

# Chicago Style

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**T**he AAO returns this year to Chicago for the first time since 2011, with the annual session scheduled to run April 21-24. Here is JCO's yearly preview of attractions, events, and restaurants in the convention city.

Weather should be cool during this unusually early meeting, with highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid-40s. Rain or even snow is possible.

Taxi fares from O'Hare International Airport to McCormick Place Convention Center run \$30-40, although shared cab rides are available for a flat \$24. Taxis pick up at every terminal, but ride-share services (Uber or Lyft) are restricted to terminals 2 (between doors 2A and 2D) and 5 (door 5B). The Blue Line station of the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) train system—called the “L” because of the elevated tracks—can be accessed by



**A tourist shows off a handstand on the SkyDeck Chicago ledge. Photo © Jillian Cain, Dreamstime.com.**



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pedestrian walkways from each terminal; the standard fare is \$5 each way. Midway International Airport offers similar options, but is closer to downtown: shared taxi rides are a flat \$18. Ride-share companies pick up outside door 4, or the CTA Orange Line is available for a \$2.50 fare. One-, three-, or seven-day CTA passes can be purchased with a Ventra transit account ([transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com)).

## Attractions

Chicago's architecture ranks among the most noteworthy in the world. Start your exploration at

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**"What Is an Animal?" exhibition at the Field Museum.**  
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the **Chicago Architecture Center**, a Mies van der Rohe building right on the Riverwalk; its Model Experience showcases more than 4,000 buildings, with interactive features. The center also sponsors a 90-minute river cruise and a number of walking tours, including one of the iconic Frank Lloyd Wright homes in Oak Park. The **Frank Lloyd Wright Trust** provides interior tours of Wright buildings in both Oak Park and Chicago. An in-

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**Adler Planetarium seen from Lake Michigan.** Photo © Erik Lattwein, Dreamstime.com.

spiration to the young Wright, the 1887 **Glessner House** offers tours and a museum.

Food tours are something of a specialty in Chicago, sampling all kinds of cuisines. Try **Chicago Food Tours** for a wide variety of offerings, or design your own craft-brewery tour from the itineraries listed at [choosechicago.com](http://choosechicago.com).

The Chicago Explorer Pass ([gochicago.com](http://gochicago.com)) is a discounted digital pass providing admission to three, four, or five of nearly 30 options, including cruises and tours. CityPASS ([citypass.com/chicago](http://citypass.com/chicago)) covers discounted admission to the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, and Skydeck Chicago, plus a choice of two from among the Adler Planetarium, Art Institute of Chicago, Museum of Science and Industry, and 360 Chicago, for a price of \$114 for adults and \$93 for children.

Two of Chicago's tallest skyscrapers feature public observation decks, both recommending advance ticket purchases. **Skydeck Chicago**, on the 103rd floor of the Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower), has a glass-enclosed ledge extending four feet out into space. The **360 Chicago** deck, offering panoramic views from the 94th floor of the former John Hancock Center, includes a CloudBar and the Tilt thrill ride—a downward-facing view from 1,000 feet up.

Several of the city's leading attractions are just north of McCormick Place along Lake Shore Drive: the **Field Museum** of natural history, presenting "Death: Life's Greatest Mystery" and "Native Truths: Our Voices, Our Stories"; **Adler Planetarium**, the nation's oldest planetarium; and **Shedd Aquarium**, featuring a shark-feeding tour and a beluga encounter.



The august **Art Institute of Chicago** is offering exhibits of Salvador Dalí, Lygia Pape, and Himali Singh Soin, along with kingfisher head-dresses from China. The **Museum of Science and Industry** has a new show on Pompeii and a juried exhibition of African American art (closing April 23). The **Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago** is spotlighting the art of Duane Linklater and exhibits on “Art in the Caribbean Diaspora” and “Interiors” (both closing April 23).

For a more local viewpoint, visit the **Chicago Cultural Center** to see “Giving Back: The Soul of Philanthropy Reframed and Exhibited” and “Surviving the Long Wars: Reckon and Reimagine,” or the **Chicago History Museum** for “Facing Freedom in America.” More specialized museums include the **American Writers Museum**, the **Chicago Children’s Museum**, the **DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center**, the **Illinois Holocaust Museum** (in Skokie), the **Jane Addams Hull-House Museum**, and the **National Museum of Mexican Art**.

Nature lovers can visit the **Lincoln Park Zoo** and **Lincoln Park Conservatory**, the **Chicago Botanic Garden**, the **Garfield Park Conservatory**, or the **Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum**, as well as **Millennium Park** with its 3.5-acre Lurie Garden (don’t miss Anish Kapoor’s “Cloud Gate” sculpture, popularly called “The Bean”).



“Nightlife” (1943) by Archibald John Motley Jr. at the Art Institute of Chicago. Photo © Marina Endermar, Dreamstime.com.



Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. Photo © James Kirkikis, Dreamstime.com.

Shoppers will want to stroll the Magnificent Mile on Michigan Avenue, still a nexus of department stores and boutiques despite pandemic-related closures. The **Navy Pier** off Lake Shore Drive offers not only a promenade of shops but also rides, tours, and cruises.

## Events

The celebrated **Chicago Symphony Orchestra** has an intriguing program scheduled for April 20-23: young Russian virtuoso Daniil Trifonov will perform Sergei Rachmaninoff’s thorny Third Piano Concerto, conducted by Fabien Gabel, with Anatoly Liadov’s *Kikimora* and Igor Stravinsky’s



Aerial view of the south pond at Lincoln Park Zoo. Photo © James Kirkikis, Dreamstime.com.



**Goodman Theatre.** Photo © Joe Hendrickson, Dreamstime.com.

*Petrushka* also on the bill. The **Joffrey Ballet**, in residence at the Lyric Opera House, is presenting *The Little Mermaid* (John Neumeier's version, not Disney's), April 19-30. The **Harris Theater** in Millennium Park showcases local artists—in this case, the Ballet 5:8 company, performing *BareFace* on April 22. Also on April 22, the **Auditorium Theatre** offers a tripleheader of dance troupes: Dorrance Dance, Trinity Irish Dance Company, and M.A.D.D. Rhythms.

The 39th **Chicago Latino Film Festival**, run by the International Latino Cultural Center of Chicago, is scheduled for April 13-23. On the live-theater front, the **Goodman Theatre** is running Anton Chekhov's classic *The Cherry Orchard*. **Steppenwolf Theatre Company** presents Donnetta Lavinia Grays's *Last Night and the Night Before*. The **James M. Nederlander Theatre** shows touring Broadway productions: Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* (April 11-23) and Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods* (April 25-May 7). Another popular musical, *Grease*, is playing at the **Drury Lane Theatre** in Oakbrook Terrace. The **Briar Street Theater** features the long-running Blue Man Group show.

Chicago may be the world capital of comedy, led by the venerable **Second City** ensemble. The Second City offers nightly revues and shows, but the headliner on April 22 is *Baby Wants Candy!* *The Original Completely Improvised Musical*. Also on April 22, comedian Pat McGann will be

live for two shows at the **Chicago Theatre**. The **Annoyance Theatre & Bar** offers its weekend comedy hour on April 21 and 22.

The **Chicago White Sox** conclude a home stand at Guaranteed Rate Field with a series against the Philadelphia Phillies, April 17-19. On the North Side at Wrigley Field, the **Chicago Cubs** face off against the Los Angeles Dodgers, April 20-23, and the San Diego Padres, April 25-27.

## Restaurants and Nightlife

The dining scene is still highlighted by Grant Achatz's **Alinea**, the only Chicago restaurant with three Michelin stars, and its one-star spinoff **Next**, where the prix fixe menu changes several times a year to reflect a different world cuisine. Other Michelin-starred contemporary restaurants with tasting menus include **Claudia**, **Esmé**, **Ever**, **North Pond**, **Oriole**, **Schwa**, **Smyth**, and **Temporis**. For variations on this theme, try **Boka**, featuring modern comfort food; **Elske**, which also offers an a la carte menu; or the **Moody Tongue**, which pairs its tasting menu with housemade brews and has a separate bar for a la carte ordering.



**Butch Walker performs at the House of Blues.** Photo © Paperandwords, Dreamstime.com.

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Events and Attractions	Address*	Phone
Adler Planetarium	1300 S. Lake Shore Drive	(312) 922-7827
American Writers Museum	180 N. Michigan Ave.	(312) 374-8790
Annoyance Theatre & Bar	851 W. Belmont Ave.	(773) 697-9693
Art Institute of Chicago	111 S. Michigan Ave.	(312) 443-3600
Auditorium Theatre	50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive	(312) 341-2300
Briar Street Theater	3133 N. Halsted St.	(800) BLUEMAN
Chicago Architecture Center	111 E. Wacker Drive	(312) 922-8687
Chicago Botanic Garden	1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe	(847) 835-5440
Chicago Children's Museum	700 E. Grand Ave.	(312) 527-1000
Chicago Cubs	Wrigley Field, 1060 W. Addison St.	(800) THE-CUBS
Chicago Cultural Center	78 E. Washington St.	(312) 744-6630
Chicago Food Tours	600 Grand Ave.	(312) 932-0800
Chicago History Museum	1601 N. Clark St.	(312) 642-4600
Chicago Latino Film Festival	Landmark's Century Centre Cinema 2828 N. Clark St.	(312) 431-1330
Chicago Symphony Orchestra	Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center 220 S. Michigan Ave.	(312) 294-3000
Chicago Theatre	175 N. State St.	(212) 465-6000
Chicago White Sox	Guaranteed Rate Field, 333 W. 35th St.	(312) 674-1000
Drury Lane Theatre	100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace	(630) 530-0111
DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center	740 E. 56th Place	(773) 947-0600
Field Museum	1400 S. Lake Shore Drive	(312) 922-9410
Frank Lloyd Wright Trust	209 S. LaSalle St.	(312) 994-4000
Garfield Park Conservatory	300 N. Central Park Ave.	(773) 638-1766
Glessner House	1800 S. Prairie Ave.	(312) 326-1480
Goodman Theatre	170 N. Dearborn St.	(312) 443-3800
Harris Theater	Millennium Park, 205 E. Randolph St.	(312) 334-7777
Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center	9603 Woods Drive, Skokie	(847) 967-4800
James M. Nederlander Theatre	24 W. Randolph St.	(312) 977-1700
Jane Addams Hull-House Museum	800 S. Halsted St.	(312) 413-5353
Joffrey Ballet	Lyric Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Drive	(312) 386-8905
Lincoln Park Conservatory	2391 N. Stockton Drive	(312) 742-7736
Lincoln Park Zoo	2001 N. Clark St.	(312) 742-2000
Millennium Park	201 E. Randolph St.	(312) 742-1168
Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago	220 E. Chicago Ave.	(312) 397-4010
Museum of Science and Industry	5700 S. Lake Shore Drive	(773) 684-1414
National Museum of Mexican Art	1852 W. 19th St.	(312) 738-1503
Navy Pier	600 E. Grand Ave.	(800) 595-7437
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum	2430 N. Cannon Drive	(773) 755-5100
The Second City	1616 N. Wells St.	(312) 337-3992
Shedd Aquarium	1200 S. Lake Shore Drive	(312) 939-2438
Skydeck Chicago	Willis Tower, 233 S. Wacker Drive	(312) 875-9447
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<b>Events and Attractions</b>	<b>Address*</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Steppenwolf Theatre Company 360 Chicago	1650 N. Halsted St. 875 N. Michigan Ave.	(312) 335-1650 (888) 875-8439
<b>Restaurants and Nightlife</b>	<b>Address*</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Alinea	1723 N. Halsted St.	(312) 867-0110
Blue Chicago	536 N. Clark St.	(312) 661-0100
Boka	1729 N. Halsted St.	(312) 337-6070
Buddy Guy's Legends	700 S. Wabash Ave.	(312) 427-1190
The Chicago Firehouse Restaurant	1401 S. Michigan Ave.	(312) 786-1401
Claudia	1952 N. Damen Ave.	(773) 697-9486
EL Ideas	2419 W. 14th St.	(312) 226-8144
Elske	1350 W. Randolph Ave.	(312) 733-1314
Epiphany Center for the Arts	201 S. Ashland Ave.	(312) 421-4600
Esmé	2200 N. Clark St.	
Ever	1340 W. Fulton Market	
FitzGerald's	6615 Roosevelt Road, Berwyn	(708) 788-2118
Frontera Grill	445 N. Clark St.	(312) 661-1434
Galit	2429 N. Lincoln Ave.	(773) 360-8755
Girl & the Goat	809 W. Randolph St.	(312) 492-6262
Goosefoot	2656 W. Lawrence Ave.	(773) 942-7547
House of Blues Chicago	329 N. Dearborn St.	(312) 923-2000
Il Culaccino	2134 S. Indiana Ave.	(312) 794-5300
Kasama	1001 N. Winchester Ave.	(773) 697-3790
Kingston Mines	2548 N. Halsted St.	(773) 477-4646
Lou Malnati's Pizzeria	439 N. Wells St.	(312) 828-9800
Lula Café	2537 N. Kedzie Blvd.	(773) 489-9554
Mako	731 W. Lake St.	(312) 988-0687
Moody Tongue	2515 S. Wabash Ave.	(312) 600-5111
Next	953 W. Fulton Market	
NoMI	Park Hyatt Chicago, 800 N. Michigan Ave.	(312)-239-4030
North Pond	2610 N. Cannon Drive	(773) 477-5845
Omakase Yume	651 W. Washington Blvd.	(312) 265-1610
Oriole	661 W. Walnut St.	(312) 877-5339
Pequod's Pizza	2207 N. Clybourn Ave.	(773) 321-1512
Piccolo Sogno	464 N. Halsted St.	(312) 421-0077
Porto	1600 W. Chicago Ave.	(312) 600-6338
Rosa's Lounge	3420 W. Armitage Ave.	(773) 342-0452
Schwa	1466 N. Ashland Ave.	(773) 252-1466
Sepia	123 N. Jefferson St.	(312) 441-1920
Smyth	177 N. Ada St.	(773) 913-3773
Temporis	933 N. Ashland Ave.	(773) 697-4961
Topolobampo	445 N. Clark St.	(312) 661-1434
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Idiosyncratic modern cuisine with a BYOB vibe can be found at **EL Ideas** or **Goosefoot** (BYOB is a trend in Chicago, so it's a good idea to check ahead if you want a full bar and a wine list). High-end ethnic specialists include the Japanese omakase temples **Mako** (with only 22 seats) and **Omakase Yume**, as well as **Galit** (Middle Eastern), **Kasama** (Filipino), and **Porto** (Portuguese seafood).

Celebrity chef Rick Bayless is still operating **Frontera Grill** and the adjacent one-star Mexican restaurant, **Topolobampo**. On the seventh floor of the Park Hyatt Chicago, **NoMI** now contains three spaces—Kitchen, Lounge, and Garden—pairing chef Terence Zubieta's elegant cuisine with fine wines. Longtime favorites **Girl & the Goat** (American, with goat specialties), **Lula Café** (a contemporary diner), and **Piccolo Sogno** (pasta

and pizza) are other holdovers from the 2011 annual session.

Of course, deep-dish pizza is a Chicago hallmark; locals' top-rated pizzerias include **Pequod's Pizza** and **Lou Malnati's Pizzeria**. Unfortunately, the South Loop near McCormick Place is not a dining mecca, although there are neighborhood eateries like **The Chicago Firehouse Restaurant** and **Il Culaccino** available if you need a quick bite.

Blues clubs are the mainstay of Chicago nightlife, and most of them have reopened since the pandemic, either nightly or on weekends. The top spots are **Blue Chicago**, **Buddy Guy's Legends** (featuring the 86-year-old founder), the renowned **House of Blues Chicago**, **Kingston Mines**, and **Rosa's Lounge**. For a broader jazz idiom, try **Epiphany Center for the Arts** (in a former church) or **FitzGerald's** in Berwyn. ■