#### Neighborhoods to explore when catching dinner

*Wrigleyville*: If you are a baseball fan you may want to see the home of the Cubs. It's surrounded by sports themed restaurants smack in the middle of a northside neighborhood. 5.5 miles.

Little Italy: Right next to the University of Illinois, Chicago, Little Italy is mostly a collection of old school Italian restaurants. It is the place to go for an authentic Italian meal. 3.4 miles.

**Boystown**: The first officially recognized gay village in the United States, Boystown is situated between Wrigleyville and Lincoln Park. Restaurants and shops in a gay friendly environment. 5.5 miles

**Chinatown**: Unique architecture sets Chinatown apart as it offers food, shopping and even historical tours. 3.3 miles. Not too far from the Shedd Aquarium and Field Museum.

**Bronzeville**: Home to many famous African American Chicagoans such as Louis Armstrong and Richard Wright, Bronzeville offers restaurants, jazz clubs and historical sites. 5.5 miles.





#### Shopping

Any way you turn out of the hotel you are going to find shopping. But the two most classic venues are the *Magnificent Mile* (north from the hotel, down Michigan and then Rush St.) and *State Street* (anchored by Macy's and spreading down State St., south of the hotel). Then there is *Watertower Place*, a 7 story mall less than a mile north from the hotel on Michigan Avenue.



#### For Jazz Enthusiasts

<u>Untitled</u> is a restaurant/bar/lounge styled after a speakeasy. Very Chicago. Live music Wednesday through Saturday. 111 W. Kinzie, .6 miles.

Andy's Jazz Club offers live jazz every night. If eating dinner, best to make reservation. 11 E. Hubbard, .3 miles.

<u>Eddie V's Prime Seafood</u> has live jazz in the V Lounge every night. 521 N. Rush St., .2 miles.

**Pop's for Champagne.** the famous champagne bar, has live music Sunday through Tuesday. 601 N. State St., .3 miles.

<u>Blue Chicago</u> has live blues every night. 536 N. Clark, .4 miles.



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# **Quick Stops for Lunch**

<u>The Shops at North Bridge Mall</u> have fast food options of Potbelly's, Panda Express, Coast Burger, etc, .5 block south on Michigan.

<u>The Corner Bakery</u> for breakfast, sandwiches, soups, and salads. 444 N. Michigan Ave, 1.5 blocks south.

**Eataly** - For the more adventurous, a new store/ restaurant and tourist sensation that is really rockin' the neighborhood (one block west). You can find some great Italian cuisine to carry out or dine-in with several different venues with varying price points. Great place to get a glass of wine or a gourmet hot chocolate, lunch or dinner. 43 East Ohio Street. 1 block west.



# **Near the Hotel**

**The Food Court at Watertower Place** (835 N. Michigan Ave, It doesn't sound alluring but it is considered one of the best mall food experiences. For something fast and relatively inexpensive while shopping at the mall.

<u>The Purple Pig</u> – (500 N. Michigan Ave, 312-464-1744 Trying to keep it mid-priced on the Magnificent Mile, this restaurant is a chef-driven restaurant right around the corner from the hotel.

#### Chicago Hot Dogs

You won't have enough time to enter the debate of who serves the best hot dog but some of the contenders are close to the conference. <a href="Downtown Dogs">Downtown Dogs</a> (804 Rush St., 312-951-5141), <a href="Portillo's">Portillo's</a> (100 W. Ontario, 312-587-8910) and there is a \$14 hot dog offered at the Four Season's restaurant <a href="Allium">Allium</a> (120 E. Delaware Place, 312-799-4900) that is reported to be a little miracle.

#### Chicago Style Deep Dish Pizza

<u>Gino's East</u>: Probably the most well-known deep dish pizza restaurant from the town where pizza was thought to be invented. You can write you name in the stucco walls but may have to wait a bit to be seated. 162 E. Superior St. 312-266-3337. .5 miles

<u>Giordano's</u>: They deliver if you don't want to leave the hotel. 730 N. Rush St., .3 miles.

<u>Lou Malnati's</u>: Also delivers to the hotel. 439 N. Wells, .7 miles.

There is also a deep dish <u>pizza tour</u> of three pizzerias if you can't get enough. Starting at <u>Uno's</u> at 29 E. Ohio, .2 miles.

#### Vegetarian

<u>The Green Zebra</u> (1460 W. Chicago Ave, (312) 243-7100) specializing in local and seasonal food is considered the only fine dining vegetarian restaurant experience in Chicago. If you get tired of steamed vegetables and pasta as the vegetarian option at most restaurants maybe it is worth the 10 minute cab ride from the hotel.

<u>Chicago Diner</u> (3411 N. Halsted St Chicago, IL 60657, (773) 935-6696) is THE vegetarian restaurant in Chicago, founded more than 30 years ago. The Diner is 5 miles from the hotel but in the heart of Boystown if you were planning to visit that neighborhood while in town.

Native Foods Café (218 South Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60604, (312) 332-6332) A fast food, all vegan restaurant that serves many homemade "meat" dishes. At 1.2 miles from the hotel it is a little bit of a walk. But Native Foods is poised for a major national expansion and you will be able to say you tried it in Chi-town before they took over the world. (Also at 1023 W. Belmont, in the Lakeview neighborhood, just west of Boystown.)

#### **Famous Places to Eat**

#### Billy Goat Tavern

If you have never been, this is a must. SNL's famous "Cheeseburger, No Pepsi, Coke" skit was based on this restaurant. No agonizing about many menu choices. Buy a Billy Goat t-shirt while you are there. The best part is that it is under street level. See if you can find it at 430 N. Michigan Ave., Lower Level. 312-222-1525. 1.5 blocks south.

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#### The Signature Room at the 95<sup>th</sup>

Almost at the top of the John Hancock building it is the highest dining experience you can have in Chicago but be prepared for high prices, too. If you just want to see the breathtaking skyline, stop in for a drink at the Signature Lounge and catch dinner elsewhere. .5 miles north

#### Topolobampo, Frontera Grill and XOCO

Richard Bayless' famous Mexican restaurants are next door to each other just west of the hotel (445 N. Clark St). You must make reservations at least 2 months in advance for Topolobampo (classy) but Frontera Grill (casual) has a first come, first serve policy. It's worth taking the chance that you'll get in. XOCO (fast-service) may be busy but will keep the crowd moving. You can also find "Frontera" restaurants at Macy's (111 N. State St.) and at O'Hare airport. .5 miles west

#### **Berghoff**

(17 E. Adams, 312-427-3170) A German-American restaurant in the loop that offers a sophisticated dining experience (call for reservations) or grabbing a fabulous fast deli sandwich, carved before your very eyes (just walk in). The Berghoff has Chicago's No. 1 liquor license and their own brew to boot. Perhaps paired with a trip to State Street's shopping district. 1.1 miles south

#### **Must Sees**

- The Signature Room at the 95th, John Hancock
- Chicago Architecture Foundation Tour
- ♦ The Lakefront Trail
- ♦ Shedd Aquarium
- ♦ Field Museum
- ♦ Lincoln Park Zoo/Conservatory
- ♦ Garfield Park Conservatory
- Chicago Cultural Center's free concerts: Monday & Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.



## **Hidden Gems**

- Southport Bowling Lanes: handset pins, need reservations
- Lincoln Park Conservatory
- Sydney Marovitz lakefront golf course
- ♦ South Shore Nature Sanctuary



# **Favorite Restaurants**

- ♦ Pasteur (French-Vietnamese) 7.7 miles
- ♦ The Bongo Room (for brunch) 3.9 miles
- ♦ Ed Debevic's (sassy 50's diner) .6 miles
- ♦ Chinatown 3.3 miles
- ◆ The Gage (across from Millennium Park) .7 miles
- ♦ Frontera Grill (Mexican) .5 miles
- ♦ <u>Café Iberico</u> (tapas) .7 miles
- ♦ Tango Sur (Argentinian BBQ) 6.3 miles
- ♦ Mia Francesca's (Italian) 4.8 miles
- ♦ Wishbone (Southern) 2 miles
- ♦ <u>Le Bouchon</u> (French) 4.6 miles
- ♦ White Castle (burgers) 2.8 miles



# Favorite Shopping Areas

- ♦ Bucktown/Wicker Park
- Michigan Avenue: just outside hotel



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#### Check this out...

#### A short walk from the hotel

- Peace Garden
- Cancer Survivor's Garden
- Museum of Contemporary Art
- Millennium Park
- Star of Siam restaurant
- **Rock Bottom Brewery**
- River view from the Michigan Avenue Bridge (south of the hotel)



## **Best Attractions**

- Chicago Public Art
- Observation Deck at Willis Tower
- High Tea at the Drake Hotel
- **Navy Pier**
- Art Institute of Chicago
- Cruises from Navy Pier
- "The Bean" sculpture in Millennium Park
- **Wrigley Field**



# Cultural Neighborhoods to explore:



- **Ukranian Village**
- **Devon Street** (SE Asian)
- Wicker Park/Bucktown (Artist/Trendy)
- Lincoln Square (Old-world European)
- Andersonville (Swedish)
- **Boystown** (LGBTQ)

# Worth the effort

- Museum of Science and Industry
- Fitzgerald's
- International Museum of Surgical Science
- Frank Lloyd Wright Tour
- Baha'i Temple



# **Entertainment Hot Spot Favorites**

- Second City
- Steppenwolf Theatre
- Joffrey Ballet
- Old Town School of Folk Music
- Chicago Symphony Orchestra



- Green Mill Jazz Club
- The Chicago Theatre

