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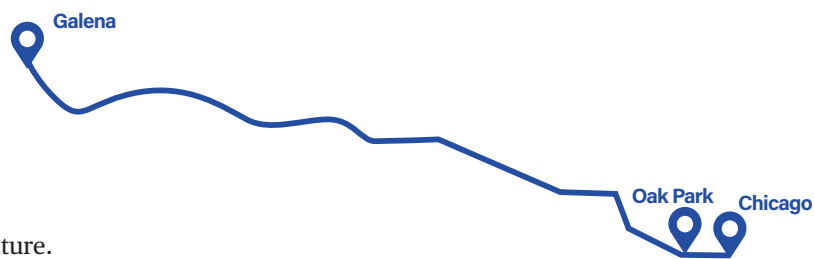
LGBTQ+ Proud



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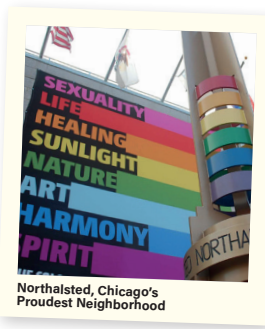
### embrace illinois' vibrant LGBTQ+ community

Illinois welcomes LGBTQ+ travelers with sights, spirit and culture. Stroll down Northalsted's Legacy Walk, the only outdoor LGBTQ+ history exhibit in the world. Support a LGBTQ+ friendly business. Then head outside Chicago to explore the vibrant charm of Galena, one of Illinois' many welcoming cities. Ride a hot air balloon or book a quaint B&B like Jail Hill Inn - ranked #1 in the U.S. and #2 in the world by Tripadvisor.



**3-5 days**  
**171mi**  
(Approx)





Many places have reopened with limited capacity, new operating hours or other restrictions. Inquire ahead of time for up-to-date health and safety information.

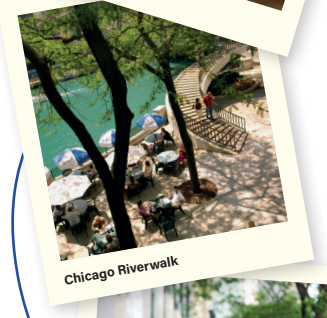
## Day 1-2 Chicago

Start your trip in **Northalsted**, Chicago's Proudest Neighborhood, and also the first officially recognized gay village in the United States. Start with the **Legacy Walk**, the only outdoor LGBTQ Museum in the world, which celebrates important LGBTQ contributions to world history and culture. Pick up lunch at **Ann Sather's** and do not skip the cinnamon roll! Make your way just north to the **Andersonville Galleria** to shop and check out work from some of Chicago's most interesting artisans. End the evening with drinks at **Sidetrack's** heated outdoor patio, and then get some well deserved rest at the **Best Western Plus Hawthorne Terrace Hotel**.

There is no better way to begin a day than with brunch. **D.S Tequila Co.** offers a boozy brunch with fresh Mexican and American fare on their patio. Afterward, stop by **KOVAL Distillery** for a tour and tasting of their locally famous whiskey and gin. In the summer, head down to Hollywood Beach to soak up the sun. Pro-tip: the south side of the beach is the fun side. Treat yourself to an outdoor dinner and show at the **Baton Show Lounge**, a legendary Chicago location for over 50 years that features food, fun and drag shows.

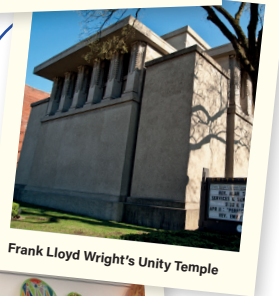
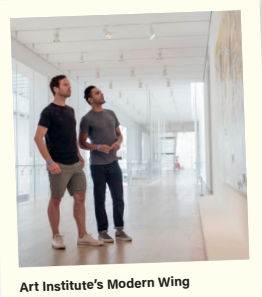
## Day 3 Chicago

Head south to Chicago's downtown for a full day of fun. Spend the morning strolling the **Chicago Riverwalk** and shopping on the famous **Magnificent Mile**. On the weekends, head over to the West Loop neighborhood to grab lunch at **The Publican** for modern food in a hip setting. In the afternoon, explore the **Art Institute's Modern Wing** or take an **architecture tour cruise** on the river. Confirm openings and availability before visiting. There are so many great hotels for you to stay downtown. **The Peninsula** is right off of the Mag Mile and offers a 5 star luxury experience. **The Kimpton Gray Hotel** is one of the Loop's newest hotels and offers modern finishes. **Virgin Hotels Chicago** is located right near the famous Chicago Theatre and is one of the City's best boutique hotels.



## Day 4 Oak Park

On your way out of Chicago, make sure to spend some time in Oak Park, one of Chicago's most historic and charming suburbs that sits just outside of city limits. Make sure to visit the **Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio**. Of all the Oak Park homes designed by Wright, perhaps the most important is the one he made for himself. Make another Wright stop at the **Unity Temple** and marvel at its beauty. Grab lunch outdoors at **FatDuck Tavern & Grill** and make sure to order some duck fat fries. Continue your day shopping at **Rare Bird Preserves**, not only do they make their tasty jams and jellies on site but you can also explore their homeware and gifts. Stop by the nearby town of Riverside to check out **Higgins Glass**, which makes one-of-a-kind handmade glass pieces. Order a fine-dining dinner to-go at **The Little Gem Cafe**. If you want to stay the night, the **Harvey House B&B** is close to everything Oak Park has to offer.





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## Day 5 Galena

Begin your day in Galena exploring the unique shops along the iconic **Main Street**. Make sure to stop at **Blaum Brothers Distilling** for a tour and tasting. If wine is more your speed, take an electric bike to **one of Galena's vineyards** and enjoy the scenery.

You can't leave Galena without embarking on a **hot air balloon ride**. Drift above the rolling landscapes of Jo Daviess county and the historic Galena countryside while taking in stunning views from your 3,000-foot-high perch. Confirm availability before arriving. Once you're back on solid ground, head to **Durty Gurt's** for lunch to-go, and be sure to order one of their creative burgers. Afterward, hop on a **trolley for a historic guided tour** of Galena. For dinner, check out the patio **Fritz & Frites Bistro**, a cozy restaurant serving European-style fare, or indulge in a steak dinner on the patio at **Fried Green Tomatoes**, located in a historic building with vintage character. Stop for a nightcap at **Miss Kitty's Grape Escape** and make sure to order one of their signature martinis.



Galena's Main Street



Blaum Brothers Distilling



Fried Green Tomatoes



Miss Kitty's Grape Escape



Inn at Irish Hollow



The Jail Hill Inn



Galena Hot Air Balloon Ride

Galena is known for their quaint accommodations. The **Aldrich Guest House** has been rated Galena's number one bed and breakfast and is known for its elegance and luxury. Old World charm meets modern amenities at the **Inn at Irish Hollow** where you can wake up to views of rolling hills and freshly prepared cuisine. **The Jail Hill Inn** overlooks downtown Galena and offers gracious lodging for the perfect getaway - in 2019 the Inn was ranked the number 1 B&B in the US and the number 2 in the world. Last, but certainly not least, is the **Goldmoor Inn**, a B&B that offers beautiful views of the Mississippi River and whirlpool suites with private fireplaces.



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