# HISTORY

Uptown's cultural history is unique. The neighborhood was a booming

nightlife district in the 1920s and 1930s, with a thriving jazz scene that took off during Prohibition. The area's renaissance has seen a number of its old-school movie houses and Art Deco buildings restored to their former glory.



**Graceland Cemetery** 

Undoubtedly, you have to stop for a drink at the storied Green Mill; this 100-year-old jazz club still has the same sultry feel of its Prohibition heyday. Grab a seat in the booth at the end of the bar — it was the regular spot for famous gangster Al Capone.

In its early days, German and Swedish farmers populated the area. It soon attracted developers who created some of the neighborhood's historic architecture that is still preserved today, like those homes found on **Hutchinson Street**. For another look at the neighborhood's historic architecture, visit the scenic Graceland Cemetery, a Victorian oasis of art. architecture, and landscape design that's one of the city's hidden gems. Since then, there has been an influx of new neighbors from many different cultures over the years. Today, Uptown remains one of the city's most ethnically diverse neighborhoods, welcoming immigrants and refugees from across the globe.

# WHAT TO DO?

 Take your pick from indie rock, salsa concerts, drag shows, and more across Uptown's exciting clubs and theaters. You'll find two of the city's most popular concert venues just a few steps away from each other —



The Riviera

The Riviera and the historic Aragon Ballroom both offer a packed calendar of music and events all year long. Down the street, The Baton Show Lounge has been an iconic drag venue in Chicago for over 50 years. You'll find live shows there every night of the week. Or check out Carol's Pub, a laidback spot for live country and western music that was founded by Appalachian migrants.

- Discover authentic African dishes through traditional recipes at the many restaurants featuring cuisine from the East and West sides of the continent, like **Demera Ethiopian** Restaurant or Iyanze Bar & Cafe.
- Spend a day in the sun at Montrose Beach, featuring a waterfront restaurant and bar. Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary, and dog beach.
- Visit one of Arayle's can't miss spots for foodies including traditional Vietnamese dishes at **Pho Viet** and flavorful Thai in a cozy atmosphere at Immm Rice & Beyond.
- Catch a show at the Black Ensemble Theater!

# **CULTURE**

The community area of Uptown is home to several districts- each with its own history. flavor, and character. Added together, they make Uptown a "city within a city."

### ASIA ON ARGYLE

On Argyle Street and the surrounding blocks, vou'll

find a treasure trove of Southeast Asian eateries, with restaurants serving up sushi, dim sum, banh mi, pho, and more. One local favorite is James Beard Awardwinning Sun Wah BBQ, where the Beijing duck dinner is an off-menu hit.



BUENA PARK

Tucked between Lake

Michigan and Graceland Cemetery, Buena Park is a tight-knit community and nationally recognized historic district popular for its many tree-lined blocks and Prairie-style historic mansions.

#### MARGATE PARK, LAKESIDE, CLARENDON PARK, AND THE LAKEFRONT

Facing Lake Michigan, this area is home to Montrose Beach, which features an accessible beach walk for dog owners and bird watchers. The beach also has kayak and volleyball rentals, and a bar restaurant that has live performances on weekends.

SHERIDAN PARK

Sheridan Park is centered at the corner of Wilson and Broadway and is known for its historic homes

and many small businesses. Chicago's 50-year-old Pride Parade lines up in this district ahead of its two-mile march south.

UPTOWN SQUARE

Uptown's long and colorful history as an entertainment destination is located at the intersection of Broadway and Lawrence Avenue.

ANDERSONVILLE & EAST RAVENSWOOD Uptown contains a portion of the Andersonville business district on Clark Street south of Foster Avenue, including

several LGBTQ+ bars and the Chicago Magic Lounge. The East Ravenswood portion of Uptown extends west to the Metra. making the neighborhood even more accessible for visitors.

## **GETTING THERE**

#### **BY TRAIN**

Uptown can be reached by three CTA lines: the Brown, Red, and **Purple Lines. Confirm** routes and schedules at transitchicago.com. You can also visit via the Metra Electric line (UP-N) to the Ravenswood Station.

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#### BY CAR

Uptown is conveniently located off Jean Baptiste Point DuSable Lake Shore Drive on the lakefront. Travel north from the Loop to Montrose, Wilson, Lawrence, or Foster.

#### BY BIKE

The Lakefront Trail, which stretches to the Far North Side providing car-free biking across the length of the city, extends to Uptown. Take (U.S. Bicycle Route 37) to Wilson Ave.

### BY BUS

Several CTA lines service the Uptown neighborhood: 9, 22, 36, 78, 81, 92, 135, 136, 146, 147, 148, 151.

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Uptown is where Chicago's rich history as an entertainment destination and proud immigrant communities meet. The area has a long legacy as an entertainment hot spot, with iconic venues that have drawn some of the biggest names in music for almost a century. Today, the neighborhood's many vintage theaters and old-school jazz clubs are interspersed with a dynamic array of global cuisine. While the area has become known for its wealth of Asian dining options, you'll find restaurants representing a mix of cultures from all over the globe.

**INSIDER TIPS** 

On Thursday evenings in July and August, Argyle Night Market fills

Argyle between Kenmore and Sheridan with vendors, live entertainment, and cultural performances. Slide into The Green Mill any Saturday year-round at 3:00 PM for The Paper Machete, a free 21+ comedic "live magazine" featuring a rotating cast sharing hot takes from that week's news cycle.

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#### ART, CULTURE, & ENTERTAINMENT Black Ensemble Theater 4450 N Clark St. A1 Byline Bank Aragon Ballroom 1106 W Lawrence Ave. .A2 Carol's Pub 4659 N Clark St. Α4 Chicago Magic Lounge 5050 N Clark St. Chicago Center for Photojournalism 1226 W Wilson ... A5 Green Mill Cocktail Lounge 4802 N Broadway. Hatian American Museum of Chicago 4410 N Clark St..... A7 **Hutchinson Street Historic District** .A8 600 - 900 W. Hutchinson Le Nocturne 4810 N Broadway A9 A10 PrideArts 4139 N Broadway. .A11 Riviera Theater 4746 N Racine Ave. A12 Swedish American Museum 5211 N Clark St. A13 The Baton Show Lounge 4713 N Broadway.

Uptown Gallery 4802 N Broadway Suite 202.

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### **FOOD & BEVERAGE**

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Ba Le Sandwiches 5014 N Broadway	F2
Café Hoang 1020 W Argyle St	F3
Chiu Quon Bakery 1127 W Argyle St	F4
DaNang Kitchen 1019 W Argyle St	F5
Demera Ethopian Restaurant 4801 N Broadway	F6
Don Pablo's Kitchen and Bakeshop 1007 W Argyle St	F7
El Rincon de Fabio 1002 W Argyle St	F8
Fat Cat 4840 N Broadway	F9
Fat Miilk 5018 N Broadway	F10
First Sip Cafe 1057 W Argyle St	F1
Furama Restaurant 4936 N Broadway	F12
Gigio's Pizzeria 4643 N Broadway	
Golden House Restaurant & Pancake House	F14
4744 N Broadway	
Hon Kee Restaurant 5009 N Winthrop Ave	
Honeymoon Cafe 1138 W Argyle St	
Hopleaf Bar 5148 N Clark St	
Immm Rice & Beyond 4949 N Broadway	
In-On Thai 4641 N Broadway	
Iyanze Bar And Cafe 4623 N Broadway	
Kie-Gol-Lanee 5004 N Sheridan Rd	
La Pâtisserie P 1050-52 W Argyle St	
Lao Sze Chuan 4832 N Broadway	
Loving Heart Vegan Cafe 838 W Montrose Ave	
Lucy's 4570 N Broadway Ave	
Millie's Pizza 1005 W Argyle St	
Munno 4656 N Clark St	
Nha Hang Viet Nam Restaurant 1032 W Argyle St	
North Buena Deli & Wine 4200 N Broadway	
Phở Việt 4941 N Broadway	
Rakkan Ramen 4926 N Broadway	
Ragadan 4409 N Broadway	
Rayan Liquors 4559 N Clark St	F34



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Selam Ethiopian Kitchen 4543 N Broadway	F35
Sephardic Sisters 313 W Wilson Ave	F36
Sun Wah BBQ 5039 N Broadway	F37
Tai Nam Market 4925 N Broadway	F38
<b>Thai Pastry</b> 4925 N Broadway Unit E	F39
The Mukase 1363 W Wilson Ave	F40
The Reservoir 844 W Montrose Ave	. F41
Tiztal Cafe 4631 N Clark St	F42
Tweet 5020 N Sheridan Rd	F43
Uptown Lounge 1136 W Lawrence Ave	.F44

### PARKS, BEACHES & GARDENS

Arai Campus Park 910 W Leland Ave	. P1
Buttercup Park 4901 N Sheridan Rd	P2

### PARKS, BEACHES & GARDENS

Chase Park 4701 N Ashland Ave	P3
Graceland Cemetery 4001 N Clark St	P4
Montrose Avenue Beach 4400 N Lake Shore Dr	P5
Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary	P6
4400 N Lakeshore Drive	
St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery 4901 N Clark St Winthrop Family Historical Garden 4628 N Winthrop	

### **SERVICES**

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