

2015 DINING GUIDE

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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.

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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  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 nightclub on weekends.

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LOCKWOOD RESTAURANT & BAR

17 E. Monroe St.
1-312-917-3404

Seasonally-influenced modern American cuisine located in the Palmer House.

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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.

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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 with 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 apéritifs and digestifs. \$\$

GASTROTAVERN/PUB

CH DISTILLERY & COCKTAIL BAR

564 W. Randolph St.
1-312-707-8780

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. \$\$\$

FARMHOUSE CHICAGO

228 W. Chicago Ave.
1-312-280-4960

A Midwestern craft tavern embracing a "farm-to-tavern" philosophy with made from scratch food, 30+ Midwestern beers and two local wines on tap. \$\$

PUBLIC HOUSE

400 N. State St.
1-312-265-1240

A beer-lover's paradise serving American and smokehouse favorites in a relaxed, unassuming atmosphere.

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GERMAN

BERGHOFF RESTAURANT

17 W. Adams St.
1-312-427-3170

A Chicago classic, serving German-American style cuisine and culture with traditional dishes, seasonal variety, and with vegetarian and gluten-free options. \$\$

GREEK

ATHENA

212 S. Halsted St.
1-312-655-0000

Delicious Greek cuisine housed in a classic old-world setting reminiscent of Athens. \$\$

THE PARTHENON

314 S. Halsted St.
1-312-726-2407

Traditional Greek fare and setting with a friendly atmosphere where shouts of "Opa!" are common. \$\$\$

INDIAN

GAYLORD INDIA RESTAURANT

100 E. Walton St.
1-312-664-1700

Experience the ancient traditions and authentic flavors of India, fused exotically with a unique ethnic edge in a casually sophisticated ambiance. \$\$\$

THE INDIAN GARDEN RESTAURANT

247 E. Ontario St., Ste. 2
1-312-280-4910

An excellent exploration of Indian cuisine, steeped in the aromas of cumin, curry, cinnamon and sizzling onions; vegetarian options available. \$

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; Aperitivo 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. \$\$ 

NELLCÔTE

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.
1-312-595-1322

Old-world Florence cuisine with a modern flare (American, pizza, sandwiches, seafood) served against a backdrop that is dark and sensuous.

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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! \$\$

TESORI TRATTORIA & BAR

65 E. Adams St.
1-312-786-9911

Italian-inspired restaurant featuring pastas and artisan 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.
1-312-932-4625

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. \$

SALERO

621 W. Randolph St.
1-312-466-1000

Seasonal Basque-inspired bite-sized dishes prepared using authentic yet modern Spanish traditions – it's Spain, only without the tapas. \$\$

STEAK

111 FORKS STEAKHOUSE

180 N. Field Blvd.
1-312-938-4303

Modern steakhouse with sizzling style, serving thick signature cuts of prime beef and ocean-fresh seafood. \$\$\$ 

BENNY'S CHOP HOUSE

444 N. Wabash Ave.
1-312-626-2444

Features prime beef, fresh seafood, and seasonal side dishes served "Benny's Way" – ensuring only the finest steak experience, with a rich décor and live jazz, Wednesday through Sunday evenings. \$\$\$

CHICAGO CHOP HOUSE

60 W. Ontario St.
1-312-787-7100

Restored, century-old Victorian brownstone with over 1,400 photos of historic Chicago displayed, this Windy City classic is known for its tender Mishima cuts and an international wine list. \$\$\$\$

DEL FRISCO'S DOUBLE EAGLE STEAKHOUSE

58 E. Oak St.
1-312-888-2499

Flawless cuisine that is bold and delicious – prime steak, fresh seafood, house-made side dishes and decadent desserts served in a dramatic multi-level setting. \$\$\$\$

GENE & GEORGETTI

500 N. Franklin St.
1-312-527-3718

Ranked as the city's first Italian steakhouse, this restaurant serves the time-honored tradition of unadorned steaks and mouth-watering sides. \$\$\$

ROSEBUD PRIME

1 S. Dearborn St.
1-312-384-1900

Distinctive menu options, including an 18-ounce bone-in filet with wild mushrooms, a variety of seafood specialties, rich desserts and robust wines in an elegant yet approachable setting. \$\$\$\$

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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