

# The West Loop

Want to experience the trendiest neighborhood in town? The West Loop, just blocks away from Chicago's Greektown and the United Center (home of the Chicago Bulls and Chicago Blackhawks), is defined by boutique shopping, public art and adventurous dining. Switch your camera on, because everything you eat, drink and do here will be Instagram-able. Even during a pandemic, there are sights, sounds and tastes to enjoy.

## Location

The West Loop is one of Chicago's fastest growing neighborhoods. It's located about 35 minutes from Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport. Catch the CTA blue line...or grab an Uber/Lyft from the airport to the West Loop for approximately \$35. If you want to head to downtown Chicago from the West Loop, an Uber/Lyft gets you there in about 10-15 minutes and costs about \$10.

## Where to Stay

On the border of the West Loop and the equally hip Fulton Market District, [The Hoxton](#) offers a complimentary breakfast featuring overnight oats. You'll find bookshelves curated by select Chicago creatives, locally sourced art and Bluetooth speakers in every room. You can also enjoy one of Chicago's best bars in the basement lounge—the [Lazy Bird](#)--available with reservations. And take advantage of their “flexy time” check-in/out to fit your schedule, a shared workspace, three bars, a full food menu and enough activities to tempt you to stay in.

For a truly unique experience, [The Publishing House Bed & Breakfast](#)--housed in the former Free Methodist Publishing House built in 1909--balances modern style and Midwest hospitality. The B&B hosts just 24 guests at a time across 11 private rooms, each with an en suite bathroom (complete with claw-foot tub), highly personalized service and fully customized breakfast options.

Enjoy a vibrant urban experience at [Hampton by Hilton](#) and [Homewood Suites](#) by Hilton, blending the industrial architecture of the West Loop with the modern glass high rises that now define the city skyline.

Look out over Chicago's Fulton Market District from your poolside perch on the sky deck of [Hyatt House Chicago](#). It's just steps from Randolph Street--Chicago's Restaurant Row--where chic eateries, wine bars and clubs line the avenues of this historic neighborhood.

## Best Restaurants

Some of Chicago's best restaurants can be found in the West Loop. Explore [Aba](#)'s fresh spin on Mediterranean small plates, boasting big flavors and reimagined classics from Greece, Israel, Lebanon, and Turkey. [Monteverde](#), helmed by James Beard Award-winning Chef Sarah Grueneberg, currently offers curbside pickup to carry back to your

hotel and enjoy. Their take on Italian comfort classics and homemade pastas will make your mouth water. If you love meat and potatoes, [Green Street Smoked Meats](#) brings smokey, Texas BBQ to the West Loop.

Founded by the creator of the award-winning Girl and the Goat, [Little Goat Diner](#) is another Stephanie Izard success story. Across the street, discover the best burger in town at [Au Cheval](#) which elevates traditional diner fare. Guests can indulge in dishes ranging from chopped chicken liver and roasted bone marrow, to traditional sandwiches, egg-focused entrees, and the signature cheeseburger.

[Publican Quality Meats](#) is a butcher shop, neighborhood café, bakery and gourmet market, aptly located in Chicago's meatpacking district. It's great for lunch and directly across the street from [the Publican](#), which is a favorite for dinner.

[Momotaro](#), designed by world-renowned restaurant and experience designers AvroKO, offers an elevated dining experience for lovers of Japanese cuisine. Downstairs [the Izakaya](#) bar and lounge transports guests back to the streets of old Tokyo. Both establishments are currently available by reservation online.

## **Bars and Nightlife**

Drinking at [The Darling](#) is like falling down Alice's rabbit hole (the good parts, at least). Charming, intimate, and featuring a reservation-only library with hidden entrance and pop-up cabaret performances, the cocktail lounge serves a number of exquisitely balanced cocktails and food options while hosting some of the city's best DJs.

[The Aviary](#) offers an array of creative cocktails and intimate spaces that are bookable in advance online. They are part of Chicago's Alinea Group, a renowned collection of restaurants and cocktail lounges universally praised for their innovative approach to dining and crafting unique and memorable experiences for guests.

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We will continue to update this guide as Chicago's West Loop neighborhood reopens. We look forward to sharing many more one-of-a-kind places to eat, drink and socialize!