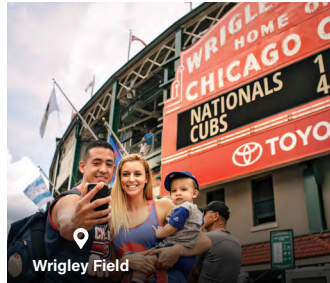


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Chicago:

The city offers something for everyone: world-class museums, shopping on [The Magnificent Mile](#), Cubs games at the iconic [Wrigley Field](#) and unique outdoor spaces like [Millennium Park](#) where you can snap a selfie with Anish Kapoor's [Cloud Gate](#). Enjoy breathtaking views from [Skydeck Chicago](#) or [360 CHICAGO](#), stroll the [Riverwalk](#) with a drink and savor deep-dish pizza while enjoying live music. Experience the city's skyline, vibrant art scene, and stunning architecture from a fresh perspective with [Navy Pier's](#) new Flyover Chicago.



Historic Main Street – Galena:

Nestled near the Mississippi River, the quaint small town of Galena makes for the perfect getaway no matter the season. [Galena's Historic Main Street](#) boasts more than 125 independently owned shops and restaurants. Visitors can glide along the Galena River in a kayak or enjoy skiing at [Chestnut Mountain Resort](#) in the winter. The town is located along the [Great River Road](#), now offering a new [EV-friendly itinerary](#).

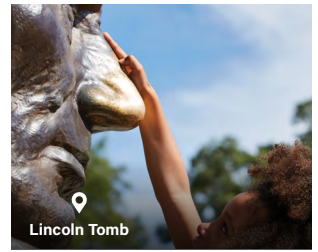


Get Your Kicks on Route 66:

- Start your Route 66 journey in downtown Chicago at the iconic "Begin" sign before heading south to tour the [Old Joliet Prison](#), a popular filming location for The Blues Brothers and Prison Break.
- Take a selfie in front of the [Route 66 Shield Mural](#) in Pontiac and visit the new American Giants Museum in Atlanta.
- Visit Springfield's Motorheads for the world's largest Route 66 sign and Shea's Gas Station Museum, a restored Texaco service station.
- Explore the [Legends Neon Sign Park](#) in Springfield and the new It's Electric Sign Park in Granite City, showcasing historic Route 66 signs.
- Visit the newly restored Cannonball Jail in Carlinville and the West End Service Station in Edwardsville.

Historic Springfield:

Illinois' capital, Springfield, is located along Route 66 and is home to numerous historic attractions, including the [Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum](#) – voted one of the top experiences in the world by TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards. Visit several of Illinois' most popular attractions in historic Springfield!



- [Lincoln Home National Historic Site](#)
- [Old State Capitol](#)
- [Lincoln Tomb](#)
(Rub Lincoln's nose for good luck!)
- [Illinois State Capitol](#)
- [Dana–Thomas House](#)
- [Illinois Governor's Mansion](#)

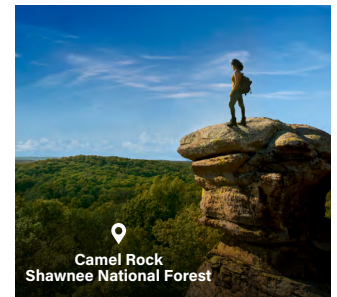


Illinois' Frank Lloyd Wright Trail:

Illinois' Frank Lloyd Wright Trail is a self-guided architectural adventure featuring 13 Wright-designed buildings throughout the state, all open to the public. The [Frederick C. Robie House](#) in Chicago and [Unity Temple](#) in Oak Park are now designated UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Shawnee National Forest:

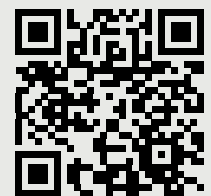
In Southern Illinois, nestled between the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, Shawnee National Forest features hiking trails through canyons and forest canopies. Enjoy stunning views at [Garden of the Gods](#) and experience thrilling activities including rock climbing, zip lining and wildlife photography, as well as a unique glamping experience at [Shawnee Hills Glamping](#).



Great River Road:

Follow the Great River Road, one of seven scenic byways, as it stretches 2,000 miles along the Mississippi River through 10 states. In Illinois, this 550-mile [All-American Road](#) offers striking vistas, especially scenic in the fall, and is a popular spot for eagle watching in winter.

Explore the beauty of historic Galena, enjoy views at [Mississippi Palisades State Park](#) in Savanna, and delve into the history of John Deere in the Quad Cities. Discover Quincy's architecture and visit Alton, the only place in America where the iconic Route 66 meets the Great River Road.



Enjoy Illinois Press Kit

Illinois Accolades

Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards

- Deer Path Inn in Lake Forest ranks #1 in the Midwest and #6 in the US for Best Hotels in the U.S.

TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards

Travelers' Choice Awards

- CitizenM in Chicago ranks #4 for Hottest New Hotels in the U.S.

Top Inns and B&Bs

- Aldrich Guest House in Galena ranks #16 in the U.S.

U.S. News and World Report

Top 10 Hotels in the U.S.

- The Peninsula Chicago ranked #1
- The Langham, Chicago ranked #8

Best Weekend Getaways in the Midwest

- Chicago ranked #1

Best Foodie Cities in the U.S.

- Chicago ranked #3

USA Today 10 Best

Best New Hotel

- The St. Regis Hotel in Chicago

Best Yoga Retreats

- Soul Farm Yoga Retreats in Amboy, IL ranked #4

Best Boat Tour

- Chicago Architecture Foundation ranked #2

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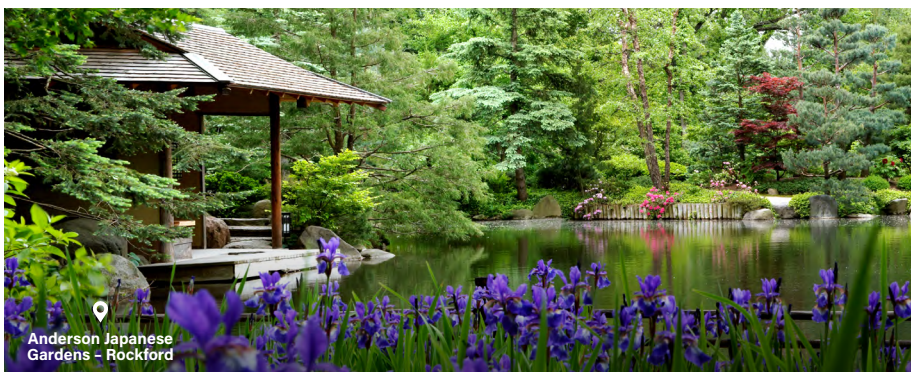
- Chicago ranks #1 in the Reader's Choice list of Best Big Cities in the U.S. for the 8th consecutive year

Michelin Guide Chicago

- Chicago is home to 22 Michelin-starred restaurants and 47 Bib Gourmand rated restaurants
- Kasama, the first ever Filipino restaurant in the world to receive a Michelin-star
- Smyth and Alinea – 3 Michelin-star rated restaurants
- Indienne – Chicago's first Michelin-star Indian restaurant

UNESCO World Heritage Sites

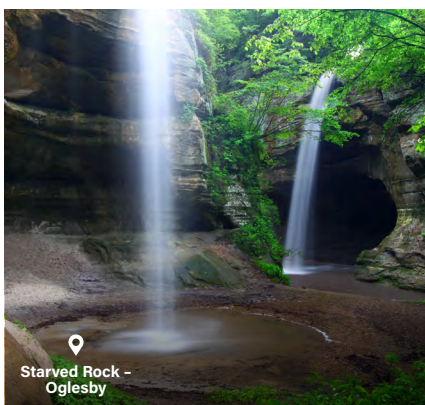
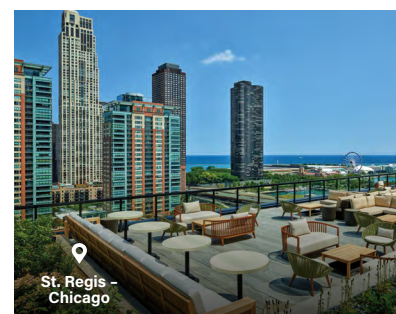
- Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Collinsville
- Frederick C. Robie House, Chicago
- Unity Temple, Oak Park



Luxe by Illinois

Discover unparalleled luxury experiences in Illinois, including these award-winning hotels and spas.

- Jail Hill Inn – Galena
- Deer Path Inn – Lake Forest
- Kohler Waters Spa – Chicago, Burr Ridge
- Langham Hotel – Chicago
- Peninsula Hotel – Chicago
- St. Regis Hotel (New) – Chicago



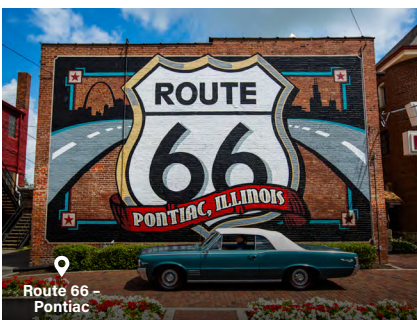
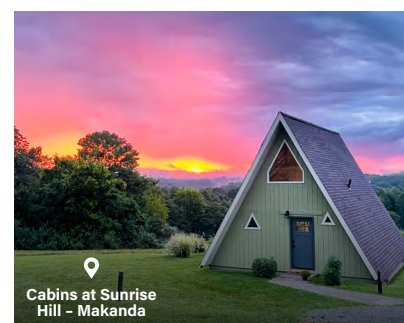
Outdoor Experiences

Home to 64 state parks and recreation areas, 2,900 lakes and seven national scenic byways, there is no shortage of outdoor adventure in Illinois.

- Dark Sky Park Trail, Middle Fork River Forest Preserve – Penfield
- Aerie's Resort, SkyTour & Alpine Coaster – Grafton
- Garden of the Gods – Shawnee National Forest
- Chicago Botanic Garden – Glencoe
- Illinois Beach State Park – Zion
- Morton Arboretum – Lisle
- Starved Rock State Park – Oglesby
- Anderson Japanese Gardens – Rockford

New Hotels

- L7 CHICAGO by LOTTE Hotel – Chicago
- Riu Plaza Hotel – Chicago
- Illinois Beach Hotel – Zion
- The Cabins at Sunrise Hill – Makanda
- Havisham House and Bourbon Bar – Alto Pass
- Margie B's Lake Lodge – Jonesboro
- Urban Collective Boutique Hotel – Edwardsville



What's Ahead

- IPW in Chicago – June 2025
- Shawnee Hills Wine Trail 30th Anniversary – 2025
- Route 66 Centennial – 2026
- USA's 250th Birthday – 2026
- Barack Obama Presidential Center – 2026
- Presidents Cup, Medinah Country Club – September 2026