



THINGS TO DO NEAR ★ McCORMICK PLACE ★

Chicago's **McCormick Place**, the largest exhibition and meeting facility in North America, is surrounded by exciting entertainment, trendy restaurants, and cool breweries in the historic **South Loop neighborhood**. Plus, check out fascinating local museums and cultural destinations like nearby **Chinatown**.

Not far from McCormick Place, the lakefront **Chicago Museum Campus** is home to some of the city's top museums. **Field Museum** is one of the largest natural history museums in the world, the **Shedd Aquarium** is home to thousands of aquatic animals, and the **Adler Planetarium** transports visitors to the furthest reaches of outer space.

The historic **Chess Records** played an outsized role in the city's legendary blues scene, working with some of the era's most influential musicians. Today, the space is a museum and gallery dedicated to Chicago's blues history.

Nearby **Soldier Field** is home to exciting events throughout the year, including **Chicago Bears** games, **Chicago Fire** games, and top concerts.

Head to the **Lakefront Trail** for the best views of the city skyline and blue waters of Lake Michigan. Take a leisurely walk or rent a Divvy bike to cover more ground. Stop by the **McCormick Bird Sanctuary** to admire the local wildlife.

Chinese tradition and contemporary culture collide to create Chicago's historic **Chinatown neighborhood**. The main thoroughfare is lined with unique shops, family-owned restaurants, and unique architecture. And **Ping Tom Memorial Park** is a scenic green space on the Chicago River.



Also nearby, Chicago's historic **Bronzeville neighborhood** is known as the city's "Black Metropolis", brimming with historic landmarks, scenic lakeshore, contemporary galleries, and trending restaurants.

Chicago is the birthplace of improv, so be sure to grab tickets to see a show while you're in town. In the South Loop, **The Revival** offers a variety of comedy sketch and improv performances throughout the year.

Lips Chicago is the first Midwest location of the dazzling drag show-and-dinner venue. The candy-colored South Loop location features a big, sparkling stage and roomy aisles for the glamorous drag queens to sashay down.



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BREWERIES AND BARS

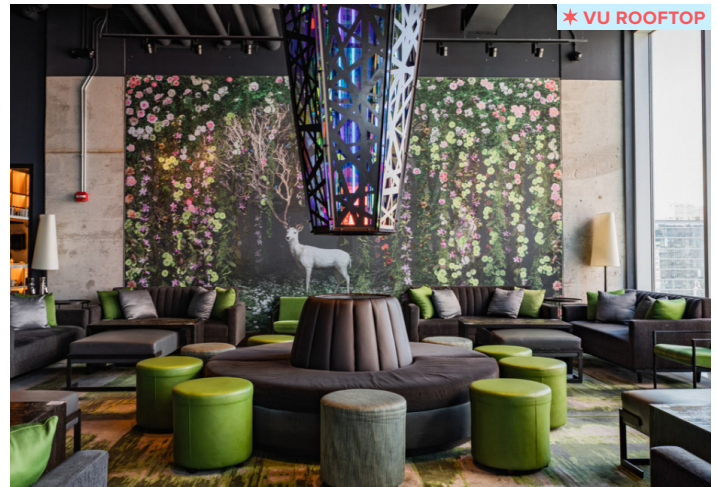
For something truly one-of-a-kind, stop by **Duneyrr Microbrewery** for a taste of their Nordic-inspired creations. The welcoming taproom is the perfect spot to relax with a pint of an experimental brew, like a mixed-culture wild ale and beer co-fermented with wine. Or get a flight and try them all.

Moody Tongue Brewing Company is one of the city's most acclaimed breweries, known for their culinary-inspired beers. You can sample their latest creations in The Bar or try the fine dining experience in The Dining Room, which has been awarded two Michelin stars.

Fatpour Tap Works McCormick is named for its hearty 22-ounce pours, is a sleek, two-story brewpub. Fatpour features a variety of craft beers on tap paired with elevated pub fare that ranges from wood-fired pizza to cowboy ribeye steak.

In nearby Chinatown, **Nine Bar** serves a variety of creative cocktails infused with nods to Chinese culture. The food also plays off traditional Chinese cuisine but brings a modern twist — think mapo hot fries, ube egg tarts, and a “McKatsu” sandwich.

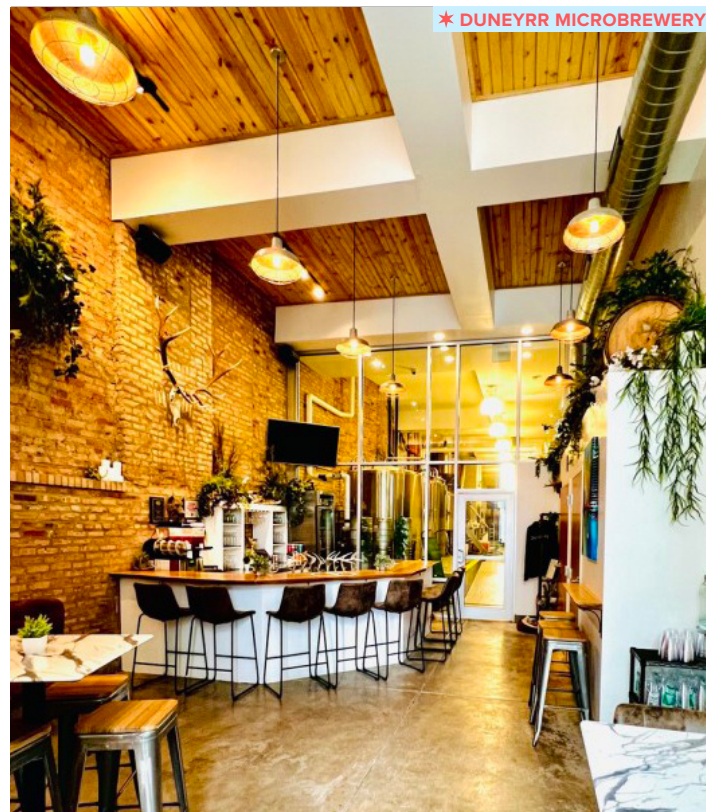
Also check out: **Reggies**, **VU Rooftop**, and **Buddy Guys Legends**.



★ VU ROOFTOP



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RESTAURANTS

Apolonia specializes in coastal European and Mediterranean dishes. Wines are sourced from around the globe, and custom-blended Apolonia vermouth is offered on tap.

For a memorable brunch experience, **Brûlée** brings refined Southern cuisine to Chicago's South Loop. Located just minutes from McCormick Place, this elevated dining destination serves everything from signature brunch favorites to handcrafted cocktails — all with a modern take on Southern hospitality.

Located just steps from McCormick Place is **Il Culaccino**, which melds traditional and modern Italian favorites.

Haidilao, the largest hot pot chain in China, has opened a Chicago outpost in the South Loop. The restaurant serves Szechuan hot pot, where guests cook their own meat and vegetables in a rich, boiling broth.

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