Whether you are craving an avant-garde dining experience or cheap eats, Chicago’s diverse cuisine brings a melting pot of flavors to area menus. Along with perusing the Dining Guide for options, attendees can visit the Restaurant Reservations Desk in the Grand Concourse for restaurant recommendations, reservations and concierge services.

BISTRO RSNA
The Best Place to Eat, Meet and Network

Bistro RSNA is a convenient option for onsite gourmet meals at McCormick Place. Serving Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., this all-inclusive buffet includes tax, beverages and dessert, as well as express entry and a reserved seat. Save by purchasing your Bistro RSNA meal tickets online before November 25 for $22/ticket. Tickets purchased onsite are $24. For daily menu options and to purchase tickets in advance, visit BistroRSNA.com/attendee.php.

Wide Range of Dining Options Featured at McCormick Place

From energizing coffee to sandwiches and warm meals, you will find a variety of food options available throughout McCormick Place including 23rd Street Café, Connie’s Pizza, Jamba Juice, Starbucks, Lakeside Café, Luzita’s Taqueria, Midwest Grilled Cheese Bar, Manny’s, McDonald’s Express, and much more.

CHICAGO OFFERS WORLD-CLASS DINING OPTIONS

Chicago has more restaurants than you have taste buds—so pinpoint your cravings and have an epicurean adventure! Choose Chicago—the city’s official tourist destination resource—offers a wide range of restaurants, including some of the listings below. Go to www.ChooseChicago.com

AFRICAN

DEMERA ETHIOPIAN
4801 N. Broadway St.
1-773-334-8787
Traditional Ethiopian cuisine and coffee, vegan friendly and with a good balance of spicy and mild; gluten-free options available. $$

NANDO’S PERI-PERI
953 W. Randolph St.;
1-312-488-3062
South African chicken chain brings casual dining with a Mozambican/Portuguese theme along with a few very addictive sauces. $

AMERICAN

THE 3RD COAST CAFÉ
AND WINE BAR
1260 N. Dearborn Pkwy.
1-312-649-0730
This gem has an extensive menu with breakfast served all day; located in a historic building with a gallery setting showcasing work from area artists. $$

720 SOUTH BAR & GRILL
720 S. Michigan Ave.
1-312-922-4400
Classic American grill featuring a seasonally inspired menu, signature comfort foods, locally crafted beers, cocktails and an extensive selection of wines by the glass. $$

ARIA
200 N. Columbus Dr.
1-888-495-1829
1-312-565-8000
Mahogany walls frame an elegant interior where regional American cuisine is prepared with a contemporary twist; also serves sushi. $$$

BLACKBIRD RESTAURANT
619 W. Randolph St.
1-312-715-0708
Trendsetting cuisine and décor, high energy and precise service offering a modern approach to fine dining – considered one of the most iconic restaurants in Chicago. $$$$ 

THE BOARDING HOUSE
720 N. Wells St.
1-312-280-0720
A multi-level restaurant featuring 450+ wines and a Mediterranean-inspired cuisine; includes vegetarian options and chefs can custom create dishes to fit most dietary restrictions. $$

BULL & BEAR
431 N. Wells St.
1-312-527-5973
A multi-media sports bar serving hearty American fare in a casual setting. $$

EPIC
112 W. Hubbard St.
1-312-222-494
A multi-level space serving modern American cuisine influenced by international flavors and known for its hamburgers and chops; includes an extensive wine menu. $$$$

Pricing Key: $ Inexpensive, $$ Moderate, $$$ Expensive, $$$$ Very Expensive

Reserve Your Table

Visit the Restaurant Reservations Desk on Level 3 of the Grand Concourse in McCormick Place to make reservations. Restaurants with the RSNA logo are RSNA’s Bistro partners.
FORMENTO’S
925 W. Randolph St.; 1-312-690-7295
Classic Italian is served alongside new Italian-American favorites in an atmosphere steeped in the sentiment of gathering for Sunday supper. $$

GIRL & THE GOAT
809 W. Randolph St.; 1-312-492-6262
Flavorful, global-influenced menu served family style, with a focus on smaller international producers; rotating craft beer list from area breweries and fun cocktails. $$

GRACE
652 W. Randolph St.; 1-312-234-9494
From its understated luxury to the two menu options serving 8 - 12-courses, there is a parade of flavor fit to satisfy even the most discerning palates. $$$$

HARD ROCK CAFÉ
63 W. Ontario St.; 1-312-943-2252
Great music, fun times combined with made-from-scratch favorites. $$

HOMESTEAD ON THE ROOF
1924 W. Chicago Ave – Roots Pizza Entrance
1-773-332-2354
Farm-to-table restaurant featuring surprisingly elegant cuisine matched by a light-filled interior, with live birch walls, glass terrariums, vintage sconces and two hanging vertical gardens. $$

HOWELLS & HOOD
435 N. Michigan Ave.; 1-312-262-5310
This stunning multi-level restaurant in the Tribune Tower features a menu offering brilliant twists on American classics and abundant drink selections. $$$

HUB 51 & SUB 51
51 W. Hubbard St.; 1-312-828-00
Great American cuisine with Californian influences; varied menu includes salad, sushi, tacos and burgers. Below the restaurant, Sub 51 is an exclusive night-club on weekends. $$

LOCKWOOD RESTAURANT & BAR
17 E. Monroe St.; 1-312-917-3404
Seasonally-influenced modern American cuisine located in the Palmer House. $$$

THE PUBLICAN
837 W. Fulton Market; 1-312-733-9555
A laid-back beer hall with an eclectic menu centering on oysters and pork – inspired by simple farmhouse fare. $

RIVER ROAST
315 N. LaSalle St.; 1-312-822-0100
American tavern fare with the emphasis on roasted meats, fish and veggies, with excellent drink menus, and dramatic city and river views – try the Cubano sandwich. $$$

ROCKIT BAR & GRILL
22 W. Hubbard St.; 1-312-645-6000
Upscale bar and grill with home-style menu and an upstairs lounge. $$

SIXTEEN
401 N. Wabash Ave.; 1-312-588-8030
Serves exceptional Modern American cuisine in a fine dining environment matched only by the exceptional city views. Located inside the Trump Hotel. $$$$

THE SIGNATURE ROOM AT THE 95TH
875 N. Michigan Ave.; 1-312-787-9596
Contemporary American cuisine served in a sophisticated setting with spectacular views from atop the John Hancock Center. $$$$

SOUTH BRANCH: DOWNTOWN CHICAGO RESTAURANT
100 S. Wacker Dr.; 1-312-546-6177
Located right on the river and offering everything from its Bang Bang Shrimp appetizer to short ribs and a chef’s catch of the week. $$

SWEETWATER TAVERN & GRILLE
225 N. Michigan Ave.; 1-312-698-7111
A modern American food menu complemented by a great craft beer list, seasonal cocktails, and a vibrant atmosphere with great Chicago River views. $$$$

TABLE, DONKEY & STICK
2728 W. Armitage Ave.; 1-773-486-8525
Traditional fare in a rustic setting with a unique selection of beer, wine and spirits honoring the eating and drinking traditions of the Alps. $$

TORTOISE CLUB
350 N. State St.; 1-312-755-1700
Charming, clubhouse-inspired restaurant serving Modern-American cuisine, gracious service, signature cocktails and live jazz. $$

ASIAN FUSION

ARA-ON
160 W. Adams St.; 1-312-781-7200
Modern art juxtaposed with tables crafted from 300-year-old trees is the setting for this contemporary Asian restaurant serving sushi and modern cuisine. $$

EMBEYA
564 W. Randolph St.; 1-312-612-5640
Refined Asian cuisine using bold flavors against an elegant yet comfortable backdrop to provide a unique dining experience. $$$$

ROY’S CHICAGO
720 N. State St.; 1-312-787-7599
Hawaiian fusion cuisine combining French and Asian techniques, created in the exhibition kitchen in full view of the bar and dining room. $$$$

UNION SUSHI AND BARBEQUE BAR
230 W. Erie St.; 1-312-662-4888
A colorful and welcoming spot to enjoy Japanese-influenced cuisine plus sushi and Robata grilled dishes. $$

BBQ

CHICAGO Q
1160 N. Dearborn St.; 1-312-642-1160
Savannah-style setting imbued with Southern charm and comfort serving Southern barbeque seasoned with exceptional house-made rubs. $$

COUNTY BBQ
1352 W. Taylor St.; 1-312-929-2528
A rough-hewn barbeque joint in appearance offering house-smoked meats and updated classic sides along with a selection of Midwestern whiskies and craft beers. $$
BUB CITY
435 N. Clark Ave.
1-312-610-4200
Authentic BBQ and hamburgers with a wide selection of whiskey, served in a relaxed setting highlighted by live country music. $$

BRAZILIAN
FOGO DE CHÃO
661 N. LaSalle St.
1-312-932-9330
Authentic Brazilian steakhouse with fire-roasted meats, gourmet salad bar, traditional side dishes, pão de queijo and delectable desserts; wines and Brazilian cocktails. $$$$

CAJUN
BUDDY GUY’S LEGENDS
700 S. Wabash Ave.
1-312-427-1190
Cajun fare served in a blues club atmosphere – laid back and casual, with live entertainment. $$

HEAVEN ON SEVEN
111 N. Wabash
1-312-263-6443
Spicy Cajun and Creole dishes recreating the heart and soul of the Louisiana bayou; try the gumbo. $$

CHINESE
HOUSE OF FORTUNE
2407 S. Wentworth Ave.
1-312-225-0880
Located in historic Chinatown, a Chicago icon serving Cantonese and Mandarin cuisines. $

MINGHIN CUISINE
2168 S. Archer Ave.
1-312-808-1999
Specializes in authentic Cantonese-style cooking and Hong Kong-style dim sum. $$

CONTINENTAL
BOHEMIAN HOUSE
11 W. Illinois St.
1-312-955-0439
Captures the lighthearted and carefree essence of Bohemian culture in a venue with exposed brick, eclectic décor, and inspired fare with Czech, Austrian and German influences. $$

CUBAN
HABANA LIBRE
1440 W. Chicago Ave.
1-312-243-3303
Colorful neighborhood BYOB serving traditional Cuban fares, including sandwiches, croquettes, and vegetarian appetizers. $

ECLECTIC
KAIER TIGER
1415 W. Randolph St.
1-312-243-3100
A casual spot to grab a beer and a bite, with hearty menu options, including the “bacon bomb.” $

MOTO
945 W. Fulton Ave.
1-312-491-0058
An outside the box approach to food that challenges culinary conventions by taking diners on a post-modern, interactive and fantastical gastronomical ride. $$$$

FRENCH
BISTRO VOLTAIRE
226 W. Chicago Ave.
1-312-265-0911
Charming Parisian bistro with framed portraits of French writers and philosophers and serving classic fare with bold and inspiring flavor. $$$$ 

BISTRONOMIC
840 N. Wabash Ave.
1-312-944-8400
A modern-day take on traditional French favorites served in an inviting neighborhood bistro, with an impressive array of artisanal cheeses and charcuterie. $$

PARIS CLUB BISTRO AND BAR
59 W. Hubbard St.
1-312-595-0800
Warm, intimate setting reminiscent of 1920s Paris with a menu celebrating classic French cuisine and an extensive cocktail selection offering timeless aperitifs and digestifs. $$

GASTROTAVERN/PUB
CH DISTILLERY & COCKTAIL BAR
564 W. Randolph St.
1-312-707-9780
Celebrating the science of making spirits, handcrafted juices and syrups for use in cocktails served with playful, yet authentic Eastern European-inspired fare and bar snacks. $$
INTERNATIONAL FUSION

VERMILION
10 W. Hubbard St.
1-312-527-4060
A contemporary global melding of Latin and Indian fare with innovative steaks, seafood and tapas served in a sleek and sensual setting. $$$

IRISH

FADÓ IRISH PUB
100 W. Grand Ave.
1-312-836-0066
Modern Irish and American pub fare made from scratch with an extensive drinks list in an authentic pub setting that was designed in Ireland. $

ITALIAN

312 CHICAGO
136 N. LaSalle St.
1-312-696-2420
Italian-American cuisine with an ambiance that recalls the intimate dining clubs of 1930s Chicago; Aperitivi Hour features classic Italian cocktails paired with assorted small plates. $$$

FILINI BAR AND RESTAURANT
221 N. Columbus Dr.
1-312-477-0234
Southern Italian food with a modern twist, with a focus on fresh seafood and promising a memorable “with family” experience. $

LABRIOLA RISTORANTE & CAFÉ
535 N. Michigan Ave.
1-312-955-3100
Modern Italian cuisine, complete with handmade pastas, Neapolitan pizzas, seafood, prime steaks and rotating seasonal lasagnas, plus a quick serve casual café and bakery. $

MACELLO RISTORANTE
1235 W. Lake St.
1-312-850-9870
Pizza and oh-so-comforting Italian cuisine from the Puglia region in an urban venue with exposed brick and warm woods. $ 

NELLÔTE
833 W. Randolph St.
1-312-432-0500
High-energy elegance with European-inspired, rustic small plates where the emphasis is on seasonal Midwestern ingredients, prepared cooked or raw. $$$

NICO OSTERIA
1015 N. Rush St.
1-312-994-7100
Creative and approachable Italian-inspired seafood served with house-made pastas, and with a bar serving smaller producers and older vintages. $$

PELAGO RISTORANTE
201 E. Delaware Pl.
1-312-280-0700
A sophisticated take on Italian cuisine with a creatively simple menu in an equally sophisticated setting; allergy- and gluten-free requests are honored. $$$

PHIL STEFANI’S 437 RUSH
437 N. Rush St.
1-312-222-0101
A contemporary Italian steakhouse serving mouth-watering steak and seafood dishes, risottos and pastas. $$$

SIENA TAVERN
51 W. Kinzie St.
1-312-951-9500
Contemporary comfort foods from 20 regions in Italy – from house-made pastas to nightly beef, fish and game menu additions – the variety is endless! $$

PROSECCO
710 N. Wells St.
1-312-951-9500
Contemporary comfort foods from 20 regions in Italy – from house-made pastas to nightly beef, fish and game menu additions – the variety is endless! $$

SIENA TAVERN
51 W. Kinzie St.
1-312-951-9500
Old-world Florence cuisine with a modern flare (American, pizza, sandwiches, seafood) served against a backdrop that is dark and sensuous. $$

TESORI TRATTORIA & BAR
65 E. Adams St.
1-312-786-9911
Italian-inspired restaurant featuring pastas and artesian pizzas using only fresh, high-quality ingredients – located in Symphony Center. $$$

JAPANESE/SUSHI

SLURPING TURTLE
116 W. Hubbard St.
1-312-464-0466
Industrial décor belying the traditional Japanese comfort foods served; menu includes items from the bincho grill, cold and hot tapas, noodles and sashimi and maki rolls; plus sake, wine and more. $

LATIN

CARNIVALE
702 W. Fulton Market
1-312-850-5005
An explosion of taste, color and sound serving heartier fish and meat creations from Brazil, Colombia, Cuba and Puerto Rico. $$$

NATIONAL 27
325 W. Huron St.
1-312-664-2727
Melds the explosive flavors and rich tastes of 27 Central and South American nations – one spot, lots of flavor and with salsa lessons on Wednesdays. $$

MEDITERRANEAN

AVEC
615 W. Randolph St.
1-312-377-2002
Midwestern take on Mediterranean classics in a minimalist setting with communal seating and a focus on wine. $

CITY WINERY
1200 W. Randolph St.
1-312-733-9463
Former warehouse now haven for true oenophiles and with a culinary arts focus on Italian, French, Spanish and Middle Eastern cultures. $$$

MEXICAN

FRONTERA GRILL AND TOPOLOBAMPO
445 N. Clark St.
1-312-661-1434
Regional Mexican dishes made with quality ingredients – try the smoky guacamole with its crispy bacon, toasted chilies and smoked tomato. Sharing the front entrance is sister restaurant, Topolobampo, offering a more upscale experience. $$/$$$ 

MEXIQUE
1529 W. Chicago Ave.
1-312-850-0288
Modern cuisine infusing French techniques to traditional favorites to create a revolution of Mexican gastronomy. $$

RUSSIAN

RUSSIAN TEA TIME
77 E. Adams St.
1-312-360-0000
Classic restaurant and tea house serving rich, aromatic Russian teas, Ukrainian-style borscht, sweets, vegetarian options, vodka flights and more – for a little bit of the old country. $
SEAFOOD

CAPE COD ROOM
140 E. Walton Pl.
1-312-392-4625
Old-world charm embracing the flavorful mix of classic and contemporary cuisine inside the Drake Hotel, and where the carved initials of both Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio can still be seen. $$$

CHICAGO OYSTER HOUSE
1933 S. Indiana Ave.
1-312-225-8833
Chefs specialize in preparing cuisine from the world’s depths – particularly those served raw or extremely fresh – oysters, sushi and lobster. $$$$

DEVON
39 E. Chicago Ave.
1-312-440-8660
Offers a sophisticated dining experience with fresh seafood and grilled steaks at a moderate price. $$

HUGO’S FROG BAR
1024 N. Rush St.
1-312-640-0999
Fresh seafood daily, prime steaks and a variety of other frog and fowl options highlight the menu in a setting with live jazz and blues piano nightly. $$$$

LUKE’S LOBSTER
134 N. LaSalle St.
1-312-982-2977
Serving Maine-style seafood at a moderate price – new to Chicago yet with a long history on the East Coast. $

SOUTHERN

TABLE FIFTY-TWO
52 W. Elm St.
1-312-573-4000
Dine in either high-ceiling elegance upstairs or in cozy, gathered-around-the-hearth comfort downstairs, the Southern hospitality is matched only by the variety of Southern favorites on the menu. $$$$

SPANISH/TAPAS

CAFÉ BA-BA-REEBA!
2024 N. Halsted St.
1-773-935-5000
A festive hotspot with rhythmic music; specializes in paella, sangria and crowd-pleasing tapas. $

THAI

MA & I
1234 S. Michigan Ave.
1-312-663-1234
The rich ethnic flavors of Thai food served in a relaxed setting for the health-conscious diner. $$

VEGETARIAN/VEGAN

CHICAGO DINER
3411 N. Halsted St.
1-773-935-6696
Vegan and vegetarian cuisine using soy and wheat proteins served in a classic diner setting with enough variety on its menu to satisfy even non-vegetarians. Vegan milkshake, anyone? $$

DESSERT BAR

AMORINO
838 N. State St.
1-312-266-7466
Introducing the magic world of artisanal Italian gelatos, sold worldwide, along with other treats, hot drinks and gourmet products. $

GHIRARDELLI ICE CREAM & CHOCOLATE SHOP
830 N. Michigan Ave.
1-312-923-0168
Decadent chocolate and hot fudge sundaes using freshly made hot fudge, fountain treats and chocolates – yum! $

GODDESS AND THE BAKER
33 S. Wabash Ave.
1-312-877-5176
Experience seasonal flavors with a global spin – from breakfast to salads to made-to-order sandwiches and with desserts served all day long. $

TEUSCHER CHICAGO
900 N. Michigan Ave., Level 5
1-888-387-2437
Specializes in Swiss chocolates, from truffles and pralines to crunchy nuts and caramels – there is also some Italian Gianduja; purchase to go or stop for coffee in the café. $$

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