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Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it

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Need to Know Tips for a smooth trip



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The best things to see and do, neighborhood by neighborhood



Top Sights Make the most of your visit



Local Life The insider's city

The Best of Chicago

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



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Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience

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Essential Information Including where to stay Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

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- 🔂 Entertainment
- Shopping

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
- Opening Hours
- P Parking
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- Internet Access
- Wi-Fi Access
- Vegetarian Selection
- English-Language Menu

- Family-Friendly Pet-Friendly
- Bus
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- M Metro S Subway
- Subway
- Tram
- Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighborhood:



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Welcome to Chicago

Take cloud-scraping architecture, lakefront beaches and world-class museums, stir in wild comedy, fret-bending guitars and very hefty pizza, and you've got a town that won't let you down. The city center is a steely wonder, but it's Chicago's mural-splashed neighborhoods – with their inventive storefront restaurants, fringe theaters and sociable dive bars – that really blow you away.

> Blues musician Eddie Shaw performs at Kingston Mines (p77) DANIEL LADENHAUF/SOOPX ©