**DAY 1**

Start your day on a high-note with weekend jazz brunch at River Roast along the Chicago River, or head to Rockit Bar and Grill for live music Sunday brunch.

A must-do for every music lover is the Jazz, Blues and Beyond Tour by Chicago Detours. This tour covers Chicago’s deep musical legacy. Perhaps the most notable stop is Chess Records, the famous studio where the Rolling Stones were inspired to write “Satisfaction” and Etta James recorded “At Last”.

Keep the blues vibe going with a live music lunch at Buddy Guy’s Legends, while enjoying New Orleans-inspired grub.

Millennium Park and Grant Park are home to outdoor music and dance festivals May - September. Take a selfie with Cloud Gate aka “the Bean”, then listen to local and international artists at the Chicago Blues or Jazz Festivals. Have a picnic during the Grant Park Music Festival Series, or start moving and grooving at the House Music Festival or SummerDance.

Across the street is the Chicago Cultural Center where you’ll find free live performances each week, including classical concerts under the world’s largest Tiffany stained glass dome. The Chicago Greeters can give you a personal tour of Millennium Park, The River Walk, or the Cultural Center, and the best part… it’s free!

Several restaurants in Chicago offer dinner with live jazz. Tortoise Supper Club has an upscale rustic interior. Catch 35 overlooks the river and has excellent seafood.

After all that jazz, catch a Broadway in Chicago show at one of many theatres in Chicago’s Theatre District. For a refined experience, see a performance at the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

**DAY 2**

Begin with breakfast at Lou Mitchell’s, an iconic diner that has been family owned since 1923 and situated at the start of Route 66. If you have a large group, pre-book a buffet breakfast at the Hard Rock Café in River North.

For a closer look at Chicago’s storied musical theater past, do behind-the-scenes tours at the Chicago Theatre Marquee Tour or the Auditorium Theater.

During summer check out Castaway’s beachside bar at Chicago’s North Avenue Beach, featuring live DJ sets Friday – Sunday.

Just a block from the beach, visit the Chicago History Museum and step into an authentic recreation of a jazz-age club and learn about Chicago’s blues and jazz history.

Next, experience the historic Water Tower, home to the free City Gallery. Then cross the street to do some shopping at Water Tower Place, a shopping mall with over 110 stores. During lunch check out the Chicago Sports Museum inside Harry Cary’s 7th Inning Stretch restaurant. In the area you can see Chicago from soaring heights on top 360 Chicago observation deck.
End your night with a stop for some BBQ and live country music at Bub City or famed blues joint Kingston Mines, open 365 days a year until 4 a.m.! Other notables for live blues music are B.L.U.E.S. or Blue Chicago.

**DAY 3**

If you’re visiting on a Sunday, make sure to head to the House of Blues Gospel Brunch for an energy packed performance, where local talent performs traditional and contemporary gospel songs over breakfast.

For those who love to shop local boutiques or hunt for vintage vinyl, head to Wicker Park and Bucktown. Dusty Groove and Shuga Records have obscure and classic collections, while Reckless Records offers selections for a more mainstream audience.

A great option for an adventurous group is the Bizarre Bucktown Tour, a walking tour centered around the history, hauntings, scandals, and even taverns in the surrounding neighborhood.

For lunch try Big Star, a local favorite playing old school country music on vinyl and serving tex-mex style food. Another fun spot is Northside Bar & Grill, which hosts an open mic night on Wednesdays.

Nearby, The Empty Bottle is a favorite for indie sounds and local artists, with free shows on Monday nights. Davenport’s Piano Bar Cabaret has a name that speaks for itself. Near downtown, check out Howl at the Moon for a lively piano bar with a party vibe. Or head to The Hideout, a Prohibition-era bar featuring live music and dancing.

**DAY 4**

Start your day with a group buffet breakfast at Pinstripes near downtown. You can go bowling or play bocce-ball at this large dining and gaming establishment. Area Tip: Winter’s Jazz Club is a great new evening spot and located next door.

A must do is the Art Institute of Chicago. Home to the second largest collection of French Impressionist works in the world, as well as art from Andy Warhol, Picasso, Dalí, and so much more.

After your eyes have feasted, have lunch at Tesori, Seven Lions, or The Gage across the street. Then go shopping at Macy’s on State Street to find a classy outfit from top designers. While there, head to the Macy’s Visitor’s Center where the staff can answer questions about Chicago’s available tourism activities.

Next, take a seat at the Symphony Center, home to the world renowned Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Alternatively, if swing is your thing, Andy’s Jazz Club has live jazz seven nights a week.

From August to October, The Shedd Aquarium opens their doors on Wednesday nights for Jazzin’ at the Shedd. The event features live music, 32,000 aquatic animals, food and drink, and a spectacular view of Navy Pier fireworks.

Continue the night in the South Loop at one of the oldest clubs in Chicago, The Jazz Showcase.
DAY 5

If you’d like to eat breakfast at one of the most unique spots on the planet, book your group for “Breakfast on The Ledge” at Skydeck Chicago. You will have private access to dine on the tallest observation deck in North America.

Spend your day by taking the ‘L’ train to one of the many neighborhood festivals that take place throughout the year. In June check out Country Lake Shake, a country music festival on the shores of Lake Michigan. In July the Windy City Smokeout features barbeque from across the USA paired with the best country bands.

Throughout the summer and fall each of Chicago’s 77 neighborhoods has street festivals where you can experience local art vendors, food, and bands playing everything from rock or reggae, to house music or blues. Attending these festivals is free!

For EDM beats, head to Spring Awakening in Addams/Medill Park, or head to Chicago’s world renowned original music festival, Lollapalooza in August. Pitchfork is a great indie and hip-hop music festival each July, and Riot Fest in September is a hard rock fan’s Valhalla.

Want bizarre and amazing percussion? Book the Blue Man Group’s interactive show at the Briar Street Theater.

Before you go, make sure to check the schedules of popular concert venues like the Aragon Ballroom or United Center. On your way out, bow out like a rock star and get chauffeured back to the airport with Windy City Limousines, Metropolitan Limousine, Aries Charter, or M&M Limousine Service.
THEATER & MUSIC
Andy's Jazz Club
Aragon Ballroom
Auditorium Theatre
Blue Man Group
B.L.U.E.S.
Briar Street Theater
Broadway in Chicago
Buddy Guy’s
Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Davenport's Piano Bar Cabaret
Hard Rock Café
House of Blues
Howl at the Moon
Kingston Mines
Lyric Opera of Chicago
Reggie’s Chicago
Shuga Records
The Empty Bottle
The Hideout
The Jazz Showcase Winter’s Jazz Club

RESTAURANTS & SHOPPING
Big Star
Bub City
Castaways
Catch 35
Emerald Loop Bar & Grill
House of Blues Gospel Brunch
Lou Mitchell’s
Macy’s on State Street
Northside Bar & Grill
River Roast
Rockit Bar and Grill
Tesori, Pinstripes
The Gage Seven Lions
Tortoise Supper Club
Water Tower Place

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Lollapalooza
Millennium Park
Oktoberfest
Pitchfork
Spring Awakening
SummerDance
Riot Fest
Windy City Smokeout

TOURS
Aries Charter
Bizarre Bucktown Tour
Chicago Detours
Chicago Greeter’s
Metropolitan Limousine
M&M Limousine Service
Windy City Limousines

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