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painting the towns

If Illinois’ trees could talk, they’d do a lot of bragging in autumn, when their leaves put on quite a show. Catch the spectacular beauty on a fall color drive to any of these urban destinations.

FALL FOLIAGE

Use this chart to plan your trip to hit peak color.

- Yellow = Minimal
- Tan = Patchy
- Orange = Partial peak
- Red-orange = Near peak
- Red = Peak

September 21–27

September 28–October 4

October 5–11

October 12–18

October 19–25

October 26–November 5
ROCKFORD
CHASE THE TREE-LINED ROCK RIVER ON STATE-2, A QUIET TWO-LANE ROAD, TO EXPERIENCE MOTHER NATURE’S FIERY FALL PALETTE ON THE WAY TO ROCKFORD.

A 10-mile stretch of State-2 between Oregon and Byron stands out on a colorful fall drive into Rockford. In town, check out Riverfront Museum Park, which features Discovery Center Museum, the Rockford Art Museum and the Burpee Museum of Natural History. While downtown, shop for city-themed T-shirts at Rockford Art Deli, indie women’s fashions at Minglewood, and chic candles and jewelry and art at J.R. Kortman Center for Design.

For refreshments and river views, try Prairie Street Brewing Company; besides beer, they make sausages, mustards and kraut. Warm up with a pie from Woodfire Brick Oven Pizza or a jolt of java from Rockford Roasting Company. A panorama awaits at Embassy Suites Rockford Riverfront. A restored factory spotlighting industrial roots amazes with a rooftop patio facing the Rock River.

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BRANCH OUT

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The Mother Road meets Mother Nature along boulevards, prairies and bluffs on the way to Bloomington-Normal. Illinois State University and nearly two dozen art galleries supply cultural color. Uptown Normal, near ISU, boasts eclectic dining, shopping and entertainment venues like the historic Art Deco Normal Theater. Also in Normal, find gourmet popcorn, cookware and drinkware, and crafted cards at The Garlic Press. Epiphany Farms Restaurant, an eatery set in an old Bloomington firehouse, focuses on locally grown comfort food, while Anju Above, on the building’s upper level, serves pizza and sushi. Indulge your sweet tooth with turtles, creams and toffee at The Chocolatier Inc. Architecture and history make for fascinating stays at the Vrooman Mansion, known for 19th-century luxury. Woodrow Wilson and William Jennings Bryan once dined at the inn’s breakfast table.

BRANCH OUT

Lincoln spent key time in Bloomington-Normal, finding a friend and mentor in David Davis, who encouraged Abe to run for president. Tour Davis’ elegant Victorian mansion in Bloomington.

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- Visit the Osaka Garden, an authentic Japanese oasis tucked away in Hyde Park.
- Take a lap around the sprawling gardens and lagoon in historic Humboldt Park.
- Visit landmarks to African-American history in Bronzeville, from monuments to modern art.
- Take a taco tour of family-owned taquerias in Little Village, a hub for Mexican-American culture.
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As front man for rock super-group REO Speedwagon (named for a vintage motor truck), Chicago native Kevin Cronin has written and sung some of the most popular songs of all time. The band's Hi Infidelity LP, released in late 1980, gave them their first No. 1 single (“Keep On Loving You”) and topped the Billboard album charts for 15 weeks. Not bad for a bunch of guys who got their start playing clubs in Champaign. Though Cronin and his bandmates have scattered across the country, he says they still consider themselves Illinois boys, a mentality that kept them grounded when they skyrocketed to fame.

Passion for REO reignites in surprising ways. Last year, the group appeared in an episode of the Netflix series Ozark. Not long after, four of their hit songs, including “Time for Me to Fly,” re-entered the Billboard rock charts.

Cronin and his wife, Lisa (who also has Chicago roots), live in Thousand Oaks, California. Cronin made the move west years ago to be closer to the music scene (and farther from wind chills). But he says he's never lost his love for the Land of Lincoln: “I always say I live in LA, but I'm a Chicago boy at heart.”
REO Speedwagon got its start in Champaign. How did you grow your fan base?

We played in every club in Champaign, and we became the most popular band in town. Then we would play in Bloomington, Carbondale, Rockford and every little town in Illinois. Then we went farther and farther outside of the state for shows. We'd say, “If we can do it in Illinois, we can do it anywhere!” And, anywhere within 400 miles of the Mississippi River we claim as REO Country.

Q: You’re proud of your Illinois roots, aren’t you?
A: Our band has really been ambassadors for the state of Illinois to the whole world. Everywhere we go, we’re introduced as, “Please welcome, from Champaign, Illinois, REO Speedwagon.”

Q: After time off during the pandemic, the band is back on the road. Where did you kick off the tour?
A: Our first gig was a sold out show at RiverEdge Park in Aurora, and was also the first rock concert in Chicagoland since the pandemic closed everything down in March 2020.

Q: What was it like during the pandemic?
A: For 15 months, I wasn’t a lead singer—I was able to relax. It was nice to not have to think about all the things you have to think about when you’re a lead singer.

Q: Where do you like to go when you’re in Chicago?
A: I love Chicago! When Lisa and I come to town, we normally stay at The Thompson. There’s beautiful shopping on Oak Street and we like to people watch while sitting at patios along Rush Street. And [The Original] Mother’s is still there, a club we used to hang out in back in the day.

WHERE TO HEAR LIVE MUSIC

Champaign/Urbana boasts large venues, like the State Farm Center and Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, plus local joints like these.

NOLA’s Rock Bar, Urbana
This Cajun-inspired spot mixes it up with a Friday jazz happy hour and live music on Saturday nights.

Pour Bros. Taproom, Champaign
Come for concerts in the courtyard. The music moves indoors after September.

Rose Bowl Tavern, Urbana
Hear live bands most nights at this iconic honky-tonk country bar.

Q: How has your music changed over the years?
A: Our music hasn’t really changed, but our performances do feel more soulful. After 15 months, we returned to playing music with a renewed spirit and appreciation for the songs we created. We think the fans will feel it too.

Q: Tell us about the exhibit, The State of Sound: A World of Music from Illinois.
A: I’m a fan of presidential museums, so it’s an honor to be part of the exhibit in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield (now through January 23, 2022). The exhibit is a tribute to Illinois musicians like Alison Krauss, John Prine, our good buddies Styx, Cheap Trick and so many others.

Q: While on tour, will you celebrate the anniversary of Hi Infidelity?
A: It’s funny because I remember it like it was yesterday, so it seems impossible that it’s been 40 years since Hi Infidelity ruled the airwaves in 1981. That’s the beauty of music. It transports you to different times and places. I think that’s part of the appeal of why people come to our concerts.

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Q: You and Lisa are both from the Chicago area. Where about?
A: I went to Loyola University and Lisa went to Mundelein College her freshmen year, which is crazy because my dad went to Loyola and my mom went to Mundelein. Lisa says the next time we're in town we're going to jump on the L (the elevated train) and get off at the Loyola exit and walk around the old neighborhood.

Q: How did you and your wife meet?
A: I was shocked at how few people wear green on St. Patrick's Day in Los Angeles, so I decided to throw a party and show my friends what it's like in Chicago. I dyed my pool green. We had green beer, green wine, the whole shot. The last person to arrive was a friend of mine and he had a beautiful blond on one arm and gorgeous brunette on the other. The gorgeous brunette was Lisa.

Q: Tell us about your autobiography.
A: I had a bit of a panic attack while on tour for a month in England. I missed my family and started freaking out a little. When my emotions get to that point, I write. The next day I wrote some more, and the next thing I knew I was writing a book. Five years later, I think I might be done.

Q: You were in an episode of Ozark [season 3, episode 3]. How did that happen?
A: The episode was based around our song “Time for Me to Fly.” They handed me a script and it was titled “Kevin Cronin Was Here.” I thought it was a joke to make me feel comfortable. When the show dropped during the pandemic, that was the name of the episode. I cracked up.

Q: “Time for Me to Fly” was part of the state’s recent Time for Me to Drive tourism campaign. What are some of your favorite road trips?
A: We were walking through Galena and saw a church on the hill. The church had a beautiful pipe organ and I really wanted to play it. The caretaker was friendly enough and said, yeah sure. It felt amazing being in this church and playing this organ.

Another time, I heard about a local destination called Prairie Run, near Lincoln’s cabin in Petersburg. There was a pavilion that seated about 500 people and they had live country music every night. They called it the Illinois Opry. They were rehearsing in the afternoon, so I sat down in the empty pavilion and listened to them play. It was just so beautiful and inspiring. I actually wrote a song, “Ballad of the Illinois Opry,” where I described the experience.

Q: What are some of your other favorite Illinois attractions?
A: When I was a kid I used to love going to the Museum of Science and Industry. The electric train set alone is worth the price of admission. I remember the giant heart you could walk through, going down into the coal mine and walking through a real submarine.
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Although Chicago offered freedom from legally sanctioned racial discrimination, many African Americans were turned away from available industrial jobs and forced into a segregated community. From this community rose a spirit of entrepreneurship, including through restaurants, where Southern staples like fried chicken and collard greens introduced what was then a new cuisine in Chicago: soul food.

One such soul food restaurateur was the late Helen Maybell Anglin, known as the Soul Queen. Born in Alabama, Anglin came to Chicago at age 13 and opened her first restaurant, H&H Cafe, with her husband in the summer of 1947. In 1971, she launched Soul Queen, a buffet-style eatery serving barbecued ribs, red beans, rice, fried chicken and banana pudding. The storied restaurant served both local community members and notable figures, including Nelson Mandela, Jesse Jackson, Martin Luther King Jr. and Aretha Franklin, before closing in 2009.

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CHICAGO
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Pair a classic cocktail from The Dearborn with one of Chef Julianna’s sweet desserts, like the Caramelized White Chocolate Carrot Cake—a true showstopper. At casual yet hip The Gage, choose from bubbles, beer, wine or a seasonal cocktail.

MORE CHICAGO THEATERS
Founding actress and playwright Jackie Taylor brings original musical tributes to the Black Ensemble Theater and Cultural Center. Blue Man Group calls Briar Street Theatre, the former stable for Marshall Field’s horses, home. Catch the Bard’s classics and other performances at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier. Goodman Theatre, the city’s oldest and largest nonprofit theater company, presents eight shows per season. The Lookingglass Theatre Company creates cutting-edge works of art and entertains audiences in the Water Tower Water Works building on Michigan Avenue. World-class singers take the stage at Lyric Opera of Chicago. In Lincoln Park, Steppenwolf Theatre Company was founded in the ’70s by Terry Kinney, Jeff Parry and Gary Sinise and stages original works. More than 50 theaters in the Lakeview and Lakeview East neighborhoods comprise Belmont Theatre District. Discover small storefront theaters (seating 50 to 100) in the Edgewater Theatre District 6 miles north of the Loop.

PLAYBOOK FOR AN ENCORE EXPERIENCE

Moulin Rouge!
February 26–April 24
Find out if dreams come true in the Parisian love story at James M. Nederlander Theatre.

My Fair Lady
June 28–July 10, 2022
A professor transforms a young girl into a lady at Cadillac Palace Theatre.

Chicago Theatre Week
February 2022
More than 100 shows at discounted rates will be available at various venues over 10 days.

DISNEY’S FROZEN, CADILLAC PALACE THEATRE
secrets of autumn

WHEN WARM DAYS AND COOL NIGHTS LEAD TO STUNNING FOLIAGE, EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF THE SEASON. HEAR THE CRUNCH OF LEAVES UNDER YOUR FEET ON TREE-LINED TRAILS BENEATH A TAPESTRY OF ORANGE AND YELLOW. SAVOR THE SOFT WIND AGAINST YOUR SKIN, AND THE WAVES, STILL WARM FROM SUMMER, AGAINST YOUR PADDLE.
NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

HIKE TRAILS THAT TRACE ALONG CANALS, OVER RAVINES, BETWEEN MOSS-COVERED STONE WALLS AND BENEATH WATERFALLS.

A CANAL OF A TRAIL
Hike or bike along the route of the I&M Canal from Rockdale to LaSalle and explore historic sites, leaf-covered parks and quaint canal towns.

PICTURE THIS
The most photographed place in the Shawnee National Forest, Garden of the Gods Observation Trail is where panoramic fall colors meet jaw-dropping rock formations.

BLUFF YOUR WAY UP
Mississippi Palisades State Park sits atop a bluff along the Mississippi River near Savanna. Hike among rock formations or climb them for sweeping river views.

ROCK OF AGES
With 13 miles of trails winding through 18 canyons of vertical stone walls and waterfalls, Oglesby’s Starved Rock State Park defines the beauty of fall.

A BRIDGE TO NATURE
Tucked into Shawnee National Forest, the Pomona Natural Bridge is a 90-foot ravine crossing made entirely by natural erosion and sandstone.

LEADING THE WAY
Near Wilmington, hikers and bikers share more than 20 miles of trails at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, the nation’s first established tallgrass prairie.
AMAZING AERIALS
SEE THE GROUND FROM A PERCH HIGH IN THE SKY, IF YOU DARE.

LEAN OVER DOWNTOWN
The “ride” at the 360 Chicago Observation Deck tilts your body out and over the Magnificent Mile from 1,000 feet above.

ZIP THROUGH THE TREES
 Traverse 83 wooded acres next to Shawnee National Forest by way of eight ziplines and three suspension bridges with the Shawnee Bluffs Canopy Tour in Makanda.

CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE
Rise above the golden treetops and rolling hills spotted with vineyards on a sunrise or sunset hot-air balloon ride with Galena On The Fly (through October).

A HISTORIC CLIMB
As you ascend 150 feet above Hartford at the Lewis and Clark Confluence Tower, you’ll learn how their expedition began here, where the Missouri and Mississippi rivers meet.

DIRECT MAIL
Climb 31 steps to reach the world’s largest mailbox. Post a letter as you gaze over Casey, the small town known for big things.

HANG OUT IN THE CITY
Jutting from the 103rd floor of the Willis Tower, the glass box of Skydeck Chicago’s The Ledge is waiting for you. On a clear day, see four states.
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PADDLE YOUR WAY THROUGH SKYSCRAPERS OR CYPRESS TREES. OR LET A PADDLE WHEELER DO THE WORK.

**PADDLE THE FOX**
The Fox River is a beautiful waterway for a tree-lined paddleboarding adventure. Launch from Geneva's Fabyan Forest Preserve or from Riverfront Park in Algonquin.

**A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT**
There is no urban adventure like kayaking on the Chicago River, where the sunshine bounces off the windows of the skyscrapers that line the way.

**DREAM ON THE WATER**
Spend the night aboard a paddle wheeler. The Spirit of Peoria crew takes passengers from Peoria to the canyons of Starved Rock State Park.

**STAND ON ME**
Paddle a 45-mile portion of the Kankakee River National Water Trail from just east of Kankakee to the Illinois River. Stay in towns along your waterway.

**ANCIENT HISTORY**
The Lower Cache River Canoe Trail meanders through a cypress-tupelo swamp with 1,000-year-old trees. Stop at the Barkhausen-Cache River Wetlands Center in Cypress to plan your adventure.
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DON’T LET PLUMMETING TEMPERATURES TAKE YOUR SENSE OF ADVENTURE DOWN, TOO—ENJOY A WINTER RROM AT THESE ILLINOIS LOCALES BEFORE BUNKING DOWN AT A RUSTIC CABIN.

PLAY
Kids swing from trapezes on Two Towers Adventure, a safety-netted course 12 feet above The Forge: Lemont Quarries. Get even closer to the clouds on Grafton SkyTour, an Aerie’s Resort aerial lift ferrying visitors above the bluffs for a view of the Illinois-Mississippi river confluence.

SKI
Outside Chicago, Lisle’s Four Lakes Alpine Snowsports’ seven tow ropes bring novices to the top of relatively gradual slopes, ideal terrain for practicing skills before tackling the black diamonds and 475-foot vertical drop at Chestnut Mountain Resort in Galena.

TUBE
All it takes to whoosh down Warrenville’s 800-foot Mount Hoy is 3 inches of snow and abundant energy for climbing back up. At Villa Olivia, thrill-seekers reserve time on the hill and leg-saving conveyor belt lift in Bartlett.

CLIMB
In designated areas, limestone walls ideal for scaling and rappelling await along the oak- and hickory-filled Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton. In January and February, watch professional climbers clamber up a glistening ice formation in Starved Rock State Park’s canyons, the site of three frozen waterfalls (Ottawa, LaSalle and Wildcat), in Utica.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI
In Lisle, Morton Arboretum’s five groomed cross-country trails wind through snow-dusted spruces and conifers, but night owls may prefer an evening jaunt along McHenry County’s two solar-lit trails at Pleasant Valley and Hickory Grove Highlands.

EAGLE WATCH
Whether you’re at Rock Island’s Arsenal Bridge, in Schwiebert Park, or keeping watch over the Mississippi River near Alton’s Melvin Price Locks and Dam, you’re likely to spot bald eagles soar and dive.
COZY CABINS

**Starved Rock Lodge, Oglesby**
Following a day of hikes through the park’s canyons, guests in the lodge thaw in front of the imposing stone hearth. Those desiring a warming mantel of their own, however, should opt for one of the log cabins, built in the late 1930s and still sporting rustic pine paneling. Some cabins come with a wood-burning or gas-powered fireplace.

**Pere Marquette Lodge, Grafton**
Many of the joys of this hotel hinge on massive sizing, like the 50-foot vaulted ceilings and 700-ton stone fireplace—no wonder it took six years to build before opening in 1940. Diminutive details get their due in the Great Room, where handmade furniture imparts snug comfort.

**Giant City Lodge, Giant City State Park**
Accommodations at the 82-year-old lodging include one-room cabins and cabins on the bluff, where occupants find an electric fireplace and a private deck for watching wildlife. Enjoy all-you-can-eat fried chicken and homemade biscuits in the main hall.
SEE CHICAGO IN A WHOLE NEW LIGHT AT THESE OUTDOOR FAMILY-FRIENDLY FESTIVALS AND ACTIVITIES.

CHRISTMAS TREE, MILLENIUM PARK
MID-NOVEMBER-EARLY JANUARY
Twinkling lights adorn the city’s 45-foot blue spruce steps away from Cloud Gate, aka The Bean, the iconic stainless-steel sculpture. Snap a selfie and capture the city’s frost-covered skyline.

WINDOW SHOPPING, GOLD COAST NEIGHBORHOOD
LATE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER
Start on Michigan Avenue, aka the Magnificent Mile, before wandering to State and Oak streets for festive displays.

ZOOLIGHTS, LINCOLN PARK ZOO
MID-NOVEMBER-EARLY JANUARY
Millions of twinkling lights and 3D light displays sparkle throughout the zoo, one of the city’s landmarks (open since 1868). Enhance your family-friendly experience as you wander the dazzling Light Maze, and ignite your senses in the Enchanted Forest. (There is a nominal fee for both activities, which come with a pair of special 3D viewing glasses.) End the evening at Snowy’s Spirits and S’More pop-up bar with sweet treats and warm drinks.

ICE SKATING RIBBON, MAGGIE DALEY PARK
NOVEMBER 20-FEBRUARY 27
Michigan Avenue’s skyscrapers tower over the ribbon of ice that winds around a quarter-mile track. Rent skates (figure and hockey available) or bring your own for a 90-minute session.

BMO HARRIS BANK MAGNIFICENT MILE LIGHTS FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 20
Usher in the holiday season with a parade along Michigan Avenue, which boasts more than 1 million lights. The nation’s largest evening holiday festival includes Santa, floats and plenty of magical moments.

JACK FROST WINTER WALK AND CHRISTMAS TREE FARM, GOOSE ISLAND
OPENS NOVEMBER 24
Fill your Instagram feed as you stop and pose in front of adorable backdrops like a giant storybook, old-fashioned fire truck and glow-in-the-dark swing. Or snap the family photo for the holiday card along the winter walk. While there, pick up a Christmas tree.

CHRISTKINDLMARKET, DALEY PLAZA
NOVEMBER 19-DECEMBER 24
Tempting aromas waft from shops that fill the plaza, reminiscent of an authentic German-style outdoor market. In addition to sausages, potato pancakes and strudel, vendors sell ornaments, steins, scarves, clocks and more.
STATEWIDE EVENTS

LIGHTSCAPE, GLENCOE
NOVEMBER 12–JANUARY 2
The magical musical journey delights the senses along the 1-mile path at the Chicago Botanical Garden.

LIGHTING ON JOHN DEERE COMMONS, MOLINE
NOVEMBER 20
Say hello to Santa and Mrs. Claus at the city’s free festival with live music and fireworks.

PARADE OF LIGHTS, EAST PEORIA
NOVEMBER 20
Electric floats, including the 95-foot-long Chinese Dragon, highlight the nearly 2-mile route.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, EAST PEORIA
NOVEMBER 25–JANUARY 3
Drive through a Winter Wonderland to see electric displays and floats, some from the Parade of Lights.

JULMARKNAD, BISHOP HILL
NOVEMBER 26–28, DECEMBER 4–5
The historic Swedish colony turns 175; plan to join their annual Christmas Market.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK LIGHTS, GURNEE
NOVEMBER 26–DECEMBER 30
Millions of twinkling lights highlight the walk-through experience at Six Flags Great America. Drive through on select nights (December 3–January 9).

NIGHT OF THE LUMINARIA AND LIVING WINDOWS, GALENA
DECEMBER 11
Galena glows with more than 5,000 lit luminarias.

ADVENTURE STARTS HERE.

PLAN A ROAD TRIP to Carbondale, IL and sip wine and soak up the sun on the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail, hike through the woods at Giant City State Park or kayak the waters of the Shawnee National Forest. Dine out at eclectic eateries and unwind with live local music, drinks and cocktails on the strip! Adventure Starts Here.

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MEET THE MAKERS

ILLINOIS-MADE ARTISANS—A SELECT GROUP OF SMALL BUSINESSES—ARE AS DIVERSE AS THEIR WARES, BUT ALL SHARE ONE THING: PASSION. THEY’RE PASSIONATE ABOUT THEIR CRAFT AND READY TO SHARE THEIR STORIES. COME MEET SOME OF THE MARVELOUS MAKERS.

Writer Jennifer Nilsson
MEET MORE MAKERS

FUNKY ROOSTER TATTOO AND ART GALLERY, ELGIN

The artists at this mixed-use space live to create custom art, and they don’t give a crow whether that art is on the wall or on the skin. Bring your artistic ideas or get inspired by the original paintings, jewelry, T-shirts and tattoos made by the in-house artists Jose Manuel Napoles (aka Manny), Paige Hudon, Sarah Mooney and Sam Chase. Maybe your visit will result in the next great piece of art that’s just waiting to happen.

SUE REGIS

GLASS ART, JOLIET

What Sue Regis does with glass is delicate for more reasons than one. Her specialty is in memorializing the loss of a loved one by placing a small amount of cremated remains in beautiful pendants and glass pieces. As an expert on the torch, Regis is also passionate about sharing her unique talents. You can schedule an in-studio group event to learn how to create glass art or bring the kids for an educational workshop.

CAFE TOLA, CHICAGO

Victoria and Gerardo Salamanca, first-generation Mexican immigrants to Chicago, created Cafe Tola as a coffee shop. However, its reputation grew due to the grab-and-go empanadas served next to horchata lattes and spicy mochas.

The husband-and-wife team hand-roll fresh empanadas from their four cafe locations across Chicago, describing their process as sharing family recipes in a pocket of love. Go traditional with the spicy pork recipe, explore with a guava and queso combo, or try Nutella and banana.

CHICAGO & BEYOND

HEWN, EVANSTON

The word “hewn” is special to Ellen King, who believes in the age-old process of crafting something by hand. King, a classically trained chef, started baking bread during her son’s naps and, when he awoke, she would deliver the loaves to neighbors in her bread club. Today, she runs the bakery alongside her partner, Julie Matthei. Both are committed to simple, made-from-scratch breads and pastries. The rustic interior—salvaged wood counters, kitchen doors made from cypress pickle barrels and reclaimed windows—reflects the just-from-the-oven bread. Loaves of bread are made from locally sourced stone-milled organic flour and local grains. What lines the shelves actually starts the day before when bakers begin the rigorous process of making the dough, which requires turning it eight times over a three-hour period before letting it rest. That’s why it’s first come, first served at their new location on Central Street.

Every year, the Illinois Made program recognizes a select group of artisans for their authentic experiences. When traveling, pop in and support these and other small businesses.
MISSISSIPPI
MUD POTTERY, ALTON

From their storefront and studio on Broadway, Felicia Breen and Chad Nelson can see the Mississippi River as they work. It’s the rushing water, wildlife and wildflowers that inspire the colors and patterns of their handcrafted pieces.

This husband-and-wife team stretches clay into beautiful mugs, plates and bowls from the throwing wheels placed in the front of the store. They take pride in both the beauty of their pottery with its water-like ripples and swirls, and the durability of their work with its microwave- and dishwasher-safe functionality.

Stop in for an impromptu tour of the kiln room and to watch the process as clay is lovingly formed into a vessel. Breen and Nelson hope you will become part of the Mississippi Mud family, maybe even making return trips to the historic lanes and limestone cliffs of Alton while you build on your one-of-a-kind dining set inspired by the mighty Mississippi.
LAGOMARCINO’S, MOLINE
For more than 100 years, the Lagomarcino family has been the root of the sweet tooth in the Quad Cities. It all began when Angelo and Luigia Lagomarcino started serving homemade ice cream slathered with bittersweet hot fudge to theatergoers in the early 1900s. Today it is the fourth generation of the family who will offer you a stool at the traditional soda fountain while they create sweet confections in the original copper kettle.

TRIPLE DIPPLE’S TREATS AND DELICACIES, CHILLICOTHE
When Harreld Webster Jr. couldn’t find a fix for his cheesecake craving, he took matters into his own hands. Now he mixes up mini cheesecakes from scratch and in a variety of flavors designed to surprise and satisfy. Famed for his Sweet Tater Cheesecake, a creative mix of creamy cake and comforting sweet potato pie, Webster also keeps the Triple Dipple’s menu fresh with rotating flavors like chocolate amaretto or banana pudding.

BLAUM BROS. DISTILLING CO., GALENA
Like most brothers, Matt and Mike Blaum grew up taking swings at one another. Later they learned they got along just fine when they were taking swigs with one another instead. And that’s the story behind Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. Stop by for a tour and see how the brothers mill, mash, ferment and distill handcrafted spirits that they flavor with local ingredients from the Galena farmlands and grown right outside their warehouse.
RIGGS BEER COMPANY, URBANA

Brothers Matt and Darin Riggs own and operate Riggs Beer Company, a 15-barrel, steam-and-electric powered brew house. The beer’s specialty grain grows on the fifth-generation family farm, 20 minutes away in Champaign County.

Matt and Darin left the farm and went their separate ways. Darin earned a degree in master brewing in California while Matt gained industry experience in Bavaria before earning his brewmaster certification in Munich. Together, they nurtured the idea to brew beer with their homegrown grain, and they came home to Illinois. The brothers and their wives, Caroline (Matt’s wife) and Gail (Darin’s wife), invite you to their family-friendly taproom and beer garden, where you can sip signature beers brewed from the corn, wheat and barley that Matt and Darin grow on the farm.

MEET MORE MAKERS

CURTIS ORCHARD AND PUMPKIN PATCH, CHAMPAIGN

Their story is one of resilience: Just after Paul and Joyce Curtis welcomed the first apples on their fledgling orchard in 1980, a hailstorm damaged the crop. Rather than wasting the unsellable apples, Paul bought a small cider press and made the first batch of what would become Curtis Orchard Cider. Now the orchard is a family destination with a goat-petting zoo (free), apple and pumpkin picking, pony rides, and a giant corn maze (nominal fees).

ROPP JERSEY CHEESE, NORMAL

Ray Ropp and his son, Ken, represent the sixth- and seventh-generation farmers on this plot of land with an on-site cheese manufacturing plant. The Ropps strive to create quality farm-to-table products while maintaining minimal-waste operations. Tours allow visitors to see how they do it. View the cheese makers at work; visit the cows in the barn; and snack on hand-dipped ice cream, fresh cheese curds and local raw honey.

COZY DOG DRIVE IN, SPRINGFIELD

In 1946, there was a new oddity at the Illinois State Fair: a deep-fried hot dog on a stick. Ed Waldmire Jr. claimed to have perfected the first-ever fried corn dog while serving in the Air Force. Waldmire used the USO kitchen as a lab and fellow airmen as his testers before setting up shop on Route 66. Today his grandson Josh maintains the kitschy charm of this must-stop location. The epic menu also features burgers, chili dogs, ham and cheese sandwiches, and breakfast fare.
C’S BEES, ANNA

When Crystal Housman heard one of her hives swarming, she threw on her protective gear, followed the bees and brought them back home. When the freezing temperatures and bone-jarring windchill of an Illinois winter threatened her hives, she wrapped their boxes in blankets and sheltered them through the storm.

This is what it means to be a hobby beekeeper with a dedication to creating products as local as it gets.

You can find Housman’s handmade products at Annabelle Market on Main Street. Load up on salted honey caramels, honey sticks or honey suckers. Try out the beeswax lip balm or the bars of honey soap. Even the lavender used in C’s Bees’ food products is purchased from a local lavender farm in Union County. All products are made in Housman’s home, next to the beehives.
CROWN BREW COFFEE CO., MARION
Traveling the world taught Josh Benitone and Jared Gravatt that there is one common thread that knits community together: coffee. They are committed to the intentional use of quality beans and manual brewing techniques. And their cafe space prioritizes community over business. When you order a craft coffee at the new location in Marion, you’ll be invited to watch the brewing process and to learn the story of the beans behind the cup.

ROLLING OAK ALPACA RANCH, MAKANDA
This 10-acre, family-owned ranch outside of Lick Creek started as a dream for softer fleece. When Morgan Stevenson couldn’t find local alpacas to source her handmade goods, she teamed up with her mother, Judy Hoepek, to start their own farm-to-fiber ranch. Now you can buy soft, moisture-wicking alpaca socks, scarves, hats and more, made from the fleece of the alpacas you’ll meet when you schedule a tour of the ranch.

ALTO VINEYARDS, ALTO PASS
More than 30 years ago, Guy Renzaglia began growing Chambourcin grapes and making award-winning wines in southern Illinois. The next generation of the Renzaglia family continues to follow in his tradition of bringing people together over good wine. Whether your preference leans toward a dry or sweet wine, stop in for a taste and for one of the winery’s festivals and live-music events surrounded by views of the Shawnee Hills.

Josh Benitone
Jared Gravatt
**SHADES OF FALL**

**COLOR RIPPLE AT THE MULTIPURPOSE LAURA BRADLEY PARK, ADJACENT TO PEORIA’S BRADLEY UNIVERSITY. PACK A PICNIC AND PLAY FOR THE DAY.**

*Writer Kristin Bienert*

1881

The year Lydia Moss Bradley donated green space to the City of Peoria; she later requested the park’s site be named for one of her daughters, Laura.

1922

The year the 55-foot-long Japanese-style footbridge over Dry Run Creek was completed by local architect Frederick John Klein.

2

The number of dog parks that provide off-leash play for Fido. Five acres are fenced-in and feature a pup-friendly water fountain.

6

The number of sport areas within the park includes a softball field, the former home of the Bradley Braves; a baseball field; tennis courts; a sand volleyball court; a horseshoe pit; and an 18-hole disc golf course; plus a playground for youngsters.

140

The number of park acres, which encompasses a wooded high bluff.
CHECK IN AND DISCOVER ALL OF THE ROMANTIC TOUCHES AT THESE LOVE-WORTHY HOTELS AND INNS BEFORE SNUGGLING UP WITH YOUR SWEETIE. HUNGRY FOR MORE? CHECK OUT THE NEARBY LATE-NIGHT TREATS.

THE GODFREY HOTEL CHICAGO
The good news is patio dining on I/O, The Godfrey’s rooftop lounge, doesn’t have to end when temperatures drop, thanks to the hotel’s heated igloos, available October through March. Even better news: Making s’mores after sipping on bubbly and sharing a plate of Burrata requires exiting your personal snow globe to roast marshmallows by the bonfire—all the reason to snuggle close to your date.

KIMPTON HOTEL MONACO
This former hat factory in the Loop overlooking the Chicago River brims with extras. Cap off the day with a nightly happy hour, where guests sip wine in front of the new lobby fireplace. Later, retire to your recently renovated room—be sure to book one with a river view—many come with big bay windows and walk-in showers. Pop open the vintage-style hatbox honor bar to discover gourmet treats.
THE LANGHAM
The luxury hotel occupies 13 floors of a Mies van der Rohe skyscraper in River North. The hotel epitomizes his elegant style with five-star touches, such as afternoon tea and treats. Late afternoon, swim under twinkling spotlights at the indoor pool. Catch a flick on the 111-inch screen in the private Cinema Suite, then dine on strawberry cheesecake while gazing over the city through floor-to-ceiling windows.

THE GWEN, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL
Partners hone their teamwork on The Gwen’s rooftop curling rink with complimentary cocktails and twinkling lights. For more laid-back dates, try the Tipsy Tea Party, a new afternoon gathering with eccentric cocktails (think Earl Grey-infused bourbon or chai-soaked rum) poured from antique kettles. End the evening wrapped in complimentary fluffy bathrobes.

Writer Angela Ufheil
THE RITZ-CARLTON
The toughest decision you’ll have to make at The Ritz-Carlton is whether you want to share a smooch while gazing over Lake Michigan, Navy Pier or the city skyline—every guest room in the 15-floor hotel boasts picturesque views of at least one. Pop into European-inspired Cafe for specialty coffee and just-squeezed juices before seeking total relaxation in a side-by-side massage with your partner. The exclusive Club Lounge oozes luxury.

HOTEL EMC2
Between automated check-ins, Alexas situated in each room, and robot butlers Cleo and Leo distributing breakfast and other necessities, couples in need of true one-on-one time could plan an entire stay without seeing another person. Those craving human interaction, however, should venture to the Albert, named for Albert Einstein, for braised boar ragu and custard cakes amid shelves and shelves of math and science books.

CHICAGO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
The Porterhouse Au Poivre for Two and a bold Cabernet just taste better 13 stories up at Cindy’s, the historic hotel’s rooftop bar. Competition ignites an extra spark in your romance on the game room’s bocce ball court or billiards table. Of course, the 1893 building’s decor deserves some attention, too, especially the stately wood panelling around the hearth in the drawing room.
**THE PENINSULA**
Lovers luxuriate in king-size beds and deep soaking tubs at The Peninsula, a five-star hotel a short walk away from Michigan Avenue’s art galleries and shops. At the hotel, relax with a spa treatment before retreating in front of the fireplace in the relaxation lounge. End the evening sipping The Z, made with locally made Koval gin and a hint of mint, lime and cucumber, at The Z Bar, with a rooftop terrace.

**WALDORF ASTORIA**
In the Gold Coast neighborhood, Parisian elegance meets modern surprises at this five-star lodging, where a chandelier modeled after a Coco Chanel broach and a turquoise painting by Herbert Brandl greet guests. Pick up Instagram-worthy pastel macarons and flaky croissants from the lobby patisserie to nosh before indulging in a couples massage or dip in the pool. Satisfy late-night munchies with 24/7 in-room dining services.

**SABLE AT NAVY PIER CHICAGO, CURIO COLLECTION BY HILTON**
Drop anchor at Navy Pier’s first hotel, named for a former Great Lakes luxury cruise ship. Throughout the 223-room hotel, discover nautical touches like smooth contours and weathered brass, plus hues of blue and green. Cozy up on the in-room window seat overlooking Lake Michigan and the skyline. On a warm evening, head upstairs to Offshore, the world’s largest rooftop bar.

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**SWEET TREATS**

**Stan’s Donuts and Coffee**
Cap off a first date with an Apple Cider Cake, Pumpkin Old Fashion or Maple Long John—or make it easy and pick a baker’s dozen. Any leftovers double as picnic fodder for a (fingers-crossed) second outing tomorrow.

**Pops for Champagne**
When a new romance has you feeling bubbly, celebrate with this State Street bar’s impressively long list of champagnes and a trio of macarons. Or attend a monthly tasting led by the wine director.

**Starbucks Reserve Chicago Roastery**
Despite its Seattle roots, the coffee chain’s largest roastery resides in the Windy City. Head to the fourth floor’s Arriviamo Cocktail Bar for Irish Con Crema, a pour-over brew topped with foam, alongside an apricot tart.

**The Fudge Pot**
The Dattalo family has been pouring love into this Old Town candy shop since 1963. Gifting its assortment of toffees, fudge, chocolate-covered strawberries and more might just make someone sweet on you.
THE INN AT FELT MANOR
Hospitality is always served sunny-side up at this 1848 Second Empire mansion aptly set atop Quality Hill. Enjoy tantalizing three-course breakfasts prepared by Chef Geoff, a former New York City pastry chef, paired with stellar service by husband and sous-chef, Alex. Splurge on a stay in the Coach House (fully renovated with a Jacuzzi tub, fireplace and luxe robes). Happy hours include a bottle of wine and a cheese and charcuterie board or a fun treat.

GOLDMOOR INN
When fairy tale writers used the phrase “happily ever after,” they were probably envisioning the Turret Suite. Like all Goldmoor rooms, the two-story tower houses a kitchenette, whirlpool tub, a heated towel bar and a fireplace. But it’s tough to top being carried across the drawbridge entrance by your knight. Dine like royalty on seasonal dishes at the inn’s restaurant. The inn also features a handful of cabins and cottages, plus 13 suites.

CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RESORT
If you and your beloved believe intimacy and adrenaline go hand in hand, the 100-room lodge’s adventurous amenities, such as downhill skiing and snowboarding with 19 runs and a terrain park, plus miles of winter hiking trails, will deepen your bond. Wind down from all that action with a dip in the indoor pool and a visit to the sauna or hot tub.
INN AT IRISH HOLLOW
Innkeepers happily deliver a handmade breakfast to guests who loathe to leave their king-size beds. And why would you and your sweetie, when each of the five opulent cottages comes with a whirlpool tub or walk-in shower built for two. There’s also a wood-burning fireplace, perfect for thawing out after snowshoeing the property’s 500 acres of countryside. For a sense of history, opt to stay in one of the two suites on the second floor of the Main Inn, once a general store servicing passengers on the Great Western Railway.

EAGLE RIDGE RESORT AND SPA
Come winter, snowfall reveals a softer side of these spacious grounds that are home to a resort with in-room fireplaces and whirlpool tubs and more than 200 homes and villas. The 10th hole of The General Golf Course transforms into a sledding hill, and guests trade their golf carts for snowshoes to explore the glistening landscape. Rent equipment at the Nordic Center, including skates for the property’s new outdoor rink. Hand-holding is strongly encouraged.

JAIL HILL INN
This four-story brick building held a county jail for nearly 100 years before innkeeper Matthew Carroll became besotted with the property. He revamped former cells and offices into 800-square-foot suites with gas fireplaces and Kohler rain showers. Our recommendation: Don the provided and oh-so-plush cotton bathrobes and pop the complimentary bottle of champagne upon arrival before nibbling on the signature chocolates.

OLDE ORCHARD COTTAGE, INN AT IRISH HOLLOW

SWEET TREATS

Durty Gurt’s
Cute dates sipping milkshakes at the soda fountain receive a boozy update at this burger joint. We’re swooning over the Drunken Monkey, a crème de banana and chocolate combo.

Elle and Becks
Baristas pour foamy heart designs to top off lattes, but a scoop or two of the rich gelato remains the sweetest part of a visit to the Main Street boho-chic boutique.

Miss Kitty’s Grape Escape
The dessert ‘tins offer a healthy blend of sugar and sass (we love the minty Dirty Girl Scout offering) at this downtown wine and martini lounge.

Kaladi’s Coffee Bar
Warm your belly with the autumnal caramel apple spiced cider, available only in the fall. For those committed to cool drinks, try the blended mocha chiller with a tower of freshly made whipped cream.

SNOW COOL!
Hover your phone’s camera over the code for more winter getaways.
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TRIP IDEAS AROUND THE STATE

MISSISSIPPI PALISADES STATE PARK, SAVANNA
Chicago is a heavyweight champ among cities, the Loop its title belt. But you’ll find some real contenders in the suburbs.

**Destinations**

**Chicago & Beyond**

**Old Joliet Prison, Joliet**
Explore this shuttered lockup that opened before the Civil War. It once held gangster “Baby Face” Nelson and later appeared in *The Blues Brothers*.

**Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**
Feed a giraffe, meet a penguin and watch dolphins dive at this home to more than 2,500 creatures. Little kids love Hamill Family Play Zoo.

**Taste**

**Hamburgerseria, Joliet**
Cooked-to-order, flame-grilled burgers produce bragged-about meals at this sizzling strip-mall spot. Try the peanut butter burger with house-made chips.

**Lou Malnati’s Pizzeria, Naperville**
Pizza-lovers don’t need to know pi to know the value of this legendary pie. Deep-dish is de rigueur, but you can go thin-crust, gluten-free or crustless.

**Stay**

**Hotel Indigo, Naperville**
Find rest and local art in lodging along downtown’s Riverwalk. Lift your spirits at rooftop lounge Santo Cielo (Spanish for good heavens) with floor-to-ceiling city views.

**Harrah’s Joliet Casino and Hotel, Joliet**
Talk about rollin’ on the river. After trying your luck, sleep like a big shot in a luxury room with Des Plaines River views.

Chicago’s cultural clout knocks visitors out, and downtown’s impressive architecture lands frequent uppercuts to the sky. Museums deliver a powerful cross of art, science, nature and history. Lake Michigan hooks you with its beauty and water-based fun. And passion for legendary pro-sports teams inspires good-natured jabs among fans.

If Chicago is the main event of your trip, think of the suburbs as an intriguing undercard of towns that punch above their weight. Close-in Brookfield (just 13 miles from downtown) boasts a world-class zoo, one of the country’s largest video arcades, a thriving arts scene, and plenty of shopping and outdoor rec. Farther west, but only 30 minutes from the city, Naperville features a beautiful Riverwalk—covered bridges, fountains and vintage-looking lighting make for a lovely stroll along the DuPage River. While downtown, check out the boutiques, restaurants and spas. About an hour southwest of Chicago, Joliet delights with museums and historical landmarks like the vaudeville-era Rialto Square Theatre. Or get your adrenaline fix watching the wheels spin at two riverboat casinos or three racetracks.
TRIP IDEAS

DO

Joseph Smith Historic Site, Nauvoo
Learn about the man who led his followers, the Latter-day Saints, here in 1839. Smith named the town Nauvoo—Hebrew for “beautiful place.”

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Collinsville
See remains of the most sophisticated prehistoric native civilization in America. Get the big picture in the interpretive center, then head for the hills of the ancient city.

TASTE

The District, Quincy
Make like Lincoln and Douglas and debate which of a dozen or so eateries to try. Options include Thai, Italian, Mexican, pizza, steaks and subs.

Cleveland-Heath, Edwardsville
This spot drew James Beard nods for one of its two namesake founding chefs. Try the pork chop—it’s topped by a sunny-side up egg.

STAY

Hotel Nauvoo, Nauvoo
Guest rooms come with modern luxuries and historic-look decor that’s faithful to the 176-year-old main building, which dates to the town’s Mormon era.

Sprague’s Kinderhook Lodge, Barry
Enjoy a quiet country escape with the home cooking and personal pampering of a bed-and-breakfast. Three buildings provide room-size and layout options.

DESTINATION

GREAT RIVERS COUNTRY

THEY SAY YOU CAN’T STEP IN THE SAME RIVER TWICE. BUT IN WESTERN AND CENTRAL ILLINOIS, YOU CAN GET IN STEP WITH TWO MIGHTY RIVERS.

Quincy, along the Great River Road, has some of the state’s best architecture outside Chicago. Bayview Bridge over the Mississippi sparkles with lights that cast an always-changing glow on the water. Downtown’s Washington Park hosted the sixth Lincoln-Douglas debate.

The village of Cahokia, on the Illinois side of metro St. Louis, is named for a clan of the Illini Confederacy, a people met by early French explorers. The French gave the same name to a nearby complex of earthwork mounds. Some Cahokia buildings date to the Colonial and Federal periods.

Add “Take Me to the River” (either the Talking Heads or Al Green version) to your in-vehicle playlist for scenic drives along the captivating Mississippi and Illinois rivers. This region of 33 counties in the western and central parts of the state is awash in history, wildlife, farm-fresh flavors and charming stops that reward meandering travelers.

Nauvoo, a town of 1,058 people on the Mississippi, gives a glimpse into the roots of Mormonism through restored shops, homes and public buildings from the 1840s. The replica Mormon Nauvoo Temple glows from atop a river bluff.
At 6-foot-4, Abraham Lincoln was our tallest president—and even more towering in his signature stovepipe hat. But the shadow Lincoln casts over Illinois exponentially exceeds his physical stature, especially in the central part of the state. Abe, known for humility and self-deprecating humor, would probably be amused and bemused by all the fuss. Even the region’s smallest towns proudly celebrate their connections to one of history’s most revered figures. But it’s Springfield, the state capital, that stakes the biggest claim to the Lincoln legacy.

Lincoln lived in Springfield for 24 years before becoming the 16th president. The Lincoln Home National Historic Site allows a glimpse into daily life for Abe and family at the only residence he ever owned. Downtown is the striking Old State Capitol, site of many Lincoln triumphs, including his famed “House Divided” speech on slavery. The current Illinois State Capitol, also downtown, is a 19th-century blend of Renaissance Revival and Second Empire styles topped by a 405-foot-tall stained-glass dome. Abe is buried at the Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

TASTE
Obed and Isaac’s Microbrewery and Eatery
Play bags in the beer garden while sipping a brew and devouring a Horseshoe sandwich—an open-face burger buried in cheese and fries.

Loukinens’ on 4th
Try Rock Shrimp Jalapeño Corndog Bites or other shareable small plates at this upscale downtown spot. For dessert, think crème brûlée of the day.

STAY
The Inn at 835
Forget rent control. A 1909 apartment building in the Old Aristocracy Hill neighborhood got a new lease on life as an elegant bed-and-breakfast boutique hotel.

State House Inn
After a day of 1860s lore, relax in the modern vibe of this hotel’s public spaces. The hotel features in-room Lincoln portraits. Its Top Hat Lounge decor honors area history.
TRAILS TO ADVENTURE

SOME OF MOTHER NATURE’S SWEETEST EYE CANDY AND THE FRUITS OF HUMAN LABOR STIMULATE THE SENSES IN ILLINOIS’ GARDEN SPOT.

Many home buyers covet a place with a big backyard, whether they want room for kids and pets to play; ground for gardens and landscaping; or gathering spaces like decks, patios and pools. Southernmost Illinois is the state’s backyard. It’s home to the vast Shawnee National Forest, which continues to wow visitors with its displays of nature’s rugged beauty and awesome power. Even George Harrison of the Beatles camped there in 1963, when the now legendary British band was still unknown in America.

The region offers numerous other spots to commune with nature, with invigorating outdoor rec (like biking, hiking, fishing and golf) or slower-paced relaxation (think walks in the woods, picnics in parks and vino from one of 11 wineries along the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail).

The city of Carbondale and a string of smaller towns like Murphysboro, Pomona, Alto Pass, Cobden, Alma and Makanda beckon visitors to stop and sample southern Illinois sights, flavors and hospitality. Carbondale, home to Southern Illinois University, is a cultural center and a great base camp for nature-based adventures. Its downtown powers a diverse dining, shopping and music scene.
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TRAVELER INFORMATION

DRIVING IN ILLINOIS
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State law requires you to wear a seatbelt when traveling by car. Speed limits are posted in miles per hour (mph) and vary between 70 mph on rural interstates and freeways and 45 mph on urban interstates and freeways.

You may not use your cell phone for texting while driving, and you must use hands-free technology to make calls.

For construction updates, maps, seasonal road conditions and other information, visit gettingaroundillinois.com.

ILLINOIS TOLLWAYS
Some northern Illinois highways require tolls for use. Rates vary; not all toll plazas have attendants. Electronic toll collection is available through I-PASS or any transponder that’s part of the E-Z-Pass system.

Drivers who miss tolls have seven days to pay online. Note the date, time and locations of unpaid tolls—that information will be required when submitting payments online.

For maps, rates, online payment options and other info, visit illinoistollway.com.

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ARRIVING BY PLANE
Domestic travelers can fly direct to destinations including Belleville, Bloomington-Normal, Champaign-Urbana, Marion, Moline, Peoria, Quincy, Rockford and Springfield, as well as Chicago.

Once you land at either of Chicago’s two major airports, Chicago Transit Authority trains can get you downtown. For info, go to transitchicago.com.

Regular shuttles to many Chicago downtown hotels leave from the airport. You can also get a taxi or rideshare. For more information on getting to and from Chicago’s airports (including renting vehicles or arranging car services), visit flychicago.com.

From O’Hare International Airport The Blue Line elevated train (known as the L) takes passengers to downtown Chicago in about 45 minutes. Follow the Trains to the City signs at the airport. If you arrive at the international terminal, follow the signs to the Airport Transit System, where you can get a free ride to Terminal 2 and then catch the L into the city.

From Chicago Midway International Airport The CTA Orange Line L train takes about 25 minutes from Midway to downtown Chicago.

OTHER TRANSIT AROUND CHICAGO
Metra runs commuter rail services from downtown Chicago to outlying suburbs and surrounding cities. For maps, schedules, alerts and more, visit metrarail.com.

The Regional Transportation Authority serves Chicago and its many suburbs. Its RTA Trip Planner can help you figure out how to get where you want to go. Visit ratchicago.org.

Amtrak runs trains to 29 cities in Illinois, and Greyhound Lines serves most major Illinois cities. Go to amtrak.com or greyhound.com.

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If you drink, don’t drive. Instead, hail a cab or use a rideshare app. The state’s legal limit for blood alcohol is .08.

Ten casinos operate throughout the state; some of these are riverboat casinos.

Since January 1, 2020, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act allows for recreational use of marijuana in the state.

The Smoke-Free Illinois Act prohibits smoking in most public places, including theaters, museums, casinos, restaurants and bars.

For more Illinois government information, visit www2.illinois.gov.

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THESE ARTISTS PUT THEIR WORKS ON WALLS, PRINTS AND DECOR. WHILE ALL ARE STYLISTICALLY DIFFERENT, THEY SHARE A PASSION FOR THEIR PROCESS. DISCOVER FOUR CHICAGO-AREA ARTISTS.

IN LIVING COLOR  After Kristi Kohut left the advertising world, her love of nature and bold use of color blossomed into Hapi Art, her online gallery. The self-taught, mixed-use artist uses a variety of techniques to create prints and home decor goods like pillows, poufs, rugs, wallpaper and fabric. Visit her Libertyville studio and gallery (by appointment) or find her work online at hapiart.com.

MURALS & MORE  Neighborhoods like West Town and Logan Square sport Chicago native Sam Kirk murals. The biracial, queer artist’s work often depicts culture with a focus on underrepresented people. iamsamkirk.com

WATERCOLORS  Home decor goods and apparel highlight Martha Nippert’s bright watercolor illustrations, which include pet and family portraits. The former fashion illustrator calls Chicago’s North Shore home. marnani.com

SPORTS ART GALLERY  Zissou Tasseff-Elenkoff combined his love for printmaking and sports when he created All Star Press, a gallery, screenprint and design company in Logan Square. allstarpresschicago.com
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