

# The West Loop

Looking to be among the city's most trendy? 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. Basically, anything you eat, drink, or do here will be Instagrammable.

## Location

The West Loop is one of Chicago's fastest growing neighborhoods. Located about 35 minutes from Chicago O'Hare International Airport or Midway Airport. Catch the CTA blue line or get an Uber/Lyft from the airport to the west loop or city for approx \$35. An Uber/Lyft from the West Loop to the downtown Chicago is in 10-15 minutes & approx \$10.

## Where to Stay

Our aesthetic sessions are held at SOHO House where you can also book accommodation. SOHO House is straight from the streets of central London This fab British import functions as a private members' club meets unique boutique hotel. Each of the 40 rooms come with king-sized beds, Egyptian cotton sheets and walk-in rainforest showers. Even the 'tiny rooms' are generously sized but if you book one of the Big Rooms, you also get a free-standing tub, dining table and sitting area. Guests have access to the 60-foot rooftop pool plus an array of other spaces not open to the public.

On the border of the West Loop and equally hip Fulton Market District, [The Hoxton](#) has a complimentary breakfast of overnight oats, bookshelves curated by select Chicago creatives, locally sourced art, and Bluetooth speakers outfitted in every room -- as well as one of Chicago's best bars in its basement lounge, [Lazy Bird](#). It also offers "flexy time" check-in/out that fits your schedule, a shared workspace, three bars, a full food menu, and enough events to tempt you into staying in.

For a more 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 only hosts 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 a poolside perched on the sky deck of Hyatt House Chicago steps from Randolph Street, Chicago's "Restaurant Row," where chic eateries, wine bars, and venues line the avenues of this historic neighborhood.

## **Best Restaurants**

Some of Chicago's best restaurants line West Loop. 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, reinvigorates Italian comfort classics and homemade pastas in an upscale yet cozy atmosphere. For something more "meat and potatoes," Green Street Smoked Meats brings smokey, Texas BBQ to the West Loop.

Time Out Market Chicago is a culinary and cultural destination in the heart of Fulton Market. The 50,000-square-foot space houses 18 kitchens, three bars and one drop-dead gorgeous rooftop terrace—all spread across three floors. Our mission is simple: Bring the pages of *Time Out Chicago* to life with the help of our favorite chefs, the ones who wow us again and again. You'll find authentic Vietnamese dishes from HaiSou chef Thai Dang, Mini Mott's delicious burgers, hearty slices from Art of Pizza and beautiful baked goods created by Lost Larson. If you're thirsty, sit down at one of the Market's bars to enjoy a menu of local beer, a robust wine list or a cocktail created in collaboration with Chicago mixologists—and don't forget to search out the tiki drinks at Secret Sound, a hidden speakeasy helmed by the team behind Lost Lake

Little Goat Diner is another Stephanie Izard success story and across the street is 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 great for lunch and across the street is the Publican which is great for dinner.

You can also check out a show at City Winery, live readings at the Drinking and Writing Theater at Haymarket Brewery and Pub, and much more.

## **Bars and Nightlife**

Drinking at The Darling is like falling down Alice's rabbit hole into Wonderland (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. On the opposite side of Randolph Street, there's Maude's Liquor Bar, where the cocktails are strong and French pop music plays all night long. Enjoy a French-centric menu of rustic cuisine and wine in a dimly lit, velvet and black leather couch lounge that just oozes sexy-cool.

## **A Little Shopping**

Stop by M2057 by Maria Pinto, the local designer celebrated and worn by the likes of former First Lady Michelle Obama, on Washington Street and treat yourself to some affordable luxury in quality, Italian ready-to-wear. Kristin Cavallari's Uncommon James calls the neighborhood home along with popular brands like Free People and Anthropologie. Plus, there's an *incredible* Goodwill for those who love a good deal and surprise finds.