

Blowing into town

Chicago has outgrown its reputation as the Windy City to become the third-largest metropolitan economy in the US. And when business deals are done, there's also a lot of fun to be had

WHERE TO STAY

PENINSULA

Peninsula hotels are all about bringing Asian warmth and hospitality to their locations, and here in Chicago it's mixed with midwestern values and style. There are accommodation options for all needs, including suites with rooms for meetings and meals. The hotel also has restaurants and bars for convenient eating options, and private in-room dining is also available. There are full spa and wellness facilities for any down time guests might have while staying. peninsula.com
+1 312 337 2888

MILLENNIUM KNICKERBOCKER

Right in the centre of the city, this hotel is a good option for those wanting access to a lot of the main amenities that Chicago has to offer. This spot has the charm of an old speakeasy from the 20s, because it actually was one, run by the Capone family. There is a fitness centre, meeting and event facilities available and a couple different types of rooms, depending on level of care needed. The hotel is right by 360 Chicago and Cloud Gate and the shopping strip Magnificent Mile. millenniumhotels.com
+1 312 751 8100

SABLE AT NAVY PIER

While this hotel is a little outside of the city centre, it has gorgeous views and is very close to the pier, with great activities nearby to keep guests occupied. Simple rooms and full suites are available to book.

There is a restaurant onsite and a full boutique, as well as fitness facilities and meeting rooms available to hire. The hotel is also close by the Magnificent Mile shopping strip and Cloud Gate. hilton.com
+1 872 710 5700

WHERE TO EAT

ALINEA

Located in Lincoln Park, this restaurant offers a multi-course tasting menu based around modernist cuisine. It has an incredible three star Michelin rating. Grant Achatz is the head chef and with his team he curated three separate dining experiences on offer. The Kitchen Table, The Gallery and The Salon are each unique experiences based around the spaces in the restaurant. alinearestaurant.com
+1 312 867 0110

GOOSEFOOT

Owned and run by Chris and Nina Nugent, this restaurant is in Lincoln Square and right in the centre of Chicago, which makes it perfect for a business meeting or lunch or dinner in any visitors' spare time. The elaborate multi-course tasting menu is classic and modern blended, with approachable flavours and a physical space that is designed to reflect the tastes of the food. Next door is the Goosefoot Winery, where the perfect wine pairing can be found to go with dinner at the restaurant. goosefoot.net

Below: Cloud Gate in Chicago's Millennium Park

ORIOLE

Situated in the West Loop neighbourhood, this restaurant is run by Chef Sandoval, who has earned two Michelin stars at the location. The tasting menu is constantly evolving and changing, but given the number of awards won by the chef, it can be trusted to be tasty.

The cuisine offered is a mix of western style dishes and creative takes on food from around the world. The cocktails have been

created by Julia Momose and the wine list specially curated to complement Sandoval's menu. oriolechicago.com
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WHAT TO DO

MILLENNIUM PARK

Millennium Park is perhaps most famous for being home to Cloud Gate, popularly known as the Bean, and arguably Chicago's most notable landmark. Created by internationally acclaimed artist Anish Kapoor, it is made of highly polished stainless steel, with distorted reflections making it a regular Instagram highlight.

Above: Riverwalk downtown Chicago Below: The famous Peninsula Hotel

Other activities in the area include a ferris wheel, a music pavilion and an ice skating rink, so the park is a great place to visit for a relaxing day of tourism right in the centre of the city.

NAVY PIER

Navy Pier is located right on the shoreline of Lake Michigan and is reminiscent of New York's own Coney Island, with a ferris wheel of its own and many other theme park attractions at Pier Park.

There are lake cruises setting sail from the pier during the day and special live music performances and theatre that can be enjoyed.

CHICAGO BULLS

A trip to Chicago isn't complete without watching the NBA's Bulls or MLB's White Sox. Take a trip to the United Center to see the very court Michael Jordan graced. nba.com/bulls

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

With a focus on cultural heritage and the diversity of Chicago as a city, the museum has travelling exhibits through the year and prioritises showcasing a variety of voices in contemporary art. choosechicago.com
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