



CSL RESTAURANT HOT LIST

AMERICAN

Blackbird – 619 West Randolph Street/ Chicago, IL 60661/ 312.715.0708/ L: M-F 11:30a-2p; D: Su-Th 5p-10p; F & Sa 5p-11p. Sophisticated contemporary American cuisine showcasing farm-fresh ingredients.

NoMi Kitchen-800 North Michigan Avenue (Park Hyatt)/ Chicago, IL 60611/ 312.239.4030/ M-F 6:30a-12a, Sa & Su 7a-12a. Inside the Park Hyatt, this elegant spot with an outdoor garden serves inventive New American food.

North Pond-2610 North Cannon Drive/ Chicago, IL 60614/ 773.477.5845/ Tu-Sa 5:30p-9p, Su 10:30a-1:15p & 5:30p-9p. Modern, creative American fare made with local ingredients in a peaceful locale inside Lincoln Park.

ITALIAN

Monteverde-1020 West Madison Street/ Chicago, IL 60607/ 312.888.3041/ Tu-Sa 5p-11p, Su 4p-9p. Stylish spot serving refined, contemporary Italian fare such as fresh pastas, plus global wines.

Piccolo Sogno-464 North Halsted Street/ Chicago, IL 60642/ 312.421.0077/ M-Th 11:30a-2:30p & 5:30p-10:30p, Fr 11:30a-2:30p & 5:30p-11p, Sa 5p-11p, Su 5:30p-10p. Rustic Italian fare, including pizza from a wood-burning oven, a vast wine list & garden setting.

Riccardo Trattoria- 2119 North Clark Street/ Chicago, IL 60614/ 773.549.0038/ Daily 5p-10p. Cozy, casual restaurant with breathtaking, traditional Italian dishes.

SEAFOOD

Eddie V's Prime Seafood-521 North Rush Street/ Chicago, IL 60611/ 312.595.1114/ Su-Th 4p-11p, Fr & Sa 4p-12a. Elegant fine-dining chain with a seafood & steak menu, plus cocktail lounge featuring live jazz.

GT Fish&Oyster-531 North Wells/ Chicago, IL 60654/ 312.929.3501/ M-Th 11:30a-11p, Fr 11:30a-12a, Sa 10a-12a, Su 10a-11p. Lively modern space pairing inventive shared plates with creative cocktails.

Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab-60 East Grand Avenue/ Chicago, IL 60611/ 312.379.5637/ M-Th 11:30a-11p, Fr & Sa 11:30a-12a, Su 11a-10:30p. Classic steak & seafood fare, including signature stone crab claws, served by a tuxedo-clad staff.

STEAK

Bavette's Bar & Boeuf-218 West Kinzie Street/ Chicago, IL 60654/ 312.624.8154/ M-Th 5p-11:30p, Fr & Sa 5p-12:30a, Su 5p-10:30p. Upscale steakhouse with a New American menu in an ornate, dimly lit wood & brick setting.

Chicago Cut-300 North LaSalle Street/ Chicago, IL 60654/ 312.329.1800/ M-Fr 7a-2a, Sa & Su 10a-2a. Stylish modern steakhouse with a patio overlooking the river & iPad wine list.

Maple & Ash-8 West Maple Street/ Chicago, IL 60610/ 312.944.8888/ Su-W 5p-10p, Th-Sa 5p-11p. Posh, white-tablecloth steakhouse & seafood eatery with a choice wine list & a martini lounge.

INDIAN

Chicago Curry House-899 South Plymouth Court/ Chicago, IL 60605/ 312.362.9999. Open daily 10:30a-9:45p. Indian-Nepalese cuisine, including a lunch buffet, served in an elegant setting.

Cumin-1414 North Milwaukee Avenue/ Chicago, IL 60622/ 773.342.1414/ Tu-Fr 11:30a-10p, Sa & Su 11:30a-3p & 5p-10p, M 5p-10p. Casual Indian & Nepalese spot in a sleek space with hardwood floors, a full bar and a lunch buffet.

Jaipur-847 West Randolph Street/ Chicago, IL 60607/ 312.526.3655/ Open daily 5p-9:30p. White-tablecloth eatery with traditional Indian cuisine & an all-you-can-eat set menu at lunchtime.

JAPANESE

Roka Akor-456 North Clark Street/ Chicago, IL 60654/ 312.477.7652/ L: M-Fr 11:30a-2:30p, D: Su-W 5p-11p, Th-Sa 5p-12a. Japanese steakhouse cuisine from the robata grill with sushi and a vibrant bar scene in a sleek space.

Slurping Turtle-116 West Hubbard Street/ Chicago, IL 60614/ 312.464.0466/ Open Su-Th 11:30a-10p, Fr & Sa 11:30a-11p. Casual Japanese comfort-food spot serving noodles, sashimi & grilled dishes plus beer, wine & sake.

Sumi Robata Bar-702 North Wells Street/ Chicago, IL 60654/ 312.988.7864/ L: M-Fr 11:30a-2:30p. D: M-W 5p-11p, Th-Sa 5p-12a. Japanese grill serving robata and sashimi plus bottled cocktails & sake in a modern minimalist space.

MEXICAN

Big Star-1531 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622/ 773.235.4039/Daily Su-F 11:30a-2a, Sa 11:30a-3a. Gourmet tacos, margaritas and lots of bourbon fuel a lively hipster scene at this cash-only hangout.

De Cero- 816 West Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60607/ 312.455.8114/ L: M-Fr 1130-1400 D: M-Fr 4:30p-10p, Sa 11:30a-11p. This cantina-meets-warehouse serves a menu of gourmet Mexican eats, margaritas and other drinks.

Mexique-1529 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642/ 312.850.0288/L:Tu-Fr 11a-3p, Sa & Su 10a-3p D: Tu-Fr 5p-10p, Sa & Su 5p-11p. Lively eatery serving French-inspired Mexican fare plus weekend brunch in a clean-lined space.

THAI

Aroy Thai-4654 North Damen Avenue/ Chicago, IL 60625/ 773.275.8360/ We-Mo 11a-10p. Casual neighbourhood BYOB restaurant serving traditional Thai favourites in a modest space.

Cozy Noodles & Rice-3456 North Sheffield Avenue/ Chicago, IL 60657/ 773.327.0100/ Su-Th 11a-10p, Fr & Sa 11a-10:30p. Small, warm, whimsical Thai restaurant decorated with classic toys & serving noodles, curry & more.

Tac Quick-3930 North Sheridan Road/ Chicago, IL 60613/ 773.327.5253/ W-Sa 11a-10p, Su 11a-9:30p, M 11a-10p. Northern Thai restaurant in a modern space with sidewalk seating and a "secret" menu.

VEGETARIAN

Beatrix-519 North Clark Street/ Chicago, IL 60654/ 312.284.1377/ Open daily 6a-12a. Modern, all-day venue combining an American eatery, wine & cocktail bar & a bakery/café.

Lula Café-2537 North Kedzie Avenue/ Chicago, IL 60647/ 773.489.9554/ W & Th 9a-10p, Fr & Sa 9a-11p, Su & Mo 9a-10p. Inventive, market-driven food in a casual, funky space that hosts an especially popular brunch.

Mana Food Bar-1742 West Division Street/ Chicago, IL 60622/ 773.342.1742/ M-Th 4p-10p, Fr 4p-11p, Sa 12p-11p, Su 3p-9p. Trendy, intimate spot with global vegetarian/vegan food, smoothies, sake cocktails & sidewalk seats.