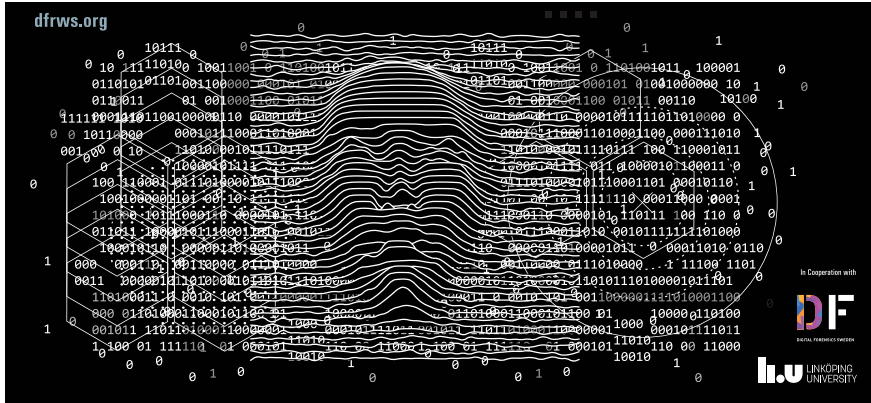


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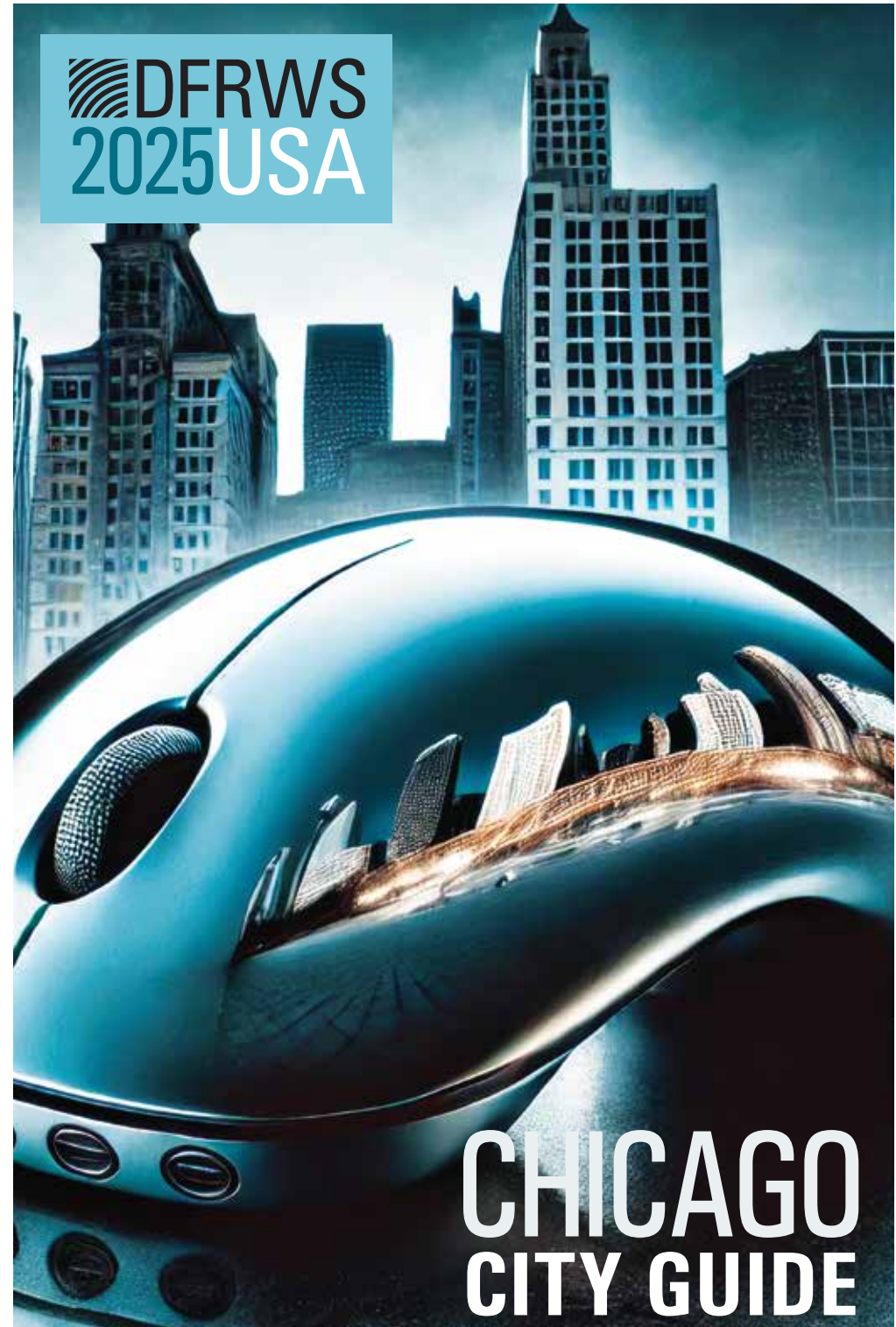
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# BASIC CHICAGO VOCABULARY AND CULTURE

**Malört** – “The unofficial liquor of Chicago.” Taking a shot of Malört is considered a rite of passage in Chicago. Be prepared for a taste like no other though!

**Pop** – soft drink, soda, etc.

**Guys** – All-purpose possessive, as opposed to y’all.

**Ope** – Beep beep. Used in a sentence: “Ope, can I sneak past ya?”

**Yeah, no** – means “no”

**No, yeah** – means “yes”

**Decent** – means really good or great

**LSD** – Acronym for Lake Shore Drive. If someone says, “take LSD to get to [wherever]”, they mean the road, not something else.

**Dibs** – (Hopefully) you won’t have to worry about this one in July. This is when someone shovels snow out of a parking spot on the street and “reserves” it with lawn chairs, cinder blocks, tires, or some other junk.

**Ride the L/Take the L** – This is what you say when you take the CTA train, including the Red and Blue Line subways.

**Bozo** – Someone that is acting silly. Used in a sentence, “Look at this Bozo putting ketchup on their hot dog.”

**The Hawk** – The cold wind that blows off Lake Michigan during the winter.

**The Windy City** – Nickname that originated from blowhard politicians, not the literal wind.

**Second City** – Nickname that refers to the rebuild of the city after the Chicago Fire in 1871.

**The Sears Tower and The Hancock** – Chicagoans still refer to these two buildings by their original names. They have great observation decks if you have free time!

**Dan Ryan, Kennedy, Edens, Stevenson, Eisenhower** – the highways have names.

**Poor sentence structure** – Chicagoans often end their sentences with a preposition. Ex. “do you guys wanna go with?” With who? With what? Who knows?!

## Chicago Airports

Chicago has two international airports: O’Hare (ORD) and Midway (MDW). You can use the CTA trains to get downtown for both. The Blue Line runs between ORD and downtown, while the Orange Line runs between MDW and downtown. Refer to the “Getting Around” section below for more information on the CTA. <https://www.transitchicago.com/maps/>

## GETTING AROUND

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) operates the trains and buses. The trains (or the “L”) will be the most convenient to get from the airports to downtown and from downtown to most neighborhoods (e.g., River North, West Loop, Lincoln Park, Wicker Park, Chinatown).

### The Loop

All trains move toward or away from the downtown area called “The Loop.” The Blue and Red Lines transition into subways when you are in the Loop. All the other lines (Orange, Brown, Green, Pink) are above ground and circle around... the Loop.



## 'L' (rail) system diagram



### CTA Tickets

Tickets can be purchased at most CTA "L" stations, including the airports. While single fare tickets can be purchased, we recommend a 7-Day (\$20) unlimited ride pass.

### Chicago Street Grid

Each one-mile section of street is divided into 8 blocks, i.e., 1 block is about 1/8 of a mile. Blocks increment/decrement by 100 numbers, where the 0,0 North/South, East/West point is at the intersection of Madison St and State St. This makes it easy to determine the distance to your destination and if you want to walk or take the train. Ex. You are currently at 200 S State St and you are going to 800 S State St. That will be 3/4 of a mile.

### Parking

There are several parking options. Here are a few with In/Out privileges

- Grant Park South Garage (5 min walk, 5 days ~\$148, Michigan Ave & Jackson Blvd). Buy Online: <https://millenniumgarages.com/rates/>
- Millenium Park Garage (15 min walk, 5 days ~\$116, Columbus Dr & Monroe St). Buy Online: <https://millenniumgarages.com/rates/>
- iParkIt Garage (3 min walk, ~\$20/day, Adams St and Wabash Ave). Buy Online: <https://iparkit.com> "Chicago", "Adams and Wabash"
- Note: The Congress Plaza Hotel offers a parking option for \$62/day, but it does not have In/Out privileges.

### International Travelers

We recommend that you have an ID on your person to prove that you are here legally.

# SPENDING TIME IN CHICAGO

## Events & Sightseeing

Chicago always has events happening during the summer. Here's a couple of websites we recommend starting with to find events.

- <https://www.choosechicago.com/>
- <https://blockclubchicago.org/>

## Some free attractions we recommend:

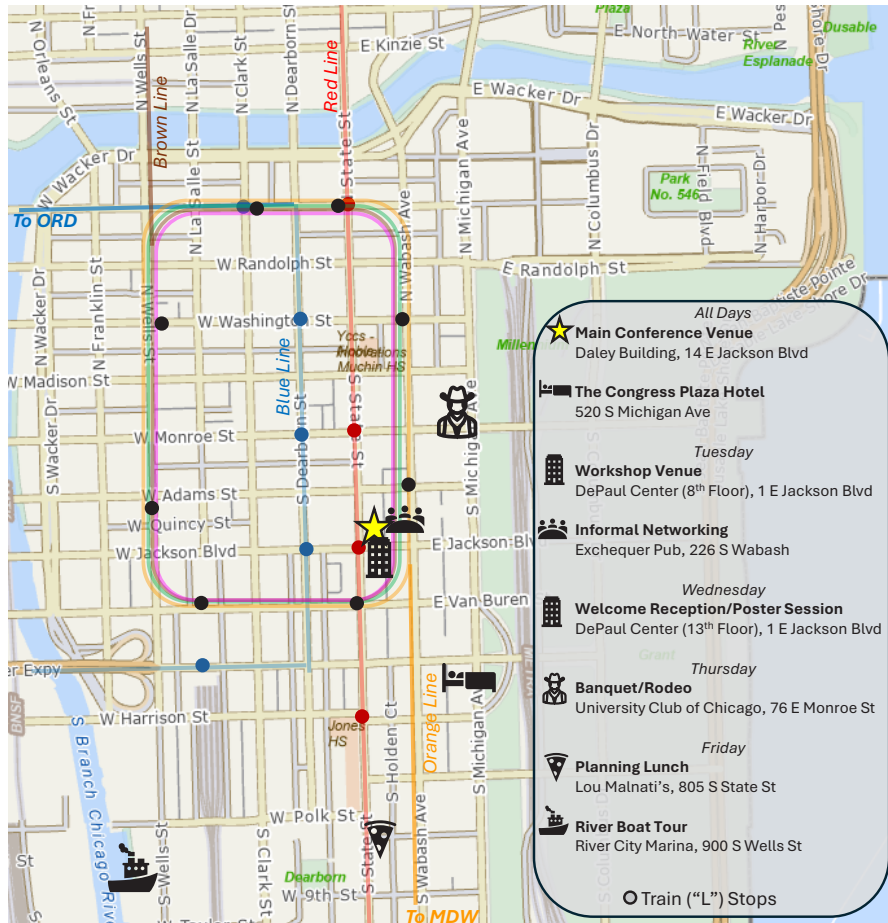
- Chicago Riverwalk
- Millennium/Grant Park (the Bean, Buckingham Fountain)
- Lakefront Trail
- Navy Pier

## Music

While summer events are sure to have live music, Chicago also has historic music venues including Kingston Mines (blues, Lincoln Park neighborhood), Buddy Guy's Legends (blues, South Loop neighborhood), and Green Mill Cocktail Lounge (jazz, Uptown neighborhood).

## Cuisine

Chicago has plenty of restaurants that range from casual hotdog stands to fine dining. Local signature dishes include deep-dish pizza, Chicago-style hot dogs (ketchup is forbidden), and "Chicago Mix" popcorn. If you want a true cultural experience, some restaurants will even insult you. Ed Debevic's (River North neighborhood) is a little more family friendly in a sit-down setting, whereas The Wiener's Circle hot dog stand (Lincoln Park neighborhood) can deliver a more "memorable" experience.



## Safety

As with most large cities, Chicago does have crime. Avoid interacting with strangers especially on the trains; there are scammers and pickpockets on the trains. If at any point you feel unsafe on a train, get off at the next stop and either move to a different car or wait for the next train. Be aware of your surroundings, try not to be distracted by your phone, keep an eye on your bags, and it is best to keep wallets and phones in secure pockets or bags. If you are new to larger cities in the US, you can refer to the Chicago Police Department's "Safety Tips" <https://www.chicagopolice.org/community-policing-group/safety-tips-resources/>