

## SPE Chicago Dining Guide

The first thing you must know about Chicago is that there are a million places to eat . . .

I have eaten at the following places, and enjoyed myself. I am endorsing these eateries, but not taking responsibility for any situations that are not palatable to you. The city and suburbs are filled with dining possibilities, but I am only including locations that are relatively easy to get to by cab or walk. Most places will take reservations, and you should consider calling on Friday and Saturday nights, there are more than 6 million people living in Cook County, and they all get hungry about the same time SPE members do.

The Chicago phone book has many more listings, as does the Chicago Restaurant guide. I know you all are carrying your laptops, so for more options you can try these websites: [www.choosechicago.com/selection/restaurants](http://www.choosechicago.com/selection/restaurants), or [www.chicago.citysearch.com/section/restaurants](http://www.chicago.citysearch.com/section/restaurants).

Buy yourself a pair of bigger pants and eat your way through a great city. Enjoy! — Aimee Tomasek, Conference Committee

### CHICAGO INSTITUTION!

If you don't know anything about Chicago, surely you know that Saturday Night Live did a routine from this Chicago Institution. Go there and soak up the ambiance. It's a must.

*Billy Goat Tavern,*  
430 North Michigan Ave., 312-222-1525

### GREEK TOWN

There are plenty of other restaurants in this neighborhood that are good, once you are in the neighborhood, park, and check them out. Flaming cheese and Uzo will taste delicious any where you go! Many of the Halstad restaurants have valet services, use them!

*The Parthenon,*  
314 South Halsted Ave., 314-726-2407

*The Greek Isles,*  
200 South Halstad Ave., 312-782-9855

*Santorini's,* 800 West Adams, 312-829-8820

*Rodity's,* 222 South Halstad, 312-454-0800

### PIZZA & ITALIAN

You can go to a number of places in Chicago to get GREAT pizza and Italian cuisine. I'm used to eating at home or with my in-laws, but when we go out, we visit these places. Every one of us is at least ten pounds over weight, which indicates that we are enjoying the local fare. Here is a list that shouldn't restrict you.

*Italian Village,* 71 West Monroe St., 312-332-7005

*Ranalli's,* 343 West Erie, 312-932-0123

*Joey Buona's Pizzeria Grill,*  
162 East Superior St., 312-943-3337

*Pizzeria Uno,*  
29 East Ohio, 312-280-5120  
49 East Ontario, 312-280-5115  
619 North Wabash, 312-280-5110

*Maggiano's Little Italy,*  
516 North Clark, 312-644-7700

*Buca Di Beppo,* 521 North Rush St., 312-396-0001

*Carmine's,* 1043 North Rush, 312-988-7676

### CHINATOWN

The neighborhood is located at the major intersection of Cermack and Archer. This is located south of the loop. There is public parking in a pay-lot, and public transportation goes to this neighborhood. It is a LONG walk from our SPE hotel. Get a ride. Chinatown is a fairly inexpensive place to eat and drink, I cannot say which place is best. When you get there, you can decide.

### THAI, INDIAN & JAPANESE CUISINE

(A number of these restaurants offer vegetarian meals)

*Star of Siam,* 11 East Illinois, 312-670-0100

*Singha Thai Restaurant,*  
40 North Clark, 312-467-0300

*Duck Walk,* 919 West Belmont Ave., 312-665-0455

*Dao Thai,* 230 East Ohio St., 312-337-0000

*Kamehachi Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar,*  
240 E. Ontario, 312-587-0600

*Hatsuhana,* 160 East Ontario St., 312-280-8808

*Indian Garden,* 247 East Ontario St., 312-280-4910

### CHICAGO CLASSIC TAVERNS & MISCELLANEOUS GOOD FOOD

*Miller's Pub,* 134 South Wabash, 312-263-4988

*Jake Melnick's Corner Tap,*  
41 East Superior St., 312-266-0400

*Timothy O'Toole's Pub,* 622 North Fairbanks Ct., 312-642-5282

*Fado Irish Pub,* 110 West Grand Ave., 312-836-0066

*Hugo's Frog Bar & Fish House,*  
1028 North Rush St., 312-640-0999

*Weber Grill,* 539 State St., 312-467-9696

*Harry Carey's,* 33 West Kinzie St., 312-828-0966

*Mike Ditka's,* 100 East Chestnut, 312-587-8989

*Heaven on Seven,*  
111 North Wabash, Seventh floor, 312-263-6443  
(Limited hours-call)

### NICE PLACES – NO jeans at the evening meal!

These restaurants are casual for lunch, but for an evening meal, you should dress nicer than we would to work in the black & white darkroom. I would recommend reservations for Friday and Saturday nights.

*Heaven on Seven on Rush,*  
600 North Michigan Ave., 312-280-7774

*Rose Bud,* 720 North Rush, 312-397-0010

*Smith & Wollensky,*  
318 North State St., 312-670-9900

*Gibson's Bar & Steak House,*  
1028 N. Rush, 312-266-8999

*Nick's Fish Market,* Clark & Monroe, 312-621-0200

*Shaw's Crab House,*  
21 East Hubbard, 312-923-0957

*Chicago Chop House,*  
60 West Ontario, 312-787-7100

### VEGETARIAN

*Russian Tea Time Restaurant,*  
77 East Adams St., 312-360-0000

*Hannah's Bretzel,*  
180 W. Washington St., 312-621-1111

*The Whole Grain,*  
120 E. Randolph St., 312-938-4220

*Haifa Café,* 163 N. Wells, 312-332-0063

*Oasis Cafe,* 21 N. Wabash Ave., 312-558-1058

*Opera,* 1301 S. Wabash Ave., 312-461-0161

*P.F. Chang's China Bistro,*  
530 N. Wabash Ave., 312-828-9977

*Specialty's Café and Bakery,*  
191 N. Wacker Dr., 877-502-2837

*Flat Top Grill,*  
1000 W Washington Blvd., 312-829-4800

*Tokyo Lunchbox,*  
179 W Van Buren St., 312-435-4006

### NIGHT LIFE

Walk out the front door of the hotel and let what happens, happen!

This city is 24/7 fun and indulgence . . . Go find it, most likely it's right under your nose as you read this guide. For more information consult, the Chicago Reader for the latest gigs and events ([www.chicagoreader.com](http://www.chicagoreader.com)).