TRANSPORTATION & PARKING
Chicago's Loop area is very walkable and your best option for getting around. Here are other options:

From O'Hare Airport to the Loop - Best bet is Rapid Transit (the CTA) leaves from Terminal 4 and takes about an hour to the 1st stop in the loop (Washington & Dearborn). Taxis take about 30 minutes. An Air Transport shuttle to your hotel is another option.

Red Line – Chicago Transit Authority (transitchicago.com/travel) - Visit online for easy-to-use information. O'Hare and Midway airports are easily accessible.

Taxis - Available for flagging on the street and at airports.

Parking - Street parking is your best bet, but it’s limited, unless you know the Chicago bumb. Parking garages are expensive.

SHOPSING
Chicago offers boutiques situated along the "Magnificent Mile" – North Michigan Avenue between Oak St and the Chicago River. There are also large department stores within easy walking distance of your hotels.

HOTELS
Chicago has many hotel options. Sites & Bites has chosen the following hotels for location, a good place to meet with your associates and/ or customers, meeting space, dining and in some cases “high tea”.

5. Affinia Chicago (affinia.com) - C-House
6. Drake Hotel, The (thedrakehotel.com) - St, 312-787-6000, G-5
7. Fairmont Chicago (fairmont.com) - Millennium Park, Aria Restaurant, 200 N Columbus Drive, 312-565-8000, H-7
8. Four Seasons Chicago (fourseasons.com/chicago) - Aria Restaurant & Bar, 180 E Pearson Street @ Water Tower Place, 312-266-1194, G-5
11. Talbott Hotel Chicago, The (talbotthotel.com) - 220 E Delaware Place, 312-944-4970, G-5
12. Trump International Hotel & Tower (trumphotelcollection.com/chicago) - Sixteen is the featured restaurant, 401 N Wabash Ave, 312-589-8000, G-9
13. Waldorf Astoria Chicago (waldorfastoriachicago.com) - Ria is the featured restaurant, 11 E Walton St, 312-646-1300, G-5
14. Americana at Grant Park (americanaatgrantpark.com) - Aria Restaurant & Bar, 180 E Pearson Street @ Water Tower Place, 312-266-1194, G-5
15. Roomservice (roomservicechicago.com) - M- F: 9-11 AM, S-Su: 9-11 AM
16. Atwood (atwoodrestaurant.com) - Chicago's Best of Bites
17. The Lincoln (thestclairgroup.com) - Magnificent Mile, 190 N Michigan Avenue, 312-397-4238, H-10

5. Affinia Chicago (affinia.com) - C-House Restaurant by Marcus Samuelson, 166 E. Superior Street, 312-787-6000, G-5
6. Drake Hotel, The (thedrakehotel.com) - Palm Court & Cape Cod Room are featured restaurants, 140 E Walton Place, 312-787-2200, G-5
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9. Genuine $ Nominal
10. Very Good $ Moderate
11. Very Very Good $ Expensive
12. Organic $ Very Very Expensive

STEAKHOUSES - You can still be an "old cow hand from the Rio Grande". These chop houses are all about Prime Aged Beef perfectly cooked, however, there are other choices on their menus. Call or visit their website for more information.

32. Benny's Chop House (bennyschophouse.com) - L & D: Daily, 444 N Wabash Ave, 312-626-2444, G-6
33. Capital Grille (thecapitalgrille.com/chicago) - L: M-F: Daily, 635 N St Clair St, 312-337-9400, G-6
34. Chicago Cut Steakhouse (chicagocutsteakhouse.com) - B & L: M-F: Nightly, Br: Sa,Su, 312-339-1800, F-7
35. Harry Caray's (harrycarays.com) - L & D: Daily, 39 W Kinzie St, 312-828-0966, F-7
36. Keffer's (keffers.com) - Start with the French style onion rings, L: M-F: Nightly, 65 E Wacker Place, 312-201-0410, G-7
37. Mastro's Steakhouse (mastrorestaurants.com) - D: Nightly, 520 N Dearborn St, 312-521-5100, G-6
39. Morton's the Steakhouse (mortons.com) - L-F: M-F: Daily, 33.65 E Wacker Dr, 312-201-0410, G-7
40. Rosebud Steakhouse (rosebudrestaurants.com) - L & D: Daily, 192 E Washington Place, 312-397-1000, G-5
41. Texas de Brasil (texasdebrasil.com) - D: Nightly, 51 E Ohio St, 312-670-1006, G-6
42. Wildfire (wildfirerestaurant.com) - D: Nightly, 159 W Erie St, 312-787-9000, F-6
43. Other Restaurants
The following restaurants have interesting cocktails and well chosen wine offerings.

43. Alinea (alinea-restaurant.com) - Beard Winner, Very Eclectic Tasting Menu with Multiple Courses, Such as: Distillation, Hay and Bubble Gum, D-W: Su, 1723 N Halsted St, 312-867-0110, D-3
44. Arun's (arunsthai.com) - The food is just as good as the art, D: Tu-Sa, 4156 N Kedzie, 773-539-1909, A-1
45. Avec (avecrestaurant.com) - "Food that dances in your dreams", D-Nightly, 615 W Randolph St, 312-377-2002, E-7
47. Blackbird (blackbirdrestaurant.com) - "Best restaurant design winner, Hall of fame food", L: M-F: D-Sa, 619 Randolph St, 312-715-0708, E-7
48. Boka (boka-chicago.com) - "Best upscale alfresco fare", D-Nightly, 1729 N Halsted St, 312-337-6070, D-3
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RESTAURANTS CONTINUED


50. Café des Architectes (cafedesarchitectes.com) - “Seasonal menu features French cuisine”, B, L, D: Daily, Sofitel, 20 E Chestnut St, 312-324-4000, G-5

51. Café Iberico (cafeiberico.com) - “A favorite for top notch tapas”, L & D: 739 N LaSalle Dr, 312-573-1510, F-6

52. Croton on Wells (crotononwells.com) - “Simply elegant with great service”, D: M-Sa, 535 N Wells St, 312-755-1790, F-6

53. Davanti Enoteca (davantichicago.com) - “Wine bar with creative, rustic Italian dishes”, L & D: Daily, 1359 W Taylor St, 312-266-5550, C-10

54. Florentine, The (the-florentine.net) - “Smart, upscale Italian Dishes”, B,L,D: Daily, JW Marriott, 51 W Adams St, 312-660-8866, F-8

55. Frontera Grill (fronterakitchens.com) - “Simply elegant with great service”, D: Nightly, 840 W Randolph, 312-243-9712, D-7

56. Girl and the Goat, The (thegirlandthegoat.com) - “Izard, the Good Time Chef, is Goat in French, Fun food and craft beers”, D: Nightly, 800 N Randolph St, 312-492-6262, D-7

57. G T Fish and Oyster (gtoyster.com) - “Small plate format that is half modern and half traditional”, L: M-F, D: M-Sa, 531 N Wells St, 312-929-3501, F-6

58. Heaven on Seven (heavenonseven.com) - “Catch Jimmy’s Famous Cajun Cooking Class, then settle in for authentic New Orleans cuisine”, L & D: Daily, 600 N Michigan Ave, 2nd Fl, 312-280-7774, E-6


60. Joe’s Seafood, Steakhouse & Stone Crab (joeschicago.com) - “The fish could only be fresher if it swam in by itself”, D: Nightly, 1024 N Rush St, 312-640-0999, G-4

61. L2O (l2orestaurant.com) - “Elegant seafood restaurant with creative, rustic Italian dishes”, L & D: Daily, 60 E Grand Ave, 312-379-5637, G-6

62. Leno (l2orestaurant.com) - “Upscale seafood restaurant with great bartenders”, L & D: Daily, 60 E Grand Ave, 312-379-5637, G-6

63. L’Astrolabe (lastralbeparis.com) - “Known for its exceptional French cuisine”, D: Tu-Sa, 222 E Ontario St, 312-849-9010, G-6

64. Lelie’s Q (llieq.com) - “Already a legendary BBQ joint, Baby back ribs with fried pickles and stone ground grits”, L & D: Daily, 1856 W North Ave, 773-772-5550, A-3

65. Les Nomades (lesnomades.net) - “A fresh expression of French cuisine”, D: Tu-Sa, 312-422-3674, G-8

66. Maude’s Liquor Bar (maudesliquorbar.com) - “French food that’s fresh, affordable and fun”, D: M-Sa, 840 W Randolph, 312-243-9712, D-7

67. Mercat a la Planxa (mercathicago.com) - “Jose Garces delivers a dose of catalan soul to your table”, B, L & D: Daily, 638 S Michigan Ave, 312-765-0524, G-9

68. mk (mkchicago.com) - “food is a metaphor for the good things in life”, D: Nightly, 868 N Franklin St, 312-482-9179, F-5

69. Next (nextrestaurant.com) - “Achatz and Kononas bring about a restaurant reservation revolution, only online reservations with prepayment required, menu and cuisine change quarterly”, D: W-Su, 953 W Fulton Market, 312-226-0858, C-7

70. Nightwood Restaurant (nightwoodrestaurant.com) - “Neighborhood Gem, elegant and unpretentious simple soulful cooking”, D: Nightly, Br: Su, 2119 S Halstead St, 312-526-3356, D-12

71. Pelago (pelagorestaurant.com) - “Upscale Italian dining focused on homemade pastas and seafood”, L & D: Daily, 201 E Delaware Pl, 312-290-0700, G-5

72. Perennial Virant (perennialchicago.com) - “Great what you can, can what you can’t”, D: Nightly, Br: Sa,Su, 1800 N Lincoln Ave, 312-981-7070, F-2

73. Portage, The (theportagechicago.com) - “Great neighborhood food in a comfortable setting”, D: Tu-Su, 3398 N Central Ave, 773-853-0779, B-1

74. Publican, The (thepublicanrestaurant.com) - “Modeled After a Bavarian Beer Hall, Oyster Bar, Farmhouse fare”, Br: Su, D: Nightly, 837 W Fulton Market, 312-733-9555, D-7

75. Ruxbin (ruxbinchicago.com) - “Dishes that have a slight, subtle infusion of the unexpected”, D: Nightly, 851 N Ashland Ave, 312-624-8509, B-5

76. Saigon Sisters (saigonsisters.com) - “A funky urban Vietnamese Cafe under the E”, L: M-F, D: M-Sa, 567 W Lake St, 312-496-0090, E-7

77. Salpicón (salpicon.com) - “Excellent Wine pairings, upscale Mexican food”, Br: Su, D: Nightly, 1252 N Wells St, 312-988-7811, F-4

78. Santorini (santorinichicago.com) - “In the great Greek tradition, quantity goes hand in hand with quality”, L & D: Daily, 800 W Adams St, 312-829-8820, D-8

79. Silom12 (silon12chicago.com) - “Not your typical Thai, but it's fun and addictive”, 1846 N Milwaukee Ave, 773-489-1212, A-2

80. Southern, The (thesouthernchicago.com) - A gathering place where the tallest order of the day is a cocktail”, L: Sa,Su, D: Tu,Su, 1840 W North Ave, 773-342-1840, G-7

81. Spiaggia (spiggiaarestaurant.com) - “Luxurious, world-class Italian cuisine served in a contemporary setting”, L: M-Sa, D: Nightly, 980 N Michigan Ave, 2nd Fl, 312-280-2750, G-5

82. Sunda (sundachicago.com) - “New Asian cuisine features simple flavorful dishes plus a full sushi bar”, L: M-F, D: Nightly, Br: Su, 110 W Illinois St, 312-644-0500, F-6

83. Topolobampo (frontierkitchens.com) - “Award winning upscale Mexican cuisine featuring regional specialties”, L & D: Tu-Sa, 445 N Clark St, 312-661-1434, F-6

84. Xoco (rickbayless.com) - “Big, bold Mexican marketplace flavors mimics street food and snacks”, B,L,D: Tu-Sa, 449 N Clark St, 312-334-3688, F-5