

SAVOUR *Chicago*

Avenues — Located in The Peninsula Hotel Chicago, the restaurant offers views overlooking Michigan Avenue and the historic Water Tower. Diners here are given the opportunity to experience contemporary cuisine and service at its finest.

Charlie Trotter's — World-renowned celebrity chef and owner Charlie Trotter expertly weaves together the intense individual flavors of his seasonally inspired menu. This restaurant is regarded as one of the finest in the world for continuously forging new directions.

Cupcakes — Go ahead ... indulge your inner child. At Cupcakes, guests can choose from the week's eight featured cupcake recipes, rotating in from 37 different recipes in total. Hot chocolate cupcakes. Key lime cupcakes. Vegan cupcakes. Bourbon-laced cupcakes. Chai latte cupcakes. And for dogs with a sweet-tooth: four types of "Pupcakes"!

Ethel's Chocolate Lounge — Choco-holics are assured their sweet cravings will be fully satisfied at one of Ethel's 10 Chicagoland locations. The chocolate brown and cotton candy pink striped walls make these cottage-like lounges sweet enough to eat.

Gibson's Bar and Steakhouse — Named after the Gibson martini, this steakhouse celebrates big martinis, big steaks and big desserts. Gibson's is one of Chicago's quintessential establishments to see and be seen, and has a star-studded tradition with the likes of Jack Nicholson and Michael Jordan dining here.

Giordano's — This Chicago establishment offers many Italian dishes, but became a city icon due to its deep-dish pizza. Giordano's is a "can't miss" for any food lover and has been filling the hearts and stomachs of Chicagoans and visitors alike for more than 20 years.

Greek Islands — Opa! This neighbourhood staple is the largest restaurant in Chicago's Greektown. The open kitchen allows diners to watch their meals being prepared and can also accommodate big, fat Greek weddings.

Harry Caray's — This Hall of Fame Chicago Cubs baseball broadcaster frequently greeted customers himself at this hotspot where big-name athletes and politicians are still spotted regularly. To get the full, authentic Chicago experience, guests can join the whole gang in the bar every night at 7:30 p.m. for a sing-along to "Take Me Out To the Ball Game"!

Hema's Kitchen — With Hema and her daughter running the dining room, even the toughest critics are pleasantly surprised by this local treasure. Hema's is located on Devon Avenue, a Chicago area known as Little India.

Moto — Executive Chef Homaro Cantu serves up an innovative food and service program which promises to dazzle even the savviest of guests. The ever-changing Asian and globally influenced tasting menu features anywhere from five to 18 courses for a set price.

Riva — Ideally situated on Navy Pier, this nautically inspired restaurant offers guests a 40-foot long exhibition kitchen, which invites them to observe their meals being prepared, as well as sample items from the raw bar. Free of charge: breathtaking views of the Chicago skyline and Lake Michigan!

Rockit Bar & Grill — Run by local celeb and club owner, Billy Dec, this lounge offers all the comfort of a neighbourhood bar while allowing guests to experience a club-like atmosphere. On weekends, the city's beautiful people line up out the door for a chance to taste Rockit's killer martinis and social scene.

Signature Room at the 95th — Located high above the city on the 95th floor of the John Hancock Center, diners can experience first hand what it's like to be the king of the world. Guests can talk intimately over gourmet appetizers and entrees while sipping the restaurant's signature Sidecar martini.

Superdawg Drive-In — This colourful neighbourhood favourite – featured in Patricia Schultz's book *1,000 Places to See Before You Die* – is a throwback to the 1950s when car-hops brought burgers and shakes out to diners' cars.

Sweet Mandy B's — Sheer bliss. This sweet treat, nestled in Chicago's fashionable Lincoln Park neighbourhood, offers customers a wide-variety of homemade, old-fashioned desserts. Customers can indulge in a whoopie pie – two chocolate cookies sandwiching thick vanilla frosting – in addition to other all-American favorites.

Timo — Chef/proprietor John Bubala prepares a modern-Italian menu with a strong emphasis placed on wood-fired dishes while Timo's sage green dining room offers mouth-watering views of the display kitchen.

Tru — Offering upscale Mediterranean-influenced French food, Tru is consistently ranked one of the top restaurants in the city. Executive Chef Rick Tramonto is a self-described blend of mad scientist and magician while Pastry Chef Gayle Gand (an Oprah Winfrey favorite) creates a unique and always-changing array of sweet selections.

Tufano's Vernon Park Tap — For more than 60 years, this family-run establishment in Little Italy has attracted a multitude of neighbourhood regulars as well as celebrities. Owner Joe Tufano welcomes guests at the door and all dining options are written on chalkboards. Mangia!

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*One bite
at a time.*

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Welcome to Chicago, Illinois, where a magnificent culinary experience awaits! Chicago is very discriminating when it comes to food and dining, and as a result, the city is home to a variety of dining options to satisfy any taste bud. With a multitude of award-winning chefs, Chicago's culinary landscape offers everything from ground-breaking inventive cuisine and traditional classics to trendy chocolate cafés and top-rated fine dining.

Most recently, American *Vogue* magazine critic Jeffrey Steingarten stated what native Chicagoans have known for a long time, "Chicago is the most exciting American city in which to dine... There's so much young talent... so much creativity and exuberance. The culinary evolution that has been happening there for years has accelerated."

Here is just a small sample of what visitors can expect when they Savour Chicago....

Enjoying Local Colour

Chicago is known as a city of neighbourhoods and consequently is a city with neighbourhood restaurants filled with personality. The city's ethnically diverse landscape allows diners to have a truly authentic culinary experience.

Greek Islands
Hema's Kitchen
Tufano's Vernon Park Tap

The Royal Treatment

For diners with gourmet taste, Chicago offers a multitude of 4- and 5-star restaurants owned and/or operated by world-famous chefs such as Charlie Trotter, Rick Bayless and Gayle Gand. In Chicago, you don't need to be a celebrity to be treated like one!

Avenues
Charlie Trotter's
Tru

Big City Classics

Chicago is a "forward eating" city but also honours its history on many street corners. City natives are extremely proud of their past, and each generation continues to show its support by patronising the city's classic establishments. When in Chicago, do as the Chicagoans do....

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The Scene to Be Seen In

Chicago is home to some of the world's most daring chefs, known for their edgy and imaginative cuisine dubbed "sci-fi cooking." The unique ingredients, presentation and dining atmosphere attract not only everyday diners, but also A-list celebrities such as John Cusack and David Schwimmer.

Moto
Rockit Bar & Grill
Timo

Sweetening the Meal

They say life is short, eat dessert first. Or just eat dessert! Chicago has a rich history in chocolate (as well as other sweet treats) which continues today. Chocolate cafés are opening up all over the city while old time favourites continue to satisfy just about every sweet tooth.

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