

# Chicago Summer Guide

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## Arrival Day

### • 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

- ★ **Storyville (Cajun/Creole, River North)**  
IG: [@storyville.chicago](#)  
New Orleans-inspired restaurant with speakeasy downstairs.
- ★ **Havana (Latin American, River North)**  
IG: [@havanagrillchicago](#)  
Pan-Latin and Cuban-American cuisine. Amazing happy hour and mojitos spot. Outdoor dining in warmer months!
- ★ **Taquizo (Mexican, Wicker Park)**  
IG: [taquizo\\_wp](#)  
One of the cutest atriums and patios. Great place for margaritas and pics!
- ★ **Swift & Son's Tavern (Italian, Lakeview)**  
IG: [@swiftandsonstavern](#)  
Oysters, steaks, and more! Downstairs from Hotel Zachary.



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## Loop and River North

### • Coffee & Breakfast

- ★ [Doughnut Vault](#) - The best old-fashioned donuts!
- ★ [Hero Coffee Bar](#) - Cute alley shop (22 E Jackson), Latina & woman-owned.

### • Activities & Outings

- ★ [Chicago Electric Boat Co.](#) - Drive the boat or hire a captain per hour.
- ★ [Urban Kayak](#) - Kayaking the river is so much fun!
- ★ [Grab wine at City Winery](#) - Fun people and boat watching!
- ★ [Color Factory](#) - Fun interactive museum in the Willis Tower.
- ★ [Shop on Michigan Ave](#) - Start at the iconic Wrigley Bldg & go north!



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### • Lunch, Brunch, & Snacks

- ★ [Avli on the Park \(Greek\)](#) - Beautiful rooftop, great brunch.
- ★ [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.

### • Drinks

- ★ [Cindy's Rooftop](#) - Very grammable spot. No reservations, so get there early! Views and drinks are worth it!
- ★ [Z Bar](#) - Stunning views over Michigan Ave. Great place for a cocktail.
- ★ [Bar Mar](#) - Incredibly detailed cocktails & cuisine by Chef José Andrés. The cocktails alone are such a presentation!



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## Lincoln Park

## Lakeview

- **Coffee & Breakfast**
  - ★ **Philz Coffee**  
Mint mojito coffee is incredible!
  - ★ **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 **Shore Club** for drinks & apps!)
  - ★ **Blowouts at Salon V**
  - ★ **Shopping on Southport** (check out **AURA Candle Bar!**)
  - ★ **Montrose Beach** (then **Dock** for drinks/snacks)
  - ★ **Stroll through Boystown** for shopping and drinks
- **Lunch, Brunch, & Snacks**
  - ★ **J. Parker** (cocktails & views)
  - ★ **Hutch** (bottomless mimosas)
  - ★ **Blue Door Farm Stand**
  - ★ **Bae Coffee** (amazing drinks)
  - ★ **Summer House Santa Monica**
  - ★ **Maison Marcel** (cute French cafe)
- **Dinner**
  - ★ **Galit (Mediterranean)**  
Delicious food by an award-winning chef!
  - ★ **Coalfire (Pizza)**  
One of my favorite wood-fired pizza spots in Chicago, so good!
  - ★ **Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba (Tapas)**  
A classic spot! Get the bacon-wrapped dates and sangria!
  - ★ **Coda di Volpe (Italian)**  
Wood oven-fired pizza and a cute patio.
  - ★ **Casati's (Italian)**  
Super thin crust pizza & decor is super cute!
  - ★ **Ella Elli (Mediterranean)**  
Great wine list and shareable plates.
- **Drinks**
  - ★ **Parsons**  
Fun, outdoor atmosphere with delicious slushies!
  - ★ **Hotel Zachary**  
Outdoor patio overlooking Wrigley Field!
  - ★ **Bocadillo Market**  
Great location in Lincoln Park, patio + incredible wine list!
  - ★ **Diver At The Park**  
Tulum-inspired decor and great cocktails. Happy hour too!



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## 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](#)

- ★ [Big Putt mini golf](#) - Great indoor activity if it's raining!

- ★ [The 606](#) - Grab a coffee and take a walk!

- Lunch, Brunch, & Snacks

- ★ [Big Star](#) - Margs & tacos on a fun patio!

- ★ [Whiskey Business](#) - Fun rooftop with party vibes.



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

- Dinner

- ★ [Paradise Park \(Pizza\)](#) - Great place for pics and the jalapeno homies are the best!

- ★ [Etta \(American\)](#) - Fab pizza, wine list, and girl's dinner spot!

- ★ [Club Lucky \(Italian\)](#) - Old school spot with huge portions.

- Drinks

- ★ [Violet Hour](#) - Award-winning handcrafted cocktails.

- ★ [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

**Color Factory:** Use code GOODLIFE for 20% off tickets

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

**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 THECHICAGOODLIFE15 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