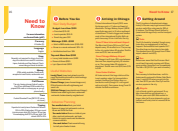


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Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



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Tips for a smooth trip



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The best things to see and do, neighborhood by neighborhood



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Make the most of your visit



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|  Telephone Numbers |  Family-Friendly |
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Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during the Prohibition era. The showpiece is a 1920s-era piano, often played by Papa Hemingway. Open daily, 11am-11pm. Dress code: smart casual. [hemingwaybar.com](#); Hôtel Ritzy; ☎ 6.30pm-2a

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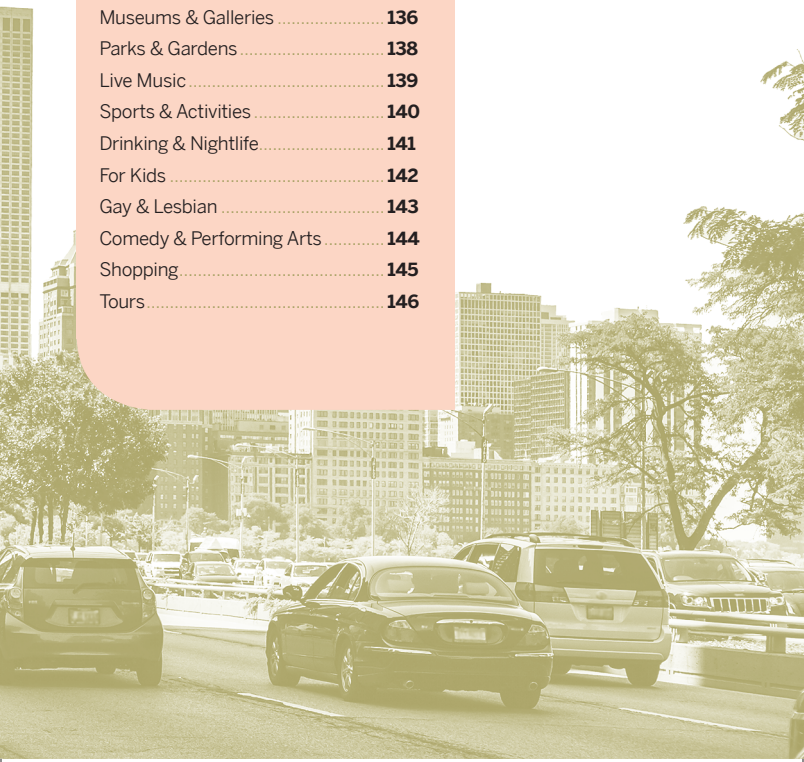
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Welcome to Chicago

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.

Chicago skyline from below
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Marble halls filled with masterpieces.

