

*Bienvenidos y  
Bienvenidas to*  
**CHICAGO**



**FOR THE FIRST TIME** in our ten-year history, The Alumni Society Leadership Summit is coming home—to the vibrant city of Chicago. As we celebrate a decade of impact, we invite you to explore the energy, culture, and rich history that make this city extraordinary.

This guide is your curated companion to the best of Chicago—from iconic landmarks to hidden gems, world-class dining to inspiring cultural experiences. Most of the recommendations are close to our venue, Venue SIX10. We've also included a few exciting exceptions, places that are worth venturing a little farther for. To honor our *herencia*, you'll find selections that celebrate Latino culture, showcasing the flavors, stories, and spaces that connect us to our roots.



Sazón **CHICAGO**

# THE FOOD SCENE

**CHICAGO'S** culinary landscape is a vibrant tapestry woven from its rich cultural heritage and innovative spirit. The Windy City ranked number three in Food & Wine's 2024 Top US Cities for Food and Drinks, and it's no surprise why. Beyond its iconic deep-dish pizza and renowned hot dogs, the city offers a diverse array of flavors that reflect its multicultural roots. From authentic Mexican taquerías in Pilsen to traditional Italian eateries in Little Italy, Chicago's neighborhoods are culinary destinations waiting to be explored



## BREAKFAST MELI CAFE



In the South Loop, Meli Cafe is a neighborhood restaurant, cafe, and juice bar where locals meet to enjoy farm-to-table dishes and fresh-squeezed juices.

**500 S Dearborn Street**  
(South Loop)



## BREAKFAST CAFECITO

A popular local chain known for its authentic Cuban sandwiches and strong coffee, Cafecito offers a taste of Latin America in the heart of Chicago.

**26 E Congress Parkway**  
(South Loop)

## BREAKFAST TILLY BAGEL SHOP

In the South Loop, Tilly Bagel Shop serves handcrafted sourdough bagels with a variety of creative cream cheese flavors and sandwiches.

**34 E Balbo Avenue**  
(South Loop)





**LUNCH****MONTEVERDE****Italian**

Led by local celebrity Chef Sarah Grueneberg, Monteverde blends traditional Italian techniques with global influences, offering handmade pastas and inventive dishes that have earned it national acclaim. We're recommending it for lunch as it's to be packed to the last dining counter stool by 5:30 P.M.!

**1020 W Madison Street**  
(West Loop)

**LUNCH****AU CHEVAL****Burgers**

Famous for its indulgent, elevated diner fare, Au Cheval serves what many consider the best burger in America, complemented by a chic, bustling atmosphere in the heart of the West Loop.

**800 W Randolph Street**  
(West Loop)

**LUNCH**  
**PEQUOD'S**  
**PIZZA**

**Italian**

A Chicago institution renowned for its deep-dish pan pizza featuring a caramelized crust, Pequod's offers a unique twist on the city's classic pie, making it a must-visit for pizza enthusiasts.

**2207 N Clybourn Avenue**  
(Lincoln Park)

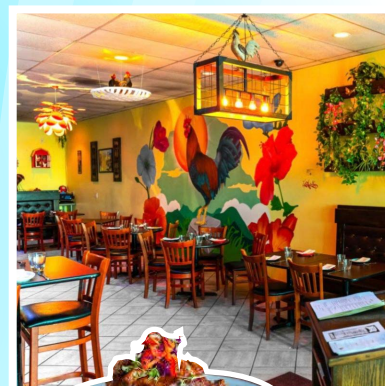


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**LUNCH****PORTILLO'S****Chicago-style Hot Dogs & Sandwiches**

Experience Chicago's iconic street food at Portillo's, known for its Italian beef sandwiches, Chicago-style hot dogs, and a variety of pasta dishes in a 1930s and 1940s Prohibition-themed setting.

**100 W Ontario Street**  
(River North)

**LUNCH****DELL' ROOSTER****Latin American**

Nestled in West Town, Dell' Rooster is a Latin American-owned restaurant that celebrates rich heritage through a fusion of native and traditional flavors, offering a vibrant and soulful dining experience.

**1825 W Chicago Avenue**  
(West Town)

**LUNCH**





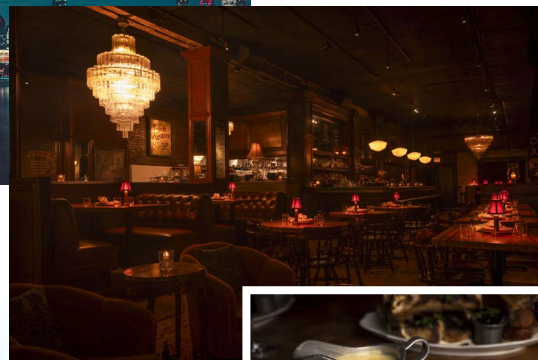
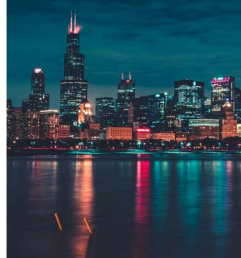
## DINNER

## GALIT

Middle Eastern

This Michelin-starred spot in Lincoln Park serves elevated Middle Eastern cuisine with bold flavors, warm hospitality, and a menu rooted in tradition but crafted with a modern sensibility.

2429 N Lincoln Avenue  
(Lincoln Park)



## DINNER

## BAVETTE'S BAR &amp; BOEUF

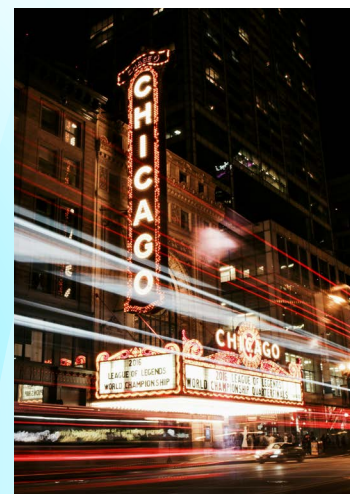
Steakhouse

With its dim lighting, plush booths, and vintage flair, Bavette's offers a luxurious twist on the classic steakhouse experience—serving prime cuts, fresh seafood, and an impressive cocktail list in a setting that feels timeless.

218 W Kinzie Street  
(River North)

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## DINNER

## TANTA

Peruvian



## DINNER

## MOMOTARO

Japanese

A sleek, multi-level Japanese restaurant in the heart of the West Loop, Momotaro delivers beautifully presented dishes that range from pristine sushi to modern grilled specialties, all set in a cinematic space.

820 W Lake Street  
(West Loop)

## DINNER

## TZUCO

Mexican-French Fusion

Created by acclaimed chef Carlos Gaytán, Tzuc blends Mexican soul with French technique in a stunning space inspired by the chef's hometown of Huitzuco. A flavorful, design-forward gem in River North.

720 N State Street  
(River North)



Tanta brings the vibrant flavors of Peru to River North, offering a modern take on traditional dishes—from ceviche to anticuchos—alongside a festive atmosphere and colorful cocktails.

118 W Grand Avenue  
(River North)

## DINNER

Reservations highly recommended



# FINE-DINING

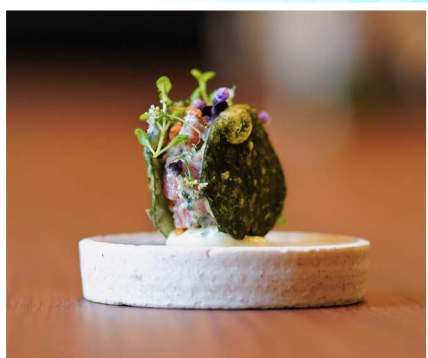


## BOKA

New American, 1 Michelin Star

Known for its seasonal menus and refined atmosphere, Boka has become a staple in Chicago's fine dining scene, blending creative technique with accessible warmth.

1729 N Halsted Street  
(Lincoln Park)



# Sazón **CHICAGO** THE FOOD SCENE



## ORIOLE

Contemporary American,  
2 Michelin Stars

Tucked away in the West Loop, Oriole offers an intimate tasting menu experience with exquisite service, thoughtful wine pairings, and dishes that are both elegant and deeply personal.

661 W Walnut Street  
(West Loop)



## EVER

Led by renowned chef Curtis Duffy, Ever offers an immersive 8- to 10-course tasting menu that showcases seasonal ingredients through artful, modern presentations. The sleek, minimalist setting in the West Loop provides an intimate backdrop for this meticulously curated dining experience.

1340 W Fulton Street  
(West Loop)



# *Salud!* COCKTAILS

FROM rooftop views to historic lounges,  
these spots offer the perfect setting to  
unwind and raise a glass.

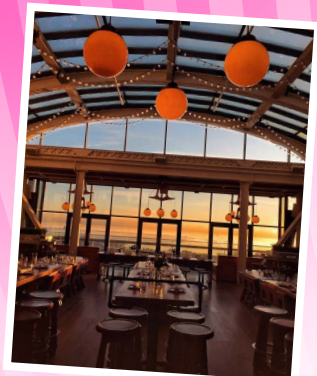
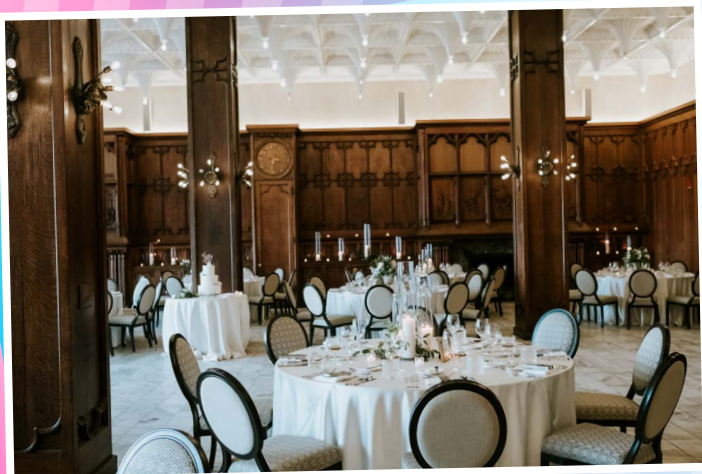
VIP

## **CHICAGO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

Kick off the Summit experience on June 25 with our exclusive VIP Welcome Reception—an evening designed for connection, celebration, and community. Held at the iconic Chicago Athletic Association, this intimate gathering brings together members, partners, and special guests for meaningful conversations. Don't miss this unforgettable start to our time together.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TO  
OUR WELCOME RECEPTION →](#)

**12 S Michigan Avenue**  
(The Loop)



## CINDY'S ROOFTOP

Perched atop the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel, Cindy's offers panoramic views of Millennium Park and Lake Michigan alongside a seasonal menu of elevated comfort food and craft cocktails—making it a favorite for both brunch and evening drinks.

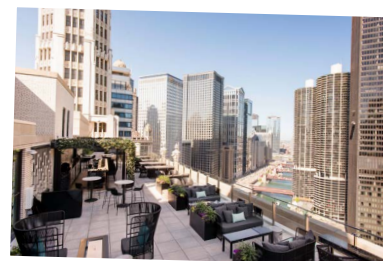
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## THE GREEN MILL COCKTAIL LOUNGE

A true Chicago legend, The Green Mill in Uptown is a historic jazz club that's been entertaining the city since 1907. Because of its connections to Chicago mob history, it is considered one of the most famous bars in the United States and the most iconic in Illinois. Though outside the West Loop, its old-school charm and nightly live jazz make it a destination worth the trip.

**4802 N Broadway**  
(Uptown)



## LONDONHOUSE ROOFTOP

Located where Michigan Avenue meets the Chicago River, LondonHouse Rooftop offers stunning city and river views. With chic cocktails and a lively atmosphere, it's one of the city's favorite spots to sip and take in the skyline.

**85 E Wacker Drive**  
(The Loop)

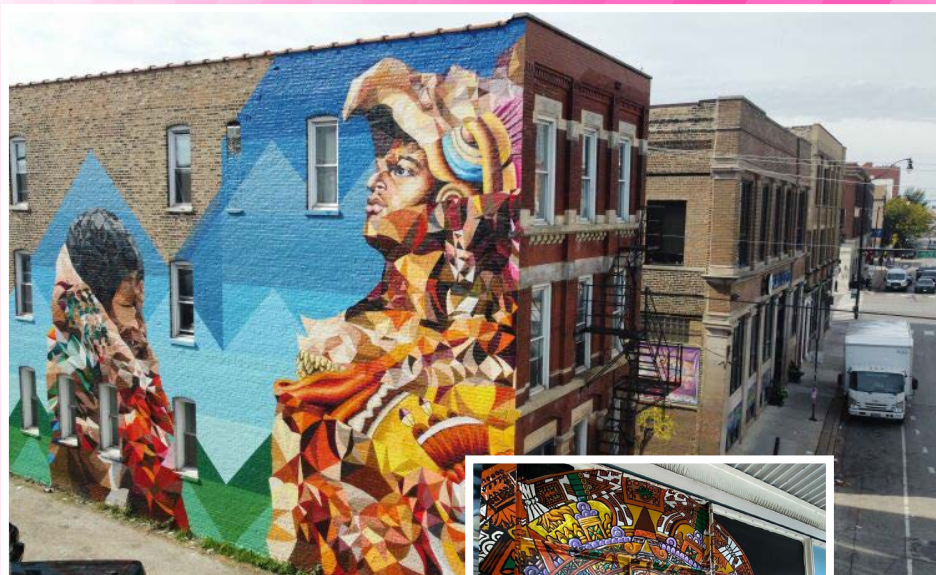


## NATIONAL MUSEUM of MEXICAN ART

Located in the heart of Pilsen, this museum showcases an extensive collection of Mexican art, celebrating the richness of Mexican culture and its influence in the United States.

Admittance is free.

1852 W 19th Street  
(Pilsen)



*Historias, Alma y Herencia*

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

**CHICAGO'S** cultural heartbeat is powered by its museums, art, and communities. Dive into experiences that celebrate creativity, heritage, and the city's rich artistic identity.



## PILSEN MURAL WALKING TOUR

Pilsen's vibrant streets are adorned with colorful murals reflecting the neighborhood's Mexican heritage and social themes. Guided tours offer insights into the stories behind these artworks, providing a deeper understanding of the community's cultural landscape.

**Starting Point:**  
**National Museum of Mexican Art,**  
**1852 W 19th Street**  
(Pilsen)

## THE ART INSTITUTE of CHICAGO

The pride and joy of the Windy City and a huge favorite among the locals, the Art Institute of Chicago is one of the oldest and largest cultural institutions in the U.S.

111 S Michigan Avenue  
(The Loop)





# *Sol and Skyline* OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

**WHETHER** it's lakeside strolls, skyline views, or vibrant public spaces, Chicago shines outdoors. Take advantage of the city's green spaces and waterfront paths.



## LAKEFRONT TRAIL

Spanning 18 miles along Lake Michigan, the Lakefront Trail connects many of the city's most famous parks and beaches, offering an unbeatable skyline view whether you're walking, running, or biking.

Entry point near downtown at  
Monroe Harbor,  
400 E Monroe Street  
(The Loop)



## CHICAGO RIVERWALK

Winding along the south bank of the Chicago River, the Riverwalk is a scenic, pedestrian-friendly promenade that captures the pulse of the city. Lined with restaurants, bars, public art, and spectacular skyline views, it's the perfect place to stroll, sip, and soak in the downtown energy.

**Pro tip:** While exploring the Riverwalk, grab a drink at **City Winery Riverwalk** and then stop for lunch with a view at **Gibsons Italia**, **Pizzeria Portofino** or **Beatnik on the River**.

**375 E Wacker Drive**  
(The Loop)



## MILLENNIUM PARK

Home to Cloud Gate ("The Bean"), the Crown Fountain, and free public art installations, Millennium Park is a cultural and architectural icon that captures the essence of downtown Chicago.

**201 E Randolph Street**  
(The Loop)

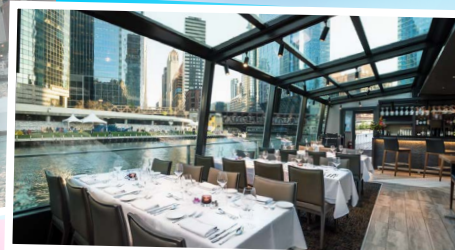




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# UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

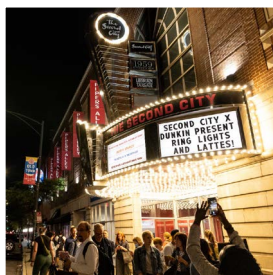
**SOME EXPERIENCES** are simply so Chicago. From river cruises to comedy clubs and game-day energy, these picks are here to make your visit truly unforgettable.



## CHICAGO RIVER BOAT ARCHITECTURE TOUR

Wrap up your Summit journey on Friday, June 27 with our Alumni Society River Cruise—a private, post-Summit experience designed for connection and reflection. Enjoy lunch and great company aboard the Odyssey Chicago River, a glass-enclosed vessel offering panoramic skyline views. It's the perfect way to celebrate our time together and take in the city from one of its most iconic perspectives.

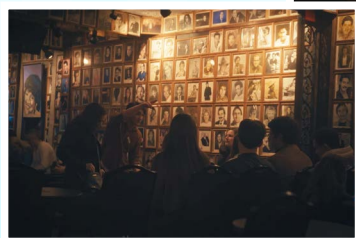
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## THE SECOND CITY

Experience a night of laughs at Chicago's legendary Second City! This groundbreaking institution is famous for its hilarious sketch comedy and dynamic improv, and it's where many of your favorite comedians first took the stage.

**1616 N Wells Street**  
(Old Town)



## ZANIES COMEDY CLUB

A cornerstone of Chicago's comedy scene since 1978, Zanies is an intimate club known for its old-school charm and big laughs. From rising stars to national headliners, this is where classic stand-up lives on in full force.

**1548 N Wells Street**  
(Old Town)

## SPORTING EVENTS

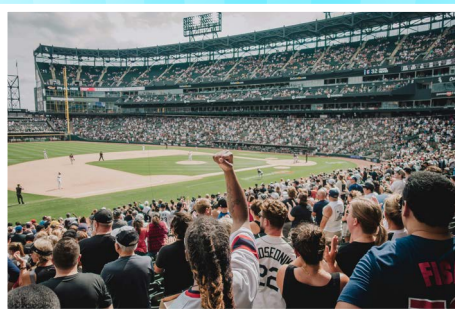
Get a taste of Chicago's passionate sports culture while you're in town:



## CHICAGO FIRE FC

Hosts Charlotte FC at Soldier Field on June 28.

**1410 Museum Campus Drive**  
(South Loop)



## CHICAGO WHITE SOX

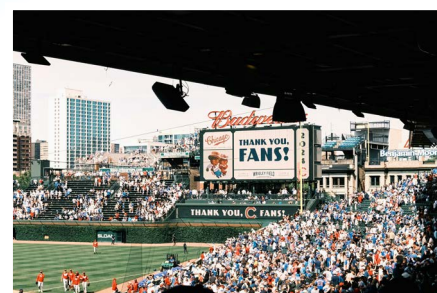
play at Guaranteed Rate Field on June 27, 28, and 29.

**333 W 35th Street**  
(Bridgeport)

## WRIGLEY FIELD

Chicago Cubs will be away, but Wrigley Field offers guided non-gameday tours

**1060 W Addison Street**  
(Lakeview)







Gracias for being part of our  
**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
MILESTONE**



**AS WE CELEBRATE** ten years of elevating Latino leadership, this Summit in our hometown is more than an event—it's a reflection of everything The Alumni Society stands for: connection, *cultura*, and collective progress.

We hope this guide helps you experience Chicago in a meaningful way—through its neighborhoods, flavors, stories, and unforgettable energy. Here's to new memories, deeper relationships, and another decade of impact!