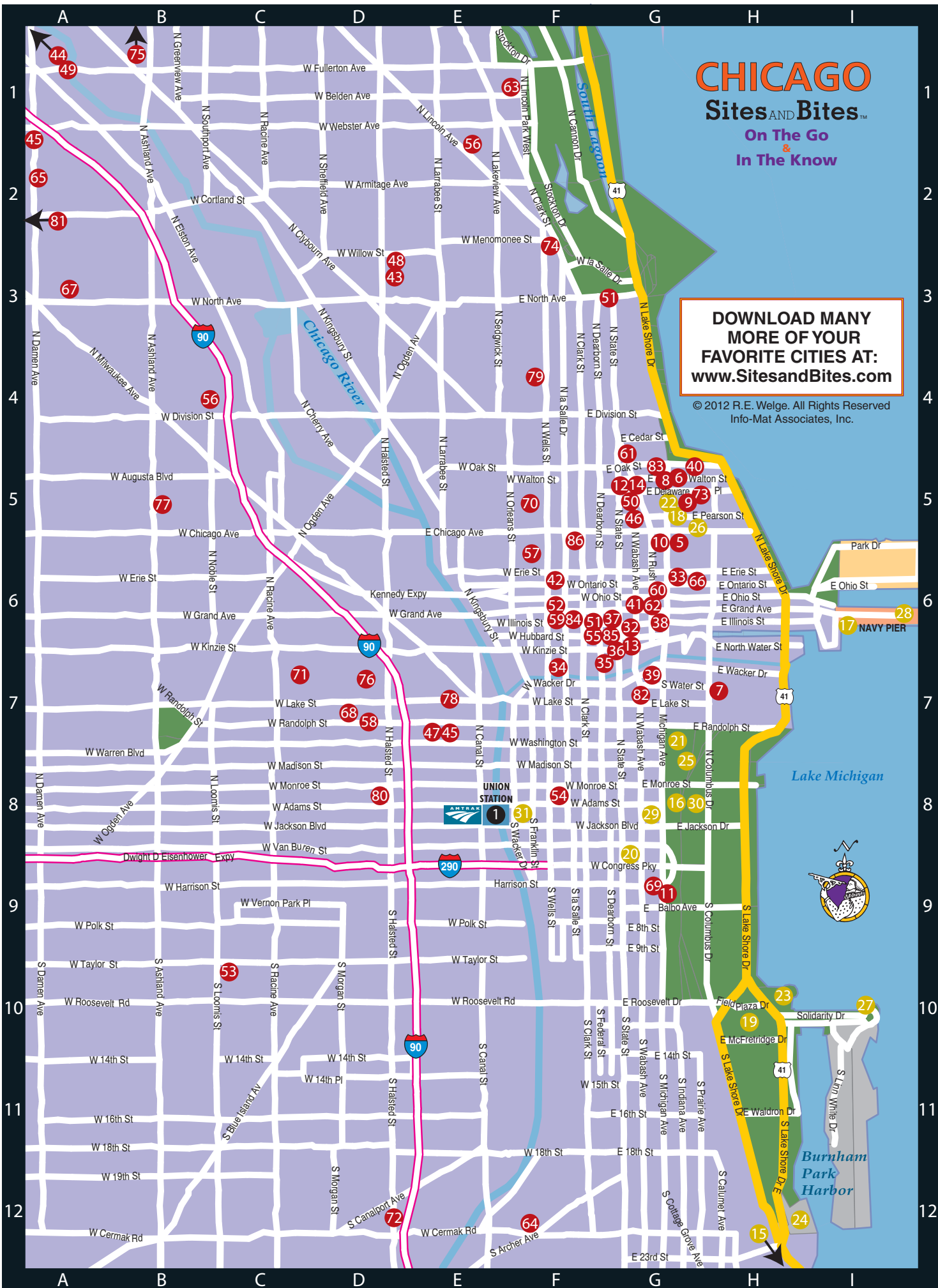


# CHICAGO

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## 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.

- 1. Amtrak** at Chicago Union Station - 210 S. Canal St, 312-655-2066, Your Connection to more than 500 stations in 46 States. For information visit [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com). For other information and train schedules call 1-800-USA-Rail (1-800-872-7245), E-8
- 2. Local Rail - Chicago Transit Authority** ([transitchicago.com/travel](http://transitchicago.com/travel)) - Visit online for easy-to-use information. O'Hare and Midway airports are easily accessible.
- 3. Taxis** - Available for flagging on the street and at hotels.
- 4. Parking** - Street parking is your best bet, but it's limited, unless you know the Chicago bump. Parking garages are expensive.

## SHOPPING

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. Sitesandbites 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](http://affinia.com)) - C-House Restaurant by Marcus Samuelson, 166 E. Superior St, 312-787-6000, G-5
- 6. Drake Hotel, The** ([thedrakehotel.com](http://thedrakehotel.com)) - Palm Court & Cape Cod Room are featured restaurants, 140 E Walton Place, 312-787-2200, G-5
- 7. Fairmont Chicago** ([Fairmont.com/Chicago](http://Fairmont.com/Chicago)) - Millennium Park, Aria Restaurant, 200 N Columbus Drive, 312-565-8000, H-7
- 8. Four Seasons Chicago** ([fourseasons.com/chicagofs](http://fourseasons.com/chicagofs)) - Allium Restaurant, 120 E Delaware Place, 312-280-1748, G-5
- 9. Four Seasons - Ritz Carlton** ([fourseasons.com/chicagorc](http://fourseasons.com/chicagorc)) - Deca Restaurant & Bar, 160 E Pearson St @ Water Tower Place, 312-266-1194, G-5
- 10. Peninsula Chicago, The** ([peninsula.com](http://peninsula.com)) - Shanghai Terrace and Pierrot Gourmet Dining, 108 E Superior St, 312-337-2888, G-5
- 11. Renaissance Blackstone Chicago** ([blackstonerenaisance.com](http://blackstonerenaisance.com)) - 636 S Michigan Ave, 312-447-0955, G-9
- 12. Talbot Hotel Chicago, The** ([talbotthotel.com](http://talbotthotel.com)) - 20 E Delaware Place, 312-944-4970, G-5
- 13. Trump International Hotel & Tower** ([trumphotelcollection.com/chicago](http://trumphotelcollection.com/chicago)) - Sixteen is the featured restaurant, 401 N Wabash Ave, 312-588-8000, G-6
- 14. Waldorf Astoria Chicago** ([waldorfastoria3hilton.com](http://waldorfastoria3hilton.com)) - Ria is the featured restaurant, 11 E Walton St, 312-646-1300, G-5

## POINTS OF INTEREST

Chicago is an international treasure chest of museums and points of interest. Sites & Bites chose the following for your consideration. Meeting space availability is noted in our Points of Interest and Restaurant listings by the symbol .

- 15. Adler Planetarium** ([adlerplanetarium.org](http://adlerplanetarium.org)) - America's First Planetarium is Home to 3 Full-Size Theaters, Daily: 9:30-6, 1300 S Lake Shore Dr, 312-922-7827, I-12
- 16. Art Institute** ([artinc.edu](http://artinc.edu)) - Housed in Traditional Classical-Renaissance Building, Sculptures, Gardens, M-W: 10:30-5, Th, F: 10:30-8, Sa, Su: 10-5, S Michigan Ave at Adams, 312-443-3600, G-8
- 17. Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier** ([chicagochildrensmuseum.org](http://chicagochildrensmuseum.org)) - A Community Where Play and Learning Connect, For Children From Birth through 5th Grade, Daily: 10-5, Th: til 8, 700 E Grand Ave, Navy Pier, 312-527-1000, I-6
- 18. Chicago Waterworks Visitor and Information Center** ([explorechicago.org](http://explorechicago.org)) - Home to the First Slice Café, Hot Tix for Half Price Tickets, M-Th: 8-7, Sa: 9-6, Su: 10-6, 163 E Pearson St, 1-877-244-2246, G-5
- 19. Field Museum of Natural History** ([fieldmuseum.org](http://fieldmuseum.org)) - DNA to Dinosaur Exhibits, Inside Ancient Egypt, Hands-On Place for Wonder Is Popular with Children, Much More; Daily: 9-5, 1400 S Lake Shore Dr, 312-922-9410, H-10
- 20. Harold Washington Library Center** ([chipublib.org](http://chipublib.org)) - World's Second-Largest Public Library, Houses More Than Two Million Volumes, Tours and Video Overview, M-Th: 9-9, F, Sa: 9-5, Su: 1-5 400 S State St, 312-747-4300, G-8
- 21. Jay Pritzker Pavilion** ([milleniumpark.org](http://milleniumpark.org)) - Home to Grant Park Music Festival and Other Free Concerts and Events, For Info Visit the Welcome Center at 201 E Randolph, 312-742-1168, G-7
- 22. John Hancock Center and Observatory** ([hancockobservatory.com](http://hancockobservatory.com)) - Sensational View 94 Stories High, Daily: 9 AM-11 PM, 875 N Michigan Ave, 888-875-VIEW, G-5
- 23. John G Shedd Aquarium** ([sheddaquarium.org](http://sheddaquarium.org)) - World's Largest Indoor Aquarium Inhabited by More Than 6,000 Aquatic Animals; Daily: 9-6, 1200 S Lake Shore Dr, 312-939-2438, H-10
- 24. McCormick Place** ([mccormickplace.com](http://mccormickplace.com)) - Convention Center Originally Built in 1971 and Expanded Several Times; 2300 S Lake Shore Dr, 312-791-7000, H-12
- 25. Millennium Park** ([milleniumpark.org](http://milleniumpark.org)) - Center for Art, Music, Architecture and Landscaping Design, Daily: 6 AM-11PM, Bordered by Michigan Ave, Columbus Drive, Randolph St, and Monroe St, Welcome Ctr, 201 E Randolph St, 312-742-1168, G-8
- 26. Museum of Contemporary Art** ([mcachicago.org](http://mcachicago.org)) - Avant-Garde in All Media, Lectures, Performances and Film; Tu: 10-8, W-Su: 10-5, 220 E Chicago Ave, 312-280-2660, G-5
- 27. Museum of Science and Industry** ([msichicago.org](http://msichicago.org)) - Board a U-505 Submarine, Descend Into a Coal Mine, Trace How Computers Developed, Learn How Your Body Works; M-F: Daily: 9:30-4, Sa, Su: 9:30-5:30, 5700 S Lake Shore Dr, 773-684-1414, H-12
- 28. Navy Pier** ([navypier.com](http://navypier.com)) - Huge Indoor Botanical Garden, Shops and Restaurants, Departure Point for Dinner Cruise Ships, Skyline Stage and IMAX Theater, Open Daily, 600 E Grand Ave, 312-595-Navy Pier, 312-595-PIER, I-6
- 29. Orchestra Hall** ([cso.org](http://cso.org)) - Home to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Box Office Open M-Sa, Call for Information, 220 S Michigan Ave, 312-294-3000 G-8
- 30. Petrillo Band shell** ([chicagofestivals.net](http://chicagofestivals.net)) - Host to Large Music Festivals, 235 S Columbus Dr, Grant Park, G-8
- 31. Sky Deck, The** ([theskydeck.com](http://theskydeck.com)) - See 4 States or About 50 Miles, Daily: April thru September: 9 AM-10 PM, October thru March: 10 AM-8 PM, 233 S Wacker Dr, Willis Tower (Formerly the Sears Tower), 312-875-9696, E-8

## RESTAURANTS

Sites & Bites restaurant listings show the website address, comments, hours, address, phone number and map location. All of the restaurant listings are from "very good" to a place to "celebrate your 10th anniversary". Those that can accommodate meeting space, events and private parties are noted . Keep in mind that our information is current, easy-to-use and unbiased - our restaurant listings don't pay us and that allows us to show you the best. Our ratings are a compilation of local and national critics, chefs and notable foodies. We suggest making a reservation but if your plans change be sure to cancel it.

- ★ Geniune \$ Nominal
- ★★ Very Good \$\$ Moderate
- ★★★ Very Very Good \$\$\$ Expensive
- ★★★★ Orgasmic \$\$\$\$ Very Expensive

**STEAKHOUSES** - You too can 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](http://bennyschophouse.com)) - L & D: Daily, 444 N Wabash Ave, 312-626-2444, G-6
  - 33. Capital Grille** ([thecapitalgrille.com/Chicago](http://thecapitalgrille.com/Chicago)) - L: M-F, D: Nightly, 635 N St Clair St, 312-337-9400, G-6
  - 34. Chicago Cut Steakhouse** ([chicagocutsteakhouse.com](http://chicagocutsteakhouse.com)) - B & L: M-F, D: Nightly, Br: Sa,Su, 300 N LaSalle St, 312-329-1800, F-7
  - 35. Harry Caray's** ([harrycarays.com](http://harrycarays.com)) - L & D: Daily, 33 W Kinzie St, 312-828-0966, F-7
  - 36. Keefer's** ([keefers.com](http://keefers.com)) - Start with the French fries and onion rings, L: M-F, D: M-Sa, 20 W Kinzie St, 312-467-9525, F-7
  - 37. Mastro's Steakhouse** ([mastrosteakhouse.com](http://mastrosteakhouse.com)) - D: Nightly, 520 N Dearborn St, 312-521-5100, G-6
  - 38. Michael Jordan's Steak House** ([mjshchicago.com](http://mjshchicago.com)) - L & D: Daily, 505 N Michigan Ave, 312-321-8823, G-6
  - 39. Morton's, The Steakhouse** ([mortonsteakhouse.com](http://mortonsteakhouse.com)) - L: M-F, D: Nightly, 65 E Wacker Place, 312-201-0410, G-7
  - 40. Rosebud Steakhouse** ([rosebudsteakhouse.com](http://rosebudsteakhouse.com)) - L & D: Daily, 192 E Walton Place, 312-397-1000, G-5
  - 41. Texas de Brasil** ([texasdebrasil.com](http://texasdebrasil.com)) - D: Nightly, 51 E Ohio St, 312-670-1006, G-6
  - 42. Wildfire** ([wildfirerestaurant.com](http://wildfirerestaurant.com)) - D: Nightly, 159 W Erie St, 312-787-9000, F-6
- OTHER RESTAURANTS**
- The following restaurants have interesting cocktails and well chosen wine offerings.
- 43. Alinea** ([alinea-restaurant.com](http://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** ([arunthai.com](http://arunthai.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](http://avecrestaurant.com)) - "Food that dances in your dreams", D: Nightly, 615 W. Randolph St, 312-377-2002, E-7
  - 46. Bistronomic** ([bistronomic.net](http://bistronomic.net)) - "Sophisticated French dining at Bistro prices", L: Tu-F, D: Nightly, Br: Sa,Su, 840 N Wabash Ave, 312-944-8400, G-5
  - 47. Blackbird** ([blackbirdrestaurant.com](http://blackbirdrestaurant.com)) - "Best restaurant design winner, Hall of fame food", L: M-F, D: M-Sa, 619 Randolph St, 312-715-0708, E-7
  - 48. Boka** ([bokachicago.com](http://bokachicago.com)) - "Best upscale alfresco fare", D: Nightly, 1729 N. Halsted St, 312-337-6070, D-3





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- 49. Bristol, The (thebristolchicago.com)** - "Nose to tail cooking features locally sourced seasonal food", D: Nightly, Br: Su, 2152 N Damen Ave, 773-862-5555, A-1  
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- 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  
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- 51. Café Iberico (cafeiberico.com)** - "A favorite for top notch tapas", L & D: Daily, 739 N LaSalle Dr, 312-573-1510, F-6  
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- 52. Crofton on Wells (croftononwells.com)** - "Simply elegant with great service", D: M-Sa, 535 N Wells St, 773-755-1790, F-6  
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- 53. Davanti Enoteca (davantichicago.com)** - "Wine bar with creative, rustic Italian dishes", L & D: Daily, 1359 W Taylor St, 312-266-5550, C-10  
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- 54. Florentine, The (theflorentine.net)** - "Smart, upscale Italian Dishes", B,L,D: Daily, JW Marriott, 151 W Adams St, 312-660-8866, F-8  
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- 55. Frontera Grill (fronterakitchens.com)** - Rick Bayless presents "One Plate at a Time", L & D: Tu-Sa, 445 N Clark St, 312-661-1434, F-6  
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- 56. Gemini Bistro (geminibistrochicago.com)** - "Great neighborhood restaurant in Lincoln Park", D: Tu-Su, Br: Su, 2075 N Lincoln Ave, 773-525-2522, E-2  
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- 57. Graham Elliot (grahamelliott.com)** - "Hip music and food creates a lively relaxed atmosphere", D: M-Sa, 217 W Huron St, 312-624-9975, E-5  
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- 58. Girl and the Goat, The (girlandthegoat.com)** - "Izard, the Good Time Chef, is Goat in French, Fun food and craft beers", D: Nightly, 809 W Randolph St, 312-492-6262, D-7  
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- 59. 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  
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- 60. 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  
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- 61. Hugo's Frog Bar & Fish House (hugosfrogbar.com)** - Great wine list, "the fish could only be fresher if it swam in by itself", D: Nightly, 1024 N Rush St, 312-640-0999, G-4  
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- 62. Joe's Seafood, Steakhouse & Stone Crab (joe.net)** - Seafood, great steaks, great bartenders", L & D: Daily, 60 E Grand Ave, 312-379-5637, G-6  
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- 63. L2O (l2orestaurant.com)** - "Elegant seafood restaurant offering ingredient driven cuisine", D: W-M, 2300 N Lincoln Park W, 773-868-0002, F-1  
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- 64. Lao Sze Chuan (tonygourmetgroup.com)** - "Authentic, spicy Szechuan food that will make you sweat", L & D: Daily, 3172 S Archer Ave, 312-326-5040, F-12  
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- 65. Le Bouchon (lebouchonofchicago.com)** - "Storefront restaurant that would fit in on a side street in Paris", L & D: M-Sa, 1958 N Damen Ave, 773-862-6600, B-1  
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- 66. Les Nomades (lesnomades.net)** - "A fresh expression of French cuisine", D: Tu-Sa, 222 E Ontario St, 312-649-9010, G-6  
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- 67. Lillie's Q (lilliesq.com)** - "Already a legendary BBQ joint, Baby back ribs with fried pickles and stone ground grits", L & D: Daily, 1856 W North Ave, 773-772-5500, A-3  
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- 68. 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  
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- 69. Mercat a la Planxa (mercatchicago.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  
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- 70. mk (mkchicago.com)** - "food is a metaphor for the good things in life", D: Nightly, 868 N Franklin St, 312-482-9179, F-5  
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- 71. Next (nextrestaurant.com)** - Achatz and Kokonas 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  
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- 72. Nightwood Restaurant (nightwoodrestaurant.com)** - "Neighborhood Gem, elegant and unpretentious simple soulful cooking", D: Nightly, Br: Su, 2119 S Halstead St, 312-526-3385, D-12  
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- 73. Pelago (pelagorestaurant.com)** - "Upscale Italian dining focused on homemade pastas and seafood", L & D: Daily, 201 E Delaware Pl, 312-280-0700, G-5  
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- 74. Perennial Virant (perennialchicago.com)** - Eat what you can, can what you can't", D: Nightly, Br: Sa,Su, 1800 N Lincoln Ave, 312-981-7070, F-2  
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- 75. Portage, The (theportagechicago.com)** - "Good neighborhood food in a comfortable setting", D: Tu-Su, 3938 N Central Ave, 773-853-0779, B-1  
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- 76. 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  
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- 77. Ruxbin (ruxbinchicago.com)** - "Dishes that have a slight, subtle infusion of the unexpected", D: Nightly, 851 N Ashland Ave, 312-624-8509, B-5  
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- 78. Saigon Sisters (saigonsisters.com)** - "A funky urban Vietnamese Café under the El", L: M-F, D: M-Sa, 567 W Lake St, 312-496-0090, E-7  
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- 79. Salpicon (Salpicon.com)** - "Excellent Wine Pairings, upscale Mexican food", Br: Su, D: Nightly, 1252 N Wells St, 312-988-7811, F-4  
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- 80. 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  
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- 81. Silom12 (silom12chicago.com)** - "Not your typical Thai, but it's fun and addictive", 1846 N Milwaukee Ave, 773-489-1212, A-2  
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- 82. 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  
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- 83. Spiaggia (spaggiarestaurant.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  
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- 84. 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  
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- 85. Topolobampo (frontierkitchens.com)** - "Award winning upscale Mexican cuisine featuring regional specialties", L & D: Tu-Sa, 445 N Clark St, 312-661-1434, F-6  
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- 86. 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  
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