

## HISTORY

Chinese immigrants first began settling in

Chicago in the 1870s and began moving to the South side in the 1910s. During this era, Chinatown provided support and economic opportunity for its residents and began attracting visitors from nearby neighborhoods and far away places. The On Leong Merchants Association represented the community, assisted new immigrants, organized cultural events, and contributed to the thriving community it is today. You can see the Association's legacy still standing at the historical landmark **Pui Tak Center** (formerly On-Leong Merchants Association building). The building is known for its Chinese architecture, like the pagoda-style entrance and ornate roof, and used to be called "Chinatown City Hall".



Pui Tak Center

Chinatown saw more expansion in the 1990s with the creation of **Ping Tom Memorial Park** and **Chinatown Square**. Once an abandoned rail yard, the waterfront park is now a rolling green space that's an idyllic setting for walking, picnicking, and kayaking. The park also offers a stunning perspective of the city and the Chicago River. In the summer, people gather in the park to enjoy special events like concerts, dance performances, Shakespeare in the Park, movie screenings, and the annual Dragon Boat Race event.

## WHAT TO DO?

- Taste your way through Chinatown's most popular dishes. Head to **Phoenix, Imperial**, and **MingHin** for a delicious dim sum meal, taste authentic Chinese soup dumplings at **Hing Kee Restaurant**, or enjoy a late-night snack at **Ken Kee** or **Chi Café**.
- Watch the **Chinatown Lunar New Year Parade**, part of the neighborhood's Chinese New Year celebrations every winter.
- Grab a traditional mooncake or baked pork bun at **Chiu Quon**, the neighborhood's oldest bakery.
- Make a trip to **88 Market Place**, the largest Asian grocery store in Chicago. From sushi to Korean noodles, from BBQ to dim sum, you'll find something to your taste.



Shopping in Chinatown Square

## CULTURE

Chinatown's main stretch along Cermak Road and Wentworth Avenue is where you'll find retail, restaurants, detailed architecture, and more. Pop into the colorful storefronts to shop for exotic teas, handmade ceramics, hard-to-find beauty products, unique jewelry, and more.



Nine Dragon Wall

### FUN FACT

Every summer Ping Tom Memorial Park features **Chicago's Dragon Boat Race for Literacy** where dragon boat race teams compete in beautifully decorated dragon boats, each consisting of up to 20 members.

You shouldn't miss the **Nine Dragon Wall** on Cermak Road, near the Red Line and the entrance to Chinatown. Dragons are a central figure in ancient Chinese folklore, and the number nine is important in Chinese astrology. The jewel-toned artwork showcase nine awe-inspiring dragons and more than 500 smaller ones. And stop into **The ART Gallery** to view a curated selection of works by Asian artists.

## GETTING THERE

### BY CAR

Chinatown is conveniently located near the Loop. Head to E Jackson Blvd, take S Michigan Ave, and turn onto Archer Ave.

### BY WATER TAXI

This seasonal boat ferries visitors between Ping Tom Park from the Loop, making it an easy and scenic way to get to Chinatown in the warmer weather.

### BY TRAIN

Chinatown is serviced by two CTA lines: the Green and Red Lines.

Please confirm routes and schedules at [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)

### BY BUS

Several CTA lines service the Chinatown neighborhood: 21, 24, 62.

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### BY BIKE

Chinatown is a short bike ride away from the Loop. Turn onto Michigan Ave to State St and continue until you reach Cermak Rd.

# VISIT CHINATOWN



Ping Tom Park



Yao Yao



Chinatown Square

## CHINATOWN

Chicago's century-old Chinatown transports you straight to eastern Asia. As soon as you set foot in this historic neighborhood, you're in for the best kind of sensory overload. Stroll through elaborately adorned streets filled with traditional specialty shops, ornate architecture, storefronts packed with colorful wares and souvenirs, and family-owned restaurants with dishes you'll be craving long after you're home.

## INSIDER TIP

Your first tip—always come to Chinatown on an empty stomach. There's no shortage of places to eat, with restaurants representing regional styles from all over China. Dig into modern and authentic Chinese cuisine at **MCCB**, enjoy Cantonese specialties at **Evergreen Restaurant**, warm up with a sizzling hotpot at **Shoo Loong Kan Hot Pot**, or enjoy classic dim sum at **Ming Hin**. These are just a few examples — your options are truly endless.

For more info on this and other neighborhoods:



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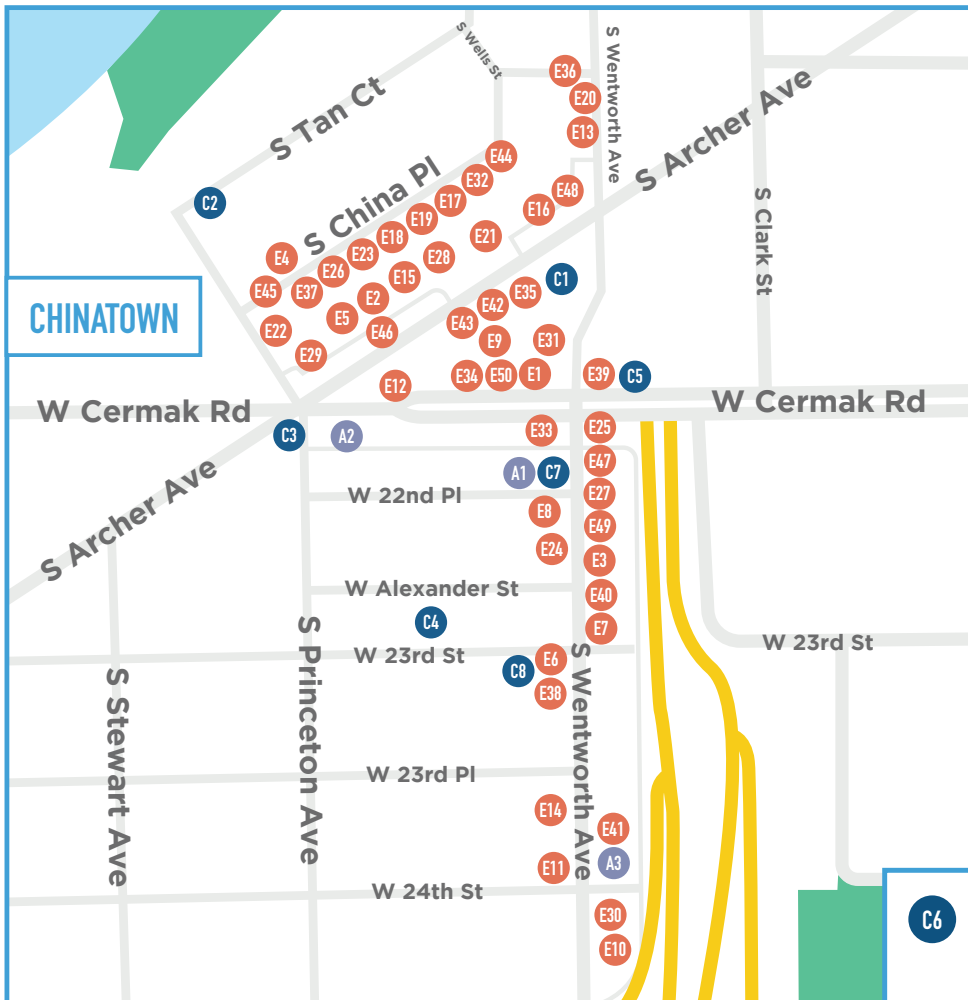
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## ART, CULTURE, + ENTERTAINMENT

<b>Chinatown Library</b> 2100 S Wentworth Ave .....	<b>C1</b>
<b>Chinese American Service League</b> 2141 S Tan Ct .....	<b>C2</b>
<b>Chinese Americans Veterans Memorial</b> .....	<b>C3</b>
S Archer Ave	
<b>Chinese-American Museum of Chicago</b> .....	<b>C4</b>
238 W 23rd St	
<b>Nine Dragon Wall</b> 170 W Cermak Rd .....	<b>C5</b>
<b>Ping Tom Memorial Park</b> 1700 S Wentworth Ave .....	<b>C6</b>
<b>Pui Tak Center</b> 2216 S Wentworth Ave .....	<b>C7</b>
<b>The ART Gallery</b> 211 W 23rd St .....	<b>C8</b>

## EAT + DRINK

<b>Ahjoomah's Apron Korean Restaurant</b> .....	<b>E1</b>
218 W Cermak Rd	
<b>Barbecue King House 皇上皇</b> 2148 S Archer Ave .....	<b>E2</b>
<b>Best Bar 醉好酒吧</b> 2233 S Wentworth Ave .....	<b>E3</b>
<b>BonChon Chicago</b> 2163 S China Pl #1F .....	<b>E4</b>
<b>Chi Café 旺角</b> 2160 S Archer Ave .....	<b>E5</b>
<b>China Cafe 開飯</b> 2300 S Wentworth Ave .....	<b>E6</b>
<b>Chiu Quon Bakery 超群餅家</b> 2253 S Wentworth Ave ..	<b>E7</b>
<b>Daguan Noodle 大官米线</b> 2230 S Wentworth Ave .....	<b>E8</b>
<b>Dongpo Impression 东坡印象</b> 228 W Cermak Rd .....	<b>E9</b>
<b>Evergreen Restaurant 翠亨村</b> .....	<b>E10</b>
2411 S Wentworth Ave	
<b>Friend BBQ</b> 2358 S Wentworth Ave .....	<b>E11</b>
<b>Golden Bull Restaurant 金牛苑</b> 242 W Cermak Rd ..	<b>E12</b>
<b>Great Hunan Cuisine Restaurant 湘鄉香</b> .....	<b>E13</b>
2002 S Wentworth Ave, #100	
<b>Happy Lamb Hot Pot 快樂小羊</b> .....	<b>E14</b>
2342 S Wentworth Ave	
<b>Hing Kee Restaurant</b> 2140 S Archer Ave .....	<b>E15</b>
<b>Imperial</b> 2104 S Archer Ave .....	<b>E16</b>
<b>Ichiban Candy &amp; Snacks 優之良品</b> 2117A S. China Place .....	<b>E17</b>
<b>Joy Yee Noodle 祖瑣面家</b> 2139 S China Pl .....	<b>E18</b>
<b>Ken Kee Restaurant Hong Kong 強記茶餐廳</b> .....	<b>E19</b>
2129 S China Pl	
<b>King KTV 皇朝KTV</b> 2002 S. Wentworth Ave .....	<b>E20</b>
<b>Kung Fu Tea 功夫茶</b> 2126B S Archer Ave .....	<b>E21</b>
<b>Lao Sze Chuan</b> 2172 S Archer Ave .....	<b>E22</b>
<b>Lee Wing Wah Restaurant 利榮華</b> 2147 S China Pl .....	<b>E23</b>
<b>Legend Tasty House 傳奇美食屋</b> .....	<b>E24</b>
2242 S Wentworth Ave	
<b>Liuyishou Hot Pot Chicago</b> 2215 S Wentworth Ave .....	<b>E25</b>
<b>Mango Mango Dessert</b> 2161 S China Pl 2nd Fl .....	<b>E26</b>
<b>Mayflower Chinese Restaurant 好世界</b> .....	<b>E27</b>
2225 S Wentworth Ave	
<b>MCCB Chicago 时尚食谱</b> 2138 S Archer Ave .....	<b>E28</b>
<b>MingHin Cuisine 名軒</b> 2168 S Archer Ave .....	<b>E29</b>
<b>Mrs Gu Skewers Hot Pot 顧大姐串串香火鍋</b> .....	<b>E30</b>
2407 S Wentworth Ave	
<b>Nine Bar 九吧</b> 216 W Cermak Rd .....	<b>E31</b>
<b>New Great Wall BBQ</b> 2127 S China Pl .....	<b>E32</b>
<b>Original Triple Crown Restaurant 星光酒家</b> .....	<b>E33</b>
211 W 22nd Pl	



DISCOVER  
MORE



- C1 ART & CULTURE**
- E1 EAT & DRINK**
- A1 ACCOMMODATIONS**

**C6 Ping Tom Memorial Park**  
at the intersection of  
S Wentworth & W 18th St

## EAT + DRINK

<b>Phở Cafe 越南粉</b> 232 W Cermak Rd .....	<b>E34</b>
<b>Phoenix Restaurant 萬濠</b> 2131 S Archer Ave .....	<b>E35</b>
<b>Qing Xiang Yuan Dumpling 青香苑</b> .....	<b>E36</b>
2002 S Wentworth Ave #103	
<b>Saint's Alps Teahouse and Gourmet 仙跡岩</b> .....	<b>E37</b>
2157 S China Pl	
<b>Seven Treasures Restaurant 七宝粥面饭店</b> .....	<b>E38</b>
2312 S Wentworth Ave	
<b>Shoo Loong Kan Hot Pot 小龍坎火鍋</b> .....	<b>E39</b>
2201 S Wentworth Ave 1FL	
<b>Slurp Slurp Noodles 林记兰州手拉面</b> .....	<b>E40</b>
2247 S Wentworth Ave	
<b>Spicy Grandma Kitchen</b> 2353 S Wentworth Ave .....	<b>E41</b>
<b>Strings Ramen Shop</b> 2141 S Archer Ave .....	<b>E42</b>
<b>Sushi Plus Rotary Sushi Bar 回轉壽司</b> .....	<b>E43</b>
2131 S Archer Ave	

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<b>Tan Lu 探炉</b> 2101 S China Pl .....	<b>E44</b>
<b>Te'amo Boba Bar 享茶</b> 2169 S China Pl, Unit B .....	<b>E45</b>
<b>Tous les Jours 多樂之日</b> 2144 S Archer Ave Unit A .....	<b>E46</b>
<b>Triple Crown Restaurant 大三元酒家</b> .....	<b>E47</b>
2217 S Wentworth Ave	
<b>Veggie House 聚緣齋</b> 2109A S. China Place .....	<b>E48</b>
<b>Wentworth Seafood House 味道坊</b> .....	<b>E49</b>
2229 S Wentworth Ave	
<b>Yao Yao</b> 230 W Cermak Rd .....	<b>E50</b>

## ACCOMMODATIONS

<b>Chinatown Hotel 華埠賓館</b> 214 W 22nd Pl .....	<b>A1</b>
<b>Jaslin Hotel 杰林酒店</b> 261 W Cermak Rd .....	<b>A2</b>
<b>Springhill Suites by Marriott Chicago Chinatown</b> ....	<b>A3</b>
2357 S Wentworth Ave	