

Chicago Summer Guide

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Day 1

• Hotel Options

★ The Gwen (River North)

IG: [@thegwenchicago](#)

Great location and a rooftop bar with pretty views!

★ LondonHouse (Loop)

IG: [@lhchicago](#)

Stunning rooftop views in a historic building along the river.



★ The Robey Hotel (Wicker Park)

IG: [@therobeychicago](#)

Small rooftop pool, in the heart of Wicker Park.

★ Hotel Zachary (Lakeview)

IG: [@hotelzachary](#)

Across from Wrigley Field, outdoor patio with a pretty lobby.



The Riverwalk

• Short Walk to Dinner (depending on where you stay...)

★ Ema (Mediterranean, River North)

IG: [@emachicago](#)

One of my favorite restaurants! Best small plates to share, cute patio and the Greek fro-yo is a MUST order!

★ Venteux Chicago (French, Loop)

IG: [@VenteuxChicago](#)

French restaurant located in the historic Michigan Avenue Pendry Hotel. Happy hour is amazing and runs Tues-Fri 4-6pm.

★ Taquizo (Mexican, Wicker Park)

IG: [taquizo_wp](#)

One of the cutest atriums and patios. Great place for margaritas and pics!

★ The Bar at Hotel Zachary (American, Lakeview)

IG: [@hotelzachary](#)

Grab a table that overlooks Wrigley Field! Nice patio with fireplace. They have a great burger, too!



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Exploring Loop and River North

- Coffee & Breakfast

- ★ [Doughnut Vault](#) - The best old-fashioned donuts!
- ★ [Hero Coffee Bar](#) - Cute alley shop (22 E. Jackson), matcha is so good and bagel sandwiches!

- Activities & Outings

- ★ [Chicago Electric Boat Co.](#) - Drive the boat or hire a captain per hour. BYO food/drinks.
- ★ [Chicago Fireboat Cruise](#) - An old fireboat turned cruise boat! Full bar on board & Fireworks cruise!
- ★ [Urban Kayak](#) - Kayaking the river is so much fun!
- ★ [Grab wine at City Winery at Riverwalk](#) - Fun people and boat watching!
- ★ [Explore architecture](#) - Chicago Cultural Center (free to enter), Chicago Trade Building, Chicago Theatre.
- ★ [Color Factory](#) - This new to Chicago museum is super interactive and great for families!
- ★ [Visit Millennium Park and Maggie Daley Park garden](#)
- ★ [Shop Michigan Ave](#) - Start at the iconic Wrigley Bldg & go north! 900 bldg upstairs has a great happy hour!
- ★ [Art Institute](#) or [Museum of Contemporary Art](#) - the MOCA is free on Tuesdays in the summer!)
- ★ [Harold Washington Library](#) is historic and has a beautiful atrium-like garden upstairs.

- Lunch, Brunch, & Snacks

- ★ [Avli on the Park \(Greek\)](#) - Beautiful rooftop, great brunch. (located in Lakeshore East and you can walk around the park after or head to Millennium Park!)
- ★ [Edie's All Day Cafe](#) - Really cute cafe, full bar, great happy hour.
- ★ [Robert's Pizza \(Italian\)](#) - Pizza and views are the best along the Ogden Boat slip. Have lunch and watch boats dock! You can also see the Navy Pier fireworks from their patio at night in the summer.

- Dinner

- ★ [Beatnik on the River \(Mediterranean\)](#) - River views, love it for girl's dinners! Such a vibe and my favorites are the cocktails and scallops.
- ★ [Bavette's \(Steakhouse\)](#) - One of my favorite steakhouses, speakeasy downstairs. Everything you order is incredible, but reservations need to be made in advance!
- ★ [Adalina \(Italian\)](#) - Newish spot, interiors are stunning, also has a speakeasy downstairs that's nice for cocktails and wine.

- Drinks

- ★ [Cindy's Rooftop](#) - Very grammable spot. No reservations, so get there early! Views and drinks are worth it! Touristy, but great to do once!
- ★ [Tree House](#) or [Celeste Bar](#) - These are much more club-like! Celeste has a beautiful rooftop.
- ★ [Bar Avec](#) - Great place for dinner and drinks. They have a covered rooftop!
- ★ [Bar Mar](#) - Incredibly handcrafted, detailed cocktails & cuisine by Chef José Andrés.



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Explore Lincoln Park

Explore Lakeview

- Coffee & Breakfast
 - ★ [Bagelers](#)
Great coffee & amazing bagels!
 - ★ [Southport Grocery and Cafe](#)
Cute, breakfast all-day spot, love the bruschetta.
- Activities & Outings
 - ★ [Green City Market](#) (walk around Lincoln Park & the Boardwalk)
 - ★ [North Ave Beach](#) (then [Lakefront](#) for drinks & apps!)
 - ★ [Blowouts at Salon V](#)
 - ★ [Shopping on Southport](#) (check out [AURA Candle Bar](#)!)
 - ★ [Montrose Beach](#) (then [Dock for drinks/snacks](#)) + [Bird Sanctuary](#)
 - ★ [Stroll through Boystown](#) for shopping and drinks
- Lunch, Brunch, & Snacks
 - ★ [J. Parker](#) (cocktails & views)
 - ★ [Blue Door Farm Stand](#)
 - ★ [Summer House Santa Monica](#)
 - ★ [Hutch](#) (bottomless mimosas)
 - ★ [Bae Coffee](#)
 - ★ [Maison Marcel](#) (cute French cafe)
- Dinner
 - ★ [Galit \(Mediterranean\)](#)
Delicious food by an award-winning chef!
 - ★ [Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba \(Tapas\)](#)
A classic spot! Get the bacon-wrapped dates and sangria!
 - ★ [Casati's \(Italian\)](#)
Super thin crust pizza & decor is super cute!
 - ★ [Coalfire \(Pizza\)](#)
One of my favorite wood-fired pizza spots in Chicago, so good!
 - ★ [Coda di Volpe \(Italian\)](#)
Wood oven-fired pizza and a cute patio.
 - ★ [Tango Sur \(Argentinian\)](#)
BYO Argentinian steakhouse that is a classic in Chicago!
- Drinks
 - ★ [Parsons](#)
Fun, outdoor atmosphere with delicious slushies!
 - ★ [Bocadillo Market](#)
Great location in Lincoln Park, patio + incredible wine list!
 - ★ [Hotel Zachary](#)
Outdoor patio overlooking Wrigley Field!
 - ★ [The Diver](#)
Tulum-inspired decor and great cocktails. Happy hour too!



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Explore Wicker Park and Bucktown

• Coffee & Breakfast



- ★ [Fairgrounds](#) - Lots of matcha options!
- ★ [Oromo Cafe](#) - Delicious coffee and pastries.

• Activities & Outings



- ★ [Face Foundrie](#) - The best facials!
- ★ [Shopping on North/Milwaukee/Damen](#) (Reckless Records or thrifting store)
- ★ [Big Putt mini golf](#) - Great indoor activity!
- ★ [Emporium](#) - Bar + music venue + arcade
- ★ [The 606](#) - Grab a coffee and take a walk!
- ★ [Explore Architecture](#) - plenty of history here!

• Lunch, Brunch, & Snacks

- ★ [Big Star](#) - Margs & tacos on a fun patio!
- ★ [Ina Mae Tavern](#) - New Orleans cuisine from Chopped alum, Chef Brian Jupiter



- ★ [Foxtrot](#) - Fruit loops matcha!

• Dinner

- ★ [Amaru](#) (pan Latin)- Amazing drinks & latin food!
- ★ [Etta \(American\)](#) - Fab pizza, wine list, and girl's dinner spot!
- ★ [Club Lucky \(Italian\)](#) - Old school spot with huge portions.

• Drinks

- ★ [Chop Shop](#) - 100 year old building turned butcher shop, music venue + bar. Really cute rooftop!
- ★ [Rooftop Hyatt Place](#) - Great apps and views of the city.
- ★ [Up Room and Cabana Club at The Robey](#) - Great for cocktails, apps, and rooftop views.



Discount Codes and Freebies

The Robey Hotel: Free bottle of champagne at check-in, mention CGL in reservation notes/comments and again at check-in just in case. Reserve on The Robey's website

Avli on the Park: One complimentary spread when you present this guide (either hard-copy or digital) at all Avli Chicago locations

Color Factory- Use code online GOODLIFE for 20% off tickets

Southport Grocery & Cafe: Free grilled coffee cake with a dine-in purchase of \$40 or more

Salon V: 20% off first time clients, mention Christine's name

AURA Candle Bar: Buy 3 Get 1 Free pre-poured shelf candles that are in the AURA studio

Summer House Santa Monica: One free cookie when you show this guide to your server

Fairgrounds Coffee: 15% off app first order. Use THECHICAGOGOODLIFE15 in the promo section of the app

Face Foundrie: \$10 off first-time services when booking online. In the promo section, use CHIGOODLIFE or mention when you call

Foxtrot: \$10 off your first delivery using CHIGOODLIFE