312-578-0763  
www.acantochicago.com

Acanto is a beautiful new restaurant by restaurateur Billy Lawless. The dining room is casual and warm with tables well spaced to allow conversation. The menu includes daily pizza special, pastas, and meats and changes seasonally.

### RESERVATIONS

Strongly recommended – Online reservations available

### HOURS

11:00 am – 10:00 pm, Sunday thru Thursday  
11:00 am – 11:00 pm, Friday and Saturday

## Ara On

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160 West Adams Street  
312-781-7300  
www.ara-on.com

Ara On features a French-Asian menu and an extensive list of sushi and sashimi. The dining room is a large, open, modern space, and there is also outdoor seating.

### RESERVATIONS

Strongly recommended

### HOURS

Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Monday thru Friday  
Dinner: 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Monday thru Saturday  
Closed Sunday

## Atwood

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One West Washington Street  
312-368-1900  
www.atwoodrestaurant.com

Atwood is housed in Chicago's historic Reliance Building, a glass and steel building constructed in 1895. The restaurant is building a sturdy reputation, too. The recently redecorated dining room is done mostly in white with large windows and high ceilings. Enjoy New American cuisine and hand-crafted cocktails.

### RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

### HOURS

Breakfast: 7:00 am – 10:30 am, Monday thru Friday  
Lunch: 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, Monday thru Friday  
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 9:00, Sunday thru Thursday  
5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Friday and Saturday  
Saturday and Sunday Brunch: 8:00 am – 2:30 pm

## Buddy Guy's Legends

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700 South Wabash Avenue  
312-427-1190  
www.buddyguy.com

Entertaining blues aficionados since 1989, Buddy Guy's Legends offers a full Cajun and soul food menu filled with gumbo, jambalaya, barbecued chicken and ribs, and other classic dishes.

### RESERVATIONS

No

### HOURS

Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Wednesday thru Friday  
Noon – 3:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday  
Dinner: 6:00 pm – Midnight, Monday thru Saturday  
5:00 pm – Midnight, Sunday

## Catch 35

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35 West Wacker Drive  
312-346-3500  
www.catch35.com

Considered one of the premier seafood restaurants in Chicago, Catch 35 serves fresh Alaskan Halibut, Georges Bank Swordfish, and Yellow Fin Tuna along with many other fish and shellfish. The point being that all seafood is fresh and of the highest quality. There are steaks available for meat lovers.

### RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

### HOURS

11:30 am – 9:30 pm, Monday thru Thursday  
11:30 am – 10:00 pm, Friday  
4:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Saturday  
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Sunday

## Cherry Circle Room

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12 South Michigan Avenue  
312-792-3515  
www.lsdattca.com/cherry-circle-room

Experiencing the Cherry Circle Room restaurant is well worth the challenge of getting there. It is located in the way, way back of the second floor of the Chicago Athletic Hotel through the Game Room. Chef Pete Coenen's rustic menu features regional dishes created from classic cuts of meats, fresh seafood, and seasonal ingredients.

### RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

### HOURS

Brunch/Lunch: 7:00 am – 2:30 pm, Daily  
Dinner: 5:00 pm – Midnight, Nightly

## Coco Pazzo

300 West Hubbard Street  
312-836-0900  
www.cocopazzochicago.com

Coco Pazzo uses the best of seasonal ingredients to create a menu of classic and contemporary Tuscan dishes. An extensive list of Italian wines and attentive service complete the picture.

### RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

### HOURS

Lunch: 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, Monday thru Friday  
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Monday thru Thursday  
5:00 pm – 10:30 pm, Friday and Saturday  
5:00 pm – 9:30 pm, Sunday



## GT Fish & Oyster

531 North Wells Street  
312-929-3501  
www.gtoyster.com

A Michelin one-star and Chicago Tribune three-star restaurant, GT Fish & Oyster serves fish-centric dishes in the “small plates” format. There is always a mix of East and West Coast oysters to go along with braised baby octopus with roasted tomato sauce, chorizo-stuffed squid, shrimp and saffron risotto, and brandade croquettes with orange-fennel salad. *Travel & Leisure* magazine rates it in the top twenty seafood restaurants in the country.

### RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

### HOURS

Lunch: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm, Tuesday thru Friday  
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Sunday thru Thursday  
4:30 pm – 11:00 pm, Friday and Saturday  
Saturday and Sunday Brunch: 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

## La Sirena Clandestina

954 West Fulton Market  
312-226-5300  
www.lasirenachicago.com

La Sirena Clandestina (hidden mermaid) won the Chicago Tribune’s Best Neighborhood restaurant award in 2015. This classy, casual restaurant in the Fulton Market area serves Brazilian and Latin fare.

### RESERVATIONS

Strongly recommended – Online reservations available

### HOURS

Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:30 pm, Monday thru Friday  
Dinner: 4:30 pm – 10:00 pm, Sunday thru Thursday  
4:30 pm – 11:00 pm, Friday  
4:00 pm – 11:00 pm, Saturday  
Sunday Brunch: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

## Mercat a la Planxa

638 South Michigan Avenue  
312-765-0524  
www.mercatchicago.com

Located in the Blackstone Hotel, Mercat a la Planxa is managed by Philadelphia’s famous Spanish chef Jose Garces. The Catalan-inspired tapas menu features grilled seafood and beef and cheese and charcuterie boards.

### RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

### HOURS

Breakfast: 6:30 am – 11:00 am, Monday thru Friday  
Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:30 pm, Monday thru Friday  
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Sunday thru Thursday  
5:00 pm – 11:00 pm, Friday and Saturday  
Saturday and Sunday Brunch: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

## Naha

500 North Clark Street  
312-321-6242  
www.naha-chicago.com

Naha has been awarded one star by Michelin and four stars by the Chicago Tribune restaurant critic. A tasting menu is available at lunch and dinner, and a three-course lunch prix-fixe menu is available. The main courses at Naha zing with rich Mediterranean flavors.

### RESERVATIONS

Strongly recommended – Online reservations available

### HOURS

Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Tuesday thru Friday  
Dinner: 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Monday thru Saturday  
Closed Sunday

## Nonnina

340 North Clark Street  
312-822-0077  
www.nonninachicago.com

Nonnina features classic and modernized preparations of the treasured recipes of the owners' "nonnas." The classic Italian dish timpano is on the menu, as well as whole-roasted branzino, shrimp fra diavolo, and pappardelle with duck ragu. The upscale dining room has traditional décor with a mural of those grandmothers on one wall.

### RESERVATIONS

Strongly recommended – Online reservations available

### HOURS

11:00 am – 10:30 pm, Monday thru Thursday  
11:00 am – 11:00 pm, Friday  
5:00 pm – 11:00 pm, Saturday  
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Sunday

## Remington's

20 North Michigan Avenue  
312-782-6000  
www.remingtonschicago.com

This new restaurant across the street from Millennium Park features excellent steaks, rotisserie cooked prime rib and chicken, rack of Berkshire pork, and fresh seafood. The raw bar aims to offer six oyster varieties daily.

### RESERVATIONS

Strongly recommended – Online reservations available

### HOURS

11:30 am – 10:00 pm, Monday thru Thursday  
11:30 am – 11:00 pm, Friday  
10:00 am – 11:00 pm, Saturday  
10:00 am – 9:00 pm, Sunday



## Salero

621 West Randolph Street  
312-466-1000  
www.salerochicago.com

Usually the tapas are the focus at Spanish restaurants, but the kitchen at Salero turns out inventive, delicious large plates—roasted duck breast with foie gras, grilled hanger steak with morel mushrooms, and rabbit cooked three ways.

### RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

### HOURS

5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Sunday thru Thursday  
5:00 pm – 11:00 pm, Friday and Saturday

## Topolobampo

445 North Clark Street  
312-661-1434  
www.rickbayless.com/restaurants/topolobampo

Topolobampo is over twenty-five years old and is still going strong. It's had a Michelin star since 2010. The food becomes more inventive and sophisticated each year but stays true to its Mexican roots.

### RESERVATIONS

Required for dinner – Online reservations available

### HOURS

Lunch: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm, Tuesday thru Friday  
Dinner: 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Tuesday thru Thursday  
5:30 pm – 9:45 pm, Friday and Saturday  
Closed Sunday and Monday

## Trattoria No. 10

10 North Dearborn Street  
312-984-1718  
www.trattoriaten.com

Trattoria No. 10 serves classic Italian dishes with a contemporary flair. Daily specials include homemade ravioli, rustic pastas, and seafood and beef selections. The elegant dining room, with murals and original art, provides a charming atmosphere for the perfect evening.

### RESERVATIONS

Strongly recommended – Online reservations available

### HOURS

Lunch: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm, Monday thru Friday  
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Monday thru Thursday  
5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Friday and Saturday  
Closed Sunday

## Weather

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Average Temperatures in April  
Highs in the 60s, lows in the 40s

## Golf

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Chicago Park District Golf  
Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course  
The only 18-hole golf course within the Chicago city limits, it offers a challenge for all golfers and beautiful views of Lake Michigan, Montrose Harbor, and the Chicago skyline.

312-742-7930

<http://sydneymarovitz.cpdgolf.com/golf>

## Spa and Fitness

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### Spa at JW

Located on the galleria level of the hotel is Chicago's premiere wellness center, the Spa at JW. Enjoy spa treatments, facials, salon treatments, and more for a refreshing mind-body experience.

312-660-8250

[www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/fitness-spa-services/chijw-jw-marriott-chicago](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/fitness-spa-services/chijw-jw-marriott-chicago)

### Fitness Center

The JW Marriott Chicago Fitness Center offers free weights, cardiovascular equipment, indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, and fitness classes.

[www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/fitness-center/chijw-jw-marriott-chicago](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/fitness-center/chijw-jw-marriott-chicago)

## Shopping

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### The Magnificent Mile (Michigan Avenue)

Step onto one of Chicago's most famous streets. The Magnificent Mile is the great Chicago shopping experience with an abundance and variety of boutiques and stores to spark every interest, meet every need, and delight every visitor.

[www.themagnificentmile.com/shopping](http://www.themagnificentmile.com/shopping)

### Water Tower Place

At the pinnacle of Chicago's famed Magnificent Mile, Water Tower Place is Chicago's premier shopping destination. Its stunning eight-level atrium features American Girl Place, Macy's, and more than 100 of your favorite stores, spas, and restaurants, plus a mix of distinctive specialty shops and boutiques.

[www.shopwatertower.com](http://www.shopwatertower.com)

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## State Street

Anchored by State Street, Chicago's Loop has been a shopper's paradise in the heart of downtown for more than a century. Historic buildings line the iconic "Great Street," vibrant art installations add to the hustle-and-bustle atmosphere, and shopping doesn't get much better with this variety of stores.

[www.chicagoneighborhoods.cc/shopping/statest.html](http://www.chicagoneighborhoods.cc/shopping/statest.html)

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## Museums & Arts

The Field Museum of Natural History  
1400 South Lake Shore Drive  
312-922-9410  
[www.fieldmuseum.org](http://www.fieldmuseum.org)

The Art Institute of Chicago  
111 South Michigan Avenue  
312-443-3600  
[www.artic.edu](http://www.artic.edu)

Museum of Science and Industry  
5700 South Lake Shore Drive  
773-684-1414  
[www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org)

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## Activities & Attractions

### Grant Park

#### Buckingham Fountain and Millenium Park

Grant Park is over 300 acres of carefully landscaped green space, separating the city's downtown area from Lake Michigan. It hosts some of the city's most popular attractions, including Buckingham Fountain, Millennium Park, and the Art Institute of Chicago.

[www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/grant-park](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/grant-park)

Shedd Aquarium  
1200 South Lake Shore Drive  
312-939-2438  
[www.sheddaquarium.org](http://www.sheddaquarium.org)

Adler Planetarium  
1300 South Lake Shore Drive  
312-922-7827  
[www.adlerplanetarium.org](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org)

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## Navy Pier

This important civic landmark celebrated its 100th birthday in 2016. The top-visited leisure destination in the Midwest, Navy Pier offers parks, entertainment, dining, and shopping along the scenic Chicago skyline.

600 East Grand Avenue  
1-800-595-PIER (7437)  
[www.navypier.com](http://www.navypier.com)

## Lincoln Park Zoo

Enjoy free admission to this Chicago landmark every day of the year.

2001 North Clark Street  
312-742-2000  
[www.lpzoo.org](http://www.lpzoo.org)

## The Chicago Theater District

Chicago's best theaters are located just minutes from the JW Marriott. From traditional fare, like Shakespeare and musicals, to the more adventurous literary adaptations, cabaret, or improv, Chicago is a city with deep theatrical roots.

[www.broadwayinchicago.com](http://www.broadwayinchicago.com)  
[www.chicagoplays.com](http://www.chicagoplays.com)

*Hamilton is playing in Chicago at the PrivateBank Theatre.*

## Willis Tower Skydeck

Step outside the tallest building in the western hemisphere and the third tallest in the world. The Ledge, a glass balcony experience, extends four feet outside the 103rd floor.

233 South Wacker Drive  
(enter from south side of building on Jackson Boulevard)  
312-875-9696  
[www.theskydeck.com](http://www.theskydeck.com)

## 360 Chicago

Experience Chicago's best views, featuring the city's only open-air Sky Walk, an interactive trail of multimedia screens, and more.

875 North Michigan Avenue, 94th Floor  
312-751-3681  
[www.360chicago.com](http://www.360chicago.com)

Please contact the JW Marriott concierge at 312-660-8200 for more information or to arrange various excursions and exciting activities including biking, fishing, sightseeing tours, and much more.



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