What to do in Chicago in April!

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Extending your visit to Chicago for the ACIC 2025 Spring Investment Forum? There are countless great restaurants, museums, performances and other cultural activities to explore and experience. We have compiled a short selection of some of our favorite places in River North and nearby areas, as well as performances and events over the weekend from April 4 to April 6 at popular theaters and venues. Chicago is a city of vibrant and diverse neighborhoods and we also encourage you to explore beyond the list below.

Coffee Shops

- Caffe Umbria; 346 N Clark Street
- Goddess and the Grocer; 845 N State Street (other locations in the Loop and across the North Side)
- Sawada Coffee; 112 N Green Street
- Good Ambler; 216 N Peoria Street
- Floriole Café & Bakery; 1220 W Webster Avenue

Restaurants

River North

- Alpana; 831 N State Street
- Quartino; 626 N State Street
- Indienne; 217 W Huron Street
- Sushi-San; 63 W Grand Avenue
- RPM Steak; 66 W Kinzie Street
- Frontera Grill; 445 N Clark Street
- Gilt Bar; 230 W Kinzie Street
- Gibson's Bar & Steakhouse; 1028 N Rush Street

West Loop

- Monteverde; 1020 W Madison Street
- Rose Mary; 932 W Fulton Street
- Maxwells Trading; 1516 W Carroll Avenue
- Alla Vita; 564 W Randolph Street
- Au Cheval; 800 W Randolph Street
- Trivoli Tavern; 114 N Green Street
- Cabra; 200 N Green Street (rooftop of Hoxton Hotel)
- Formento's; 925 W Randolph Street
- Pizz'amici; 1215 W Grand Avenue

Lincoln Park

- Pequod's Pizza; 2207 N Clybourn Avenue
- Galit; 2429 N Lincoln Avenue
- Café Ba-Ba-Reeba!; 2024 N Halsted Street
- Weiner Circle; 2622 N Clark Street

Favorite Sandwich Spots

- J.P. Graziano Grocery & Sub Shop; 901 W Randolph Street
- Bari Foods, 1120 W Grand Avenue (old Italian grocery store, counter at back of store)
- Tempesta Market; 1372 W Grand Avenue
- Publican Quality Meats; 825 W Fulton Market

Bars

Cocktails

- Broken Shaker at Freehand Chicago; 19 E Ohio Street
- The Berkshire Room; 15 E Ohio Street
- Bernard's; 11 E Walton Street (2nd Floor of Waldorf Astoria Hotel)
- Three Dots and a Dash; 435 N Clark Street (Enter at alley into basement)
- Sparrow; 12 W Elm Street
- Watershed Bar; 601 N State Street (Enter Pops For Champagne, down into basement)
- The Izakaya at Momotaro; 820 W Lake Street (Basement)

Bars, Dives and Pubs

- Declan's Irish Pub; 1240 N Wells Street
- Old Town Ale House; 219 W North Avenue
- The Green Door Tavern; 678 N Orleans Street
- Kaiser Tiger; 1415 W Randolph Street
- Lone Wolf; 806 W Randolph Street
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Theater, Sports, Entertainment

(*Please confirm any start time and address directly with the venue.*)

- Chicago Cubs vs San Diego Padres, Wrigley Field, Friday, April 4 - Cubs Home Opener, Saturday, April 5 and Sunday April 6, 1:20pm
- Chicago Bulls vs Portland Trail Blazers, United Center, Friday, April 4; 7:00pm
- "DJ Diesel aka SHAQ", The Salt Shed, Friday, April 4, 7:00pm
- "Moulin Rouge! The Musical", Cadillac Palace Theater, Friday, April 4, 7:30pm; Saturday, April 5, 2:00pm, 7:30pm; Sunday, April 6, 1:00pm, 6:30pm
- "La La Land in Concert"; Auditorium Theater, Saturday, April 5, 2:30pm, 8:00pm
- "Sunny Afternoon"; Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Friday, April 4, 7:00pm; Saturday, April 5, 2:00pm, 7:00pm; Sunday, April 6, 2:00pm
- "The Listeners" Lyric Opera of Chicago, Saturday, April 5, 7:30pm
- "La Bohème" Lyric Opera of Chicago, Sunday, April 6, 2:00pm
- "Canellakis Conducts Rachmaninov" Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Friday, April 4, 1:30pm; Saturday, April 5, 7:30pm
- "Live Sketch Comedy: The Second City's 113th Mainstage Revue" The Second City, Friday, April 4, 7:00pm, 1:00pm; Saturday, April 5, 7:00pm, 10:00pm; Sunday, April 6, 7:00pm

Museums and Culture

- Art Institute of Chicago; 111 S Michigan Avenue, https://www.artic.edu/
- Museum of Contemporary Art; 220 E Chicago Avenue, https://mcachicago.org/

- Architecture Tour; The Chicago Architecture Center conducts numerous walking, bus and river tours featuring the iconic architecture of Chicago. If you've already experienced a tour on the Chicago River, consider checking out one of Chicago's 78 neighborhoods for a walking tour. Visit the CAC at 111 E Wacker Drive and online at https://www.architecture.org/
- Chicago History Museum; 1601 N Clark Street; https://www.chicagohistory.org/
- The Field Museum of Natural History; 1400 S Lake Shore Drive; https://www.fieldmuseum.org/