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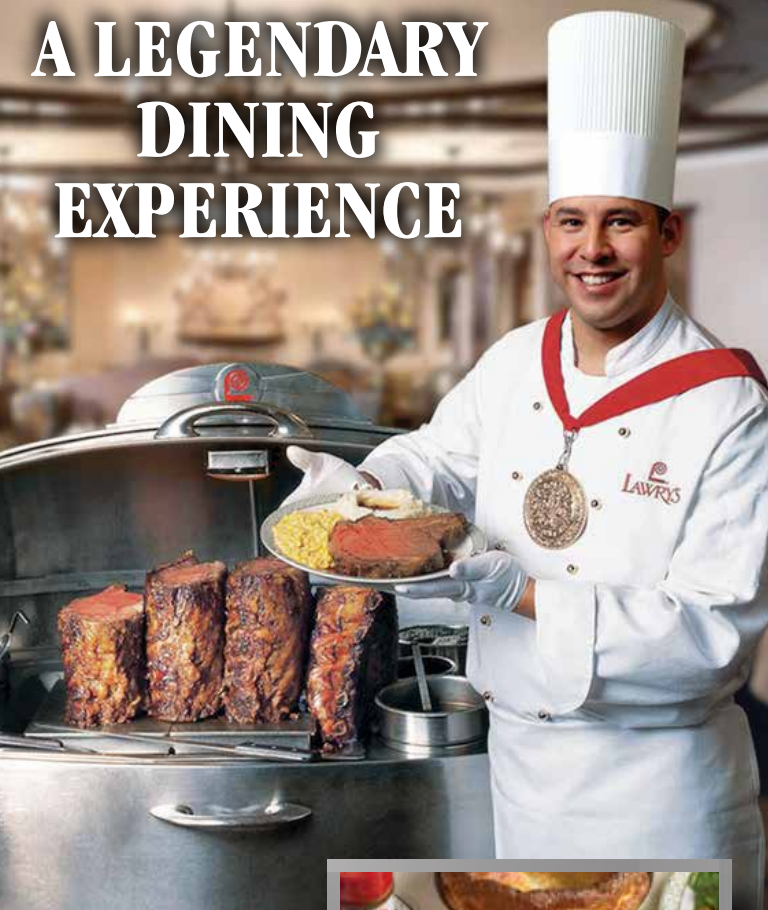
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Chicago, what actress Sarah Bernhardt called “the pulse of America,” is also one of the world’s most welcoming for LGBTQ people. The city, Cook County and the state of Illinois all have legal protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing and public accommodation. The state achieved marriage equality prior to the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court ruling making it the law of the land.

We have been publishing Windy City Times, Chicago’s weekly LGBTQ newspaper, since 1985. And this region sure has come a long way in terms of embracing our community.

This third edition of the OUT! LGBTQ Visitor’s Guide gives you a sense of just how much our great state of Illinois, and our diverse city of Big Shoulders, have to offer you on your visit to America’s Midwest.

The first known gay-rights organization in the U.S. was launched in Illinois: Bavarian-born gay postal worker Henry Gerber, African-American clergyman John T. Graves and a few others created the Society for Human Rights in 1924. The Society was shut down by authorities, but it was an inspiration for homosexual rights groups in the 1950s. The Henry Gerber House, 1701 N. Crilly Ct., Chicago, contains the apartment in which Gerber lived when he founded the homosexual group. It was designated a Chicago Landmark in 2001 and in June 2015 it was named a National Historic Landmark. The Gerber/Hart Library and Archives, 6500 N. Clark St., www.gerberhart.org, is named in honor of Gerber and civil-rights attorney Pearl M. Hart.

There were other early gay pioneers in Chicago, most of them closeted, but out to a few people in their inner circles. That includes architect Louis Sullivan, whose buildings are still critical to Chicago’s architectural heritage; social-justice worker Jane Addams (visit Hull House in Chicago); dancer Mark Turbyfill; novelist Willard Motley; author Henry Blake Fuller; composer Ned Rorem; writer Nella Larsen; publisher Margaret C. Anderson of The Little Review, published out of the Fine Arts Building on Michigan Avenue; musician Tony Jackson; writer Samuel Steward; businessman Robert Allerton; author Valerie Taylor; musician Tiny Davis; author Jeannette Howard Foster; and playwright Lorraine Hansberry (A Raisin in the Sun). Hansberry’s family home, 6140 S. Rhodes Ave., is a Chicago landmark because of both her work and its association with the Chicago Black Renaissance. Hansberry’s father Carl moved his family into the building in 1937 and waged a three-year-long battle culminating in a U.S. Supreme Court decision that was an important victory in the effort to outlaw racially restrictive housing covenants. President Abraham Lincoln is also a key part of Illinois history, and his sexuality, and affinity for sleeping with men, has been subject of ever-increasing debate.

A few decades after Henry Gerber tried to start a movement, one really got stronger in Chicago by the 1960s, prior to New York’s Stonewall Rebellion that sparked the modern LGBTQ movement. Chicagoans joined forces with the



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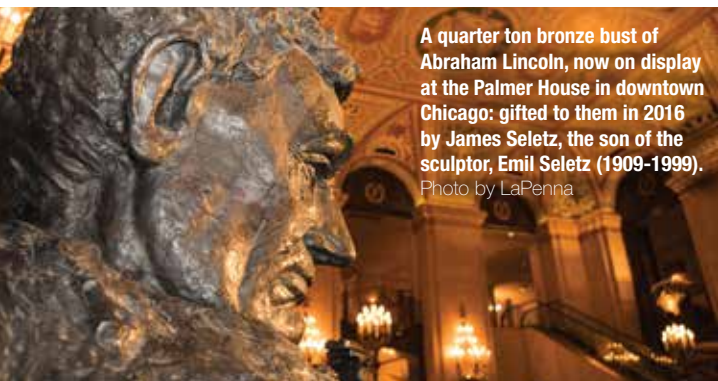
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national movement in the 1970s, growing bigger, something that turned out to be critically important as HIV and AIDS started to devastate the community in the 1980s.

These and other stories of Chicago and its pioneers are detailed in my book *Out and Proud in Chicago: An Overview of the City's Gay Community*. You can also see posthumous tributes to LGBTQs around the world on The Legacy Walk, the world's only outdoor LGBTQ museum.

The city is full of LGBTQ-owned businesses, non-profits, arts groups, activists, volunteers and more. This guide is aimed at visitors to the city, but if you are thinking of moving here, there is even more the LGBTQ community has to offer.



A quarter ton bronze bust of Abraham Lincoln, now on display at the Palmer House in downtown Chicago: gifted to them in 2016 by James Seletz, the son of the sculptor, Emil Seletz (1909-1999).
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Groups that work for statewide LGBTQs include Lambda Legal, the ACLU and Equality Illinois. In the Chicago area, there are more than 100 organizations working on LGBTQ or AIDS issues, including political, action-oriented (such as the new Pride Action Tank, BYP 100 or Black Lives Matter), social service, sports, culture and some purely social. Dozens of bars and special events cater to various parts of the community. There are also specialized groups such as Affinity for African-American LGBTQ women, ALMA: The Association of Latinx Motivating Action, Asians and Friends/Chicago, Invisible to Invincible Asian Pacific Islander Pride of Chicago, TriKone and Chicago Gender Society, Brave Space Alliance, among many, many more.

The Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted, is the city's LGBTQ community hub. Though Center on Halsted's building opened in 2007, its history goes back to its founding in 1973 as Gay Horizons and subsequently Horizons Community Services. Center on Halsted is the Midwest's most comprehensive community center.

There are also dozens of neighborhoods within the city that are welcoming and where LGBTQs thrive, from Boystown in Lakeview to Andersonville, Uptown, Rogers Park, Humboldt Park, Pilsen, Hyde Park, South Shore, Beverly, Oak Park, Evanston, Berwyn and beyond. We also have a lot of pride opportunities in Chicago, with street fairs including in Andersonville (Midsommarfest) and Boystown (Market Days), plus Pride Fest, the Pride Parade (always the last Sunday of June), Black Pride, Latino/a Pride, Pride North and Back Lot Bash.

This guide presents some of the top tourist treats in the state, both mainstream and LGBTQ. We hope you enjoy the guide, and are able to take advantage of the tremendous variety of activities Chicago and Illinois provide.

— Tracy Baim, Publisher, Windy City Times and the OUT! Guide

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State of Illinois AIDS/HIV & STD Hotline: 1-800-AID-AIDS, 800-243-2437; TTY 800-782-0423

Transit

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Airports: Midway Airport: www.flychicago.com/midway

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CTA (Chicago Transit Authority): www.transitchicago.com

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Ogilvie Transportation Center: metrarail.com/metra/en/home/maps_schedules/downtown_chicagostations/ogilvie-transportation-center.html

Pace: www.pacebus.com

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Accommodations

Chicago has hundreds of hotels, B&Bs and Airbnbs. Here are a few.

Bridgeport B & B: 3322 S. Morgan, part of Polo Inn, 773-927-1122, bridgeportbedandbreakfast.com

Godfrey Hotel: 127 W. Huron, beautiful roof deck, 312-649-2000, godfreyhotelchicago.com

Hyatt: www.hyatt.com/hypride

Keith House Chicago: South Loop, 1870s property, www.airbnb.com/rooms/20192910?s=51

Lang House B&B on Sheridan Road: Beautiful B&B on North Lakefront, www.langhousechicago.com

Other properties operated by the same company:

Stone Porch by the Lake B&B, Evanston, www.stoneporchbb.com

Stone Terrace B&B, Evanston, www.stoneterracebb.com

Emil Bach House, a Frank Lloyd Wright, Chicago, www.emilbachhouse.com

Lincoln Way Inn B&B, Franklin Grove, Illinois, www.lincolnwayinn.com

LondonHouse Chicago, Riverfront Hotel, Michigan and Wacker, 312-357-1200, www.londonhousechicago.com

Chambers and Tourism Connections:

Andersonville, Chicago: Andersonville Chamber of Commerce, www.andersonville.org

Blackhawk Waterways, NW Illinois: www.visitnorthwestillinois.com

Champaign County, Illinois: Visit Champaign County, www.visitchampaigncounty.org

Chicago: Choose Chicago, www.choosechicago.com

Decatur, Illinois: Decatur Area CVB, www.decaturcvb.com

Evanston, Illinois: Downtown Evanston, www.downtownevanston.org

Galena, Illinois: Visit Galena, www.visitgalena.org Illinois

Illinois Tourism: Illinois Office of Tourism, www.enjoyillinois.com

Lakeview East, Chicago: Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce, www.lakevieweast.com

LGBT Chamber of Commerce of Illinois: www.lgbtcc.com

Moultrie County: Sullivan Chamber & Economic Development, www.visitmoultrieil.com

Northalsted Business Alliance: <https://northalsted.com>

Oak Park and West Suburbs of Chicago: Visit Oak Park, www.visitoakpark.com; Downtown Oak Park, www.downtownoakpark.net

Quincy/Quincy Area, Illinois: Quincy IL Convention & Visitors Bureau, www.seequincy.com

Roscoe Village Chamber, Chicago: <https://rvcc.biz>

Rosemont, Illinois: The Rosemont Convention Bureau / Village of Rosemont, www.rosemont.com

Springfield, Illinois: www.springfield.il.us, www.visitspringfieldillinois.com, www.easyaccessspringfield.org

The State of Wisconsin:

Mineral Point, Wisconsin: Including Longbranch Gallery: www.longbranchgallery.com

The State of Michigan:

Saugatuck-Douglas, Michigan: Info: www.saugatuck.com; The Dunes Resort, www.dunesresort.com

ILLINOIS: THE LAND OF LINCOLN

The state of Illinois offers up amazing views and attractions. What follows are highlights, but you can see many more at the Illinois Office of Tourism website: www.enjoyillinois.com. For special events during the year, see www.enjoyillinois.com/en-us/events. Some attractions and events of the towns closer to Chicago are listed elsewhere in this guide.

Abraham Lincoln looms large over the entire state, but especially in the **Springfield** area in Central Illinois. The 16th President of the United States, who served from 1861 until his assassination in 1865, was born in Kentucky but practiced law in Illinois, where he also was elected to the state House of Representatives. Carl Sandburg wrote of Lincoln and Joshua Speed, one of Lincoln's many close male friends, that they had "a streak of lavender, and spots soft as May violets." There were rumors about Lincoln's life both before and during his presidency. C.A. Tripp's book, *The Intimate World of Abraham Lincoln*, best documents this.

You can experience the many public contributions of Lincoln at various tributes to the man in Illinois. Each year from May through October, you can take the **Lincoln's Ghost Walks** in Springfield, and from early December to early January you can spend **Christmas with the Lincolns**. In the summer, re-enactors bring the 1800s to life to Springfield. The best place to learn about the president is the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum**, where priceless artifacts and immersive exhibits reveal the complexities of Lincoln's life. At 212 N. Sixth St., www.illinois.gov/alplm/Pages/default.aspx, the **New Salem State Historic Site** is a reconstructed 1830s village where Lincoln lived as a young adult and began his career. See www.lincolnsnewsalem.com/. Other options include visiting **Lincoln's home**, the **Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices**, the **Old State Capitol** where he worked, and **Lincoln's Tomb** at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

There is certainly a lot more to see in Springfield than just Lincoln, including the **State Capitol Building**, the **State Archives**, the **State Library**, and the city's LGBT community center, **The Phoenix Center**. They host special events including a PrideFest each May. See www.phoenixcenterspringfield.org.

About one hour east of Springfield is **Sullivan** (www.sullivanil.us). There are historic spots to visit, including **The Little Theatre on the Square**, which, since 1957, has been bringing Broadway-quality entertainment to the heart of Central Illinois. Each year the theatre plays to nearly 50,000 patrons from across Illinois and the Midwest (www.thelittletheatre.org).

Get your kicks on **Route 66**, one of the most famous roads in the U.S. The Mother Road was one of the original highways in the U.S. Highway System, and was launched in 1926. The road originally ran 2,448 miles from Chicago to California. There is a 300-mile stretch of Route 66 in Illinois. The kitsch, the nostalgia, the people—it's got all the makings of a great road trip, including the **Polk-a-Dot Drive In**, the **World's Largest Covered Wagon**, **Henry's Ra66it Ranch**, the **World's Largest Catsup Bottle**, the **Paul Bunyon Hotdog Statue**, the **Pink Elephant Antique Mall**, the **Smiling Water Tower** and the **Pontiac-Oakland Automobile Museum** in Pontiac. See www.illinoisroute66.org for special events.

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Garden of the Gods.

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Galena in Jo Daviess County, in Northwest Illinois, offers amazing opportunities for visitors. Every June is the **Great Galena Balloon Race**. This is a spectacular three-day event with more than 20 hot air balloons, and in 2018 it is June 15-17. Fodor's calls Galena one of the 10 best antiquing towns in the U.S., and many Chicagoans travel to Galena for a quick weekend getaway to explore the **Historic Main Street**. Just outside of Galena is the home of **Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa**, Illinois' largest golf resort. See www.galena.org.

The Quad Cities area of Illinois and Iowa provides for great views and things to do. The gorgeous **Hotel Blackhawk** in Davenport is a beautiful starting point. **The Mississippi River Visitor Center** on Arsenal Island, between Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island, Illinois, offers free bald eagle watches and Historic Clock Tower tours—bring a proper government-issued ID (passports recommended, this is operated by federal government). Up to 2,500 bald eagles winter along the Mississippi near the lock and dams. Bald Eagle Watches occur January and February, but eagles can be seen from mid-December through early March. Reservations are requested: 309-794-5338.

Joliet, 40 miles southwest of Chicago, is a big gambling town, but it is also ranked the third most LGBTQ-friendly city in Illinois (behind Chicago and Aurora), according to the Human Rights Campaign Foundation and the Equality Federation Institute. One of the state's oldest gay bars is in Joliet, **Maneuvers**. See www.facebook.com/maneuversjoliet/. Joliet is also known for the **Chicagoland Speedway**, the **Rialto Square Theatre** and the **Route 66 Raceway**.

Speaking of **Aurora**, citizens there won the right to have the city's first Pride Parade, which will be June 17, 2018 at 1 p.m.

Starved Rock State Park in Utica, 90 miles Southwest of Chicago, offers an incredible forest and scenic waterfalls, plus rugged canyons. Outdoor activities include hiking, canoeing, paddle boat cruises, cross-country skiing, trolley rides, fishing and picnicking. Visitors can stay at the historic Starved Rock Lodge or in one of its cozy cabins.

As the Illinois tourism folks note: "Somewhere between the scenic vineyards, tasting rooms and wine trails, it hits you: Illinois really does have a wine country. Throughout the state, you'll find more than 100 wineries and vineyards." See www.enjoyillinois.com/en-us/tripideas/illinoiswinecountry. The **Shawnee Hills Wine Trail** is in Southern Illinois, home to a dozen wineries. **Blue Sky Vineyard** is in Makanda, touting that they offer the "romance of Italy."

Also in that region, **Alto Vineyards Winery** nestles into the woods near



The Great River Road.

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Little Grand Canyon in Murphysboro, a 3.6-mile loop trail. It offers spectacular views of the Big Muddy River, Turkey Bayou and the Missouri bluffs across the Mississippi River. In 1982 the Renzaglia family started Alto Vineyards, introducing the industry of winemaking to Southern Illinois. Since then, Illinois has experienced substantial growth and popularity in the winemaking business. Alto Vineyards boasts some of the finest wines made in the U.S. and has won more than 500 awards. Visitors to the vineyard can enjoy the spectacular views along the scenic Shawnee Hills Wine Trail while they take in a band, enjoy wine and food pairings, or celebrate their weddings. Alto Vineyards has locations in Alto Pass and in Champaign, Illinois. See altovineyards.net.

The **Shawnee Hills Wine Trail's—Food & Wine Pairing Weekends** are Aug. 4-5 and Nov. 3-4.

You can also visit the beauty and history of **Alton**, **Elsah** and **Grafton** in the **Mississippi River Country** (drive the Great River Road with scenic byways), shopping, wineries, tours and haunted houses. Alton has the **National Great Rivers Museum**. Also look for: **Craft Beer Week**, **Grafton Winery Blues Fest**, **All-Wheels Drive-In Car Show**, **Peach Fest**, plus **Alton Audubon Eagle fest**. Meanwhile, in **Quincy**, look for **Q-Fest** (Q being for Quincy), celebrating art, music and fashion, and the **Great River Grape Escape** in September, where the Illinois wine industry showcases their beverages.

Beautiful **Nauvoo** is located on a bend in the Mississippi River, on the Great River Road near the borders of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri and is a National Historic Landmark District with more than 40 restored sites and two working museums. Nauvoo's restored sites will take you back in time to the 1840s, a time when Joseph Smith, founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, settled the area with over 12,000 of his followers. The working museums showcase additional heritage groups such as the Native American tribes of the Sac and Fox along with the French Icarians and various German groups. Nauvoo is also home to eclectic businesses—including the famous **Hotel Nauvoo**, an inn and restaurant renowned for its high quality food; **Baxter's Vineyards and Winery**, the oldest winery in the state of Illinois; **The Nauvoo Fudge Factory**, making fresh, homemade fudge; and the **Nauvoo Mill & Bakery**, milling flours and making delectable treats. See www.beautifulnauvoo.com. They also have the **Nauvoo Grape Fest**.

Champaign-Urbana (www.visitchampaigncounty.org), early pioneers in gay rights, offer a variety of tourism options in Central Illinois. Highlights

include the **Krannert Art Museum**, the **William M. Staerkel Planetarium**, **Japan House**, **Prairie Fire Glass** (in Monticello), **Pollinatorium** (U of Illinois Pollinatorium, the first free-standing science center in the nation devoted to flowering plants and their pollinators, located in an Arboretum), the **Wandell Sculpture Garden**, and the **Blind Pig Brewery**. **Champaign-Urbana Pride Fest** is in September (unitingpride.org), **Boneyard Arts Festival** in April (April 4-7, 2019, boneyardartsfestival.org) and **Ebertfest** also in April (ebertfest.com).

Galena Hot Air Balloon.

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Illinois Office of Tourism



Other dates/events: **Friday Night Live**, June 1–Aug. 17, 2018; **Pygmalion**, September 2018; **Parade of Lights**, Nov. 24, 2018.

More highlights include **Allerton Park & Retreat Center**, a European-inspired estate featuring formal gardens complete with sculptures and over 100 varieties of flowers and 14 miles of hiking. A popular wedding spot, especially for LGBTQs. Also has overnight accommodations in the mansion (allerton.illinois.edu). **Sipyard** is an outdoor beer garden with local graffiti, made with shipping crates, named one of Food & Wine's top new beer gardens in the country (sipyard.com). **Krannert Center for the Performing Arts** is the largest performing arts center on a college campus in the country with hundreds of performances from theater to jazz (krannertcenter.com). Urbana's **Market at the Square** has more than 70 vendors weekly from

May–November, named top farmer's market in the state (urbanamarket.org). The restaurant **V. Picasso** offers farm-to-table dining in downtown Champaign (vpicasso.com). And finally, **The Great Pumpkin Patch** in Arthur, Illinois is from the people behind the stunning pumpkin and squash displays at the White House and on Oprah, in the heart of Amish Country (www.the200acres.com/pumpkin/).

Southern Illinois has many outdoor and indoor treats, including in and near the towns of **Carbondale**, **Harrisburg** and **Makanda**. This area of the state is perhaps the most beautiful for outdoor adventures. Highlights include the **Cache River State Natural Area** (in Belknap), **Tunnel Hill State Trail** (in Vienna), **Mermet Springs** (in Belknap), and the **Superman Statue** (in, where else, Metropolis). Metropolis takes full advantage of its comic connection with a **Super Museum** and an annual **Superman Celebration** in June. Carbondale attractions include the **Old Illinois Passenger Depot Railroad Museum**.

The Garden of the Gods, in Karbers Ridge, is a must-see for lovers of the outdoors. Explore the dramatic rock formations, cliffs and trails of the most visited site in the **Shawnee National Forest**. See Camel Rock, Anvil Rock, Devil's Smoke Stack and other magnificent rock formations. Shawnee is also home to the **Rim Rock Recreational Trail** (403 miles of equestrian/hiking trails). Hikers are greeted by magnificent jutting walls of rock covered with emerald-green moss, and paths that meander through canyons under the forest canopy. Nestled between the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, the stunning Shawnee

landscape features hills, lakes, creeks and bluffs. If you're into climbing, a must-see is Jackson Falls. The **Pomona Natural Bridge** is a natural geologic formation that spans 90 feet across a ravine. Near Shawnee is **Cave-in-Rock State Park**. Wander along the Ohio River and step into the large cavern, steeped in history of river pirates. Enjoy the spectacular river views from the lodge atop the bluffs.

The **Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site** is Illinois' only United Nations World Heritage Site. This 2,200-acre site in Collinsville preserves the central section of the largest prehistoric Indian city north of Mexico. An Interpretive Center presents a coherent account of this sophisticated prehistoric culture. Climb Monk's Mound, see the film and life-size village.

The **Kincaid Mounds Archaeological Site** is four miles south of Unionville Road on New Cut Road, Brookport, Illinois. Kincaid is a nationally significant Native-American archaeological treasure. From about 800 AD to 1500 AD it was the "capital" of a chiefdom that stretched from Brookport to Hamlettsburg along the Ohio River. Large flat-topped mounds were erected on which the houses and temples of civil and religious elite stood.

Underground Railroad Shuttle Tours happen from February to October each year in Alton. The system included the **Old Rock House** and **Rocky Fork Church**. Alton's riverfront location along the Mighty Mississippi played a vital role in helping slaves make connections to the freedom of the Northern states.

St. Charles is a beautiful town on the Fox River with many special events. You can browse the wares of hundreds of dealers at the **Kane County Flea Market**, the first weekend of each month at the Kane County Fairgrounds. They also have the **Beith House Museum**, the **Creek Bend Nature Center**, the autos on site at **the Batria collection**, the **Durant House Museum**, **Garfield Farm and Inn Museum**, **St. Charles Paddlewheel Riverboats** and more.

Some other areas and events you might want to put on your list:

— **Peoria**, where you can paddle down the Illinois River on a steamboat, plus explore their riverfront. From late November to the end of December, light up your night at the **East Peoria Festival of Lights**, a holiday spectacular with more than 2 million lights.

— **Rockford**, which has attractions including a **Japanese Garden**, **Burpee Museum of Natural History** with dinosaurs, **Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum and Gardens**, kayaking, the **Coronado Theatre** and more.

— **Moline: John Deere's** legacy thrives in Moline at a reimagined hands-on pavilion along the Mississippi.

— **Quincy** highlights include **Villa Kathrine**, the **Dollhouses Then & Now Museum** with more than 70 vintage furnished doll houses from the 1920s to now, bald eagles at the **Lock & Dam 21**, and the **World Aero Space Museum** with aircraft from the Cold War era—the only museum in the world preserving these types of aircraft in one location.

— **Bishop Hill** has **Sweet Annie Primitives**, the **Prairie Arts Center**, the **Henry County Historical Museum**, and many inns and gift stores.

— **Collinsville** has other offerings in addition to the Cahokia Mounds, including **Gateway Geyser Fountain**, the world's tallest fountain, reaching 627 feet in a pond that holds 5 million gallons of water; the **Gateway Fun Park**; **Casino Queen**; **Old Six Mile Museum** in the **Emmert-Zippel House** (158-year-old home has displays of historic items including Civil War artifacts, a Native American collection, and 1830s furnishings); and the **Old Fire Engine Museum**.

— The **Illinois Ozarks Spring Tour** www.illinoisozarks.com/ozark-tour. See waterfalls and wildflowers.



From the Champaign-Urbana Pride fest.
Photo by Sam Logan

— **Galesburg** has the **Discovery Depot Children's Museum, Galesburg Railroad Museum, Illinois Citizen Soldier Museum, Orpheum Theatre**, and the **Carl Sandburg State Historic Site** (author-poet Sandburg was born in the three-room cottage at 331 E. Third Street in Galesburg Jan. 6, 1878).

— **Gurnee** just north of Chicago has theme parks and endless shopping. Family-friendly attractions include **KeyLime Cove Indoor Waterpark Resort** and **Six Flags Great America and Hurricane Harbor**.

— **HoverPark**, the world's first hoverboard amusement park, is now open in West Dundee, www.hoverpark.com.

— **Naperville** is a large town outside of Chicago, with 150,000 people and a wide variety of things to do. **Naper Settlement** is a family-friendly outdoor history museum featuring 12 acres of learning and interactive opportunities, from pioneer times to today. See www.visitnaperville.com.

— **Bloomington-Normal** are college towns with historic gems. Among the offerings are **Ewing Cultural Center, Grady's Family Fun Center, McLean County Museum of History, Genevieve Green Gardens, Children's Discovery Museum, Sweet Corn Blues Festival, Constitution Trail**, the **Funk Prairie Home Gem and Mineral Museum**, the **Illinois Shakespeare Festival**, and the nearby **Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area** in Mackinaw.

— The **Hegeler Carus Mansion**, built in the early 1870s, is in LaSalle, 100 miles Southwest of Chicago and is a National Historic Landmark. Virtually unaltered since its completion, the home is an excellent example of artistic achievement in architecture and in interior design. See www.hegelercarus.org.

— **Decatur** in Central Illinois has the **Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum, Anna Bethel Fisher Rock Garden, Children's Museum of Illinois, Never Forgotten Thymes Antiques** and the **Rock Springs Center for Environmental Discovery**.

— Lincoln, Illinois includes the **Lincoln Heritage Museum, Samuel Park's Office**, and the **Postville Courthouse State Historic Site**, a reproduction of the original courthouse where Abraham Lincoln practiced law.

— Every August in **Cobdon**, Far Southern Illinois, there is a **Peach Fest**, Aug. 3-4, 2018.

— In October, catch the annual **Scarecrow Daze Festival**. The entire city



of **Shelbyville** is decorated with scarecrows. With a different theme every year, entrants decorate their homes and businesses to the theme. There is also a large parade on Saturday, kids' games, a beer tent, music, a quilt show, and plenty of food and crafts, in downtown Shelbyville.

— The **Jane Addams Trail** in Freeport is a multi-use 17-mile recreational trail with beautiful scenery and 21 decked bridges, including a covered bridge in Orangeville, passing wetlands, creeks, woods, prairies, geologic formations and farmland. The trail is part of the **Grand Illinois Trail** which traverses northern Illinois from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River.

— There are several State Fairs in Illinois. The most well known takes place in Springfield, and it is full of politicians. The **2018 State Fair** is Aug. 9-19. The Twilight Parade kicks off the event. The Coalition of Rainbow Alliances, or CORAL, is a Central Illinois LGBT coalition, and its float have won the best entrant in the parade for many years.

— The **Cache River Wetlands** in Cypress offer opportunities for eagle watching, as well as spotting other birds, especially December through March.

— The **Amish County Cheese Festival** in Arthur is Labor Day Weekend.

— **DeKalb County**, 60 miles west of Chicago, is rich in history, nature and cultural diversity. They host the **Make America Rock Again Festival** in September.

— **Dixon**, 100 miles west of Chicago, hosts festivals including in 2018: **Dixon Petunia Fest**, **Whiteside County Historic Barn Tour** and the **Gardenstock Art & Music Fest**.

— **Mt. Carmel** in Southeast Illinois hosts their **Ribberfest** every April, ribberfest.com.

— **Belleville**, in Southwest Illinois, hosts **Art on the Square** with more 100 artists from across the U.S. and around the world.

— The **Annual Fort de Chartres Rendezvous** is at the Fort de Chartres State Historic Site in Southwest Illinois. Features shooting competitions, military drills, dancing, music, food and traders of 18th-century-style goods.

The above is far from an exhaustive list of what the state of Illinois has to offer. We hope you can't wait to travel the roadways and trails.

TEN HIKING SPOTS WORTH WALKING IN ILLINOIS

Illinois boasts a diverse system of state parks and recreation areas, showcasing natural features from towering cliffs to lush valleys, plant life from deep-forest pines to arid cactus, and wildlife of every shape and size. Here are 10 highlights from my quest over the last few years to “hike the state.”

1. Sand Ridge State Forest, Forest City, Illinois: Highlighting the vast biodiversity and climates of Illinois, Sand Ridge, near the Mississippi River, features cactus and a stunning array of butterflies in the summer.

2. Castle Rock State Park, Oregon, Illinois: One can spend quite some time at this North Central Illinois natural playground. The north system of trails can be more challenging, but offers breathtaking views along ridges through the forest. Try the south trails for a more meandering, open landscape covered in lush grasses.



Castle Rock State Park.
Photo by Kirk Williamson

3. Lowden-Miller State Forest, Oregon, Illinois: Get gleefully lost among the trees on this eight-mile loop trail, snaking through towering hardwood and pine trees, and giving way to aquatic views along the Rock River. You’ll definitely want to bring a compass—or make sure that your phone has a reliable compass app.

4. Apple River Canyon State Park, Apple River, Illinois: History and nature collide at this park in the Northwest corner of the state, a location originally noted as a booming mining town along the banks of the Apple River. The ridge trail down to the lake is particularly challenging ... and rewarding.

5. Wolf Creek State Park, Windsor, Illinois: A gorgeous, slow, sandy walk around the shores of Lake Shelbyville, Illinois’ largest body of water contained entirely within its borders.

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**Mississippi
Palisades
State Park.**

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6. Fox Ridge State Park, Charleston, Illinois: Explore all the splendor that Central Illinois has to offer along the escalating switchbacks and rolling hill vistas of this system of trails. A peaceful escape.

7. Trail of Tears State Forest, Jonesboro, Illinois: Located at the south tip of the state, Trail of Tears is not for the faint of foot. This intricate system of country trails follows sharp ridges through the forest, overlooking verdant valleys and an almost mythical variety of wildlife; deer abound.

8. Volo Bog State Natural Area, Ingleside, Illinois: This marshy gem supports an unexpected array of bird and bug life. Quietly scope out the waterfowl, sunning on the bog and wind through the muddy grasses. You'll definitely want to invest in waterproof hiking shoes for this one.

9. Mississippi Palisades State Park, Savanna, Illinois: This is a challenge for the experienced, alert hiker. The Sunset trail is aptly named, as one false step, and it could be sunset for you. Worth it for the cliffside views of the Mississippi River.

10. Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area, Yorkville, Illinois: After miles of shade under the canopy of the forest, spill into the sunlight in a grassy field teeming with botanical diversity and hulking metal electrical towers that scrape the sky. The architectural beauty of these structures provides a stark contrast to the unmanicured, unbound greenness underfoot.

For more information on these parks and many more, see <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks> .

— *Kirk Williamson, Art Director, Windy City Times, OUT! Guide*



**Wolf Creek
State Park.**

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GETTING OUT: LGBTQ EVENTS AND MAINSTREAM TREATS

Chicago is a city of festivals, from major downtown venues to local street fairs, block parties, and other special events through the city and suburbs, and across the state of Illinois each year.

For LGBTQs, some of the biggest 2018 events are the **International Mr. Leather** weekend over Memorial Day, with **Bear Pride** that same time period, **United Latinx Pride** (June, unitedlatinopride.org), followed by the **Andersonville Midsommarfest** (June 8-10) and **Pride Fest** (June 16-17), the **Backlot Bash** in June, **Dyke March** June 23, the **Pride Parade** the last Sunday of June (June 24), **Pride North** on June 24, and lots of related Pride events, **Black Pride Weekend** in early July (www.windycityblackpride.info), the **Northalsted Market Days** weekend in August—this year Aug. 11-12, and the **Miss and Mr. Continental pageants** Labor Day Weekend in Chicago, hosted by Baton Show Lounge.

Throughout the year there are many LGBTQ events, benefits, sports tournaments and more. Some events are planned just weeks or days in advance, thus they can't be listed in an annual guide. So check the Windy City Times calendar.

Throughout the summer, usually from end of May thru early September, enjoy **Navy Pier Summer Fireworks**, synchronized to music, weather dependent, Saturdays at 10:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m.

The **Garfield Park Conservatory** is beautiful all year round, with special spring flower and other events. The **Morton Arboretum**, **Chicago Botanic Garden**, **Brookfield Zoo** and **Lincoln Park Zoo** have great things to do and see year-round.

What follows is a list of more highlights for 2018 in Chicago. See www.choosechicago.com for updated lists, and for 2019 events. Plus check out the www.windycitymediagroup.com calendar page for LGBT-related events.

May 2018

- Dragon Lights is an International touring exhibit that has thrilled millions of guests around the world, at Soldier Field through May 6 dragonlightschicago.com/
- Chicago Kids and Kites Festival, Cricket Hill at Montrose and the Lake, May 6
- James Beard Foundation Awards May 7
- Frank Lloyd Wright Trust presents Wright Plus Housewalk May 1-19
- Springfield PrideFest May 19, www.springfieldpride.org
- Randolph Street Market Festival May 26-27
- Mole de Mayo May 25-27
- Maifest Chicago May 31-June 3
- Chicago Memorial Day Parade, May 26
- Belmont-Sheffield Music Festival, May 26-27
- Bike the Drive, www.bikethedrive.org May 27
- International Mr. Leather, held every Memorial Weekend, and Bear Pride that week as well. See imrl.com and bearpride.org.



Chicago Pride Parade.

Photo by Tracy Baim

June 2018

- Fireworks at Navy Pier, through Labor Day
- United Latinx Pride/Orgullo Latinx Unido, www.facebook.com/events/744724185710021/
- Chicago Gospel Music Festival June 1-2
- Do Division June 1-3
- Lincoln Park Greek Fest June 1-3
- 57th Street Art Fair June 2-3
- Andersonville Midsommarfest June 8-10
- Ribfest Chicago June 8-10
- Chicago Blues Festival June 8-10
- Spring Awakening Music Festival June 8-10
- Pilsen Food Truck Social June 6-7
- Wells Street Art Festival June 9-10
- Brew to Be Wild June 15-16
- Chicago Pride Fest June 16-17
- Gold Coast Art Fair June 16-17
- Millennium Park Summer Film Series June 12 thru summer
- Back Lot Bash lesbian parties, June (www.backlotbashchicago.com)
- Country LakeShake Music Festival June 22-24
- Ruido Fest in Pilsen June 22-24
- Craft Beer Festival at The Morton Arboretum June 23
- Ravenswood on Tap June 23-24
- Proud to Run Chicago June 23 (www.proudtorun.org)
- Dyke March June 23
- Chicago Pride Parade June 24
- Pride North June 24
- Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce will host the 17th Annual Dragon Boat Race for Literacy June 27 at Ping Tom Memorial Park in Chinatown, www.chicagochinatown.org/dragon-boat
- Windy City Ribfest in Uptown June 29-July 1
- Windy City Black Pride June 29-July 2 (www.windycityblackpride.info)

July 2018

- Chicago Black Pride ends July 2
- Chosen Few Picnic: House Music Festival July 7, chosenfewdjs.com
- African/Caribbean International Festival of Life July 6-8
- Fourth of July Fireworks at Navy Pier July 4
- Millennium Art Festival July 6-8
- West Fest in West Town July 6-8

- Irish American Heritage Festival July 6-8
- Taste of Chicago July 11-15
- Windy City Smokeout July 13-15
- 5K RUN! To End Homelessness July 14
- Roscoe Village Burger Fest July 14-15
- Southport Art & Music Fest July
- Chinatown Summer Fair July 15
- Dearborn Garden Walk July 15
- Wine & Sweets Stroll, Lakeview, July 15
- Pitchfork Music Festival July 20-22
- Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac July 21
- artfest Michigan Avenue July 20-22
- Taste of River North July 20-22
- Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk July 21-22
- Chicago Craft Beer Festival July 21-22
- Fiesta del Sol July 26-29
- Chicago Margarita Festival July 28-29
- Taste of Lincoln Avenue July 28-29— Wicker Park Fest July 27-29
- Randolph Street Market Festival July 28-29
- Festa Italiana, Taylor Street August
- Edison Park Fest Aug. 17-19
- Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest Aug. 17-19
- Windy City Carnival Aug. 18
- Oak Park Microbrew Review Aug. 18
- Chicago Air & Water Show Aug. 18-19
- Taste of Greektown Aug. 24-26
- Randolph Street Market Festival Aug. 25-26
- Transamerica Chicago Triathlon Aug. 26 (Team to End AIDS competes, www.t2ea.com)
- Chicago Fringe Festival Aug. 30-Sept. 3
- Chicago Jazz Festival Aug. 30-Sept. 2
- African Festival of the Arts Aug. 31-Sept. 3
- Great American Lobster Fest Aug. 31-Sept. 2
- North Coast Music Festival Aug. 31-Sept. 2
- Taste of Polonia Aug. 31-Sept. 3

August 2018

- Wrigleyville SummerFest August
- Lollapalooza August 2-5
- Jeff Fest www.jeffersonpark.net
- Edge Fest in Edgewater Aug. 4-5
- Chicago Hot Dog Fest Aug. 10-12
- Ginza Festival Chicago Aug. 10-12
- Retro on Roscoe Aug. 10-12
- Bud Billiken Parade Aug. 11
- Northalsted Market Days Aug. 11-12
- Clark After Dark Aug. 16

September 2018

See above for fests starting in August, ending in September

- Miss Continental and Mr. Continental pageants weekend, Sept. 1-3, hosted by Baton Show Lounge (www.thebatonshowlounge.com)
- Reeling Chicago LGBTQ+ International Film Festival September (reelingfilm-festival.org)
- West Loop Art Fair September
- Ride for AIDS Chicago Sept. 8-9 (www.rideforaids.org)



Northalsted Market Days.

Photo by Jerry Nunn



Chicago Black Pride.

Photo by Kirk Williamson

- Windy City Wine Festival Sept. 7-8
- Throwback Music Festival Sept. 7-9—
Festival de La Villita (aka Little Village
Fest) Sept. 7-9
- World Music Festival Chicago Sept.
7-23
- Out in the Park at Six Flags Great
America Sept. 8 (gaysixflagschicago.com)
- Lakeview East Festival of the Arts
Sept. 8-9
- Race Judicata Sept. 13
- Riot Fest & Carnival in Douglas Park
Sept. 14-16
- Fulton Market Harvest Fest Sept. 14-16
- Ravenswood ArtWalk Sept. 15-16
- Sam Adams' Lakeview Taco Fest Sept.
15-16
- Chicago Architecture Biennial Returns
in 2019
- West Loop Art Fest Sept. 16-17
- AAHH! Fest by Common Sept. 15
- EXPO Chicago Art Week Sept. 27-30,
Navy Pier, www.expochicago.com
- Chicago Gourmet Sept. 28-30
- Oktoberfest Chicago at St. Alphonsus
Sept. 28-Sept. 30
- Randolph Street Market Festival Sept.
29-30

October 2018

- AIDS Run & Walk Chicago Fall (events.
aidschicago.org)
- West Town Food Truck Social Oct. 5-6
- Rocktober Beerfest
- Chicago Marathon Oct. 7 (Team to
End AIDS runs, www.t2ea.com)
- Columbus Day Parade Oct. 8
- Chicago International Film Festival
Oct. 11-25

- Open House Chicago presented by
Chicago Architecture Foundation Oct.
13-14
- Chicago Ideas Week Oct. 15-21
- Chicago's Halloween Gathering Festi-
val & Parade Oct. 20
- Lakeview East Halloween Hoopla
Oct. 28
- Randolph Street Market Festival Oct.
27-28
- Northalsted Halloween Parade Oct. 31

November 2018

- SOFA Art + Design Fair at Navy Pier
Nov. 2-4
- Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in
Millennium Park Nov. 17
- McCormick Tribune Ice Rink at Millen-
nium Park Nov. 17-March 11
- Christkindlmarket Chicago Nov. 17-
Dec. 24, Daley Plaza and at the Park
Wrigley Field
- Randolph Street Holiday Market Nov.
17-18
- The Magnificent Mile Lights Festival
Nov. 16-17
- Transgender Day of Remembrance, an
observance Nov. 20
- Thanksgiving Day Parade Nov. 22
- ZooLights at Lincoln Park Zoo Nov.
23-Jan. 1

December 2018

- World of Chocolate is an annual
fundraiser for the AIDS Foundation of
Chicago, held each December. See
events.aidschicago.org.
- McCormick Tribune Ice Skating Rink in
Millennium Park thru March



International Mr. Leather.

Photo by Verdell Shannon

- Holiday Magic at Brookfield Zoo December
- Christkindlmarket Chicago thru Dec. 24, Daley Plaza and at the Park Wrigley Field
- ZooLights at Lincoln Park Zoo thru Jan. 1, 2018
- Winter WonderFest at Navy Pier Dec. 1-Jan. 7, 2018
- One of A Kind Show and Sale at The Mart Dec. 6-9
- Randolph Street Holiday Market Dec. 15-16
- New Year's Eve Fireworks at Navy Pier Dec. 31

If you're coming to Chicago in 2019, check back closer to the end of 2018 for exact dates for these annual events:

January: Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival, Rhinoceros Theater Festival, Tomorrow Never Knows Festival, Chicago Boat/Sports/RV Show, Chicago

Cubs Convention, Fillet of Solo Festival, SoxFest, Chicago Restaurant Week, IKC Dog Show, Randolph Street Market Festival.

February: Snow Days Chicago at Navy Pier, Chicago Theatre Week, University of Chicago Folk Festival, Chicago Auto Show, Chicago Chinese New Year Celebration, Lunar New Year Parade.

March: St. Patrick's Day Downtown Parade and River Dyeing, Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier, Southside Irish Parade, Northwest Side Irish Parade, C2E2: Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo, Good Food Festival, Macy's Flower Show.

April: Chicago Dance Month, River North Beer Fest, CHIRP Record Fair, CMMfest: The Chicago International Movies & Music Festival, Chicago Zine Fest, Baconfest Chicago.



Miss Continental.

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The Legacy Walk's biographical tributes celebrate the contributions of LGBT people to world history and culture. This international and multicultural installation features Chicago-based social justice pioneer Jane Addams; civil-rights icon Bayard Rustin; Mexican artist Frida Kahlo; British code-breaker Alan Turing; U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan; Puerto Rican education advocate Doctor Antonia Pantoja; dramatist Oscar Wilde; astronaut Sally Ride; author James Baldwin; transgender icon Sylvia Rivera; Maestro Leonard Bernstein; the "Story of the Pink Triangle"; a tribute to the Harlem Renaissance; playwright Lorraine Hansberry; and more than two dozen other LGBT heroes who have made indelible contributions to the world.

The Legacy Walk is digitally linked to a cloud-based system accessed by smartphone that delivers video and education resources to the user in real-time. The installation serves as the centerpiece of education efforts for bullied LGBTQ youth who come to Boystown on field trips to learn about an aspect of history they have been denied.

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NEIGHBORHOODS: IN AND AROUND CHICAGO

Chicago is a city of neighborhoods, presenting visitors with opportunities to experience vibrant areas of ethnic and cultural diversity.

If you visit the city, we suggest you don't just stay downtown, but venture out north, west, south ... and to the parts that are east. This city operates on a grid structure, so it's very easy to navigate, with great public transit, Uber, taxis, bike and walking trails, and more.

Let's take a look at the 77 "official" areas of the city, knowing that there are many, like "Boystown" in Lakeview, that are not on the list. The following list is from The Chicago 77: www.thechicago77.com/chicago-neighborhoods/. You can see a full city map here: www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/doit/general/GIS/Chicago_Maps/Citywide_Maps/Community_Areas_W_Numbers.pdf.

Note that sometimes the boundaries of an area can be a bit amorphous.

Far North Side:

Rogers Park (Loyola, Rogers Park)

West Ridge (Nortown, Peterson Park, Rosehill, West Ridge, West Rogers Park)

Uptown (Clarendon Park, Buena Park, New Chinatown, Sheridan Park, Uptown)

Lincoln Square (Bowmanville, Budlong Woods, Lincoln Square, Ravenswood, Ravenswood Gardens)

Edison Park (Edison Park)

Norwood Park (Big Oaks, Norwood Park, Old Norwood, Oriole Park, Union Ridge)

Jefferson Park (Gladstone Park, Jefferson Park)

Forest Glen (Edgebrook, Forest Glen, Middle Edgebrook, Sauganash, Wildwood)

North Park (Hollywood Park, North Park, Pulaski Park)

Albany Park (Albany Park, Mayfair, North Mayfair, Ravenswood Manor)

O'Hare (O'Hare, Schorsch Forest View)

Edgewater (Andersonville, Edgewater, Edgewater Glen, Epic, Lakewood/Balmoral)

North Side:

North Center (Northcenter, Roscoe Village, Saint Ben's)

Lakeview (Lake View East, North Halsted, West Lakeview, Wrigleyville)

Lincoln Park (DePaul, Old Town Triangle, Park West, Lincoln Park, Ranch Triangle, Sheffield Neighbors, Wrightwood Neighbors)

Avondale (Avondale, Jackowo, Wacawowo)

Logan Square (Logan Square, Bucktown, Palmer Square)

Northwest Side:

Portage Park (Portage Park, Six Corners)

Irving Park (Irving Park, Kilbourn Park, Old Irving Park, The Villa)

Dunning (Belmont Heights, Belmont Terrace, Dunning, Irving Woods, Schorsch Village)

Montclare (Montclare)

Belmont Cragin (Brickyard, Cragin, Hanson Park)

Hermosa (Belmont Gardens, Hermosa, Kelvin Park)

Central, Near North, and Near South Side:

Near North Side (Cabrini-Green, Dearborn Parkway, The Gold Coast, Goose Island, Magnificent Mile, Near North Side, Old Town, River North, River West, State Parkway, Streeterville)

Loop (The Loop, New Eastside, Printer's Row, South Loop)

Near South Side (Dearborn Park, Near South Side, Museum Park, Central Station, Prairie Avenue Historic District)

West and Near West Side:

Humboldt Park (Humboldt Park)

West Town (East Village, Noble Square, Ukrainian Village, Smith Park, West Town, Wicker Park)

Austin (Austin, Galewood, The Island)

West Garfield Park (West Garfield Park)

East Garfield Park (East Garfield Park, Fifth City)

Near West Side (Columbus Circle, Greektown, Little Italy, Medical Center,
Near West Side, Tri-Taylor, Fulton River District, University Village)

North Lawndale (North Lawndale)

South Lawndale (Little Village, South Lawndale, Marshall Square)

Lower West Side (Heart of Chicago, Lower West Side, Pilsen)

Southwest Side:

Garfield Ridge (Garfield Ridge, Le Claire Courts, Sleepy Hollow, Vittum Park)

Archer Heights (Archer Heights)

Brighton Park (Brighton Park)

McKinley Park (McKinley Park)

New City (Back of the Yards, Canaryville, New City)

West Elsdon (West Elsdon)

Gage Park (Gage Park)

Clearing (Chrysler Village, Clearing)

West Lawn (Ford City, West Lawn)

Chicago Lawn (Chicago Lawn, Lithuanian Plaza, Marquette Park)

West Englewood (West Englewood)

Englewood (Englewood, Hamilton Park)

South Side:

Armour Square (Armour Square, Chinatown, Wentworth Gardens)

Douglas (Bronzeville, Douglas, Groveland Park, Lake Meadows,
Prairie Shores, South Commons)

Oakland (Oakland)

Fuller Park (Fuller Park)

Grand Boulevard (Grand Boulevard)

Kenwood (Kenwood)

Washington Park (Washington Park)

Hyde Park (Hyde Park)

Woodlawn (Woodlawn)

South Shore (Jackson Park Highlands, South Shore)

Bridgeport (Bridgeport)

Greater Grand Crossing (Grand Crossing, Greater Grand Crossing, Park Manor)

Far Southwest Side:

Ashburn (Ashburn, Ashburn Estates, Beverly View, Crestline, Parkview,
Scottsdale, Wrightwood)

Auburn Gresham (Auburn Gresham, Gresham)

Beverly (Beverly, West Beverly)

Washington Heights (Brainerd, Longwood Manor, Washington Heights)

Mount Greenwood (Mount Greenwood, Talley's Corner)

Morgan Park (Beverly Woods, Kennedy Park, Morgan Park, West Morgan Park)

Far South Side:

Chatham (Chatham, West Chesterfield)

Avalon Park (Avalon Park, Marynook, Stony Island Park)

South Chicago (South Chicago)

Burnside (Burnside)

Calumet Heights (Calumet Heights, Pill Hill)

Roseland (Fernwood, Princeton Park, Roseland)

Pullman (Cottage Grove Heights, Pullman)

South Deering (Jeffrey Manor, South Deering)

East Side (East Side)

West Pullman (West Pullman)

Riverdale (Altgeld Gardens, Eden Green, Golden Gate, Riverdale)

Hegewisch (Hegewisch)

Following are some details on a few neighborhoods, and nearby suburbs, that you may want to check out.

Andersonville: Andersonville is one of the most concentrated areas of Swedish heritage in Chicago and also represents a wide array of cultures including a large



The entrance to Little Village on the Southwest Side.

Photo by Tracy Baim

LGBTQ population. Formerly affectionately called “Girls Town,” the area is very mixed now and is more “LGBTQ Town.” Women & Children First Bookstore was one of the earliest LGBT business pioneers of the area, which now has dozens of LGBT-owned small and large businesses and nonprofits. The area hosts many special events and festivals. Contact the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce at 773-728-2995, www.andersonville.org.

Beverly: The Beverly Arts Center anchors this Far South Side neighborhood. The 40,000-square-foot space houses a 400-seat theater, art gallery, exhibition spaces, music and dance studios, art classrooms and event rental spaces including a courtyard and light-filled atrium. See www.beverlyartcenter.org. Also see www.bapa.org.

Bronzeville: Between 1910 and 1920, tens of thousands of African American workers journeyed to Bronzeville to escape oppression in the U.S. South. As one of the most significant landmarks of the “Great Migration,” this South Side neighborhood in an African American cultural allure. Bronzeville’s 20th Century resurgence is responsible for tremendous cultural and social advances. Pulitzer Prize-winner Gwendolyn Brooks, civil-rights activist Ida B. Wells and legendary musician Louis Armstrong were profoundly responsible for the area’s development and cultural crusade, which included advances in civil rights, jazz, blues and gospel music. Of note is a sculpture-adorned stretch of Martin Luther King Drive with Alison Saar’s “Monument to the Great Northern Migration,” The Bronzeville Walk of Fame and The Victory Monument. www.bronzevillechamber.com.

Boystown: Boystown, in Lakeview, is one of the most well-known LGBTQ communities in the U.S., and it was the first to have public recognition through street markers—rainbow-colored pylons along the street from Belmont to Waveland. Those markers also are home to The Legacy Walk (by The Legacy Project), the world’s first outdoor LGBTQ museum. The city’s LGBTQ community center, the Center on Halsted, and its neighboring LGBTQ senior facility, are on the street, as are dozens of bars and businesses. The annual Pride Parade marches down Halsted. Sidetrack, one of the biggest gay bars in the world, is on the strip. The Northalsted Business Alliance hosts numerous events on the street each year, including Pride Fest, the Halloween Parade, and the always-popular Northalsted Market Days. See www.northalsted.com.



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Bridgeport: This area on the Southwest Side has a complicated past as home to controversial white ethnic political dynasties such as the Daleys, but it is now a burgeoning arts, culture and dining area, including the Bridgeport Art Center. Don't miss Polo Cafe & Catering for dining, and they also have a beautiful B&B. See www.polocafe.com or www.southloopchamberofcommerce.com.

Chinatown: Chinatown on the Near South Side is the neighborhood of Chicago that houses many Chinese immigrant families and businesses. See chicago-chinatown.org for info on events including the Chinese New Year festivities, the Dragon Boat Race and more.

Edgewater: On the Far North Lakefront, Edgewater is famous for its expansive beaches and sprawling park space, with an eclectic mix of shopping and dining, including restaurants by African and East European immigrants. Between its lantern lights and vintage lamp posts, the neighborhood's Bryn Mawr Historic District is a charming reminder of the city's 1920s era. Bryn Mawr Avenue is lined with notably significant buildings, including the historic Belle Shore Apartment Hotel and Edgewater Presbyterian Church. See www.edgewater.org.



From Andersonville's Midsommarfest.

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Grand Crossing: This South Side area includes the Cyrill Historic District and Woodhull Park, among others. Perhaps most exciting is the newly renovated Stony Island Trust & Savings Bank, transformed by artist Theaster Gates and his Rebuild Foundation team into the Stony Island Arts Bank, at East 68th Street and Stony Island. The record collection of the late gay DJ Frankie Knuckles, called the godfather of House music, is located here, plus the Johnson Publishing Archive and much more. See rebuild-foundation.org.

Greektown: On the Near West Side is Greektown, an area featuring some of the best in Greek dining, plus the National Hellenic Museum. See greektownchicago.org.

Humboldt Park: Affixed with two enormous, metal Puerto Rican flags that measure almost 60 feet in height, Humboldt Park is rooted in a proud Latino tradition. With streets that are decorated in vibrant murals and air that smells of carne guisada, Humboldt Park is a Caribbean escape shrouded in urban charm. One-quarter of Humboldt Park's residents are of Puerto Rican descent and the area's cultural epicenter, known as the Paseo Boricua, bursts with national pride and Spanish Colonial architecture. The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture is at 3015 W. Division. The neighborhood's Puerto Rican People's Parade each June is one of the highest-attended Latino celebrations in the country. And keeping with the festive theme, the area hosts Fiesta Boricua. See www.nmprac.org.



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Hyde Park: Hyde Park on the South Side is rated one of the 10 most beautiful neighborhoods in America. It has been home to a number of notable figures, including Clarence Darrow, Enrico Fermi, Muhammad Ali, Mahalia Jackson, Sara Paretsky and Barack Obama. The Lake Michigan shoreline, Washington Park, Midway Plaisance and the community of Kenwood in Chicago bound Hyde Park. Visit www.hydeparkchamberchicago.org.

Lakeview East: The Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce on the city's North Side hosts many special events throughout the year, including the Lakeview East Festival of the Arts, neighborhood nights, and a fashion show. It is a community-based organization designed to represent and help merchants and other business people in the community. See www.lakevieweast.com.

Lincoln Square/Ravenswood: Founded in 1948, the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce is an association of 250 local businesses, institutions, and professionals. See www.lincolnsquare.org.

Little Italy: The Little Italy neighborhood is a living legacy of Chicago's immigrant past. Here food is culture and history remains engrained in stone—from the humble halls of the original settlement homes at Jane Addams Hull-House Museum to the vaulted ceilings of The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii. On Taylor Street, from Morgan Street west to Ashland Avenue, you will find restaurants that span generations. See www.wcachicago.org.

Little Village: This two-mile-long commercial district on 26th Street anchors the Little Village neighborhood (known as La Villita in Spanish but also more formally as South Lawndale) is second only to the Michigan Avenue district in terms of shopping power. It's an authentic slice of home for the Mexican-American community that resides here and is a port of entry for many incoming Latinos. For those who pass under the terra cotta Bienvenidos a Little Village archway looking for a true taste of the "Mexico of the Midwest," you won't be disappointed. See littlevillagechamber.org.

Logan Square: "Cheap eats and bike-friendly streets," writes Choose Chicago. "Gourmet coffee, scruffy dive bars and artisanal cocktail lounges. Some may say it's a recipe for a hipster haven but there's a proud, working-class sensibility that keeps this Northwest Side neighborhood grounded." There is even an LGBTQ-friendly housing development being proposed. See loganchamber.org.

Marquette Park: This area on Chicago's Southwest Side has a complicated history for the city. It's where race riots broke out when Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. visited in 1965 to fight against housing segregation, yet now the area recognizes King with a beautiful Living Memorial at 6700 S. Kedzie Ave. Over the course of 10 years, the Inner-City Muslim Network (IMAN) led the community-driven creation of the very first permanent memorial to Dr. King and the Chicago Freedom Movement in the state of Illinois.

Michigan Avenue: Chicago's "Magnificent Mile" is the city's most popular shopping district, dotted with brand-name stores and large hotels. There are many special events throughout the year, and the new Chicago Riverwalk has only added to the choices of things to do and see. Visit www.themagnificentmile-association.com.

Pilsen: This heavily Latino area near downtown includes many restaurants and special events, and is known for its celebration of arts and for the Chicago Arts District, which has gallery nights monthly, see www.chicagoartsdistrict.org. Also see www.greaterpilsen.org.

Pullman: Located on the Far South Side of the city, Pullman is a unique area coming back from years of neglect. The development was built by the Pullman Company, and there are walking tours available. Pullman has many historic and architecturally significant buildings, including the Hotel Florence, the Arcade Building (destroyed in the 1920s), the Clock Tower and Factory, Market Square

and Greenstone Church. Kensington in the nearby Roseland area is home of one of the many beautiful churches in Chicago, built in Polish Cathedral style, the former church of St. Salomea, now used by Salem Baptist Church. The National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum, open seasonally April 1-Dec. 1, was founded in 1995 by Dr. Lyn Hughes. The facility, 10406 S. Maryland Ave., is located in the Historic Pullman District in Chicago. See www.pullmanportermuseum.org or www.pullmanchamber.com.

Rogers Park/West Rogers Park: There are a lot of LGBT bars and other businesses and attractions in this Far North area of the city. The Leather Archives & Museum, Touché and Jackhammer bars and the Leather 64TEN retailer are among them. See www.westridgechamber.org and rogersparkchamberofcommerce.blogspot.com.

South Loop: This area has been targeted for major expansion by the city, to complement the existing Museum Campus (the Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum of Natural History and the Adler Planetarium). Soldier Field is also in the South



One of the sculptures welcoming you to Chicago's Bronzeville area on the Near South lakefront, this one in front of the Harold Washington Cultural Center, which also features a Washington sculpture (lower left).

Photo by Tracy Baim

Loop, as is the ever-growing McCormick Place convention center. Also here is Chicago Women's Park and Gardens, a beautifully landscaped small park with a field house. In the park are the Clarke House and the Jane Addams hands sculpture, and bordering the park is the Glessner House Museum, which gives tours of this restored 18th Century home. One of Chicago's many beautiful, massive churches is also in the South Loop. Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago, one of the oldest congregations in the city (founded in 1842), with stained-glass windows and Arts & Crafts interior. The Blues Heaven Museum is open by appointment at 2120 S. Michigan Ave., 312-808-1286. This is part of the historic area of famous record companies, and just outside of the museum is a historic marker for the offices of Chess Records. Printer's Row is also just south of downtown. See www.pdnachicago.com, www.2ndpresbyterian.org and glessnerhouse.org.

Uptown: This has been a gateway community for immigrants for many generations, and LGBTQs have been part of the mix for decades. Gentrification is threatening its mix of peoples. But there are many friendly dive bars and LGBTQ places to visit, plus large concert venues. See www.exploreuptown.org and www.uptownchicagocommission.org.

Wicker Park and Bucktown: The Wicker Park District has been part of Chicago since its incorporation as a city in 1837. The major influx of residential and commercial structures occurred in this part of the city as a result of Chicago's Great Conflagration (Fire) in 1871. Now restaurants and entertainment co-mingle with classy shops that offer everything from couturier garments to contemporary and antique home furnishings. The Flatiron Artist's Association is a private, not-for-profit company dedicated to the promotion of the arts in the Wicker Park/Bucktown area. See www.flatironchicago.com and www.wickerparkbucktown.com.

Nearby Chicago:

Oak Park/Berwyn: The Near West suburbs of Oak Park, Berwyn, Cicero, River Forest and more offer an incredible selection of restaurants, tourist attractions, art, shopping and more. Highlights include Frank Lloyd Wright's Unity Temple, the Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio and Ernest Hemingway's Birthplace. The Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association and the Berwyn United Gay and Lesbian Organization have been integral parts of their communities. See www.visitoak-park.com.

Evanston: This area just north of Chicago was also among the earliest communities welcoming of LGBTQ people, as well as pushing for a racially diverse mix of people. Wide sandy beaches of Lake Michigan, historic mansions on landscaped boulevards, tree-lined bicycle paths, beautiful parks, the Grosse Point Lighthouse, the Merrick Rose Garden, the world-renowned Northwestern University, and thriving business districts are part of this town. See www.evchamber.com.

Rosemont: Located Northwest of Chicago, this ever-growing town has a lot to offer tourists, and it has many hotels to make it even easier to stay and experience the region. The Allstate Arena is a hub of activity year-round. There's also a ballpark in Rosemont, and The Dome at the ballpark. See rosemontchamber.com.

Whiting, Indiana: Northwest Indiana, a Southern Shores city, is a short drive from downtown Chicago, and has numerous treats for all ages. There are historic buildings including the Andrew Carnegie library, and Whiting hosts summer concerts, festivals and parades. See www.whitingindiana.com.

Please see other sections of this guide for numerous suburban and downstate events and attractions, from the Botanic Gardens to Morton Arboretum, to Six Flags Great America and the beauty of the Fox and Mississippi rivers.



The entrance to China Town on Chicago's Near South Side.

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Architecture & History

Understand a crucial pillar of Chicago architecture with a visit to the **Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio**. This landmark structure, where the famed architect spent the first 20 and most prolific years of his career, showcases the seeds of Wright's signature design philosophy with its colorful stained glass, original drawings, and stunning-in-its-simplicity woodwork.

Hailed as one of the most innovative structures of the 20th Century, **Frank Lloyd Wright's Unity Temple** is fresh off a long-awaited \$25 million restoration project. The renewed grandeur of its skylights, geometric details and decorative elements is sure to dazzle both first-time and repeat visitors.

The storied **Ernest Hemingway Birthplace**, a beautifully preserved Victorian home where the award-winning writer was born and spent his first six years, is teeming with rare photographs and antiques. Take a guided tour for insight into Hemingway's earliest influences.

Pleasant Home, one of the nation's most distinguished examples of Prairie-style architecture, was designed by famed architect George W. Maher in 1897. The opulent 30-room mansion represents 19th Century craftsmanship with its ornate woodwork, vibrant art glass windows, and colorful tile-work.

Revisit the bloody roots of the Oak Park Area's major hoodlums. The **There Goes The Neighbor Hood Gangster Tour** explores 15 homes once owned by prolific gangsters like Tony Accardo and Paul Ricca. Guide and mob historian John Binder also offers amusing tidbits about the criminals' time spent in these historic homes.

Discover the beginnings of Oak Park's rich culture at the **Oak Park River Forest Museum**. This new museum, housed in a rehabbed 1898 firehouse, features rotating exhibits on the area's history including a new showcase of Oak Park's legacy of racial diversity.

Events

The **Wright Plus Housewalk** is an internationally renowned annual housewalk featuring rare interior tours of private homes and public buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Wright Plus debuts this year include the Roberts Stable, a secluded Tudor Revival cottage; and the Stennett House, a grand Victorian with period ornamentation.

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Birthplace of Ernest Hemingway.

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joy live jazz, sample artisanal bites, and peruse the charming boutiques in Downtown Oak Park at the acclaimed **Uncork Illinois** wine festival.

Produced by Seven Generations Ahead, Oak Park's **Micro Brew Review** is the Midwest's largest zero-waste craft beer festival. More than 70 Midwestern breweries offer 200+ craft beers on tap, allowing attendees to sample a wide assortment of Illinois' finest brews.

Literature, performance, and visual arts are highlighted alongside an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and libations during **Friday@Hemingway's**, a monthly social event at Ernest Hemingway's birthplace home.

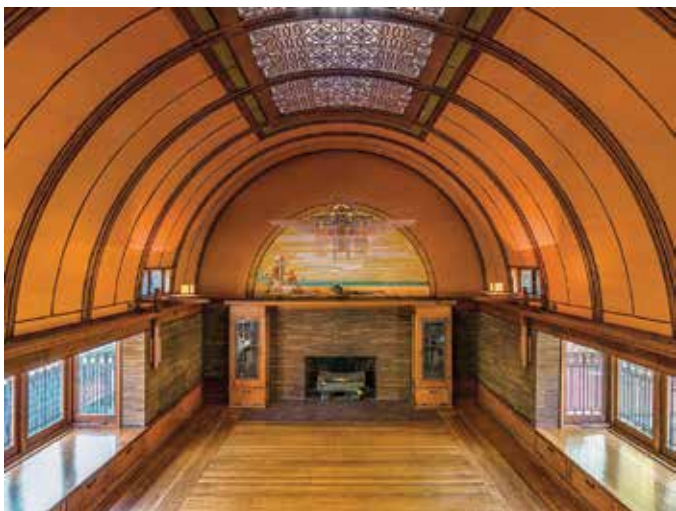
Riverside's historic downtown transforms into a vibrant artistic wonderland for the annual **Riverside Arts Weekend**. This free, family-friendly fair features live music, hands-on crafts, local bites, drinks and more than 70 local artists displaying one-of-a-kind creation in the picturesque Guthrie Park.

The **Oak Park Festival Theatre**, the Midwest's oldest professional outdoor theater group, is launching its 2018 season with the hilarious *You Can't Take It With You*. The show, in which an oddball family meets their stuffy future in-laws, is set to run June 14 through July 22 in Downtown Oak Park's scenic, 3.6-acre Austin Gardens.

Dining Hot List

Located steps from the CTA Green Line in Oak Park's Hemingway District, **Altiro Latin Fusion** offers a tapas-style menu with Mexican, Peruvian and Spanish influences. With exotic cocktails and locally sourced ingredients, it's no surprise this polished and energetic new eatery has quickly become a can't-miss dining hotspot in Oak Park.

Offering a fabulous array of rolls and traditionally inspired Japanese dishes updated for modern tastes, **Sushi House Oak Park** makes for a tasty and budget-friendly dining experience. Diners will enjoy its serene yet



Frank Lloyd Wright home and studio from the Wright Plus Housewalk.

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urban atmosphere and Asian-inspired cocktail list, while the on-site Dragon Lounge regularly hosts local musicians and special events.

Creative pizza pies, homemade pastas and other signature Italian entrees headline the impressive menu at **LaBarra**, the creation of renowned artisan baker Rich Labriola. Nestled in the heart of Riverside's historic downtown, the rustic-chic eatery also entices with a sprawling patio and eclectic bar selection.

The Heritage brings approachable, chef-driven New American fare to Forest Park's Madison Street. Named one of the top 50 restaurants in Chicago by the Chicago Tribune in 2017, this polished hangout excels with a compact menu of distinctive small and large plates alongside handcrafted house cocktails.

As stylish and warm as the jazz clubs it aims to emulate, **The Little Gem Cafe** serves up regional New American spins on French bistro classics. The elegant setting, regular live jazz performances, and inventive cocktails contribute to its enduring appeal among both locals and out-of-towners.

Everyone is family at **Papaspiros Restaurant**, a family-owned and operated staple in Oak Park for nearly 20 years. Enjoy an assortment of well-known Greek dishes, from flavorful Mezedes appetizers to the exquisite moussaka, and weekly live entertainment in a warm, cozy space.

Bottoms Up!

Local favorite **Oak Park Brewing Company**, the area's first brewpub, boasts a relaxing ambiance and exercises sustainable brew practices. The adjacent **Hamburger Mary's Show Lounge** hosts an eclectic mix of live entertainment including the weekly Diva brunch and Mary-Oke nights.

Indulge in award-winning wines and made-from-scratch bites at **Cooper's Hawk Restaurant and Winery**. This sleek new eatery in Downtown Oak Park features a Napa-style tasting room, artisan market, and a variety of private rooms available for rental.

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Two Brothers Social Tap, Oak Park's newest haunt for craft beers, offers an impressive selection of artisanal coffees and well-balanced beers in a bustling space just steps from the CTA Green Line.

An evolving lineup of year-round ales and popular seasonal brews await drinkers at **Wild Onion Tied House**. The brew pub menu is also a highlight, presenting a range of flavor combinations and recipes that ignite the palate by incorporating house ales.

Named one of the nation's best local breweries by Travel + Leisure, **Kinslahger Brewing Company** focuses on lagered beers. From the creamy Baltic Porter to the earthy Chicago Common, Kinslahger brews something for drinkers of all palates and personalities.

Shopping

Shopping with a conscience is easy at **Ten Thousand Villages**. Featuring handmade gifts from artisans in more than 35 countries around the world, shoppers will find quirky home décor, one-of-a-kind jewelry, vibrant tableware, and more—while ensuring makers earn their fair share of profits.

Few stores offer a new experience with every visit, but Oak Park's **Needful Things** consistently surprises shoppers with its rotating array of home goods and seasonal gifts. The selection of well-priced decorations, cards, books, toys, and so much more includes something special for all ages.

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American Writers Museum: Chicago's newest museum is the first of its kind, with a mission to celebrate American writers, with exhibits and special programs. At 180 N. Michigan Ave., americanwritersmuseum.org.

Art Institute of Chicago: Comprises approximately 300,000 works of art—ranging from ancient art through to work being created by today's foremost artists. At 111 S. Michigan Ave., visit www.artic.edu.

Aurora Regional Fire Museum: auroraregionalfiremuseum.org.

Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture: balzekasmuseum.org.

Bronzeville Children's Museum: First African American children's museum in the country, 9301 S. Stony Island Ave., Chicago, www.bronzevillechildrensmuseum.com.

Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier: Has LGBTQ family events, 700 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org.

Chicago Fed Money Museum: www.chicagofed.org.

Chicago Foodseum: www.foodseum.org.

Chicago History Museum: Special LGBT events, including an annual Out at CHM series, 1601 N. Clark St., www.chicagohistory.org.

Chicago Sports Museum: www.harrycarays.com/chicago-sports-museum.

Clarke House Museum: Chicago's oldest house, shows what life was like for a family in Chicago during the city's formative years before the Civil War. cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/clarke_house_museum.html.

Driehaus Museum: Promotes architecture and design of the past, www.driehausmuseum.org.

DuSable Museum of African American History: More than 15,000 pieces including paintings, sculpture, print works and memorabilia. At 740 E. 56th Pl., www.dusablemuseum.org.

The Field Museum: Hopes to inspire curiosity about life on earth, how we came to be and what we can do to make it better. SUE T. rex dinosaur, the Ancient Americans, Evolving Planet, Tsavo Lions, the Hall of Birds, Traveling the Pacific, Africa, Galapagos and more, 1400 S. Lake Shore Dr., www.fieldmuseum.org.

Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio: Focusing on Frank Lloyd Wright's design legacy and preservation of his original sites for future generations. At 951 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Illinois, 312-994-4000, www.flwright.org/visit/homeand-studio.



From the Facing Freedom in America exhibit at Chicago History Museum.

Photo by Tracy Baim

Gerber/Hart Library and Archives: Gerber / Hart is an LGBTQ library, archives and cultural center as well as a safe atmosphere for research, exploration, and discovery. At 6500 N. Clark St., Chicago, www.gerberhart.org.

Glessner House Museum: Designed by American architect Henry Hobson Richardson and completed in 1887. It was an inspiration to Louis Sullivan, Mies van der Rohe and Frank Lloyd Wright and helped define domestic architecture. At 1800 S. Prairie Ave., Chicago, www.glessnerhouse.org.

Heritage Museum of Asian Art: heritageasianart.org.

Illinois Holocaust Museum: Dedicated to education and the memory of those lost in the Holocaust, 9603 Woods Dr., Skokie, www.ilholocaustmuseum.org.

International Museum of Surgical Science: www.imss.org.

Irish American Heritage Center: www.irish-american.org.

Jane Addams Hull-House at University of Illinois Chicago: A memorial to Jane Addams, a prominent, Nobel Prize-winning social justice and peace advocate, who was also a lesbian; 800 S. Halsted, www.hullhousemuseum.org.

Latvian Folk Art Museum: www.chicagolatvianassociation.com.

Leather Archives & Museum: Devoted to the compilation, preservation and maintenance of the leather lifestyle and related lifestyles, including the LGBTQ lifestyle, 6418 N. Greenview Ave., www.leatherarchives.org.

Legacy Walk: World's only outdoor LGBTQ History Museum. www.legacyprojectchicago.org.

Loyola University Museum of Art: www.luc.eduluma.

McCormick Bridgehouse/Chicago River Museum: www.bridgehousemuseum.org.

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian: www.mitchellmuseum.org.

Museum of Broadcast Communications: Collects, preserves and presents historic and contemporary and television content. Fabulous artifacts from TV history at NBC, www.museum.tv.



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Museum of Contemporary Art: A space where the public can directly experience the work and ideas of living artists and understand the historical, social, and cultural context of the artwork of our time, www.mcachicago.org.

Museum of Contemporary Photography: www.mocp.org.

Museum of Science and Industry: One of the largest science museums in the world, home to more than 400,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits designed to spark scientific inquiry and creativity. The museum is also home to the U-505, a German submarine from WWII, Robot Revolution, plus a coal mine, LEGO-built structures, a baby chick hatchery, a mirror maze, great train story, a fairy castle, the Henry Crown Space Center (with an Apollo 8 module) and more. At 5700 S. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, www.msichicago.org.

Naper Settlement Museum: Outdoor history museum in Naperville, www.napersettlement.org.

National A. Phillip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum: The museum is dedicated to the legacy of A. Philip Randolph, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porter and contributions made by African-Americans to America's labor movement. At 10406 S. Maryland Ave., www.aprpullmanportermuseum.org.

National Hellenic Museum: www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org.

National Museum of Mexican Art: 1852 W. 19th St., Chicago, www.national-museumofmexicanart.org.

National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture: 3015 W. Division St., www.nmprac.org.

National Veterans Art Museum: www.nvam.org.

The Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago: oi.uchicago.edu.



Lined seahorse at Shedd Aquarium.

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Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum: Aims to create a positive relationship between people and nature. Their butterfly exhibit is a don't-miss treat; 2340 N. Cannon Dr., Chicago, www.naturemuseum.org.

Polish Museum of America: www.polishmuseumofamerica.org.

Pritzker Military Museum & Library: www.pritzkermilitary.org.

National Public Housing Museum: www.nphm.org.

SciTech: A hands-on science museum with more than 200 interactive STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) exhibits, Aurora, Illinois, www.scitechmuseum.org.

Shedd Aquarium: Dedicated to the appreciation and understanding of aquatic life. Pacific white-sided dolphins are among their many exhibits. 1200 S. Lake Shore Dr., www.sheddaquarium.org.

Smart Museum of Art: More than 15,000 objects; www.smartmuseum.uchicago.edu.

Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership: www.spertus.edu.

Stained Glass: The Richard H. Driehaus Gallery of Stained Glass located near the tip of Navy Pier immerses visitors in darkened rooms bathed in the glow of 11 of Tiffany Studios' stained-glass windows. See www.driehausmuseum.org/about/view/navy_pier.

Swedish American Museum: 5211 N. Clark St., www.swedishamericanmuseum.org.

Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art: www.uima-chicago.org.

Ukrainian National Museum: www.ukrainiannationalmuseum.org.

Volo Auto Museum: Cars of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, in Volo, NW of Chicago, www.volocars.com.



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Absolutely Chicago Segway Tours: www.chicagosegway.com.

Bike and Roll Chicago: www.bikechicago.com.

Bronzeville: The Bronzeville Area Residents' & Commerce Council hosts an annual home tour, www.chicagodetours.com/private-tours/chicago-neighborhoods-tour.

Chicago Architectural Club: www.chicagoarchitecturalclub.org.

Chicago Architecture Foundation: The Chicago Architecture Foundation offers dozens of architectural tours, 312-922-3432, www.architecture.org.

Chicago Detours: www.chicagodetours.com.

Chicago's Finest Tours: chicagosfinesttours.com.

Chicago Helicopter Experience: www.chetours.com.

Chicago Line Cruises: www.chicagoline.com.

Chicago Neighborhood Tours: Tours that offers highlights in each neighborhood, <https://www.chicagotraveler.com/attractions/chicago-neighborhood-tours.html>.

Chicago's First Lady: Discover Chicago's legendary architecture on the Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise on Chicago's First Lady, 847-358-1330, www.cruisechicago.com.

Clarke House Museum: Chicago's oldest home now preserved to show what life was like in the city's formative years, https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/clarke_house_museum.html/

Driehaus Museum: Richard H. Driehaus created the museum to promote the architecture and design of the past, www.driehausmuseum.org.

Flat Iron Arts: www.flatironartsbuilding.com.

The Frank Lloyd Wright Trust is a leading national Frank Lloyd Wright nonprofit organization based in Chicago, where the largest number of original Wright sites is located. Dedicated to preservation and interpretation of Wright's design legacy, the Trust operates public tours at five Chicago area sites and offers both in-school and on-site programs for youth, families and adults. Owner, operator and preservation steward of Wright's Oak Park Home and Studio (1889/1898) where Wright established his career and created the Prairie-style of architecture, the Trust also operates the iconic Frederick C. Robie House (1908-10) in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, and offers public tours and programs at Unity Temple (1905-08) in Oak Park, The Rookery Light Court (1905) in the Chicago Loop and Emil Bach House (1915) in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood. For more information, visit www.flwright.org.

Free Tours by Foot: www.freetoursbyfoot.com.



Chicago's First Lady Cruises image.

Glessner House Museum: A home designed by American architect Henry Hobson Richardson and completed in 1887. It was an inspiration to Louis Sullivan, Mies van der Rohe, and Frank Lloyd Wright and helped define domestic architecture. www.glessnerhouse.org.

Kayak Chicago: www.kayakchicago.com.

Magnificent Mile: Home to many iconic landmarks including the Drake Hotel, the John Hancock, the Tribune Tower, the Water Tower, DuSable Bridge and the Wrigley Building. www.themagnificentmile.com.

Metrowalkz Self-Guided Walking Tour: www.evisitorguide.comchicago/metrowalkz/.

Pullman: Pullman is a unique community on Chicago's Far South Side www.pullmanil.org/tours.htm.

Prairie Avenue Historic District: www.pdnachicago.com.

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Frank Lloyd Wright experimented with a new American architecture at his first Home and Studio. Discover Chicago's most famous Wright sites, including the Home and Studio, Robie House, and Unity Temple.

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An interior photo of the landmark Marquette Building in Chicago's downtown, an example of the hundreds of amazing architecture treats in Chicago. Completed in 1885, it is one of the early steel frame skyscrapers that is part of the Chicago School of architecture. The mosaics, sculptures and bronze in the entry and interior honors Jacques Marquette's expedition launched in 1674.

Photo by Tracy Baim

Seadog Chicago: www.seadogcruises.com/chicago.

See it All Mini Bus Tours: seeitalchicagotours.com.

Shoreline Sightseeing: The Architecture River Tour explores more than 40 landmarks all while on a cruise line. www.shorelinesightseeing.com.

Signature Segway Tours: www.signaturesegwaytours.com.

Tall Ship Adventures: www.tallshipwindy.com.

Walk Chicago Tours: www.walkchicagotours.com.

Wendella Sightseeing Boats: A cruise that will navigate through the heart of the city in all three branches of the Chicago River. www.wendellaboats.com.



The Inglenook as it appeared shortly after the Frederick C. Robie House was completed in 1910. The structure was removed during a time when the building was used as a dormitory and administrative offices.

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Emil Bach House
an iconic Frank Lloyd
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ATTRACTIONS AND TOURS

In Chicago unless noted.

360 Chicago/John Hancock Building: A skyscraper with a 360-degree view of the city, www.360chicago.com.

606 trail: A series of parks, arts, history, design, trails for bikers, runners, and walkers, www.the606.org.

Absolutely Chicago Segway Tours: chicagosegway.com.

Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool Gardens: A lily pool with gardens, landscaping and pavilion, April-October, 2391 N. Stockton Dr., Chicago.

Amazing Chicago FunHouse Maze: 4,000 feet of tunnels and mazes at Navy Pier, www.amazingchicago.com.

Argus Brewery tours: Chicago craft brewery, www.argusbrewery.com.

Baha'i Temple: Place of worship for members of the Baha'i religion, Wilmette, www.bahai.us/bahai-temple.

The Barrel Run: Beer-like trolley that offers tours of breweries, distilleries, and Prohibition history, www.thebarrelrun.com.

Begyle Brewing Co. Tours: www.begylebrewing.com.

Bike and Roll Chicago: A series of bike and Segway tours, www.bikechicago.com.

Bizarre Bucktown Walking Tours: 90-minute tour, www.bizarrebucktown.com.

Breakwater Chicago: Floating island at 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, www.breakwaterchicago.com.

Brookfield Zoo: A world-class zoo, Brookfield, Illinois, www.czs.org/Brookfield-ZOO/Home.

Chagall's Four Seasons: Composed of thousands of inlaid chips in more than 250 colors, Marc Chagall's mosaic artwork The Four Seasons portrays six scenes of Chicago. At 10 S. Dearborn St., Chicago.

Chef Driven Food Tours: Pilsen, South Side, Lower West Side and Maxwell Street, www.chefdrivenfoodtours.com.

Chicago Aerial Tours: Helicopter and private airplane tours, www.chicagoaerialtours.com.

Chicago Architecture Foundation: Tours, special events and much more, www.architecture.org.

Chicago Balloon Rides: www.balloonrideschicago.com.

Chicago Beer Experience Tours: www.chicagobeerexperience.com.

Chicago Botanic Garden: Beautiful place for people of all ages, Glencoe, www.chicagobotanic.org.

Chicago Brew Bus: www.chicagobrewbus.com.

Chicago Brews Cruise: www.brewscruisechicago.com.



The Morton Arboretum, West of Chicago, features year-round hiking and nature treats.

Photo by Jean Albright

Chicago Candy Tours: Walking tour of Chicago's candy history plus candy tastings, www.chicagocandytours.com.

Chicago Chinese Cultural Institute: Offers a Chinatown walking tour that explores Nine Dragon Wall, Chinatown Gate, Pui Tak Center, Chinese Buddhist Temple, St. Therese Church, Chinatown Square and Chinatown Mural, www.chicagocci.com.

Chicago Crime Tours: From the 19th century to modern times, www.chicagocrimetours.com.

Chicago Cultural Center: A venue for free music, dance and theater events, films, lectures, art exhibitions and family events. Its interior features rare imported marbles, brass, fine hardwoods, and mosaics; 78 E. Washington St., www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/chicago_culturalcenter.html.

Chicago Detours: Architecture, pubs, blues and jazz, www.chicagodetours.com.

Chicago Distilling Company tours:, www.chicagodistilling.com.

Chicago's Finest Tours: Walking tours and bus tours of Chicago interests, www.chicagosfinesttours.com.

Chicago French Market: 30 food vendors, www.frenchmarketchicago.com.

Chicago Food Planet Food Tours: 312-818-2170, www.chicagofoodplanet.com.

Chicago Ghost Investigations: A haunted tour of the city, 773-935-6332, www.ghostsofchicago.com.

Chicago Helicopter Experience: www.chetours.com.

Chicago Line Cruises: Cruises that tour the Chicago area, www.chicagoline.com.

Chicago Pizza Tour: www.chicagopizzatours.com.

Chicago Segway Tours: www.chicagosegwaytour.com.

Chicago's First Lady: Discover Chicago's legendary architecture on the award-winning Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady Cruises, www.cruisechicago.com.

Chicago Steakhouse Tours: www.chicagosteakhousetours.com.

Chicago Trolley and Double Decker Co: www.coachusa.com/chicagotrolley.

Chicago Underground Pedway System: www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/cdot/pedestrian/Pedway/PedwayMap2013.pdf.

Chicago Untapped: Distillery tours, www.chicagountapped.com.

Chicago Women's Park and Gardens: Pays tribute to the important women in the history of 1801 S. Indiana Ave. The Widow Clarke House, Jane Addams Helping Hands Memorial sculpture by Louise Bourgeois. See www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/Chicago-Womens-Park-and-Gardens.

City Segway Tours Chicago: chicago.citysegwaytours.com.

Clarence Buckingham Memorial Fountain: With water shooting up in front of the gorgeous skyline, a well-known Chicago landmark, 301 E. Columbus Dr., www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/clarence-f-buckingham-memorial-fountain/.

Ferris Wheel: At Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave.

Fox in a Box: Escape room, foxinaboxchicago.com.

Fountain of Time: Sculpture in Washington Park created by artist Lorado Taft, a lover of men. Unveiled at the west end of Chicago's Midway Plaisance in 1922, at Cottage Grove and 59th Street.

Free Tours by Foot: www.freetoursbyfoot.com.

Garden of the Phoenix (formerly Osaka Garden): Example of Japanese architecture and garden design. Osaka Garden is located on Wooded Island in Jackson Park. Check for closures before visiting, www.jacksonparkadvisorycouncil.org.

Garfield-Clarendon Model Railroad Club: A true-to-life model railroad, www.garfieldcentral.org.

Goose Island Brewing Company tours: www.gooseisland.com.

Graceland Cemetery: Resting place to many prominent Chicagoans, home to Eternal Silence, known as the Statue of Death, designed by gay sculptor Lorado Taft in 1909. At 4001 N. Clark St., www.gracelandcemetery.org.

Grant Park: Performance venues, gardens, artwork, sporting and harbor facilities; 319 acres including Millennium Park, Buckingham Fountain, Art Institute and Museum Campus; 337 E. Randolph St., www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/grant-park/.

Hard Rock Cafe/Carbide and Carbon Building: www.hardrockhotelchicago.com.

Hershey's Chocolate Tour: www.hersheys.com/chocolateworld/locations/chicago.

Intelligentsia Coffee Tours: www.intelligentsiacoffee.com.

Koval Distillery Tours: Organic distillery of whiskey, liqueurs and spirits, www.koval-distillery.com.

Lagunitas Brewing Company Tours: www.lagunitas.com.

Lincoln Park Conservancy: Chicago's largest park, from Hollywood Avenue to Ohio Street along the lakefront, includes Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool Gardens, North Pond Nature Sanctuary and Lincoln Monument and Gardens. It also holds the Lincoln Park Gardens and Conservatory with four display houses: Palm House, Fern Room, Orchid House and Show House, www.lincolnparkconservancy.org.

Lincoln Park Zoo: Variety of mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians in a large facility, www.lpzoo.org.

Long Grove Confectionery Tours: A chocolate and candy company, www.longgrove.com.

Maggie Daley Park / Cancer Survivor's Garden: The garden in downtown Chicago was designed to be a celebration of life and give hope, named for the late wife of former Mayor Richard M. Daley. At 337 E. Randolph St., www.maggiedaleypark.com.

Marquette Building: Completed in 1895, a landmark of timeless architecture, bringing to life Chicago's early history in an artistic and elegant setting, www.architecture.org/experience-caf/tours/detail/marquette-building/.

Maxwell Street Market: A tradition of merchandise from tools and tires to fresh produce to clothing to rare finds, www.maxwellstreet@cityofchicago.org.

Medieval Times: An 11th Century dinner, andalusian stallion show and jousting tourney,, Schaumburg, [www.medievaltimes](http://www.medievaltimes.com).

Merchandise Mart: An icon in Chicago's history since the 1930s. It is the world's largest commercial building, largest wholesale design center and one of Chicago's premier international business locations, www.themart.com.

Metrowalkz Self-Guided Walking Tour: www.evisitorguide.com/chicago/metrowalkz/.

Millennium Park: Home to architecture, landscape design and art as well a number of events and event venues such as the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Indian-born British artist Anish Kapoor's Cloud Gate, known as "The Bean," Crown Fountain, Wrigley Square and Lurie Garden. At 201 E. Randolph St., 3www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/millennium_park.html.

Morton Arboretum: Maintains living collections on display across naturally beautiful landscapes, Lisle, Illinois, www.mortonarb.org.

Murals of Chicago: There are thousands of murals across the city—some approved, some not. See murallocator.org/tag/chicago.

My Segway Experience: www.mysegwayexperience.com.

Navy Pier: Has more than 50 acres of parks, attractions, restaurants, shopping, sightseeing, cruise boats and more, including Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Chicago Children's Museum, IMAX, and many of Chicago's tourist boats. New Ferris Wheel, www.navypier.com.



Chicago's Millennium Park as seen from the north, including the famous Bean sculpture (Cloud Gate, designed by Sir Anish Kapoor) and the Frank Gehry-designed Pritzker music Pavilion.

Photo by Tracy Baim

Northerly Island Park: A peninsula that juts out into Lake Michigan, 1521 S. Linn White Dr., 312-745-2910, www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/northerly-island-park/.

Oak Street Beach: www.oakstreetbeach.com.

Obama Kissing Rock: The site of the first kiss of President Barack Obama and his future wife Michelle Obama, a plaque with a description of the date and kiss is at 53rd and South Dorchester.

Picasso Sculpture: See Richard J. Daley Center.

Pullman Rail Journeys: Historic train rides, www.travelpullman.com.

Randolph Street Market Festival: 100+ vendors, www.randolphstreetmarket.com.



Picasso sculpture.

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Tracy Baim

Red Square Chicago: Traditional bathhouse that includes a Russian sauna, www.redsquarechicago.com.

Red Witch Tall Ship: www.redwitch.com.

Revolution Brewing Tours: www.revbrew.com.

Rhine Hall Distillery Tours: www.rhinehall.com.

Richard J. Daley Civic Center/Chicago Civic Center: Home to the largest circuit court in Illinois and the law library, one of the largest collections of law books in the nation. The City of Chicago commissioned Pablo Picasso to create a steel sculpture for the building's plaza. "The Picasso" was the first monumental modern sculpture to be placed in Chicago's loop. Visit www.thedaleycenter.com.

Riverwalk: An open, pedestrian waterfront; www.riverwalkexpansion.com.

Route 66: Historic Route 66 is a national highway that starts in Chicago. A local stretch starts at Adams Street and Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago and ends at Jackson Boulevard and Lake Shore Drive; www.historic66.com.

Seadog Chicago: Speedboats, www.seadogcruises.com/chicago.

Shoreline Sightseeing: Cruises, shoresightsightseeing.com.

Sidewalk Food Tours of Chicago: www.foodtourofchicago.com.

Signature Segway Tours: www.signaturesegwaytours.com.

Signs for Peace: www.peacemuseum.org.

Six Flags Great America: Gurnee, Northwest of Chicago, www.sixflags.com/greatamerica.

SkyDeck Chicago: The Ledge, a transparent glass platform in the Willis Tower, 103rd floor of 233 S. Wacker Dr., 312-875-9447, www.theskydeck.com.

South Shore Cultural Center: A solarium, dining hall, theater and restaurant, plus a nature sanctuary, butterfly garden, golf course, beach and open spaces for walks and picnics. www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Spice of Life Tours: Food and cultural tours of www.spiceoflifetours.com.

Spirit of Chicago: Lunch and dinner cruise, www.spiritcruises.com/chicago.

Statue Stories Chicago: Chicago has incredible outdoor art, and Statue Stories can help you navigate these wonderful creations, www.statuestorieschicago.com.

Steve's Segway Tours: www.stevessegwaytours.com.

Tall Ship Adventures: Cruise tours of Chicago, www.tallshipwindy.com.

Tastebud Tours Chicago: tastebudtours.com.

Tempel Lipizzans: A dressage show by the famous Lipizzaner horses, 10 Old Mill Creek, Illinois, an hour north of Chicago, www.tempefarm.com.

Union Station: A train station as well as home to a wide variety of restaurants, convenience stores and specialty shops. The magnificent Great Hall used for many elegant special events. Originally designed by famed architect Daniel Burnham ("make no small plans, they have no magic to stir men's blood") and completed in 1925, it is considered to be one of the greatest indoor spaces in the U.S. At 500 W. Jackson Blvd., www.chicagounionstation.com.

Vertiport Chicago: Helicopter tours, www.vertiportviptours.com.

Water Tower: The Historic Water Tower, 806 N. Michigan, is the city's most familiar landmark. Constructed between 1867 and 1869, it was created for Chicago's municipal water system. It was one of the few buildings to survive the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. There is a City Gallery and Lookingglass Theatre operates in part of the old Water Tower property.

Wendella Sightseeing Boats: Cruises including an architecture tour, lake tour, sunset cruise, bridges tour and fireworks cruise, www.wendellaboats.com.

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CHICAGO ART GALLERIES

Also see museums and attractions. In Chicago unless noted.

4ArtInc: www.4artinc.com.

33 Contemporary Gallery / Art NXT Level Projects: www.33contemporary.com.

Addington Gallery: Contemporary art, www.addingtongallery.com.

AdventureLand Gallery: Young and emerging talent, www.adventurelandgallery.com.

Alan Koppel Gallery: Contemporary art, furniture, photographers, www.alankoppel.com.

Alibi Fine Art: A photography studio, alibifineart.com.

Andrew Bae Gallery: Asian artists, primarily Korea and Japan, www.andrewbaegallery.com.

Angela Komperda Studio: akomperda@gmail.com.

Ann Nathan Gallery: Contemporary realism www.annanathangallery.com.

ARC Gallery: Innovative, emerging and/or experimental visual art, www.arcgallery.org.

Armstrong Fine Art: www.armstrongfineart.com.

Art Institute of Chicago: A world-renowned institution, www.artic.edu.

Artpentry: www.artpentry.com.

Arts Club of Chicago: www.artsclubchicago.org.

Aspect / Ratio: Video and performance-based arts, www.aspectratioprojects.com.

Bert Green Fine Art: Emerging and mid-career artists, www.bertgreenfineart.com.

Beverly Arts Center: Dance, visual arts, music, film and theater, www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Bridgeport Art Center: www.bridgeportart.com.

Byran Sperry Studio: www.sperryart@gmail.com.

Carl Hammer Gallery: Self-taught and outsider artists, www.carlhammergallery.com.

Carrie Secrist Gallery: Modern art in many mediums, www.secristgallery.com.

Catherine Edelman Gallery: Contemporary photographers, www.edelmangallery.com.

Chicago Arts District: Blocks of creative space, www.chicagoartsdistrict.org.

Chicago Center for the Print: www.prints-posters.com.

Chicago Cultural Center: Music, dance, and theater events, films, lectures, art exhibitions and family events. Built to impress, its interior features rare imported marbles, brass, fine hardwoods and mosaics; 78 E. Washington St., Chicago. Gay

artist Keith Haring exhibit through Sept. 23, 2018, huge mural, photos and artifacts. www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/chicago_culturalcenter.html.

Chicago Public Art Group: www.chicagopublicartgroup.org.

Chicago Printmakers Collaborative: www.chicagoprintmakers.com.

City Gallery at Chicago Water Tower: www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/city_gallery_in_thehistoricwatertower.html.

Coletti Gallery: Masterworks, www.collettigallery.com.

Corbett vs. Dempsey: Contemporary, www.corbettvsdempsey.com.

Crude Creatures Contemporary Art Gallery: www.crudecreatures.com.

Douglas Dawson Gallery: From Africa, Asia and the Americas, www.douglas-dawson.com.

Dreambox Gallery: www.2014.dreamboxgallery.com.

EC Gallery: www.ec-gallery.com.

ECHT Gallery: Studio glass, www.echtgallery.com.

Elephant Room: Emerging and mid-career artists, www.elephantroomgallery.com.

ETA Creative Arts Foundation: Aims to be a major cultural resource for the promotion of the African American aesthetic, www.etacreativearts.org.

Evanston Art Center: www.evanstonartcenter.org.

Firecat Projects: www.firecatprojects.org.

Flat Iron Arts: www.flatironartsbuilding.com.

Frederick Baker Inc.: American and European fine prints, drawings, and watercolors, www.frederickbakerinc.com.

Galerie F: www.galerief.com.

Galleries Maurice Sternberg: 19th and 20th century American and European, www.galleriesmauricesternberg.com.

Gallery 400: Contemporary art, architecture and design, www.gallery400.uic.edu.

Gallery 2506: Contemporary art, www.gallery2506.com.

Gallery Guichard: Bronzeville's preeminent gallery of art, artists from around the world but specializes in art of the African Diaspora; www.galleryguichard.com.

Gruen Galleries: www.gruengalleries.com.

Havana Gallery: Contemporary Cuban artists, www.havanagallery.com.

Heaven Gallery: New and emerging artists, www.heavengallery.com.

Heritage Museum of Asian Art: www.heritageasianart.org.

Hildt Galleries: Fine original 19th and 20th century British, European and American oil paintings and watercolors, www.hildtgalleries.com.

Hilton/Asmus Contemporary: Modern and contemporary paintings, works on paper, fiber art, glass, sculpture and photography, www.hilton-asmus.com.

Hyde Park Art Center: Artistic risk-taking, www.hydeparkart.org.

International Morgan Art Gallery: Polish art, www.morganartgallery.com.

Intuit The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art: www.art.org.

Irish American Heritage Center: An art gallery, performing arts center, library, genealogy and language educational institution, www.irish-american.org.

J2 Gallery/Jackson Junge Gallery: www.j2gallery.com.

Jean Albano Gallery: Contemporary American painting, sculpture, mixed media, www.jeanalbanogallery.com.

Jennifer Norback Fine Art: Contemporary art in the humanist and contemporary tradition, www.jennifernorbackfineart.com.

Joel Oppenheimer Inc./Audubon Gallery Chicago: Natural art and conservation, www.audubonart.com.

Josef Glimer Galleries: Artists known to the world's art institutions, www.josefglimergallery.com.

Josh Moulton Fine Art Gallery: Work of Josh Moulton, www.joshmoulton-fineart.com.

kasia kay art projects gallery: Contemporary art, kasiakaygallery.wordpress.com/about.

Kass Meridian: Contemporary and modern, www.kassmeridian.com.

Kavi Gupta Gallery: Contemporary art by international artists: www.kavigupta.com.

Ken Saunders Gallery: Sculptural works by artists working with glass, www.kensaundersgallery.com.

KM Fine Arts: American and European artists, www.kmfinearts.com.

La Llorona Art Gallery: Works of known and unknown photographers, painters, sculptors, printmakers and muralists, www.lalloronagallery.com.

Lacuna Artist Loft Studios: www.lacuna2150.com.

Latvian Folk Art Museum: www.chicagolatvianassociation.com.

Leigh Gallery: A diverse collection of art from established artists, www.theleigh-gallery.com.

Lillstreet Art Center/ArtReach: www.artreachchicago.org.

Linda Warren Projects: Emerging and established artists, www.lindawarren-projects.com.

Little Black Pearl: www.blackpearl.org.

Loyola University Museum of Art: www.luc.eduluma.

Mars Gallery: Contemporary, modern pop art, abstract, figurative and other art mediums, www.marsgallery.com.

Matthew Rachman Gallery: Contemporary and vintage art, matthewrachman-gallery.com.

Maya Polsky Gallery: International contemporary artists, www.mayapolsky.com.

McCormick Gallery: Post-war abstract expressionists, www.thomasmccormick.com.

Mongerson Gallery: Paintings and sculpture from the country's Westward Expansion, www.mongersongallery.com.

Monique Meloche Gallery: Conceptually challenging installations, www.moniquemeloche.com.

Morpho Gallery: Artists on cusp of being discovered, www.morphogallery.com.



A Keith Haring exhibit is up through Sept. 23, 2018 at the Chicago Cultural Center. Pictured is a small segment of the massive mural on display.

Photo by Tracy Baim

Museum of Contemporary Art: Aims to be a space where the public can experience the work and ideas of living artists and understand the historical, social and cultural context of the artwork; www.mcachicago.org.

Museum of Contemporary Photography: www.mocp.org.

National Museum of Mexican Art: www.nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org.

National Veterans Art Museum: www.nvam.org.

NYCH Art Gallery: www.nychgallery.com.

Oscar Martinez Gallery: www.oscarmartinez.com.

Perimeter Gallery: www.perimetergallery.com.

Platt Fine Art: www.plattfineart.com.

Poster Plus: www.posterplus.com.

Primitive: www.bepimitive.com.

Printworks Gallery: printworkschicago.com.

The Project Room: Under-recognized work, www.theprojectroompb.com.

The Puerto Rican Cultural Center: Community-based, grassroots, educational, health and cultural services organization. www.prcc-chgo.org/about/.

Rangefinder Gallery: Work from Leica photographers, www.tamarkin.com/leicagallery.

Renaissance Society: www.renaissancesociety.org.

Rhona Hoffman Gallery: International contemporary art in all medias, www.rhoffmangallery.com.

Richard H. Driehaus Gallery of Stained Glass: www.driehausmuseum.org.

Richard Norton Galleries: American fine art of the early 20th Century, www.richardnortongallery.com.

Rosenthal Fine Art: Modernism, abstract expressionism, post-war, contemporary, www.rosenthalfineart.com.

Rotofugi Gallery: Modern pop, illustration art and character/toy design, www.gallery.rotofugi.com.

R.S. Johnson Fine Art: Museum-quality works of all genres, www.rsjohnson-fineart.com.

Russell Bowman Art Advisory: Modern, contemporary and self-taught art, www.bowmanart.com.

Schneider Gallery: Contemporary photography, www.schneidergallerychicago.com.

Smart Museum of Art: University of Chicago, www.smartmuseum.uchicago.edu.

Society for the Arts: www.societyforarts.com.

Stephen Daiter Gallery: Fine and vintage photos, stephendaitergallery.com.

Temple Gallery/Posterchild: Multi-media art group, www.posterchildart.com.

Thomas Masters Gallery: www.thomasmastersgallery.com.

Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art: Contemporary art, www.uima-chicago.org.

Urban Art Retreat Center and Women's Residence: www.urbanartretreat.com

Vale Craft Gallery: Clay, fiber, glass, metal, wood, mixed art, jewelry, www.valecraftgallery.com.

Valerie Carberry Gallery/Richard Gray Gallery: Modern, contemporary and post-war art,, www.richardgraygallery.com or valeriecarberry.com.

Vertical Gallery: Urban, contemporary and street art, www.verticalgallery.com.

Western Exhibitions: Commercial contemporary art gallery, www.westernexhibitions.com.

Windy City Strobists: www.windycitystrobists.com.

Woman Made Gallery: Supports the work of female-identified artists, www.womanmade.org.

Xavier Nuez Gallery: www.nuez.com.

Zg Gallery: Contemporary art gallery, www.zggallery.com.

Zhou B Art Center: Seeks to promote and facilitate a cultural dialogue, www.zhoubartcenter.com.

Zolla/Lieberman Gallery: www.zollaliebermangallery.com.

Zygman Voss Gallery: Original, museum-quality works of art, www.zygman-vossgallery.com.



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ART DANS LA RUE, AUG 7

MICROBREW REVIEW, AUG 18

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About Face Theatre: The theater creates plays to advance the national dialog on gender and sexual identity and to challenge and entertain audiences. [www. aboutface theatre.com](http://www.aboutface theatre.com).

Acorn Theater: In nearby Three Oaks, Michigan. www.acorntheater.com.

Actors Gymnasium: Circus arts, physical theater and multi-disciplinary shows, www.actorsgymnasium.org.

Adapt Theatre: Aims to disorient its audience so it can be reoriented to a new world view, www.facebook.com/adapttheatreproductions.

Adventure Stage Chicago: Shows for middle-school-aged audiences www.adventurestage.org.

African American Arts Alliance of Chicago: www.aaaachicago.org.

American Blues Theater: Illuminates the American ideas of freedom, equality and opportunity, www.americanbluestheater.com.

Amundson Mysteries: www.mysteryltd.com.

Annoyance Theater and Bar: The Annoyance uses improvisation to create new and original plays, musicals and sketch-comedy, www.theannoyance.com.

Apollo Chorus of Chicago: www.apollochorus.org.

Arcadia Theater: In suburban St. Charles, built in 1926, www.arcadalive.com.

Arie Crown Theatre: www.ariecrown.com.

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Babes with Blades: Uses stage combat to place women and their stories center stage, www.babeswithblades.org.

Baby Wants Candy Improv Show: www.babywantscandy.com.

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Chicago Human Rhythm Project / American Rhythm Center: A tap infused with African rhythmic and Irish dance traditions. www.chicagotap.org.

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Chicago Theatre Works: www.wegottabingo.com.

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Citadel Theater Company: Works that illuminate the challenges and joys of the human experience, www.citadeltheatre.org.

City Lit Theatre: Concert readings and full-stage productions of adaptations of literary material, www.citylit.org.

Clinard Dance Theatre Studio: www.clinardance.org.

Collaboraction: Creates original experiences that push artistic boundaries in order to explore critical social issues, www.collaboraction.org.

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Dance for Life: Dance for Life is an annual benefit event at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University. Mobilizes Chicago's dance community to support organizations and dance community professionals dealing with critical health issues, including, but not limited to HIV/AIDS, through the art of dance. www.chicagodancersunited.org.

Den Theatre: <http://thedentheatre.com>

Dong Fang Chinese Performing Arts: www.dongfangarts.org.

Drury Lane Theatre: Performances and dining venue just yards away, Oakbrook Terrace, www.drurylanetheatre.com.

Edge Theatre: www.edgetheater.com.

Emerald City Theatre: A national leader in developing new work for young audiences, www.emeraldcitytheatre.com.

Factory Theater: Unexpected and unapologetic performances, www.thefactorytheater.com.

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Firebrand Theatre: Women's equity musical theater, www.firebrandtheatre.org.

GayCo Productions: Specializes in creating sketch-comedy revues based on LGBT themes. www.gayco.com.

Genesee Theatre: The City of Waukegan purchased and renovated this gorgeous 1920s theater, www.geneseetheatre.com.

Gift Theater: www.thegifttheatre.org.

Giordano Dance Chicago at North Central College: A jazz dance company, www.geneseetheatre.com.

Goodman Theatre: Chicago's oldest and largest not-for-profit theater has won international renown for the quality of productions, www.goodmantheatre.org.

Greenhouse Theater: A nonprofit performance venue, www.greenhousetheater.org.

Griffin Theatre Company: Theatrical experiences for both children and adults, building bridges between generations, www.griffintheatre.com.

Halcyon Theatre: A theater committed to making the stage as diverse as the city of Chicago, www.halcyontheatre.org.

Harris Theater: A 1,500-seat state-of-the art performance venue located in Chicago's Millennium Park, www.harristheaterchicago.org.

Hell in a Handbag Productions: Exploration and celebration of the art of camp and parody onstage, in the most ridiculous manner possible, www.handbagproductions.org.

Her Story Theater Company creates all its original plays based on Chicago lives, www.herstorytheater.org.



**Cake from Rivendell
Theatre Ensemble.**

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Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre/First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre:

One of the biggest music venues in America, Tinley Park, www.tinleyparkamphitheater.com.

Hoover Leppen Theater: A venue for queer performances, in Center on Halsted, www.centeronhalsted.org.

House Theater of Chicago: Aims to unite Chicago in the spirit of community thru storytelling, www.thehousetheatre.com.

Hubbard Street Dance: Brings artists, art and audiences together to enrich, engage, educate and change lives through the experience of dance. Now celebrating its 40th Anniversary Season, www.hubbardstreetdance.com.

The Hypocrites: www.the-hypocrites.com.

Irish American Heritage Center: www.irish-american.org.

Jackalope Theater Company / The Frontier: Newly developed and established American works, www.jackalopetheatre.org.

Jedlicka Performing Arts: A college venue that showcases stage and musical productions, Morton College, www.jpactheatre.com.

Joel Hall Dancers: Joel Hall, an openly gay man, hopes to enrich the lives of its community through dance performance and education. The signature dance style of JHD incorporates ballet, jazz, modern, funk and “street dance” using contemporary jazz and house music to create an innovative and continuously evolving dance style, www.joelhall.org.

Joffrey Ballet: A world-class, Chicago-based ballet company and dance education organization committed to artistic excellence and innovation, presenting a unique repertoire encompassing masterpieces of the past and cutting-edge works. The Joffrey Ballet has been hailed as “America’s Company of Firsts.” See www.joffrey.org.

Kalapriya Center for Indian Performing Arts: www.kalapriya.org.

Kokandy Productions: A musical theater that aims to tell complex and challenging stories, www.kokandyproductions.com.

Late Nite Catechism: Longest-running religious comedy in Chicago. And Bible Bingo, where you laugh, learn and win goofy prizes! See www.nuns4fun.com.

Lifeline Theatre: A theater that focuses on literary adaptations and new work, www.lifelinetheatre.com.

Lincoln Loft: Eight artists who live and work in the same space, www.thelincolnloft.com.

Links Hall: Encourages innovation and public engagement; an artistic incubator and launch pad, www.linkshall.org.

Little Theatre on the Square: Since 1957, The Little Theatre On The Square has been bringing Broadway-quality entertainment to the heart of Central Illinois, in Sullivan, www.thelittletheatre.org.

Lookingglass Theatre Company: A nationwide leader in the creation and presentation of new, cutting-edge theatrical works, www.lookingglasstheatre.org.

Logan Center for the Arts: University of Chicago, arts.uchicago.edu/explore/rev-and-david-logan-center-arts.

Lyric Opera of Chicago: Renowned internationally for its artistic excellence and financial strength. Founded in 1954, Lyric has always distinguished itself by presenting the finest international singers, conductors, directors and designers in classic and less-familiar operatic repertoire and in world-premiere productions, www.lyricopera.org.

Magic Parlour: www.themagicparlourchicago.com.

Marriott Theatre: Musical theater, www.marriotttheatre.com.

Mary-Arrchie Theatre Co.: Committed to producing theater as an ensemble including actors, directors and designers, www.maryarchie.com.

Mary's Attic: Upstairs performance venue of Hamburger Mary's, www.hamburgermarys.com/chicago/attic/.

McAninch Performing Arts: Music, dance, theater, comedy and specialty entertainment, College of Dupage, www.atthemac.org.

MCL Chicago: Music improv and music comedy, www.mclchicago.com.

Mercury Theater: An intimate theater for musicals and local performances, www.mercurytheaterchicago.com.

Metropolis Performing Arts: For professional entertainment and arts education, www.metropolisarts.com.

The Music Box: A venue for independent and foreign films and performances, www.musicboxtheatre.com.

Neo-Futurists: Draws upon Dada, Surrealism, the work of the original Italian Futurists, and an array of other artistic and performance disciplines, www.neofuturists.org.

NightBlue Performing Arts: Embraces difficult topics and tells stories that examine who we are as human beings, www.nightbluetheater.com.

Northlight Theatre: Aspires to promote change of perspective and encourage compassion "by exploring the depth of our humanity across a bold spectrum of theatrical experiences." In Skokie, www.northlight.org.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts: Part of Skokie's plan to provide cultural, literary and educational programs, www.northshorecenter.org.

No Exit Café / Theo Ubique Cabaret Theater: A theater hoping to engage actors and audiences in an intimate and honest conversation with great theatrical works, www.theo-u.com.

Nothing Without a Company: Innovative, thought-provoking art. Supports LGBTQIA artists by providing a safe and creative space to explore their voices and talents, www.nothingwithoutacompany.org.

Nuns4Fun Entertainment: One-woman religious comedies, www.nuns4fun.com.

Oak Park Festival Theatre: The Midwest's oldest professional (Actors' Equity Association) classical outdoor theater, www.oakparkfestival.com.

Oil Lamp Theater: In Glenview, www.oillamptheater.org.

Oracle Theatre: Free art for all, www.publicaccesstheatre.org.

Outspoken!: A monthly, diverse and curated LGBTQ storytelling event at Sidetrack bar, www.sidetrackchicago.com/outspokenchicago.



Pride Films & Plays' Yank.

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Paramount Theater: Known for its Broadway shows, Aurora, www.paramountaurora.com.

The Playground Theater: Artist-led comedy theater, www.theplaygroundtheater.com.

Porchlight Music Theater: Music theater venue, www.porchlightmusictheatre.org.

Pride Films and Plays: LGBTQ+ characters or themes in fully staged productions, writing contests and staged readings, film screenings and special events, www.pridefilmsandplays.com.

PrivateBank Theatre: A Broadway in Chicago theater, www.broadwayinchicago.com.

Profiles Theatre: An actor-driven theater known for dark and edgy works, www.profilestheatre.org.

Prop Theatre: An incubator for new talent, www.propthtr.org.

Provision Theater: Producing works of hope, reconciliation and redemption, www.provisiontheater.org.

About Face Theatre's Time is On Our Side.

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Public House Theatre: www.thepubtheatre.com.

Quare Square Collective: Queer-identified artists of color; a monthly open mic for queer women of color, www.quare2collective.org.

Raven Theatre: Tells stories of today and the past that connect us to our cultural landscape, www.raventheatre.com.

A Red Orchid Theatre: An ensemble of artists dedicated to the proliferation of live theater in the modern world, www.aredorchidtheatre.org.

Rivendell Theatre Ensemble: An award-winning, critically acclaimed professional theater company committed to recognizing and cultivating the talents of women in theater—from playwrights and actors to designers and managers, www.rivendelltheatre.org.

RedTwist Theatre: Strives to do drama that packs emotion, examines moral dilemmas and reveals greater truths, www.redtwist.org.

Remy Bumpo Theatre Company: An ensemble-based theater company that believes in the power and beauty of language, www.remybumpo.org.

RH School of Performing Arts: www.rhspa.com.

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel: The soaring Rockefeller Chapel—modeled after the cathedrals and historic college chapels of the British Isles—is a major center for the performing arts as well as serving as the ceremonial and spiritual center of the University of Chicago, rockefeller.uchicago.edu.

Rosemont Theatre in Rosemont, Illinois, a Northwest suburb of Chicago, has a wide range of concerts, theater, music and more, www.rosemont.com/theatre/.

Route 66 Theatre Company: Introduces, develops, produces and exports new work for the stage that embrace the American spirit of exploration and risk, www.route66theatre.org.

Royal George Theater/Liberty Theatres: www.theroyalgeorgetheatre.com.

Ruth Page Center for Arts: A platform for developing great artists and connecting them with audiences and community, www.ruthpage.org.

The Second City: An unconventional and non-conformist theater. At the corner of North Avenue and Wells Street in Chicago, 312-337-3992, visit www.secondcity.com.

The Side Project: An intimate black-box theater with collaborations between established and new artists, www.thesideproject.net.

Signal Ensemble Theatre: Actors, designers, writers, directors and stage managers who have created a collaborative environment, 1802 W. Berenice Ave., Chicago, 773-698-7389, www.signalensemble.com.

Silk Road Rising: Creates live theater and online videos that tell stories through primarily Asian American and Middle Eastern American lenses. The founders are a gay couple, Jamil Khoury and Malik Gillani, www.silkroadrising.org.

Stage 773: A nonprofit piece of the Belmont Theatre District, www.stage773.com.

Steep Theatre: A dedicated, close-knit group of actors, directors, designers and writers, www.steeptheatre.com.

Steppenwolf Theater: One of the nation's premier ensemble theaters, www.steppenwolf.org.

Strawdog Theatre: Committed to ensemble acting and an immersive design approach, www.strawdog.org.

StoryTown: A fully improvised adventure www.storytownimprov.com.

Strange Loop Theatre: Focuses on new work, www.strangelooptheatre.org.

Teatro Luna: Founded in June 2000 by Coya Paz and Tanya Saracho, they came together because they realized that the stories and experiences of Latina/Hispana women were undervalued and underrepresented not only on the Chicago stage, but beyond, www.teatroluna.org.

Teatro Vista: Teatro Vista, Theatre with a View, was founded in 1990 by Edward Torres and Henry Godinez to address the lack of opportunities for Latino artists and other artists of color, www.teatrovista.org.

Theater on the Lake: Dining, events, concerts on Chicago's Lakefront in newly renovated space, www.theateronthelake.com.

Theater Wit: Hopes to provide intelligent, humorous and challenging works, www.theaterwit.org.

TimeLine Theater: Stories inspired by history that connect with today's social and political issues, www.timelinetheatre.com.

Tommy Gun's Garage Dinner Show: An interactive comedy dinner theater, www.tommygunsgarage.com.

Trap Door Theatre: Stories in old traditions mixed with new to illustrate absurdities of life, www.trapdoortheatre.com.

TUTA Theatre: Theater that is both relevant and challenging in both form and/or content, www.tutato.com.

Under the Gun Theater: Improvisation, stand-up, sketch comedy, plays, storytelling, music and physical theater, www.undertheguntheater.com.

Up Comedy Club: A venue for stand-up, sketch, improv, podcasts and other entertainment that hopes to be smart, funny and provocative, www.upcomedyclub.com.

Uptown Underground: A theater for burlesque, cabaret, music, magic and comedy, www.uptownunderground.net.

Victory Gardens: Dedicated to artistic excellence while creating a vital, contemporary American theater that is accessible and relevant to all people through quality productions of challenging new plays and musicals, www.victorygardens.org.

Windy City Playhouse: A theater that hopes to be inspired and moved by its audiences, 3014 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, 773-891-8985, windycityplayhouse.com.

Woodstock Opera House: Devoted to the art of opera, in Woodstock, www.woodstockoperahouse.com.

The Writers Theatre: Inventive interpretations of classic work, a bold approach to contemporary theater and a dedication to creating the most intimate theatrical experience possible. New theater center in downtown Glencoe was designed by the award-winning, internationally renowned Studio Gang Architects, led by Founder and Design Principal Jeanne Gang, FAIA, www.writerstheatre.org.

YEPP: Youth Empowerment Performance Project: Creates a safe environment for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer youth experiencing homelessness, www.wesayyep.com/about.

See The League of Chicago Theatres website for more theatrical information: leagueofchicagotheatres.org and their complete membership list here: www.chicagoplays.com/member-list.html. Also see the Illinois Theatre Association, www.illinoistheatre.org.



The image is a purple promotional poster for About Face Theatre. At the top, there is a white logo consisting of the letters 'aft' inside a circle of intersecting lines. Below the logo, the text 'ABOUT FACE THEATRE' is written in white. Further down, a paragraph states: 'ABOUT FACE THEATRE CREATES EXCEPTIONAL, INNOVATIVE, AND AWARD-WINNING THEATRE THAT ADVANCES THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON SEXUAL AND GENDER IDENTITY.' Below this, it says 'LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CURRENT SEASON AT ABOUTFACETHEATRE.ORG'. At the bottom, there is a photograph of three young people in a theatrical pose.



The image is a colorful advertisement for Long Branch Gallery. It features a photograph of two men in a gallery setting, one with his hand on the other's back. Below the photo, a white box contains the text: 'Gay Friendly Mineral Point Wisconsin population 2600 More art galleries per person than Sante Fe NM'. At the bottom, the website 'longbranchgallery.com' is listed. The background of the ad is a vibrant rainbow gradient.

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The Second City, arguably the most iconic and prolific comedy theater in the county, has introduced some of the most influential comedic voices in American comedy including Joan Rivers, Jerry Stiller, Alan Arkin, Anne Meara, John Belushi, Gilda Radner, Bill Murray, John Candy, Betty Thomas, Dan Aykroyd, Tom Kazurinsky, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Andy Dick, Jane Lynch, Aaron Freeman, Tim Meadows, Chris Farley, Steve Carell, Stephen Colbert, Amy Poehler, Rachel Dratch, Tina Fey and so many more. Thanks to their dedication to diverse voices, LGBT performers are frequently featured in the casts of their Main Stage and ETC casts. Housed in what is basically a comedy mall, you can find something to make you laugh seven days a week. Second City Chicago is located at the corner of North Avenue and Wells Street in Chicago, 312-337-3992 or visit www.secondcity.com.

io (formerly Improv Olympic), also in Lincoln Park, features theaters and a variety of shows ranging from improvised Shakespeare and sketch revues to storytelling and improvised musicals. See www.ioimprov.com.



Members of GayCo's ensemble.
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Chicago is also home to a thriving LGBT comedy scene. The queer improv group **Baby Wine** performs regularly at The Annoyance Theater, and **GayCo** (www.gayco.com) is celebrating over 20 years of fabulous comedy. If you are looking for stand up, **The KIKI: Queer Comedy with Variety** is Laugh Factory Chicago's evening of LGBT comedy featuring stand-up, storytellers, monologues, and music. (@TheKIKIComedy).

The Kates is an all-female comedy showcase that provides an intimate night of comedy different from anything you'll see at a typical Chicago club or late night bar. See www.thekates.org.

Women in Comedy, www.womenincomedy.org, is a national group, based



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The Revival, in Hyde Park, is where improvisational comedy was invented in 1955, when the Compass Players opened a makeshift theater at the northeast corner of 55th Street and University Avenue. See www.the-revival.com.

Zanie's Comedy Club is a standup comedy club in the city and suburbs, www.chicago.zanies.com.

Laugh Factory is a comedy venue in Lakeview, www.laughfactory.com.

Up Comedy Club is a venue for standup, sketch comedy, improv, podcasts, and other entertainment that hopes to be smart, funny and provocative, www.upcomedyclub.com.

Playground Theater is an artist-led comedy theater, providing a home for comedians to grow as performers, writers, directors and producers. See www.theplaygroundtheater.com.

ComedySportz Chicago is at CSZ Theater in Lakeview, www.cszchicago.com.

There are also festivals year-round featuring comedians and improvisers from across the globe. **The Chicago Improv Festival** (www.chicagoimprovfestival.org) sprawls across the city each spring, and Stage 773



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The KIKI.
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LIVE MUSIC IN CHICAGO

From blues and jazz to symphonic and rock, Chicago has a vibrant and varied music scene that continues to evolve and grow each year. Read below for a current overview on things to check out in the Windy City to suit almost any musical taste.

Overall Chicago's concert season is controlled by the weather and time of year. The slow times happen around the cold holiday season while things start amping up around March. When planning to visit Chicago for a music festival keep in mind that hotels book up quickly.

Warm up with neighborhood street festivals, where streets are blocked and stages built. Those with a special LGBT focus include **Andersonville's Midsommarfest** June 8-10 in 2018, and two fests on Halsted: **Pride Fest** June 16-17, 2018, and **Northalsted Market Days** in August (Aug. 11-12).

Also on Pride Weekend, there is the **Dyke March**, with a music and networking festival after the march. The 21st anniversary Dyke March is Saturday, June 23, 2017. See www.facebook.com/DykeMarchChicago.

Plus, the Far North Side Glenwood Arts District hosts **Pride North** on Pride Parade Sunday, this year June 24, with lots of music and socializing. See www.facebook.com/GlenwoodAvenuePrideNorth.

Here is a guide to the **2017 street fests in Chicago**: www.choosechicago.com/articles/view/CHICAGO-FESTIVALS/1446.

Depending on the time of year for your visit, Chicago has a vibrant LGBT choral community.

The **Chicago Gay Men's Chorus** schedule is at www.cgmc.org, **Windy City Performing Arts** is www.windycitysings.org and **Artemis Singers**, a lesbian-feminist chorus, is at www.artemissingers.org. CGMC also hosts an annual Love Fest. Many of the city's LGBT bars have music nights, or karaoke nights with some amazing talent. And of course the city has great openly LGBT professional singers of all backgrounds.

The **Lakeside Pride Music Ensembles** offer a wide range of music for LGBTQ and allied audiences. Their three major ensembles are the Freedom Marching Band, Jazz Orchestra and Symphonic Band. They reflect a musical legacy that began in 1979 with the original Chicago Gay Pride Band. Today, Lakeside Pride Music Ensembles—more than 18 years strong and counting—serves as the umbrella organization for their current ensembles that celebrate this heritage. See www.lakesidepride.org.

Back Lot Bash is an annual women's party, mostly lesbian, held during Pride Month in Chicago, in the LGBT area known as Andersonville. See www.backlotbashchicago.com.

Grant Park and Millennium Park present a variety of styles of music with blues, jazz, gospel, and world festivals (plus July 4th under the stars). See www.grantparkmusicfestival.com/ and www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/millennium_park.html.

At Millennium Park, you can listen and see the concerts in the beautiful Frank Gehry-designed Pritzker Pavilion. Highlights in 2018 include the **House Music Festival** May 26, **Chicago Gospel Festival** June 1-2, **Blues Fest** June 8-10, **Grant Park Music Festival** summer long, **Chicago Jazz Festival** Aug.



JD Samson performs at 2017's Back Lot Bash.

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30-Sept. 2, and **World Music Festival** Chicago Sept. 7-23.

Taste of Chicago turns 38 in 2018, running July 11-15, and while it can be a bit overwhelming, the music acts have been stellar in the past.

Fitzgerald's at 6615 W. Roosevelt Rd. in Berwyn speaks to that jazz and blues audience even holding open mics at the side bar. For the oldest-running jazz club in the U.S., head up north to the **Green Mill**, 4802 N. Broadway, founded in 1907 and featuring traditional, contemporary and improvisational jazz.

Ravinia Festival in Highland Park runs June 1-Sept. 16. North America's oldest music festival presents more than 140 events each summer. See www.ravinia.org.

Mamby on the Beach on Lake Michigan will return again for more EDM mixed with indie bands June 23-24. **Spring Awakening** dances again on June 8-10 with more electronic music at Addams-Medill Park.

Country music is sometimes lacking in the city but the new three-day country music festival **Windy City LakeShake** changed all of that, returning June 22-24 at Northerly Island.

Pitchfork Music Festival in Union Park is a little more artsy running July 20-22.

The uber queer/safe space event **FED UP Fest** is usually end of July.

After that, **Lollapalooza** celebrates its 27th anniversary Aug. 2-4. Historic Grant Park will be turned upside down with food, merchandise, eight stages and more than 170 bands and musicians.

Electronic music-themed **North Coast Music Festival**, often described as "summer's last stand" runs Aug. 31-Sept. 2 and rocking **Riot Fest** brings up the rear Sept. 14-16.

The atmosphere of a venue can change the sound and feel of an artist playing live. **City Winery** is an intimate spot to see concerts on Randolph Street and has a new location along the River Walk seasonally. Close to the West Loop location is also the **Bottom Lounge** full of industrial and indie band music.

The **Riviera Theatre** and the **Aragon Ballroom** in Uptown can sometimes clash being almost across the street from each other, so shows are not usually planned at the same time.

The historic **Metro** is just down the road from **The Vic Theater** and both have carved out a place in music history.

Park West in Lincoln Park doesn't have a bad view in the house but seating can be challenging as that is usually sold separately, leaving concert-goers standing-room-only.



Members of the Lakeside Pride Jazz Ensemble.

Photo by Kate Sosin

House of Blues and **Chicago Theatre** are just across the bridge from each other downtown but have completely different feels of space and décor, both iconic in their own way.

Historic landmark **Thalia Hall** is a newly rehabbed concert venue in Pilsen. The two owners have teamed up to make this venue truly majestic thanks to past experience with Evanston's **Space**, **Empty Bottle** and **Beauty Bar**.

For sound the **Civic Opera House** has most places beat but only holds concerts sporadically throughout the year. Also beautiful venues for concerts are the **Auditorium Theatre** and the **Harris Theater**, with many classical music artists stopping in. **Chicago Sinfonietta** is a professional orchestra dedicated to modeling and promoting diversity, inclusion, and both racial and cultural equity in the arts through the universal language of symphonic music. **The Chicago Chorale** also offers great concerts with music from the 16th Century to the present. **Mandel Hall** at the University of Chicago features a great classic Victorian interior. There are also many Chicago churches which hosts concerts, both downtown and in the city's neighborhoods.

The Chicago Philharmonic Society is a collaboration of more than 200 of the highest-level classical musicians performing in the Chicago metropolitan area. See www.chicagophilharmonic.org.

Picosa is a mixed chamber ensemble known for its signature symphonic sound and virtuosity. The ensemble's unique approach to programming presents celebrated masterworks from across the centuries and around the globe.

Arie Crown Theater in the Near South Loop and **The Promontory** in Hyde Park usually host R&B and other musical artists while look for reggae music

at the **Wild Hare**. Look for rock music at **Reggies**, transformed from an auto repair shop on South State Street.

New hot spots include **Chop Shop/1st Ward**; and **Concord Music Hall** and **Lincoln Hall**, where both keep up with the young times.

Uptown Underground, 4707 N. Broadway, is a 7,000-square-foot speakeasy-style venue featuring the Moonlight Mainstage, 150-seat performance hall and the Starlight Lounge, 50-seat private party room with small stage and cozy atmosphere, an antique bar stocked with hand-crafted and local spirits, VIP seating and a full range of “retrotainment”; burlesque, magic, variety, circus arts, drag and more. See www.uptownlounge.net.

Some of the city’s best clubs for blues include **Kingston Mines** in Lincoln Park, **Rosa’s Lounge** on the West Side, **Buddy Guy’s Legends** in the South Loop, **Blue Chicago** in River North, **B.L.U.E.S.** on the North Side, the **House of Blues** special Back Porch Stage downtown, **Lee’s Unleaded Blues** on the South Side, and **The Smoke Daddy** in Wicker Park. **Honky Tonk BBQ** in Pilsen features jazz, blues and more.

You can also see more jazz at **Buddy Guy’s**, or nearby **Jazz Showcase**, and **Andy’s Jazz Club** in River North.

Some smaller but long-lasting spaces include **Schuba’s Tavern**, **Martyrs’**, **Beat Kitchen**, **Empty Bottle** and **Subterranean**. This is a chance to see a solo

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artist or band grow into something big early on in their career. **Fabitat** queer night is at **Beauty Bar**.

The Old School Town of Folk Music is a Chicago treasure, with live music for varied tastes. It is a theater committed to teaching and presenting music that reflects the cultural traditions of Chicago's diverse communities.

Larger venues include **United Center**, **Wrigley Field** where the Chicago Cubs play, and **Soldier Field**, home of the Chicago Bears, with **Allstate Arena** and the **Rosemont Horizon/Allstate Arena** just outside of the city and near O'Hare. Meanwhile, **Navy Pier** is quickly growing as a place to go for large electronic music concerts.

To find out when many acts are heading to Chicago, try individual venue websites as well as **www.Livenation.com**, **jamusa.com** and the old standby **www.ticketmaster.com** for information. The trick is to set up alerts for upcoming shows such as **chicago.eventful.com/events** where there is even an app to keep informed.

With a thriving music scene, most artists make their way to the Windy City, so don't miss out on the music.



Kristine W. performs at Chicago Pride Fest 2017.

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Angel's Palace: Nightclub/restaurant featuring pop, Latin and dance tunes. 6319 Roosevelt Rd., Berwyn, IL, 708-317-5214

The Anvil: Edgewater's premiere gay dive. Cheap drinks, juke box, back patio, no attitude. 1137 W. Granville Ave., 773-973-0006

The Baton Show Lounge: World-class female impersonation since 1969. A jewel of Chicago's downtown gay scene. 436 N. Clark St., 312-644-5269, www.thebatonshowlounge.com

Berlin: Goths, punks, club kids, queens and everyone in between. Legendary dance club for over 30 years. Open late (4 am, 5 am on Saturday). 954 W. Belmont Ave., 773-348-4975, www.berlinchicago.com

Big Chicks/Tweet: A chill, welcoming Uptown watering hole, catering to all crowds. Special nights for bears (The Bear Den), all-genders (Formerly Known As) and more. Late night kitchen open every night. 5024 N. Sheridan Rd., 773-728-5511, www.bigchicks.com

Big Jim's: Boystown's newest addition. Little brother of Little Jim's around the corner, with a more modern, open feel. 3503 N. Halsted St.

Bobby Love's: Boystown's go-to karaoke joint, featuring Karaoke by Creaoke every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. 3729 N. Halsted St., 773-525-1200, rclsixty1.wix.com/welcome

The Call: Andersonville's home for drag and entertainment, with frequent mixed-entertainment shows and occasional country/western line dancing. 1547 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., 773-334-2525, www.callbarchicago.com

Cell Block: A raunchy mainstay of Chicago's Boystown area. A mostly male crowd. 3702 N. Halsted St., 773-665-8064, www.cellblock-chicago.com

Charlie's: Boystown's classic country/western hotspot, transforming into a high-energy dance club after-hours. Open late (4 am, 5 am on Saturdays). 3726 N. Broadway, 773-871-8887, www.charlieschicago.com

The Closet: Cozy mixed-crowd bar (leaning more towards women) for over 40 years. Open late (4 am, 5 am on Saturdays). 3325 N. Broadway, 773-477-8533, www.theclosetchicago.com

Club Escape: South Side's energetic dance club with regular DJs, live performances and drink specials. 1530 E. 75th St., 773-599-9372

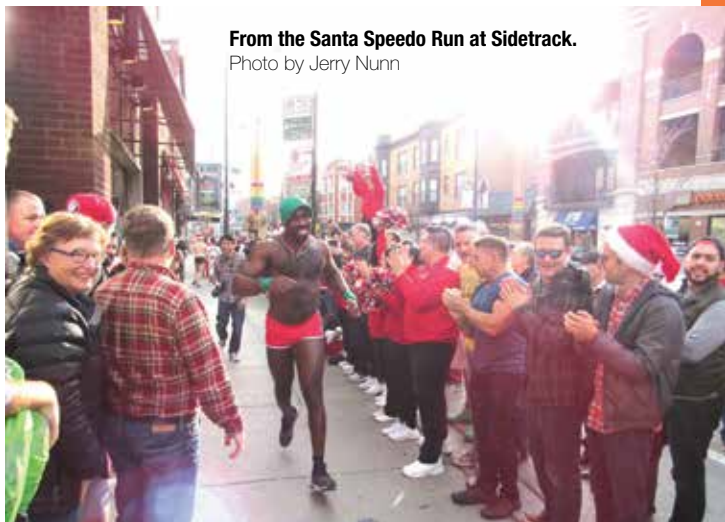
Club Krave: High-class drag and massive drink specials in the South Suburbs. Karaoke, bingo, dancing and gaming machines. 13126 S. Western Ave., Blue Island, Illinois, 708-597-8379, www.clubkrave.com

D.S.Tequila Co.: A fun Mexican-inspired eatery with colorful Margaritas and a full menu. 3352 N. Halsted St., 773-697-9127, www.dstequila.com

Dick's R U Crazee: A mixed crowd well east of the city. Drag shows on the weekends. 1221 E. 150th St., Hammond, Indiana, 219-852-0222, www.dicksrucrazee.com

Elixir Lounge: Boystown's classy cocktail spot. Window/people-watching seating available. 3452 N. Halsted St., www.elixirchicago.com

Elixir Lounge Andersonville: Upscale cocktails from the folks who brought you Elixir in Boystown ... in Andersonville! 1509 W. Balmoral Ave., 773-654-1751, www.elixirandersonville.com



From the Santa Speedo Run at Sidetrack.

Photo by Jerry Nunn

Fantasy Nightclub: Dancing, drag and shows for Chicago's Latinx queer community. 3641 N. Halsted St., www.facebook.com/fantasychicago/

Forest View Lounge: A no-frills Southwest Side bar welcoming to all. 4519 S. Harlem Ave., Berwyn, Illinois, 708-484-3067, www.forestviewlounge.com

The Glenwood: A true neighborhood bar in Rogers Park which attracts a mixed crowd, but decidedly LGBT. Karaoke, trivia, darts, pool and tall drinks. 6962 N. Glenwood Ave., 773-764-7363, www.facebook.com/glenwood626/

Hamburger Mary's/Mary's Attic: The flagship shop of the national chain of sassy burger joints. Have a meal at Hamburger Mary's, knock back a few pints at Andersonville Brewing Co., and take in a show or dance up in "the attic." 5400 N. Clark St., 773-784-6969, www.hamburgermarys.com/chicago/

Hamburger Mary's Oak Park: Newest addition to the chain. Dining With the Divas drag show followed by Mary-oke each Friday and Saturday. 155 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Illinois, 708-445-0272, oakparkbeer.com/hamburgermarys

Hydrate: Boystown's anchor high-energy dance club. Special drag shows Monday and Wednesday. Comedy nights every Thursday. Open late (4 am, 5 am on Saturdays). 3458 N. Halsted St., 773-975-9244, www.hydratechicago.com

InnExile: Karaoke and strippers every weekend in the Midway airport area. 5758 W. 65th St., 773-582-3510

The Jackhammer Complex: Catering to the fetish crowd. Mostly men gather for deep drinks, raucous drag Mondays and Thursdays, dancing and fun down in “The Hole.” Open late (4 am, 5 am on Saturdays). 6406 N. Clark St., 773-743-5772, www.facebook.com/chijackhammer

Jeffery Pub: A popular South Side gathering spot, with dancing, poetry readings, performances. 7041 S. Jeffery Blvd., 773-363-8555

Joie de Vine: A quaint neighborhood wine bar, popular with women, open to all. 1744 W. Balmoral Ave., 773-989-6846, www.facebook.com/joiede.vine

Kit Kat Lounge & Supper Club: Popular spot for an extensive Martini menu and drag performances from a regular cast. 3700 N. Halsted St., 773-525-1111, www.kitkatchicago.com

La Cueva: Drag and drinks, popular in the Latinx community. 4153 W. 26th St., 773-475-6544

Lark: Boystown’s rustic pizza place with full bar. 3441 N. Halsted St., 773-799-8968, www.larkchicago.com

Little Jim’s: Chicago’s longest-running gay bar in the heart of Boystown. Classic “beer and a shot” spot. Open late (4 am, 5 am on Saturdays). 3501 N. Halsted St., 773-871-6116

Lucky Horseshoe: Boystown’s favorite spot for male dancers and ... well, more male dancers. 3169 N. Halsted St., 773-404-3169

Maneuvers: Suburban hotspot for over 20 years. Regular drag shows and friendly faces southwest of the city. 118 E. Jefferson St., Joliet, Illinois, 815-727-7069

Manhandler: Blast-from-the-past bar with a leathery feel, a cozy fireplace and a cruisy back patio area. 1948 N. Halsted St., 773-871-3339

minibar: A mixed-orientation cocktail-crowd magnet with hot bartenders and crafty drinks. 3341 N. Halsted St., 773-871-6227, www.minibarchicago.com

North End: Chicago’s classic LGBT sports bar with multiple pool tables and a sporty staff. 3733 N. Halsted St., 773-477-7999, www.northendchicago.com

Phoenix Bar and Nightclub: State-of-the-art dance floor in the western suburbs. A very mixed clientele for karaoke and dancing all weekend. 1932 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove Village, Illinois, 847-258-3087, www.phoenixbarchicago.com

Progress Bar: Marvel at the stunning overhead light installation as you enjoy drink specials and a trendy crowd in the heart of Boystown. 3359 N. Halsted St., 773-697-9268, www.progressbarchicago.com

R Public House: Burgers, beers and a neighborhood feel in Rogers Park. Enjoy a hockey, soccer, or football game over a pint with friends. 1508 W. Jarvis Ave., 872-208-7916, www.rpublichouse.com

Replay Lakeview: Classic arcade games and a wide whiskey selection exemplify this Boystown playground. Ink up at Tat Tuesdays. 3439 N. Halsted St., 773-661-9632, www.replaylakeview.com

Replay Andersonville: More arcade fun, with a full menu for lunch or dinner. 5358 N. Clark St., 773-654-1369, www.replayandersonville.com

Rogers Park Social: Swanky seasonal cocktails and a jazzy vibe. Enjoy a board game in the retro lounge or yuk it up at their monthly “Laughs in the Lounge” comedy showcase. 6920 N. Glenwood Ave., 773-791-1419, www.rogersparksocial.com

Roscoe's: A hub of Chicago's LGBTQ nightlife, offering national drag names, dancing and frequent performances from club superstars. Five bars to serve you. 3356 N. Halsted St., 773-281-3355, www.roscoes.com

Scarlet: A young, hip crowd throngs the dancefloor nightly, with popular DJs and wall-to-wall Fireball. 3320 N. Halsted St., 773-348-1053, www.scarletbarchicago.com

Scot's: A quaint neighborhood watering hole where friends gather for a good beer and a good chat. 1829 W. Montrose Ave., 773-528-3253, www.chicagoscotsbar.com

Second Story Bar: Downtown's no-nonsense after-work meeting spot. 157 E. Ohio St., 312-923-9536, www.secondstorybar.com

Shakers on Clark: A chill, neighborhood bar just south of the Boystown strip. Friendly bartenders, karaoke and fun, interactive game shows. 3160 N. Clark St., 773-327-5969, www.shakersonclark.com

Sidetrack: The center of gay nightlife in Chicago. The original video bar. A sunny upper deck bar, world-famous Slushies, and a must-have showtunes night every Sunday and Monday. A complex of bars, catering to every need in Boystown. 3349 N. Halsted St., 773-477-9189, www.sidetrackchicago.com



Gay musician Steve Grand (right) at Touché for Mr. Chicago Leather victory party.

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The Sofo Tap: A corner pub with a stunning back patio, perfect for summer cocktails. Revolving live game shows every Wednesday, Karaoke Sundays and home of the monthly DILF and OTTER parties. 4923 N. Clark St., 773-784-7636, www.thesofotap.com

Spyners: An off-the-beaten-path lesbian karaoke joint. 4623 N. Western Ave., 773-784-8719, www.spyner.com

Touché: Home of many of Chicago's leather and fetish groups. An old-school leather bar with demos and more in The Club Room. Open late (4 am, 5 am on Saturdays). 6412 N. Clark St., 773-465-7400, www.touchechicago.com

Uptown Underground: A queer-friendly performance venue with raucous drag and male and female burlesque revues. 4707 N. Broadway, 773-867-1946, www.uptownunderground.net

Wang's: Great gay raunch against a quirky Chinese-inspired decor. 3317 N. Broadway, 773-296-6800, www.wangslive.com

PARTIES

Burly @ The Burlington: A night for burly bearded boys and their allies. DJs spin punk, disco and new wave. Every third Wednesday night. 3425 W. Fullerton Ave., www.facebook.com/burlychicago

CRUSH Chicago: Upscale events for women, by women. Held over Pride Weekend (June 22-25). www.crushchicago.com

Doll House Chicago: A night for hot young lesbians and the hot young lesbians who love them. DJs and go-go dancers. A variety of locations. Instagram:[dollhousechicago](https://www.instagram.com/dollhousechicago)

Fabitat @ Beauty Bar: Gathering spot for fabulous queer misfits, featuring DJs, dancing, stiff ones and performances from a regular cast of queens. Every other Wednesday night. 1444 W. Chicago Ave., www.facebook.com/doorno3fabitat/

Glitter Creeps @ The Empty Bottle: A rock/punk/new wave queer night. See website for events and dates. 1035 N. Western Ave., www.facebook.com/glittercreeps/

Men's Room: A down and dirty roving party with cruising men and resident DJs Harry+Jpeg. At a variety of locations. www.facebook.com/harryjpeg/

NEO Thursdays @ Debonair Social Club: A queer (and everything else) new wave party with two DJs on two floors. 1575 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Neverland: High-energy series of themed dance parties with top-notch DJs and production value. Most parties coincide with big community events (IML, Pride, Market Days), with additional events throughout the year. At a variety of locations. www.facebook.com/NeverlandParties/

Off Chances @ Danny's: A queer collective dance party celebrating inclusion and expression, taking place every second Tuesday of the month. 1959 W. Dickens Ave., www.chancesdances.org

Queen! @ Smart Bar: Chicago's hottest weekly club night with world-class house DJs and club-kid luminary hosts. Every Sunday night. 3730 N. Clark St., www.facebook.com/queensundays/

Queer Contra Chicago: An LGBTQ twist on an ancient folk-dance tradition. Admission on a sliding scale: 0-\$10. Last Saturday of each month. www.facebook.com/ContraChicago/

Rails Marketing Group: Hosting a variety of events for the African-American gay community on the South Side and beyond. www.facebook.com/groups/295298523845072/

Slo 'Mo @ The Whistler: Polysexual slow jam dance party in Logan Square. 2421 N. Milwaukee Ave., www.slomoparty.com

Thirsty Thursdays @ Watra: Live drag shows weekly on the South Side with resident DJs and host Shadiamond. 4758 S. Pulaski Rd., www.facebook.com/thirstythursdayschicago/

BATHS

Steamworks: Men's club in the heart of Boystown with full gym, steamrooms and all the rest. 3246 N. Halsted St., www.steamworksbaths.com/chicago/



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Tens of millions of people visit Chicago and Illinois each year, coming from nearby states and across the U.S., plus from all parts of the world.

That's a lot of people going through the more than 7,000 restaurants in the Windy City. Regarding where to go in a few neighborhoods, Windy City Times is providing a mix of hideaways and more well-known spots for travelers to visit.

Most tourists tend to visit certain areas, such as The Loop, Boystown/Wrigleyville/Lakeview, Andersonville and the River North area. However, keep in mind that Chicago is a huge city with 77 official neighborhoods—Roscoe Village, Bronzeville, Chinatown, Pilsen, Little Village, Hyde Park, Bridgeport, Beverly and so many more—and that the more adventurous could be rewarded with some incredible finds. And don't forget Chicago's suburbs, near and far, including Oak Park and Evanston, plus locations throughout the state, promoted in this guide from a wide range of chambers of commerce.

On a weekly basis, the dining section of Windy City Times contains information about everything from menu offerings to restaurant openings/closings.

The Loop

Chicago's main business district, as one might expect, is packed with restaurants that cater to every type of craving.

Lawry's (100 E. Ontario, <http://www.lawrysonline.com/lawrys-primerib/chicago/general-info>) is part of the Lawry's Restaurants legacy chain, family owned and operated and across the U.S. If you're looking for prime rib or beef, and an elegant night out, this is a great stop in downtown Chicago.

Some of the best eateries are in the Loop's hotels. A prime example is the Jamaican hot spot **Mr. Brown's Lounge** (81 E. Wacker Pl.; MrBrownsLounge.com). **The Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel** is home to the Italian eatery **Filini** (221 N. Columbus Dr.; FiliniChicago.com), the **Palmer House Hotel** has **Lockwood** (17 E. Monroe St.; LockwoodRestaurant.com), and **The Godfrey Hotel** has a gorgeous rooftop lounge with beautiful views (127 W. Huron, www.godfreyhotelchicago.com/rooftop-lounge.html).

Other hot spots in the Loop include the Italian place **312 Chicago** (136 N. LaSalle St.; 312Chicago.com) and the **Atwood** (1 W. Washington St.; Atwood-Restaurant.com), which now offers everything from salmon blintzes to duck fat-fried chicken thighs to a popcorn concoction with white cheddar, bacon and chives. Also, lesbian chef Laura Piper heads **Stock and Ledger** (70 W. Madison St.; StockAndLedger.com), which has some intriguing lunch and dinner options.

The Dearborn is part lesbian-owned and a special night out, especially if you're going to the theater (145 N. Dearborn, www.thedearborn Tavern.com)—an “eclectic twist on sophisticated classics.”

River North/Gold Coast

Possibly the city's most tourist-dense part, River North and the Gold Coast have enough top-notch restaurants to handle them all.

There are several reasons **Spiaggia** (980 N. Michigan Ave.; [102](http://SpiaggiaRes-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

restaurant.com) is considered one of the best restaurants in Chicago—Italian at its best, with a great view of Lake Michigan. (Also, Spiaggia's executive chef, Joe Flamm, won the 15th season of Bravo's cooking show *Top Chef*.) Chef Tony Priolo and Ciro Longobardo have made **Nonnina** (340 N. Clark St.; NonninaChicago.com) one of the most enticing Italian spots in the area—but they also have the newer **Maillard Tavern** (494 N. Milwaukee Ave.; www.maillardtavern.com/), which has some amazing burgers, and the longstanding **Piccolo Sogno** (464 N. Halsted St., www.piccolosognorestaurant.com/), which happens to be across the street from Maillard.

Enolo Wine Cafe (450 N. Clark St.; EnoloWineCafe.com) is deceptively named, as it offers large and small plates in addition to its amazing selection of wines. **Beatrix** (519 N. Clark St. and 671 N. St. Clair St.; BeatrixChicago.com) has gained a reputation as a breakfast spot (complete with the famed Bulletproof coffee) although it serves all meals. **Bistronomic** (840 N. Wabash St.; Bistronomic.net) is one of the premier French spots in the city, along with **Bistrot Zinc** (1131 N. State St.; BistrotZinc.com).

Well-known gay philanthropist and chef Art Smith has taken not just Chicago by storm, but the entire nation. His Chicago restaurant Table Fifty-two has been transformed into **Blue Door Kitchen and Garden**, 52 W. Elm St., bluedoorkitchenchicago.com. Blue Door Kitchen & Garden is a proud supporter of Stewards of the Land Farms. Stewards of the Land is a coalition of 24 fundamentally sustainable farms located within a 50 mile radius of Fairbury, Illinois. Also there is the **Blue Door Farm Stand**, 2010 N. Halsted, www.bluedoorfarmstand.com.



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While you are in the city, why not take a cooking course from one of the top cooking-class businesses in the country, **The Chopping Block**, owned by openly lesbian chef Shelley Young. See www.thechoppingblock.com.

Bernie's Lunch & Supper opened in Chicago's historic River North neighborhood in the summer of 2015, at 660 N. Orleans St. This is Chef Zack Sklar's first venture in the city, in collaboration with his partner and Executive Chef Ryan Sand, who is openly gay. Located on the corner of Erie and Orleans streets, Bernie's is set in an inviting and casual yet refined space that includes family-style seating with rich turquoise banquettes, coffered ceilings and an eclectic collection of textiles. See bernieslunchandsupper.com.

If you have a hankering for barbecue, head on over to **Chicago Q** (1160 N. Dearborn St.; ChicagoQRestaurant.com) for some prime brisket. The restaurant features Chef Smith's creations as well as novel items like a flight of eggs Benedict on cornbread.

And in yet another Art Smith connection, the amazing entrepreneur is part owner of the multiple locations of **Lyfe Kitchen**, with excellent healthy, vegetarian and vegan selections, in addition to meat. See LyfeKitchen.com for their locations in downtown Chicago and the suburbs.

Boystown, Andersonville, Uptown

Chicago's gayborhoods (about two miles apart from each other) offer plenty of intriguing dining options.

In Boystown, **Kit Kat Lounge & Supper Club** (3700 N. Halsted St.; KitKatChicago.com) offers camp along with cuisine, thanks to a rotating line-up of drag divas. **Wood** (3335 N. Halsted St.; WoodChicago.com) is renowned for its dinner, drinks and brunch. And speaking of brunch, **Nookies Tree Restaurant** (3334 N. Halsted St.; NookiesChicago.com) and **Ann Sather** (AnnSather.com) is renowned far and wide for its all-day breakfast and lunch options. Ann Sather is owned by openly gay Chicago Ald. Tom Tunney. Also, be sure to check out **Revolucion Mexican Steakhouse** (3443 N. Broadway; RevolucionSteakhouse.com) for some amazing Mexican food at affordable prices. The Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce will provide you with endless food options in the area: www.lakevieweast.com.

As for Andersonville (www.andersonville.org), it's loaded with eateries that draw locals and tourists. **Vincent** (1475 W. Balmoral; vincentchicago.com) was created by Mike Bransford. The lesbians love **Joie De Vine** (1744 W. Balmoral) for the wine, mixed drinks and company—everyone is of course welcome. **Appellation** (5212 N. Clark St.; PastoralArtisan.com/appellation) is a bistro that's an extension of **Pastoral Artisan Cheese, Bread & Wine** (see www.pastoralartisan.com for all of their locations). **La Fonda Latino Grill** (5350 N. Broadway; LaFondaLatinoGrill.com) offers some mind-boggling Colombian dishes. And don't make the mistake of underestimating **Calo** (5343 N. Clark St.; CaloRestaurant.com), which advertises itself as Italian but serves so much more.

Don't miss **Hamburger Mary's** in Andersonville during your visit—for the food, and their Mary's Attic bar and entertainment space, plus the LGBT camp. As they state: "It's true what they say honey, you are what you eat! That's why we serve only the freshest and most delicious items. And it's why we use meats that are humanely raised, with no growth hormones!" The location is 5400 N. Clark St.; call 773-784-6969 or visit HamburgerMarys.com/chicago. **Mary's** is also in west suburban Oak Park, where the fun continues.

Plus, you must not miss **Big Chicks** bar at 5024 N. Sheridan Rd., an LGBT spot for everyone, with its excellent **Tweet** restaurant next door at 5020 N. Sheridan Rd. Born in 2003 as the sister restaurant to Big Chicks and nestled within a vintage art deco building, Tweet serves a wide range of both classic and non-traditional dishes made from fresh, organic-when-possible ingredients. See tweet.biz or bigchicks.com

Other spots

Obviously, it's impossible to point out all of the Chicago area's restaurants—but this piece points out some spots to check out in some of the more heavily visited areas.

However, beyond those areas are some amazing restaurants. Among them are the spots located in the famed West Loop line of eateries, including the Italian spot **Forno Rosso** (1048 W. Randolph St.; FornoRossoPizzeria.com); **Au Cheval** (800 W. Randolph St.; AuChevalChicago.com), with its famed burger; **bellyQ** (1400 W. Randolph St.; BellyQChicago.com), with Asian-inspired BBQ; and the iconic **Blackbird** (619 W. Randolph St.; BlackbirdRestaurant.com).

Gay couple Dan Smith and Steve McDonagh are the duo behind **The Hearty Boys** (3523 W. Grand Ave., heartyboys.com), which offers catering that's centered on Southern-inspired comfort food.

Logan Square is also a spot to dine (and drink), thanks to places such as **Boiler Room** (2210 N. California Ave.; BoilerRoomLoganSquare.com) and the contemporary Italian spot **Animale** (1904 N. Western Ave.; AnimaleChicago.com). If you find yourself in Lincoln Square, you must try **Luella's Southern**



Lawry's.
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Kitchen (4609 N. Lincoln Ave.; LuellasSouthernKitchen.com), which has items such as shrimp and grits, fried chicken and collard greens, crawfish etoufee and buttermilk pie.

Bridgeport, once a staunch white ethnic area of the city, on the Southwest Side, is really morphing into a diverse place for food, shopping and socializing. Owned by gay businessman Dave Samber, **Polo Cafe**, 3322 S. Morgan St., offers both cuisine and a B&B upstairs. See polocafe.com.

Gay-owned **Angel's Restaurant** (230 S. Ashland Ave.; 312-666-7253), on the city's Near West Side, offers some savory Mexican fare.

On the Far North Side of the city is **Red Rover Cafe** (1535 W. Devon, connscatering.com), offering a wide variety of services.

As for the suburbs, they certainly have some impressive restaurants (see the Oak Park section in this guide for more). Evanston has **The Barn** (Rear 1016 Church St.; TheBarnEvanston.com), which has a supper-club feel; the wonderful Thai spot **NaKorn** (1622 Orrington Ave.; NaKornKitchen.com); and a favorite has returned, **LuLu's** Asian fare (1026 Davis; www.lulusevanston.com).

Other suburban spots to check out include Berwyn's **Autre Monde** (6727 Roosevelt Rd.; AutreMondeCafe.net), Glenview's **Mesa Urbana** (3566 Milwaukee Ave.; MesaUrbana.com), and **Flavor** (5091 Sauk Trail Dr., Richton Park, 708-748-3000, flavorrestaurant.net), which often includes jazz with their cuisine, from breakfast to entrees and delicious desserts.

Chicago is also a very friendly town for **farmer's markets and food trucks**. You can find the Farmer's Market schedule here: cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/farmersmarkets0.html. With more than 60 food trucks making their loop around the Windy City, there's never a shortage of unique food served curbside. See chicagofoodtruckfinder.com.

Don't miss the great ethnic flair of Chicago's many diverse neighborhoods, from Asian cuisine in Chinatown to Latino food in Pilsen and Little Village and Greek food in, where else, Greek Town, to Middle Eastern food in West Ridge, African foods on the Far North Side, Italian food in Little Italy, and so much more.

We are a melting pot, and we do know how to mix that pot here in Chicago. Choose Chicago offers advice on the myriad ethnic food choices at www.choosechicago.com/articles/view/ETHNIC-FOOD-IN-CHICAGO/979/.

Bon appétit!

TURNING THE PAGE: CHICAGO'S LITERARY SCENE

Some amazing and award-winning authors have called Chicago home, from mainstream to the LGBTQ community. There is a world-class Chicago Public Library system based downtown and branching out into the neighborhoods (they also host the annual One Book, One Chicago events), plus the new American Writers Museum, festivals, new and used bookstores, and a thriving scene of performance spaces where poets, performance artists and spoken-word artists can share their stories. Here are a few literary selections for you to enjoy.

57th Street Books / Seminary Co-op Bookstores: www.semcoop.com/57th-street-books.

American Writers Museum: americanwritersmuseum.org.

Bookends & Beginnings: Evanston, www.bookendsandbeginnings.com

The Book Cellar: 4736-38 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, bookcellarinc.com.

Book Expo America: www.bookexpoamerica.com.

Gerber/Hart Library and Archives: Founded in 1981, this institution has become the Midwest's largest LGBTQ circulating library with more than 14,000 volumes, 800 periodical titles, and 100 archival collections; 6500 N. Clark St., Chicago, 773-381-8030, www.gerberhart.org.

The Guild Complex: A 25-year-old Chicago-based literary organization presenting and supporting diverse, divergent and emerging voices through programming. www.guildcomplex.org.

Harold Washington Library Center: Named for the late Chicago mayor, the main branch of the Chicago Public Library. 400 S. State St., Chicago, www.chipublib.org.



Owners Sarah Hollenbeck and Lynn Mooney of Women & Children First bookstore.

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Art Johnston, Kim Hunt and David Fink at the monthly Outspoken! LGBTQ spoken-word series at Sidetrack.

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Newberry Library: Extensive non-circulating collection of rare books, maps, music, manuscripts and other printed material spanning six centuries. 60 W. Walton St., www.newberry.org.

Outspoken!: Monthly, diverse and curated LGBTQ storytelling event at Sidetrack bar. 3349 N. Halsted, www.sidetrackchicago.com/outspokenchicago.

Poetry Foundation: Independent literary organization committed to a vigorous presence for poetry in our culture, 61 W. Superior St., Chicago, www.poetry-foundation.org.

Powell's Books: www.powellschicago.com.

Printers Row Lit Fest: www.printersrowlitfest.org.

Quimby's Bookstore: www.quimbys.com.

Soulful Chicago: www.soulfulchicagobookfair.com.



Norman L. Sandfield with items he donated to the Gerber/Hart Library, as part of his donation to create the Sandfield Exhibition Gallery.

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Lila Star performing at a 2017 Vives Q.

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Unabridged Books: For 36 years, Unabridged Bookstore has also been Chicago's premier go-to-bookstore for LGBT literature, 3252 N. Broadway, Chicago, 773-883-9119, www.unabridgedbookstore.com.

Vives Q: An independent cultural arts project committed to creating an LGBTQ movement-building experience through art, music, spoken word, dance and oral history that enables intergenerational dialogue across multiple identities and communities. See vivesq.org.

Women & Children First Bookstore: One of the oldest and last remaining feminist bookstores in the U.S., this independently owned Chicago store thrives in the Andersonville area on Chicago's North Side. 5233 N. Clark, Chicago, 773-769-9299, www.womenandchildrenfirst.com.

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Chicago celebrates June Pride Month every year with dozens of events throughout the month.

The Chicago Annual Pride Parade, the largest event of the month is scheduled each year for the last Sunday in June.

**For more information:
www.ChicagoPrideCalendar.org**

CHICAGO FILM TREATS

Chicago has a rich tradition of filmmaking, both mainstream and LGBTQ. But it's equally known for its film viewers—who get treated to an amazing array of film festivals, special event screenings, and beautiful film venues each year. Below are some of the special venues and film festivals in the Windy City. In Chicago unless noted.

Asian Pop-Up Cinema: asianpopupinfo@gmail.com, www.asianpopupcinema.org.

Black Alphabet Film Festival: Promotes, nurtures and celebrates stories of Black LGBTQ-identified people, 872-256-BAFF, visit blackalphabet.org.

Chicago Comedy Film Festival: www.chicagocomedyfilmfestival.com.

Chicago Critics Film Festival: chicagocriticsfilmfestival.com.

Chicago Film Archives: www.chicagofilmarchives.org.

Chicago Filmmakers: Screenings and classes in their new home, a beautifully renovated fire house on the Far North Side, 5720 N. Ridge, they also produce the annual reeling LGBTQ film fest, www.chicagofilmmakers.org.

Chicago Food Film Festival: thefoodfilmfestival.com.

Chicago Horror Film Fest: chicagohorrorfest.com.

Chicago International Film Festival: Fall, www.chicagofilmfestival.com.

International Movies and Music Festival (CIMMfest): www.cimmfest.org.

Chicago International Social Change Film Festival: www.chicagosocial-change.org.

Chicago Jewish Film Festival: www.jccfilmfest.org.

Chicago Latino Film Festival: www.chicagolatinofilmfestival.org.

Chicago South Asian Film Festival: www.csaff.org.

Chicago Underground Film Fest: www.cuff.org.



Music Box Theatre .
Photo from their website

Community Film Workshop of Chicago: www.cfwchicago.org.

Facets Multimedia: Home for world, classic and independent film, www.facets.org.

Gene Siskel Film Center: www.siskelfilmcenter.org.

Greek Film Fest Chicago: www.greekfilmfestchicago.org.

Millennium Park Summer Film Series: An outdoor film series at 201 E. Randolph.

Music Box Theatre: Opened 1929, the Music Box Theatre retains its original architecture and design. www.musicboxtheatre.com.

The Queer Film Society: www.QueerFilmSociety.org.

ReelAbilities Chicago Film Festival: www.chicago.reelabilities.org.

Reeling Chicago LGBTQ+ International Film Festival: Contact the organizers at 773-293-1447, www.reelingfilmfestival.org.

Silent Film Society of Chicago: www.silentfilmchicago.com.



Chicago Filmmakers' new home is in a renovated fire house on the Far North Side.

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SPORTS AND RECREATION

Professional sports offer a wide range of quality athletic events, from the women's sports of pro tackle football (Chicago Force), soccer (Red Stars), softball (Bandits) and basketball (Chicago Sky) to the men's sports of baseball (Cubs and White Sox), football (Chicago Bears), ice hockey (Blackhawks and Wolves), soccer (Fire) and basketball (Bulls). There are also great college dynasties in Illinois, from the city and suburbs to downstate.

The LGBT sports world is also diverse, from individual teams in certain sports playing in mainstream leagues, to organizations for a specific athletic activity such as running, to large-scale associations with multiple sports. Chicago's LGBT sports scene is possibly the largest in the world, given the city's size and decades-long sports history. And that infrastructure made it possible for the city to host Gay Games VII in 2006, with almost 12,000 athletes from nearly 70 countries participating in more than 30 sports and culture activities. Opening Ceremony was at Soldier Field and Closing Ceremony at Wrigley Field.

The city also has miles and miles of lakefront running and walking paths, many annual running events including the triathlon and marathon, boating events, dozens of major parks, beach volleyball courts, kayaking on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, paddle boarding on the lake, rock climbing walls, and pretty much any recreational activity short of downhill skiing. And even then, there is a small hill at Montrose and the lake that folks sled down in the winter.

What follows is a listing of sports leagues, teams and venues, just a sampling of what the Chicago region has to offer for sports fans big and small.

LGBTQ and Allies Groups and Teams:

AIDS Run & Walk Chicago: Held each fall, presented by AIDS Foundation of Chicago. See events.aidschicago.org.

Athletic Alliance of Chicago: See sportsaac.com.

Bikes and Mics: Riders of all genders, ethnicities and experience. See www.bikesandmics.com.

Center on Halsted: Billie Jean King Recreational Hall, named for the lesbian tennis legend, hosts multiple indoor sports leagues, www.centeronhalsted.org.

Chi-Town Squares: LGBT square dance club, www.chitownsquares.org.

Chicago Dragons Rugby Football Club: www.chicagodragons.org.

Chicago Gay Hockey Association: www.ChicagoGayHockey.org.

Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association: Rec and competitive in a variety of leagues. See chicagomsa.leagueapps.com.

Chicago Rowing Union: Promotes rowing to the LGBT community and its allies. See www.chicagorowingunion.org.

Chicago Smelts: Chicago's predominantly gay and lesbian U.S. Masters Swim Team. See chicagosmelts.org.

Chicago Spirit Brigade: Chicago's LGBT-friendly cheerleading squad. See www.chicagospiritbrigade.org.

Euchre Chicago: www.euchrechicago.org.

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers Chicago: www.frfwchicago.org.

Illinois Gay Rodeo Association: See www.ilgra.com.



Chicago Bandits women's pro softball team.

Photo from their website

Lincoln Park Lagooners: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/92352972921/about/> .

North Shore Women's Rugby: See www.northshorerugby.com.

Organized Chaos: Lesbian motorcycle group, www.organizedchaoschicago.org

Proud to Run Chicago: Saturday before Chicago's Pride Parade, www.proudtorun.org.

Ride for AIDS: Sept. 8-9, 2018, <https://shar.es/1LitVD> .

Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corp: https://www.facebook.com/groups/48988666184/?__mref=message .

SCOTCH, bowling: See www.scotchbowling.com.

Second City Tennis Association: www.secondcitytennis.com.

Windy City Cycling Club: See www.windycitycyclingclub.com.

Other Chicago Sports and Recreation Options

Arlington International Racetrack: www.arlingtonpark.com.

Chicago Bandits: Women's pro fast-pitch softball team, chicagobandits.com/home/.

Chicago Bears: Men's football, chicagobears.com.

Chicago Blackhawks: Men's ice hockey, blackhawks.nhl.com.

Chicago Blaze Rugby Club: Men's, chicagoblazerugby.com.

Chicago Bulls: Men's basketball, www.nba.com/bulls.

Chicago Cubs: Men's baseball, at Wrigley Field, chicago.cubs.mlb.com.

Chicago Fire: Men's soccer, www.chicago-fire.com.

Chicago Lake Front Trail: The lakefront is a paved path that extends from Ardmore at 5800 N. Sheridan Rd. to 7100 S. South Shore in Chicago.

Chicago Marathon: In 2018 it is on Oct. 7. Team to End AIDS runs, www.t2ea.com. Known as T2, the endurance-training program is very LGBT-inclusive.

Chicago Red Stars: Women's soccer, chicagoredstars.com.

Chicago Running Tours: 630-702-9364, chicagorunningtours.com.

Chicagoland Speedway: NASCAR and other racing, Joliet, www.chicagolandspeedway.com.

Chicago Sky: Women's basketball, at Wintrust Arena in South Loop, sky.wnba.com.

Chicago White Sox: Men's baseball, chicago.whitesox.mlb.com.

Chicago Wolves: Men's ice hockey, www.chicagowolves.com.

Chicago Women's Rugby Football Club: Founded in 1976, Division 1, www.cwrfc.org.

Forest Preserves of Cook County: Thousands of acres of nature in several regional areas, fpdcc.com.

Hawthorne Race Course: Horseracing track, 3501 S. Laramie, Cicero, www.hawthornracecourse.com.

iFly: Indoor skydiving center, wind tunnel, 800 W. Scott St., plus in Rosemont and Naperville, Illinois. See www.iflyworld.com.

Kayak Chicago: Fireworks, architecture, lights, sunset, and general kayaking tours, 312-8-kayak-8, www.kayakchicago.com.

Lincoln Park: Lincoln Park is Chicago's largest park. It stretches from Hollywood Avenue to Ohio Street, 312-883-PARK, lincolnparkconservancy.org.

Maggie Daley Park: The park has an ice skating rink in the winter months. See visitmaggiedaleypark.com.

Maywood Park: Horseracing, Melrose Park, www.maywoodpark.com.

Montrose and Wilson Beach: Kayak, paddle board and volleyball rentals and distance swimming as well as food, showers and restrooms; 4400 N. Lake Shore Dr., www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/montrose-beach/ and see kayakchicago.com.

Oz Park: Oz Park is a Wizard of Oz-themed park with Dorothy's Playlot, Emerald Garden, and statues of characters as well as tennis courts, ball fields, basketball courts and soccer/football fields; 2021 N. Burling, www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/Oz-Park/.

Soldier Field: Home of the Chicago Bears, plus concerts and international sporting events. See www.soldierfield.net.

Urban Kayaks: Kayaking tours including a sunset tour, historic tour, 312-965-0035, www.urbankayaks.com.

Waveland Bowl: Home to many Chicago LGBT bowling teams, 3700 N. Western Ave., 773-472-5900, www.wavelandbowl.com.

WhirlyBall Chicago: 1825 W. Webster Ave., Chicago, 773-486-7777, www.whirlyball.com.



Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs.

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The Chicago Sky women's pro basketball team now play's in the South Loop at the new Wintrust Arena.

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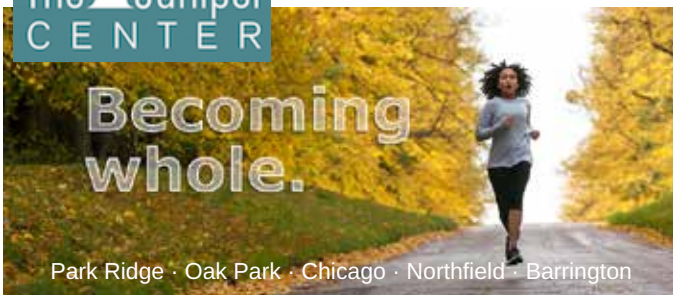


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BARS

Sidetrack: The center of gay nightlife in Chicago. The original video bar. A sunny upper deck bar, world-famous Slushies, and a must-have showtunes night every Sunday and Monday. A complex of bars, catering to every need in Boystown. 3349 N. Halsted St., 773-477-9189, www.sidetrackchicago.com

Touché: Home of many of Chicago's leather and fetish groups. An old-school leather bar with demos and more in The Club Room. Open late (4 am, 5 am on Saturdays). 6412 N. Clark St., 773-465-7400, www.touchechicago.com

GALLERIES

The Leigh Gallery: The Leigh Gallery represents original artwork from over 80 local artists. We offer a diverse and innovative selection of art in most media and are dedicated to exhibiting quality art at reasonable prices. 3306 N. Halsted St., Chicago, IL, 60657, 773-472-1865, www.theleighgallery.com

Longbranch Gallery: One of 27 art galleries in historic Mineral Point, Wisconsin, (pop. 2,600) a gay-friendly artist community Smithsonian Magazine says "One of the best small towns in America to visit." 203 Commerce St., Mineral Point, WI, www.Longbranch-gallery.com, longbranchgallery@gmail.com

MENTAL HEALTH

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MUSEUMS

American Writers Museum: In the heart of the Loop, the American Writers Museum celebrates all genres of writing through interactive exhibits and programming. From Twain to Tupac, there's a story here for everyone. 312-374-8790, www.americanwritersmuseum.org

The Field Museum: Our world-class collections inspire discovery, share engaging learning experiences and uncover solutions for a better world. Explore Dinosaur Hall in Evolving Planet, Ancient Egypt, Grainger Hall of Gems and more. 1400 S. Lake Shore Dr., 312-922-9410, fieldmuseum.org

Glessner House Museum: Step back to the Gilded Age at this National Historic Landmark on Chicago's legendary Prairie Avenue. 1800 S. Prairie Ave., Chicago, 312-326-1480 www.GlessnerHouse.org

Illinois Holocaust Museum: Designed by Chicago architect Stanley Tigerman, Illinois Holocaust Museum remembers the Holocaust and through programming and exhibits, including the new Survivor Stories Experience Holographic Theater, inspiring everyone to #TAKEASTAND for humanity. 9603 Woods Dr., Skokie IL, 847-967-4800, www.ilholocaustmuseum.org, media@ilhmc.org

The Legacy Walk: The world's only outdoor LGBT museum, 3245-3707 N. Halsted, Chicago. Bronze memorials of LGBT contributions to world history and culture. Guided group tours and shopping packages available. 312-608-1198, www.legacyprojectchicago.org

NON-PROFITS

Center on Halsted: Chicago's LGBTQ community center. Connect with the LGBTQ community with tours, cyber center, recreational activities, art gallery, performances, walk-in HIV testing. 3656 N. Halsted St., 773-472-6469, www.centeronhalsted.org

PRIDEChicago: The host organization for Chicago's annual Pride parade, the last Sunday of June each year. 773-348-8243, PrideChgo@aol.com, www.ChicagoPrideCalendar.org

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Latsko restaurants:

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- Old country Italian from **La Storia** 312-915-5950, www.lastoriachicago.com

• Fresh farm to table eats: **Blue Door Kitchen & Garden** 312-573-4000, www.bluedoorchicago.com & **Blue Door Farm Stand** 312-265-0259, www.bluedoorfarmstand.com

Lawry's The Prime Rib: A Chicago treasure since 1974, Lawry's unique menu features their famous roasted prime rib served tableside from gleaming silver carts. Expect warm hospitality and award-winning dining in this Windy City landmark. 100 E. Ontario St., 312-787-5000, www.LawrysChicago.com

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TOURISM AND BUSINESS GROUPS

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Downtown Oak Park: Located 10 miles west of Chicago's Loop, Downtown Oak Park offers an exceptional array of shops and restaurants, as well as a classic seven-screen movie theater and exciting schedule of year-round festivals and events. 708-383-4145, www.downtownoakpark.net

Illinois Office of Tourism: Explore amazing ways to travel with pride in Illinois. Illinois: Are you up for amazing? www.enjoyillinois.com/lgbt

Lakeview East Chamber of

Commerce: Celebrate Pride Month in Lakeview East! Boutique hotels, dining, exciting nightlife, trendy shops 13th Annual Lakeview East Festival of the Arts, Sept. 9-10, 2017. www.lakevieweast.com

LGBT Chamber of Commerce

of Illinois: The LGBT Chamber of Commerce of Illinois serves as the voice for more than 40,000 LGBT business owners throughout Illinois and supports members through advocacy, networking, and learning and development. <http://lgbtcc.com/>

Northalsted Business Alliance:

Boystown is Chicago's hot spot for fun in the sun and incomparable LGBTQ nightlife. For showcase events and year round fun, Boystown is the center of Chicago pride! <https://northalsted.com/>

Quincy Area Convention & Visitors

Bureau: “One of America’s Most Artistic Towns”: On the Great River Road, Quincy features colorful year round self-guided driving tours: Off the Record Mystic, Stout Route Culinary, Mississippi Valley Wine Trail. 800-978-4748, www.seequincy.com

Roscoe Village Chamber of

Commerce: With small-town ambience and big-city accessibility, Roscoe Village is *the* destination for a memorable Chicago experience. Stroll the peaceful, tree-lined streets and visit beautiful parks, unique shops, and renowned restaurants. 773-327-5123, www.rvcc.biz

The Rosemont Convention

Bureau: The Village of Rosemont has created a thriving mecca of tourism, entertainment and convention and trade-show business. Located five minutes from O’Hare Airport and twenty minutes from Chicago’s downtown. Enjoy extensive hotel and dining options, the Allstate Arena, Rosemont Theatre, the entertainment district Parkway Bank Park, the Fashion Outlets of Chicago and so much more! www.rosemont.com

Saugatuck Douglas Area

Convention & Visitors Bureau:

From outdoor adventures to weekend getaways, art galleries to al fresco dining, and sunny beach days to cozy nights, it’s easy to see why this area has a special place in so many hearts. www.saugatuck.com

Visit Champaign County:

Experience something Outside of Ordinary in Champaign County—Relish a thriving local art scene, taste farm-fresh flavors, and celebrate at festivals throughout the year. 800-369-6151, visitchampaigncounty.org, marketing@visitchampaigncounty.org

Visit Galena: Explore 19-century storefronts along Galena’s historic Main Street that are now home to eclectic shops, art galleries and farm-to-table dining. No wonder Midwest

Living magazine named it “Best Main Street in the Midwest.” www.VisitGalena.org

Visit Moultrie County: “Buggies, Boats & Broadway”: Moultrie County is home to The Little Theatre On the Square, beautiful Lake Shelbyville, and Amish settlements. Three hours from downtown Chicago. For more info: www.visitmoultrieil.com

Visit Northwest Illinois: The Blackhawk Waterways region in Northwest Illinois offers outdoor recreation via 10 state parks, Hennepin Canal, Mississippi & Rock Rivers, biking trails, plus we have unique lodging and restaurants. 800-678-2108, www.visitnorthwestillinois.com, office@bwcvb.com

Visit Oak Park: Just 8 miles west of Chicago’s loop, Oak Park is rich with culture and buzzing with personality. Discover Frank Lloyd Wright masterpieces, historic sites, vibrant flavors, and quirky shops in this welcoming and accessible community. 1-888-OAK-PARK. www.visitoakpark.com.

Visit Springfield: Explore historic Lincoln sites and world-class museums. Discover unique shopping, local flavors and microbreweries. Enjoy Route 66 nostalgia, art fairs and festivals, a multitude of bike trails, golf courses, and fishing on Lake Springfield. Always legendary! 800-545-7300, www.VisitSpringfieldIllinois.com

TOURS

Frank Lloyd Wright Trust: The Trust serves as the gateway to Frank Lloyd Wright’s original sites in Chicago and Oak Park. Tours include Frank Lloyd Wright’s Home and Studio, Oak Park Historic Neighborhood featuring the Prairie style, the Robie House, The Rookery Building, Bach House, Unity Temple, Wright Around Chicago, and more. Contact 312-994-4000, visitflwright.org.

TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION

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THEATER/PERFORMANCE

About Face Theatre: About Face Theatre creates exceptional, innovative, and adventurous plays to advance the national dialogue on gender and sexual identity, and to challenge and entertain audiences in Chicago, across the country, and around the world. 5252 N. Broadway, 2nd floor, 773-784-8565, www.aboutfacetheatre.com

American Blues Theater: American Blues Theater performs in the Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood at 1225 W Belmont Avenue inside Stage 773-773-404-7336, www.americanbluestheater.com

Bible Bingo and Late Nite

Catechism: Bible Bingo by Vicki Quade is a comedy with God, games and goofy prizes. Late Nite Catechism, in 24th year, by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan. 312-988-9000, www.nuns4fun.com

Blue Man Group: Leave your expectations at the door and let three bald and blue men take you on a spectacular journey bursting with music, laughter and surprises. DARE TO LOVE IN FULL COLOR. 3133 N. Halsted St., 773-348-4000, blueman.com/love

Chicago Philharmonic : A musician-governed organization of the highest level classical performers in the area, the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra has been wowing audiences for over 27 years with a variety of symphonic concerts, chamber concerts and artistic collaborations. www.chicagophilharmonic.org

The Laugh Factory/The KIKI: Queer comedy with variety, second Sunday of each month at 5. 3175 N. Broadway, 773-327-3175, [@thekikicomedy](http://www.laughfactory.com/clubs/chicago)

Pride Films And Plays: The mission of Pride Films and Plays is to change lives through the generation of diverse new work (or work new to Chicago) with LGBTQ+ characters or themes. 4139 N. Broadway, 1-800-737-0984, www.pridefilmsandplays.com

The Second City: Shows nightly. 15-minute cab ride from The Loop. North and Wells. 1616 N. Wells St. 312-664-4032, www.secondcity.com

Steppenwolf Theatre Company: Steppenwolf Theatre Company will challenge you to think harder, laugh longer, feel more. True to its mission, Steppenwolf delivers dynamic and exciting theater that will hit you hard. Book tickets to a performance in its three spaces at 1650 and 1700 N. Halsted St. by visiting steppenwolf.org or calling the Box Office at 312-335-1650

Writers Theatre: Writers Theatre has captivated Chicagoland audiences with inventive interpretations of classic work, a bold approach to contemporary theatre and a dedication to creating the most intimate theatrical experience possible. 325 Tudor Ct., Glencoe, IL, 60022, 847-242-6000, www.writerstheatre.org

WINE

Alto Vineyards: Celebrating 30 years of award-winning winemaking with locations in Alto Pass and Champaign, Illinois. See a band, try a food pairing, book your dream wedding or just drop in! 618-893-4898 (Alto Pass), 217-356-4784 (Champaign), altovineyards.net

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