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Through Data Collection,
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AAPOR Insider’s Guide to Chicago

This guide is brought to you by AAPOR’s Local Events Subcommittee, consisting of a team of AAPOR members from the Chicago area.

AAPORites, we are excited that AAPOR is being hosted in Chicago this year!

This is our take on a guide of things to do and places to eat in Chicago. Our main goal for this guide is to be more diversified and inclusive than standard tourist guides. We also include a list of local charitable organizations led by Black and Brown individuals if you are interested in supporting these organizations in any way.

At the time this guide was finalized, all recommended places were open. We advise you to check beforehand for any changes. Additionally, reservations may be needed for some places. Lastly, Chicago is a big city and like any big city, it is always good to be aware of your surroundings.

For more traditional tourist attractions please refer to the following guides:
<https://www.choosechicago.com/> and <https://www.timeout.com/chicago/city-guide> .

We hope you enjoy the Windy City and we are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Outdoor Activities

Architecture tour

Discover some of the most famous buildings and the history of architecture in Chicago by boat.

Tickets start at \$40:

<https://www.wendellaboats.com/Boat-Tours/chicagos-original-architecture-tour/>

Tickets start at \$51.96:

<https://www.architecture.org/tours/detail/chicago-architecture-foundation-center-river-cruise-aboard-chicago-s-first-lady/>

Water taxi

Discover the Chicago river and admire some of the most famous buildings in Chicago.

Tickets start at \$6:

<https://www.chicagowatertaxi.com/>
<https://shorelinesightseeing.com/tours-taxis/taxis/>

Riverwalk

Walk by the river and enjoy the views.

<https://www.chicagoriverwalk.us/>

606 Trail

Enjoy walking, running, or biking in the elevated trail.

<https://www.the606.org/>

Lakefront Trail

Enjoy magnificent views of the lake and the skyline.

<https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/lakefront-trail>

Millennium Park

Enjoy the park and the Bean, one of Chicago's most famous landmarks at the heart of the city.

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/millennium_park.html

Cultural Venues

Immersive Frida

Immersive and interactive exhibition on the work and life of Mexican Painter Frida Kahlo.

108 W Germania Pl, Chicago, IL 60610
~ 10 minutes by taxi / \$13

Closed on Tuesdays - Tickets needed

<https://www.immersive-frida.com/chicago/buy-tickets-chicago/#/>

Chicago History Museum

The museum focuses on the history of the city and communities of Chicago.

1601 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60614
~ 8 minutes by taxi / \$12

Tuesday- Saturday 9:30AM-4:30PM /
Sunday 12PM-5PM

Adult \$19 / Discounts for Seniors and Students

<https://www.chicagohistory.org/>

Museum of Contemporary Art

The MCA hosts one of the largest collections of contemporary art in North America as well as numerous temporary exhibitions.

220 E Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611
~ 12 minutes walking

Wednesday- Sunday 10AM-5PM / Tuesday
10AM-9PM

Adult \$15 / Discounts for Students

<https://mcachicago.org/>

The Chicago Cultural Center

The Chicago Cultural Center is currently hosting the exhibition Art and Race Matters: The Career of Robert Colescott, which confronts racial and gender social inequality.

78 E. Washington St. Chicago IL 60602
~ 15 minutes walking

Open Daily 10AM-5PM

Free Admission

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/chicago_culturalcenter.html

National Museum of Mexican Art

The National Museum of Mexican Art is in the Mexican neighborhood of Pilsen and aims at immersing visitors in Mexican and Chicano arts and cultural practices.

1852 W. 19th St. Chicago IL 60608

~ 15 minutes by taxi / \$25

Tuesday- Sunday 10AM-5PM

Free Admission

<https://nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org/>

National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture

Found in the heart of a Puerto-Rican neighborhood, this museum hosts a variety of permanent and temporary exhibitions on Puerto Rican art, artists, and culture.

3015 W Division St, Chicago, IL 60622

~ 16 minutes by taxi / \$19

Tuesday-Friday 10AM-5PM / Sat 10AM-

2PM, Free Admission

<https://nmprac.org/>

Guichard Gallery

The Guichard Gallery exhibits collections of modern and contemporary art from global artists with a special focus on the African Diaspora.

436 East 47th St. Chicago IL 60653

~ 15 minutes by taxi / \$22

Available upon appointment

<https://www.galleryguichard.com/>

DuSable Museum of African American History

Their regular exhibits include The Art and Influence of Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs, 1960–1980, an influential black artist and cultural leader and Museum founder.

Currently features an immersive high tech exhibit to put you back in time to the 1963 march on Washington and the “I Have a Dream” speech. This exhibit requires advance booking online:

<https://www.dusablemuseum.org/exhibition/the-march/#>

740 E. 56th Pl (in Washington Park)

Chicago IL 60637

Wednesday-Sunday 11AM – 4PM

~ 20 min by taxi / \$27

The South Side Community Art Center

The South Side Community Art Center boasts itself as the oldest African-American art center in the US. It exhibits permanent and temporary collections on African-American art and history.

3831 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago IL 60653

~13 minutes by taxi / \$21

Tuesday - Saturday 12PM-4PM

Free Admission

<https://www.sscartcenter.org/>

Restaurants and Drinks

Soul food: **Manny's Cafeteria & Delicatessen**

1141 S Jefferson St, Chicago, IL 60607
~ \$12 by taxi
<https://www.mannysdeli.com/>

Brunch: **Wildberry Pancakes and Cafe**

130 E Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60601
~ 12 minutes walking
<http://www.wildberrycafe.com/>

American Cuisine: **The Dearborn**

145 N Dearborn St, Chicago, IL 60602
~ 19 minutes walking
<https://www.thedearborntavern.com/>

Peruvian: **Tanta**

118 W Grand Ave, Chicago, IL 60654
~ 17 minutes walking
<https://www.tantachicago.com/>

Cuban: **Cafecito**

215 E Chestnut St, Chicago, IL 60611
~ 15 minutes walking
<http://www.cafecitochicago.com/>

Mexican: **Federales Chicago**

180 N Morgan St, Chicago, IL 60607
~ 10 minutes by taxi / \$11
<https://www.federaleschicago.com/>

Argentinian: **Folklore**

2100 W Division St, Chicago, IL 60622
~ 17 minutes by taxi / \$17
<http://folklorechicago.com/>

Chinese: **Minghin**

215 E Ohio St, Chicago, IL 60611
~ 6 minutes walking
https://www.minghincuisine.com/streeterville?utm_source=google&utm_medium=website

Japanese: **Hot Woks Cool Sushi**

30 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60603
~ 19 minutes walking
<https://www.hotwokscoolsushi.com/>

Thai: **Silver Spoon Thai**

710 N Rush St, Chicago, IL 60611
~ 15 minutes walking
<http://www.silverspoonchicago.com/>

Italian: **Quartino restaurant**

626 N State St, Chicago, IL 60654
~ 15 minutes walking
<https://www.quartinoristorante.com/>

Greek: **Lyra**

905 W Fulton Market, Chicago, IL 60607
~ 10 minutes by taxi / \$10
<https://www.lyrarestaurant.com/>

Mediterranean: Aba

302 N Green St 3rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60607

~ 10 minutes by taxi / \$ 10

<https://www.abarestaurants.com/chicago/>

Drinks: Three dots and a dash

435 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60654

~ 15 minutes walking

<https://www.threedotschicago.com/>

Drinks: Violet Hour

1520 N Damen Ave, Chicago, IL 60622

~ 13 minutes by taxi / \$23

<http://www.theviolethour.com/reservations>

Rooftop Bar with a View: London House

85 E Wacker Dr 22nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60601

~ 10 minutes walking

<https://londonhousechicago.com/rooftop/>

Shows

Second city

A comedy club with live shows.

230 W North Ave, Chicago, IL 60614

~ 8 minutes by taxi / \$12

<https://www.secondcity.com/>

The Comedy Bar

The Comedy Bar offers stand-up comedy.

162 E Superior St, Chicago, IL 60611

~ 12 minutes walking

<https://comedybar.com/>

The Green Mill

Known as the bar of Al Capone, the Green Mill now hosts various performances but mainly jazz.

4802 N Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640

~ 14 minutes by taxi / \$18

<https://greenmilljazz.com/>

Lyric Opera of Chicago

The Lyric Opera of Chicago hosts a variety of operas, ballets, orchestras and more.

Shows TBD.

20 N Upper Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60606

~ 5 minutes by taxi / \$10

<https://www.lyricopera.org/>

Rosa's Lounge

Rosa's Lounge hosts jazz performances.

3420 W Armitage Ave. Chicago IL 60647

~ 22 minutes by taxi / \$30

<https://rosaslounge-com.seatengine.com/>

Local Black and Brown-led Chicago Charitable Groups

My Block My Hood My City

This organization offers an exposure-based education program for teens and volunteer initiatives that serve Chicago communities. They provide opportunities for young people in under-resourced neighborhoods to get exposed to different cultures and different parts of the city, to get involved in STEM programs, volunteering, civic engagement, and community development.

<https://www.formyblock.org/donate>

The Westside Justice Center

This center promotes a holistic approach to justice. It provides legal education, outreach and legal representation to marginalized communities, operates a program to help people integrate into their community after serving a prison term. It helps individuals understand how to prevent problems from escalating and needing legal services.

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/west-side-justice-center-inc>

Brave Space Alliance

This is the first Black-led, trans-led LGBTQ+ center on Chicago's South Side. It is a vehicle to empower and elevate queer and trans voices, particularly those belonging to people of color. Queer and trans people face unique barriers to living full, healthy lives. We break down these barriers by offering programs that focus on the needs in our community, such as food insecurity, housing insecurity, and economic justice.

<https://www.bravespacealliance.org/donate>

Good Kids Mad City

This is a youth-driven group whose goal is to help young people address violence they may face. It creates healing spaces for young people impacted by violence and trauma – including through arts and athletic programming and “hang-out hubs”.

<https://www.gkmcenglewood.com/donate>

I Grow Chicago

This group and their supporters have co-created a Peace Campus made up of 6 previously vacant lots and 2 homes. It serves as a community center with 15 different programs from tutoring to yoga. Its mission is to grow Englewood from surviving to thriving through community connection, skill building, and opportunity.

<https://www.igrowchicago.org/donate/>

Little Village Environmental Justice Organization

This organization's vision is to build a sustainable community that promotes the healthy development of youth and families, provides economic justice, and practices participatory democracy and self-determination. The goal is to organize with our community to accomplish environmental justice in Little Village and achieve the self-determination of immigrant, low-income, and working-class families.

<http://www.lvejo.org/get-involved/give-to-grow/>