



Tour Name

Lonely Planet Experiences: Chicago Food Tour

Tour City

Chicago

Tour Snapshot

Join us for the ultimate foodie adventure in Chicago's historic River North area alongside a local guide who can show you the best spots for some of the city's best loved dishes. From deep dish pizza to Chicago-style hot dogs, this tour will leave you filled with delicious local foods as well as some insider knowledge into the city's culinary history and culture.

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Highlights

- Get a taste of Chicago's most famous food in one of the city's most historic neighborhoods
- Discover why locals have so much passion for their very own Chicago-style hot dog
- Enjoy a slice of pizza taken to a whole new level in deep-dish form

- Tap into Chicago's immigrant roots with a bite of Italian beef from one of the city's original vendors
- Share some delicious dessert in a local setting well off the tourist track
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Inclusions: Local, English-speaking guide and a variety of food samples (such as a Chicago-style hot dog, deep dish pizza, and Italian beef).

Exclusions: Additional food and drinks, tips/gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration: 2 hours
- Meeting point:
Historic Water Tower (outside the entrance), 806 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [/////clap.outer.good](https://www.what3words.com/#!/en/00000/clap.outer.good)
- Starting time: 1.00 PM
- Ending point:
A central location in the River North neighborhood near the Chicago Brown Line "L" Station.

Full Itinerary

Your Chicago food tour will take you through the River North neighborhood — the original Chicago foodie destination — to sample some world-famous Chicago dishes, local favorites and a sweet treat. It's an afternoon that will leave you full of delicious food and memories for a lifetime!

We start with a very well-known Chicago dish: the Chicago-style hot dog. Perfect for summers at a baseball game (cheering on the Cubs or Sox of course), or for a quick lunch on a work day, this local take on a hot dog is a debate-worthy food in Chicago

and is taken very seriously by locals. Every Chicagoan has his or her own preference as to how the dog should be made, and you'll get a chance to try your guide's favorite version.

Next up is the world-famous Chicago deep-dish pizza! An entire meal unto itself, this staple of the Chicago food scene originated in River North in the 1940s when workers and families needed filling dishes at low prices. Your guide will take you to a pizza place that's an icon to Chicago natives to try the real deal for yourself.

After you've filled up on pizza and hot dogs, we'll take a stroll through two more establishments, each one essential when it comes to Chicago's food culture. One is a sight to behold. This uniquely Midwest phenomenon is filled to the brim with kitsch and 1950s retro love, and you have to see it to believe it. The other stop is a restaurant born in Chicago and recognized by nearly everyone on earth. This location is something special, with impeccable design elements, a live vertical garden, solar panels and a beautiful atrium.

We'll then continue our tasting journey with a classic Chicago sandwich: Italian beef. This hearty meal came about during the Depression, and it's here to stay. You'll sample this sandwich in a real city institution — no-frills decor included!

Finally, it's time for something sweet inside a truly local hangout. Your guide will show you to one of the oldest establishments in the city — either a classic Italian restaurant or a local watering hole with deep Prohibition roots. Here, you'll enjoy a dessert with the opportunity to relax and purchase a beverage of your choice.

We'll conclude your Chicago foodie experience here, with easy access to the 'L'. Even if you say you'll never be hungry again, don't forget to note some great dinner recommendations from your guide. You won't regret it!

Additional information

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Dress standard: Please dress comfortably and casually in weather-appropriate attire. Wear comfortable shoes for walking.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Additional Information: This tour runs year-round and will proceed rain or shine unless such weather constitutes a dangerous situation.

Closure of sites: In the event of road or attraction closures, your guide will do their best to work around the obstacles or take your tour to alternate locations.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

Dietary Notes

We can accommodate vegetarians and other dietary restrictions. Please notify us in advance if you have any dietary requests. You can do so in the 'Additional information' box at checkout, or by emailing us at info@chicagourbanadventures.com.

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