

# WELCOME TO CHICAGO!

With over 70 distinct communities representing a wide variety of cultures, people, and experiences, the city has so much to offer. Whether you're looking for a specific cuisine, or want to explore the nearly 100 museums, or explore the city's diverse history, no matter where you go, there's something new to see and do around every corner.

We've selected 11 different, distinct neighborhoods to feature, including dining recommendations, things to do and see, and ways to engage with our host city.

These neighborhoods are organized by distance/travel time to the center of each community from our hotel, so that you may plan accordingly for your time.

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## Neighborhoods to Know

# LAKESHORE EAST

Often also referred to as New Eastside, Lakeshore East boasts one of the most walkable neighborhoods in the sprawling metropolis of Chicago. Originally home to the Illinois Central Railroad yards, the area was made into a golf course after World War II. Then, in the early 2000s, the ground was broken to develop the area as a residential center featuring high rise buildings, pedestrian-friendly walkability, and copious green space. Bounded between the Chicago River and Millennium Park, the neighborhood is a serene escape from the center of the city.

### DINING

- Tre Dita *401 E. Wacker Drive*
- Avli on the Park *180 N. Field Blvd.*
- The Palm *323 E. Wacker Drive*
- FireLake Grill House *221 N Columbus Drive*
- MingHin Cuisine *333 E Benton Place #300*

### TO SEE & DO

- Lakeshore East Park
- Chicago Riverwalk
- Aqua Tower



## Neighborhoods to Know

# THE LOOP

As Chicago's official downtown area, the Loop is celebrated for its dynamic architecture and big city buzz. Dozens of iconic Chicago attractions can be found here including Millennium Park and Cloud Gate, historical architecture, the Chicago Riverwalk, river cruises, and more. The vast majority of the area was destroyed by the Great Chicago Fire in 1871 but rebuilt quickly. It also now home to a lively theatre district, dining and shopping. Home to Chicago's commercial core, it is the second-largest commercial business district in North America.

### DINING

- The Gage *24 S. Michigan Ave.*
- Italian Village *71 W. Monroe Street*
- Land & Lake Kitchen *81 E. Wacker Drive*
- Emerald Loop Bar & Grill *216 N. Wabash Ave.*
- Elephant & Castle *185 N Wabash Avenue*

### TO SEE & DO

- Willis Tower & Skydeck
- Grant Park
- Buckingham Fountain
- Chicago Cultural Center

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## Neighborhoods to Know

# STREETERVILLE

Streeterville boasts as the home to Chicago's famed Navy Pier, including the 200-foot Centennial Wheel. Bounded by the Chicago River to the south, Magnificent Mile to the west, and Lake Michigan to the east, the majority of this neighborhood actually sits on reclaimed sandbar. Named after George Street, a notable eccentric real estate investor, the neighborhood is home to a combination of hotels, restaurants, professional office centers, residential high rises, universities, medical facilities, and cultural venues.

### DINING

- Pinstripes 435 E. Illinois St.
- Chef Art Smith's Reunion 700 E Grand Avenue
- Palm Restaurant 323 E. Wacker Drive
- Roberts Pizza and Dough Company 465 N. McClurg Ct.
- Ron of Japan 230 E. Ontario
- Crushed by Giants 600 N. Michigan Ave., 2nd Floor

### TO SEE & DO

- Navy Pier
- Museum of Contemporary Art
- Chicago Shakespeare Theatre
- Lakefront Trail
- Chicago Harbor Lighthouse

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## Neighborhoods to Know

# RIVER NORTH

Once an old manufacturing and warehouse area, River North is now Chicago's most fashionable and trendsetting neighborhood. Historic architecture is beautifully melded with modern design and amenities, and it's only steps away to the city's premiere shopping along Michigan Avenue. Also once the hub of Chicago's art gallery district, River North is now home to some of the city's best restaurants, famous architecture and nightlife.

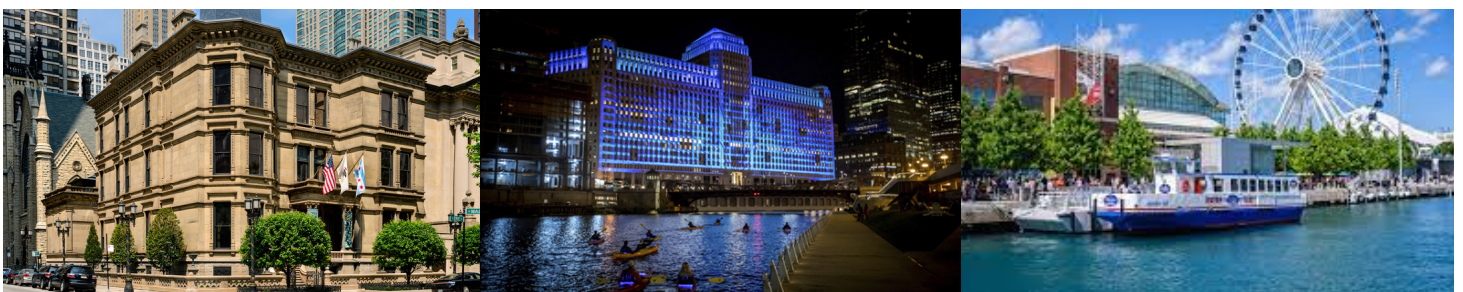
### DINING

- Indienne *217 W. Huron Street*
- Mr. Beef on Orleans *666 N. Orleans Street*
- Frontera Grill *445 N. Clark Street*
- River Roast *315 N. LaSalle Street*
- Jaleo *500 N. Clark Street*
- River Roast *315 N. LaSalle St.*

### TO SEE & DO

- Ward A. Montgomery Park
- Carl Hammer Gallery
- Chicago Riverwalk
- The Driehaus Museum

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## Neighborhoods to Know

# WEST LOOP

While West Loop today serves as a cutting-edge gastronomic center, the West Loop of the mid-1800s sat at the opposite end of the food production scale. Chicago was a major hub for agricultural processing and distribution, and West Loop was the hub for both the produce and meatpacking industries. The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 affected the southeast portion of the area, and in turn, the industrial revolution took hold of Chicago. Immigrants turned to the West Loop to seek work, labor unions grew to fight for better conditions, and the Great Depression eventually took its toll, bringing industry to a standstill. Development eventually revived the area, starting off with none other than Oprah Winfrey herself, and the original location of Harpo Studios.

### DINING

- Au Cheval *800 W. Randolph Street*
- The Publican *837 W. Fulton Market*
- The Little Goat Diner *820 W. Randolph Street*
- Wishbone *161 N. Jefferson Street*

### TO SEE & DO

- United Center
- Randolph Street Market
- National Hellenic Museum
- Epiphany Center for the Arts
- Union Station

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## Neighborhoods to Know

# CHINATOWN

Chinese immigrants first started settling in Chicago in the 1870s and began moving to the South side in the 1910s. During this era, Chinatown provided support and economic opportunity for its residents and visitors from nearby neighborhoods and far away places. Expansion continued in the 1990s, creating Ping Tom Memorial Park and Chinatown Square; the park is the site of an abandoned railyard and is a waterfront destination for walking, picnicking and kayaking.

### DINING

- Phoenix *2131 S. Archer Ave.*
- Hing Kee Restaurant *2140 S. Archer Ave.*
- Evergreen Restaurant *2411 S. Wentworth Ave.*
- Shoo Loong Kan Hot Pot *2201 S. Wentworth Ave.*
- MCCB *2138 S. Archer Ave.*

### TO SEE & DO

- Pui Tak Center
- Ping Tom Memorial Park
- Chinatown Square
- Nine Dragon Wall
- The ART Gallery

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## Neighborhoods to Know

# WEST TOWN

Over the past century, West Town has seen waves of immigrants from all over the world, shaping this neighborhood into the funky, creative enclave it is. By 1900, Polish immigrants staked a major claim in this area of Chicago. Polonia (Polish) Triangle sits here, reflective of the city's oldest and most prominent Polish settlement. Ukrainian Village also sits in West Town. Since then, Russian Jews, Italians, Puerto Ricans, and Mexicans have all made West Town home, adding to the neighborhood with restaurants, museums, and churches reflecting their cultures.

### DINING

- Kasia's Deli *2101 W. Chicago Ave.*
- Oggi Trattoria *1461 W. Chicago Ave.*
- Porto *1600 W. Chicago Ave.*
- Kasama *1001 N. Winchester Ave.*
- Opart Thai House *1546 W. Chicago Ave.*
- Forbidden Root Restaurant & Brewhouse *1746 W. Chicago Ave.*

### TO SEE & DO

- AIRE Ancient Baths
- The 606
- Subterranean
- The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art
- Saints Volodymyr & Olha Ukrainian Catholic Church

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## Neighborhoods to Know

# BRONZEVILLE

Located on the south side of Chicago, Bronzeville became an established neighborhood around the turn of the twentieth century. A surge in the population of Black Americans in Chicago came as a result of the Great Migration from the southern regions of the United States. The Great Migration began in 1916, and by 1920, the number of Black residents in Chicago had surpassed 100,000. During the Great Migration, the Bronzeville neighborhood became densely populated. The density of the population led to a flourishing cultural scene that rivaled that of Harlem. Bronzeville was home to many influential Black figures, such as Gwendolyn Brooks, Richard Wright, Louis Armstrong, Bessie Coleman, Ida B. Wells, Andrew Foster, and many more.

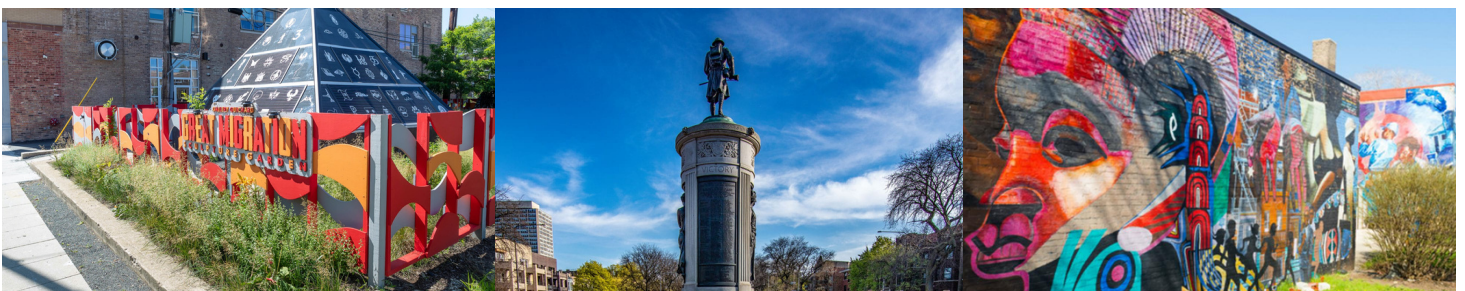
### DINING

- Pearl's Place 3901 S. Michigan Ave.
- Norman's Bistro 1001 E. 43rd Street
- Bronzeville Winery 4420 S. Cottage Grove Ave.
- Turner Haus Brewery 78 E. 47th Street
- Truth 56 E. Pershing Road
- Yassa African Restaurant 3511 S King Drive

### TO SEE & DO

- Bronzeville Art District Tour
- The Forum
- Robert W. Rolooson Houses
- Bronzeville Walk of Fame
- Monument to the Great Migration

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## Neighborhoods to Know

# NORTHALSTED

Northalsted is a vibrant and culturally diverse neighborhood located on the north side of Chicago. Sprawling over six city blocks from Belmont Avenue to Addison Street and comprised of a bustling LGBTQIA+ community, the neighborhood is ranked among the most popular and liveliest gay-friendly neighborhoods in the world, in addition to being one of the most vibrant and ethnically diverse neighborhoods in Chicago. Northalsted is also known for its impressive outdoor spaces. Halsted Street boasts a bustling and colorful shopping district that offers urbanites an array of options to dine, shop, and explore. In addition, the extended neighborhood boasts other impressive spaces such as the Belmont Harbor, a scenic backdrop to runners, bikers, and other various activities.

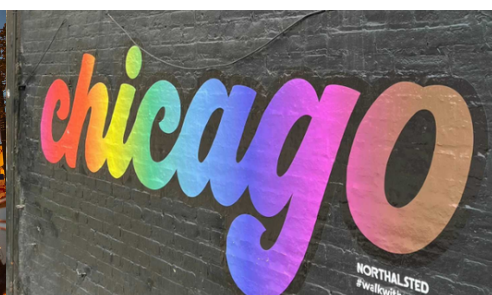
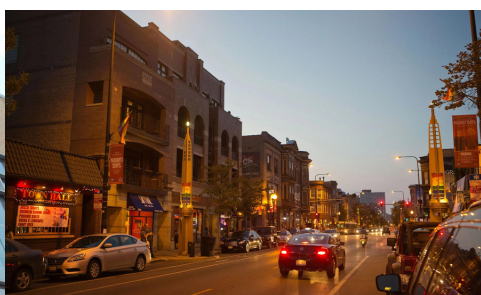
### DINING

- Wood 3335 N. Halsted Street
- Chicago Diner 3411 N. Halsted Street
- Angelina Ristorante 3561 N. Broadway
- Drew's on Halsted 3201 N. Halsted Street
- Carnitas Uruapan 1725 W 18th Street

### TO SEE & DO

- Legacy Walk
- Briar Street Theatre
- #WalkWithPride Art Tour
- Annoyance Theatre
- Unabridged Bookstore

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## Neighborhoods to Know

# PILSEN

Rich in Latino culture, Pilsen is a neighborhood that overflows with music, art, culinary tradition, and nightlife. Founded in the 19th century by Czech immigrants (Pilsen is the fourth largest city in Czechia), Latinos did not become the majority population in the neighborhood until the 1970s. Today, it's home to award-winning restaurants, iconic music venues, and sensational murals as far as the eye can see.

Maybe that's why it was named one of the coolest neighborhoods around the world by Forbes.

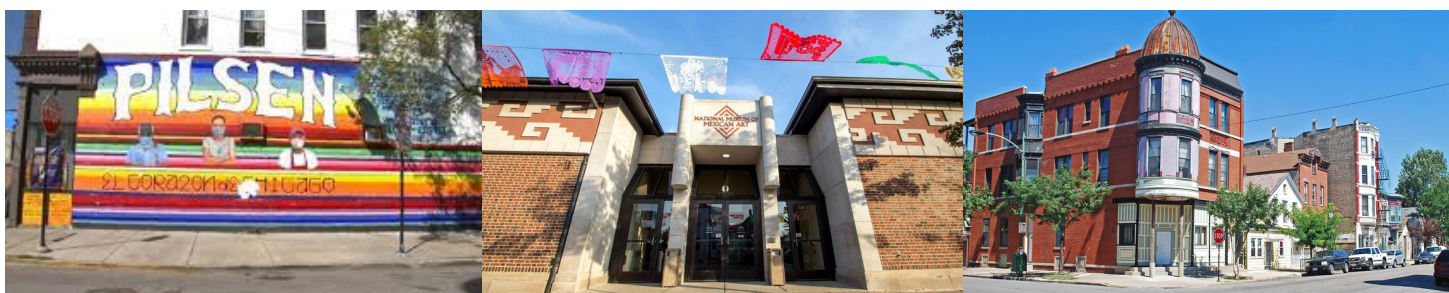
### DINING

- La Vaca *1160 W 18th Street*
- Panaderia Nuevo Leon *1634 W 18th Street*
- 5 Rabanitos *1758 W 18th Street*
- Dusek's Tarven & Dining Room *1227 W 18th Street*
- Carnitas Uruapan *1725 W 18th Street*

### TO SEE & DO

- 16th Street Murals
- Chicago Arts District
- National Museum of Mexican Art
- Thalia Hall
- Pilsen Arts and Community House

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## Neighborhoods to Know

# HUMBOLDT PARK

In a city known for its cultural and ethnic diversity, Humboldt Park stands out as the center of Puerto Rican culture in both Chicago and the American Midwest. The first waves of immigration to Humboldt Park saw an influx of Germans, Scandinavians, Poles, Ukrainians, Italians, and European Jews. Humboldt Park served as a neighborhood that preserved and pushed forward the cultures of its residents. The community's status as a cultural hub continued as the demographics shifted. Between 1950-1965, Puerto Ricans began migrating to Humboldt Park in large numbers, both in from other areas of Chicago due to gentrification but also directly from the island itself. Due to the systemic oppression that the Puerto Rican community faced (and continues to face), Humboldt Park became and remains a neighborhood that strives to address and combat social justice issues.

### DINING

- La Bruquena 2726 W Division Street
- Papa's Cache Sabroso 2517 W Division Street
- San Juan Bakery 3335 W North Ave
- Roeser's Bakery 3216 W North Ave  
★ *Oldest continuously operated bakery in Chicago!*

### TO SEE & DO

- L. Frank Baum Yellow Brick Road
- National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture
- Humboldt Park Boathouse
- Paseo Boricua Tour Company
- Explore Division Street/Paseo Boricua

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