



Chicago Fall Guide

BY THE CHICAGO GOOD LIFE

Exploring Lincoln Square and Ravenswood

• Coffee & Breakfast

- ★ [Oromo Coffee](#) - Turkish coffee, pastries, and brunch!
- ★ [Cafe Selmarie](#) - A lovely bakery and cafe right in the Square.

• Activities & Outings

- ★ Shop small in Lincoln Square - [Enjoy Chicago](#), [Hazel](#), [Genevieve Boutique](#), [The Book Cellar](#), [Merz Apothecary](#)
- ★ Catch a show at [Davis Theater](#) - a first-run Chicago movie theater since 1917! Also has a bar and food!
- ★ See the leaves changing colors at West Ridge Nature Park, River Park, or Winnemac Park.
- ★ Hear live music at [Old Town School of Folk Music](#) - an iconic Chicago institution.
- ★ Check out our Fall event schedule for more special Fall events!



Oromo Cafe

• Lunch, Brunch, & Snacks

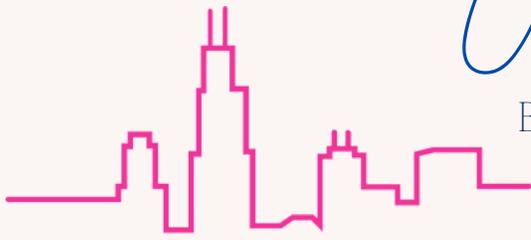
- ★ [Gene's Sausage Shop & Delicatessen](#) - really cute rooftop, deli + grocery store. Been around since 1972!
- ★ [The Bad Apple](#) - One of the best burgers. Walk down the street to Welles Park afterwards!
- ★ [Churro Factory](#) - delicious warm churros, sundaes, coffee, hot chocolate. You can't go wrong here!
- ★ [The Warbler](#) - American cuisine with a cute patio and open for lunch and dinner.

• Dinner

- ★ [Caro Mio](#) - Great BYOB Italian restaurant with huge portions. (We had our first Valentine's date here!)
- ★ [Gather](#) - such a cute garden-like patio! Farm to table with a great Sunday brunch and dinner menu.
- ★ [Spacca Napoli](#) - one of the BEST places to get wood-fired oven pizza!

• Drinks

- ★ [Gideon Welles Bar](#) - small patio, neighborhood spot with beers on tap and tasty burgers.
- ★ [The Sixth Quality Spirits](#) - cocktail bar with unique combinations.
- ★ Celebrate Oktoberfest with beer! Visit [Malt Row](#) and create your own brewery crawl in Ravenswood. Hop from brewery to brewery like [Cultivate](#), [Koval](#), [Empirical](#) and more!



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Exploring Loop and South Loop

- **Coffee & Breakfast**
 - ★ [Chicago French Press](#) - in the Roosevelt Collection Shops.
 - ★ [Cafecito](#) - Cuban coffeehouse and cafe. Loop & South Loop locations, be sure to check weekend hours.
- **Activities & Outings**
 - ★ Shop [Kido Chicago](#) in the [Roosevelt Collection](#) Shops - an all-inclusive kids store.
 - ★ Visit Museum Campus ([Shedd](#), [Field](#), [Adler](#)) - take Bus 146 or ride the Red Line to Roosevelt and walk.
 - ★ See the leaves changing colors in [Grant Park](#) - also lots of leaves changing by the Museum Campus!
 - ★ Catch a concert at [Northerly Island](#) - one of the coolest outdoor music venues I've been to in Chicago.
 - ★ Live Blues at [Buddy Guys](#) - the classic blues club owned by the legend himself.
 - ★ [Chicago Women's Park and Garden](#) - also right by the Clark House, Chicago's oldest home from 1836.
 - ★ [Catch an e-boat](#) or [Kayak the river](#)- It's not too late to get on the river! It's less crowded in the fall and such a nice way to spend a fall evening!
 - ★ Create your own architecture tour- see the [Harold Washington Library](#), [Chicago Cultural Center](#), the [Chicago Board of Trade Building](#) and more!
- **Lunch, Brunch, & Snacks**
 - ★ [Roots Handmade Pizza](#) - great place to watch a game (or go before a Bear's game), family friendly, and the mozzarella sticks are delicious!
 - ★ [Eleven City Diner](#) - Jewish deli since 2006. Fast and casual.
 - ★ [The Spoke & Bird Cafe](#) - An all-day cafe in the South Loop with a patio.
- **Dinner**
 - ★ [X-Pot](#) - This is a much more elevated Chinese dining experience with shows and interactive performances, prices are high due to the live entertainment. Originally from Las Vegas.
 - ★ [Flo and Santos](#) - Tavern style Pizza and pierogis! Family friendly with a great patio.
 - ★ [Apolonia](#) - Modern European in a beautiful space. Get the Black Truffle Puff Bread!
- **Drinks**
 - ★ [Venteaux](#) - Really great happy hour in the historic Pendry hotel on Michigan Avenue.
 - ★ [Chicago Firehouse](#) - Another incredible happy hour deal EVERYDAY from 4:30-5:30pm.
 - ★ [VU Rooftop Bar](#) - Great views of the lake and the South Loop!

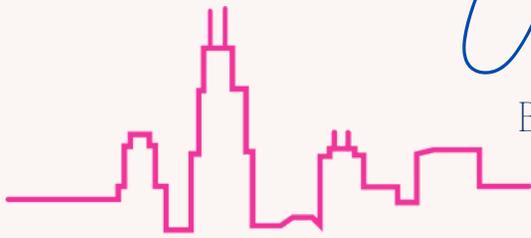


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Exploring Pilsen

- **Coffee & Breakfast**
 - ★ [Sleep Walk Chocolateria & Cafe](#) - Bean to bar chocolateria from Dark Matter Coffee.
 - ★ [Panaderia Nuevo Leon](#) - Traditional Mexican bakery, coffee, and conchas! Grab'n'go style.
 - ★ [Cafe Jumping Bean](#) - A colorful coffee shop that's been around since 1994.
- **Activities & Outings**
 - ★ Shop small on 18th St - [ChicagoMidwestMade](#), [Shudio](#), [Escaramuza USA](#), [Pilsen Community Books](#).
 - ★ [Women Made Gallery](#) - a space for women and non-binary artists from around the world.
 - ★ [St. Procopius Catholic Church](#) - originally built in 1875. It's a beautiful building worth peeping in.
 - ★ Take a Mural Walk on 16th Street - [Pilsen murals](#) are as vibrant as the community!
 - ★ Visit The [National Museum of Mexican Art](#) - The museum is free and we love going as a family!
 - ★ See a concert at [Thalia Hall](#) - originally built in 1892, now has a concert hall, bar, and tavern.
 - ★ [Pilsen Community Market](#) - A farmer's market open every Sunday until Oct. 30.
- **Lunch, Brunch, & Snacks**
 - ★ [Frida Room](#) - Great for brunch!
 - ★ El Milagro - Cafeteria style, love the mole.
 - ★ [Carnitas Urupan](#) - The best Carnitas and Chicharrones in Chicago since 1975!
 - ★ [Rubi's Chicago](#) - Used to be at the Maxwell St. Market but is now a brick & mortar shop. Huge tacos!
- **Dinner**
 - ★ [5 Rabanitos](#) - one of our favorite spots, right by the National Museum of Mexican Art.
 - ★ [Los Comales](#) - Great spicy chorizo, on 18th St.
 - ★ [La Mejikana](#) - Upscale Mexican food with cocktails. Inside a 100-year-old building!
- **Drinks**
 - ★ [La Luna](#) - Go for the drinks (the watermelon margarita is chefs kiss), stay for the food and vibes.
 - ★ [Del Toro](#) - Best margaritas in the city, my personal favorite!
 - ★ [Lo Rez Brewing and Taproom](#) - Housemade craft brews in a warehouse-like space.



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Fall Event Schedule

- Sept. 1 - Daley Plaza Farmer's Market (Loop)
- Sept. 1 - Chicago Jazz Festival at Chicago Cultural Center & Millennium Park
- Sept 2 - Chicago Jazz Festival at Millennium Park
- Sept 2 - Lincoln Square Greek Fest
- Sept 3 - Navy Pier Fireworks
- Sept 4 - Sundays on State
- Sept 4 - Chicago Jazz Festival at Millennium Park
- Sept. 9 - Selena Tribute Concert at Millennium Park
- Sept. 10 - *Clyde's*, Chicago premiere at The Goodman Theatre (closes Oct. 9)
- Sept. 10 - Chicago Jazz Festival at Millennium Park
- Sept. 10-11 - Printers Row Lit Fest
- Sept. 10-11 - Ravenswood Art Walk
- Sept. 11 - Candlelight Open Air concert: From Bach to the Beatles
- Sept. 11 - Mexican Independence Day Parade
- Sept. 16 - Chicago House Music Festival at Millennium Park
- Sept. 16 - Damen at Night
- Sept. 17-18 - Pilsen Fest
- Sept. 17 - Chicago SummerDance Celebration at Millennium Park
- Sept. 23 - Dia de los Muertos exhibit opens at The National Museum of Mexican Art
- Sept. 24 - Fall Day with Bottle and Bottega at Millennium Park
- Sept. 28 - Story Jam at Artifact Events
- Oct. 1-9 - World Music Festival (several locations)
- Oct. 1-2 - Lincoln Square Apple Fest
- Oct. 7 - *Swing State*, a new play, opens at The Goodman Theatre (closes Nov. 13)
- Oct. 8 - Chicago Beer Fest at the Field Museum
- Oct. 9 - Chicago Marathon
- Oct. 12-23 - Chicago International Film Festival (several locations)
- Oct. 15-16 - Open House Chicago in-person site visit
- Oct. 28 - Story Jam at Artifact Events