



The big picture

Take in the Chicago skyline and the boats on Lake Michigan aboard the new and improved Centennial Wheel. The 20-storey high Ferris wheel even has air-conditioning. Navy Pier itself has dozens of restaurants and on-site attractions include the Crystal Gardens, a massive indoor botanical space, the Chicago Children's Museum, Chicago Shakespeare Theater and an IMAX Theatre. navypier.com



THE LOCAL'S VIEW

“Food lovers in Chicago are spoiled for choice”

Says *Steve Dolinsky*, a television food reporter who has lived in the city for 25 years



“Food lovers in Chicago are spoiled for choice. We have 77 neighbourhoods with restaurants representing every ethnicity from around the world. A big trend at the moment is communal dining. All the chefs I know go to Avec, which offers shared Mediterranean plates. The city is famed for its deep-dish pizza – sample the real deal at Labriola Café on Michigan Avenue.

“When friends visit Chicago I always take them on the Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise, and to Millennium Park to see the Crown Fountain and Cloud Gate sculpture.”

stevedolinsky.com

Chicago



COUNTRY
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POPULATION
2.7 MILLION



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FACT
CHICAGO'S NICKNAME “THE WINDY CITY” WAS COINED AS A CRITICISM OF THE HOT AIR BELLOWED BY POLITICIANS TO SECURE THE 1893 WORLD'S FAIR



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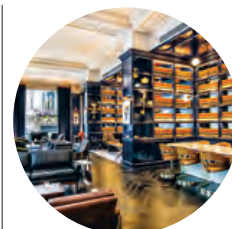
THE HOT LIST



NUTELLA CAFÉ
Sweet-toothed tourists can delight in the new Nutella Café in Millennium Park. The eatery is the first official Nutella café opened by Ferrero in the USA and offers dishes such as warm demi baguettes and gelato.
facebook.com/NutellaCafeChicago



LENA BRAVA
Multi-award-winning celebrity chef Rick Bayless is renowned for his hip and authentic Mexican cuisine. One of his newest restaurants, Lena Brava opened last year on Randolph Street and is wowing diners with Baja-style seafood and live-fire cooking.
rickbayless.com



THE GRAY
This boutique hotel is named after the Georgia Gray marble that was restored as part of the building's recent makeover from an early 20th-century New York Life Insurance building. The 293-room hotel is near Michigan Avenue.
grayhotelchicago.com