

Chicago Relocation Starter Guide

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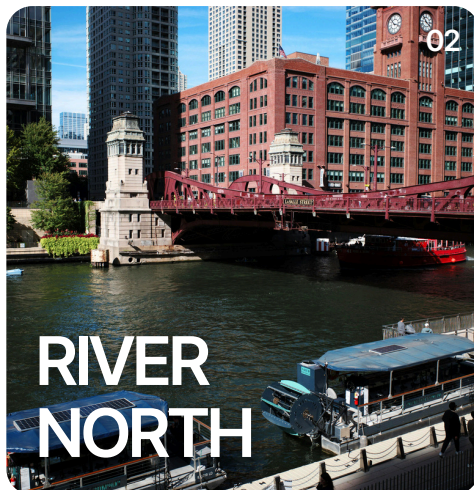
A quick guide to settling in and feeling at home

Welcome to Chicago



Whether you're here for a short-term assignment or an extended stay, Chicago offers vibrant neighborhoods, world-class dining, and easy access to work and play. This guide covers the essentials to help you get oriented quickly and comfortably.

Neighborhood Guide



Chicago is a city of neighborhoods — each with its own personality.

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Downtown & River North

Ideal for those who want to be in the center of it all. This area offers excellent walkability, quick access to major offices, top dining and nightlife, and convenient public transit connections across the city.

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West Loop & Fulton Market

A favorite for professionals seeking a modern, energetic neighborhood. Known for award-winning restaurants, newer residential buildings, and proximity to major employers, it balances workday convenience with an active social scene.

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Streeterville & Gold Coast

Perfect for those seeking lakefront access and a refined city lifestyle. Neighborhoods offer upscale shopping, cultural institutions, walkable streets, and easy access to downtown offices, medical centers, and the lakefront path.

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Lincoln Park, Old Town & Lakeview

Best for a more residential feel without sacrificing city access. Neighborhoods feature tree-lined streets, local shops, parks, and direct lake access, making them popular for longer stays and those seeking a quieter environment.

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South Loop

A well-connected neighborhood offering a balance of downtown access and residential calm. With proximity to the Loop, lakefront, museums, and strong transit links, it's ideal for professionals and longer stays looking for convenience and comfort.

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Suburban Options

Best for extended stays, families, or commuters. Suburban locations offer additional space, convenient parking, access to top school districts, and reliable Metra connections into the city.

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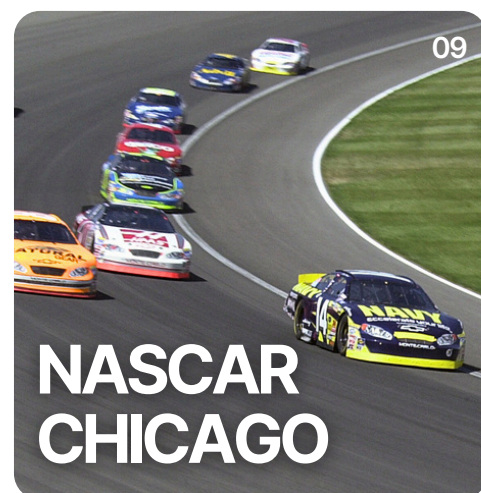
Top Chicago Attractions




Whether it's your first time in the city or you're returning for an extended stay, these spots are worth experiencing.

 **Local Tip:** Many museums offer free days throughout the year — check their websites for more information.

Top Chicago Events



Chicago draws visitors year-round with these standout experiences.

 **Local Tip:** Big event weekends mean higher demand for housing, restaurants, and parking. Booking early and using public transit can make the experience much smoother.

Getting Around the City

Chicago is easy to navigate without a car, but flexible enough if you have one

Chicago is easy to navigate using the CTA “**L**” **trains** and **buses**, which connect most neighborhoods to downtown. The **Metra** provides quick access from suburbs, and rideshare (Uber or Lyft) or bike-share are widely available and convenient for short trips.

If you drive, most areas have street **metered parking**, and many buildings offer **garage** options. Combining transit with occasional driving is often the easiest way to get around.

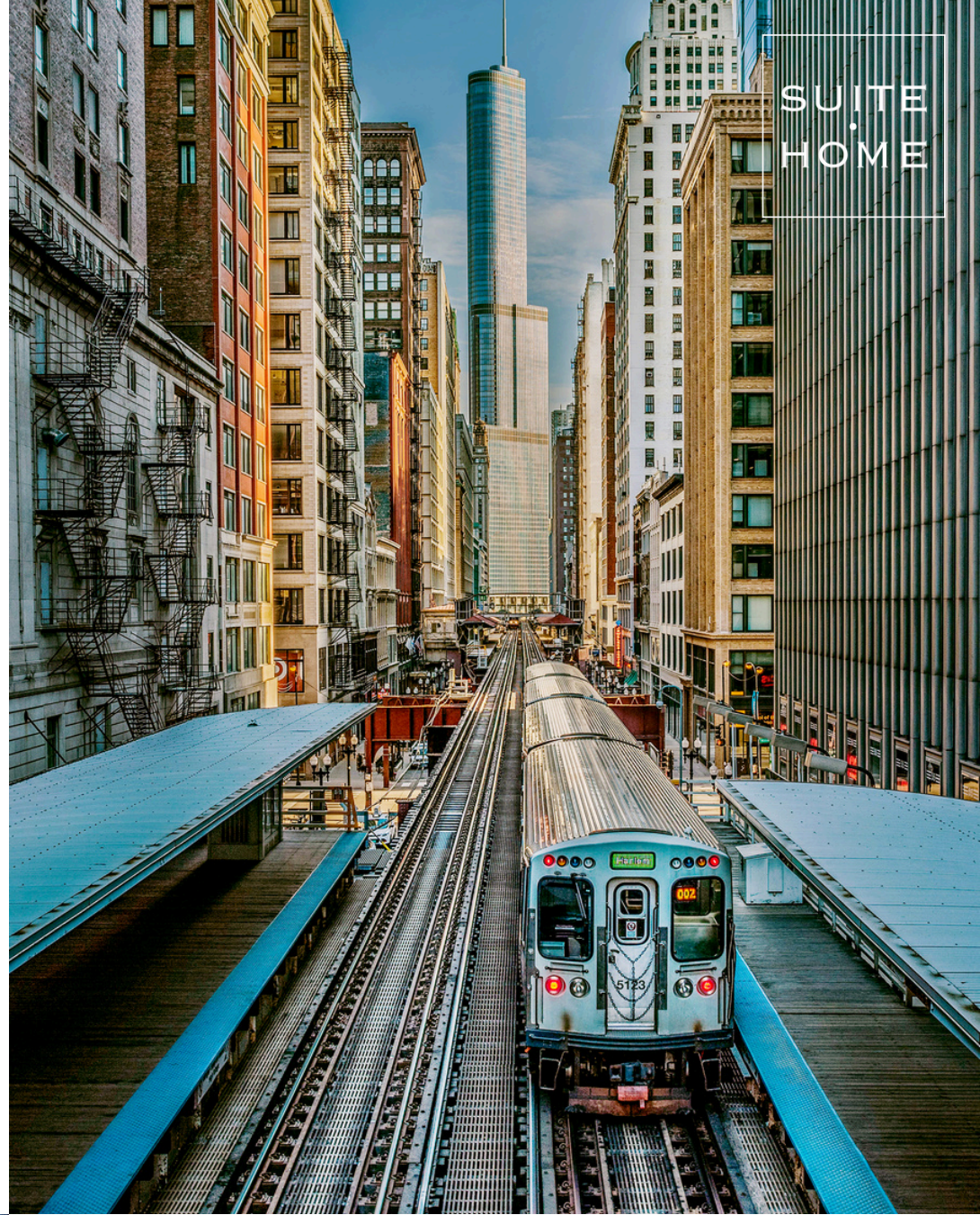


 **Local Tip:** Download the Park Chicago App to easily pay for parking.

The “L” System

The trains are known as the “L” and each line is named by a color. These trains connect downtown with neighborhoods across the city and also go to both airports — the Blue Line to O’Hare and the Orange Line to Midway. Trains are usually the fastest option for longer distances.

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CTA Buses

Chicago’s bus system covers areas between train lines and runs along most major streets. Routes are numbered and typically follow straight paths across the city’s grid. Bus stops are marked with signs on street corners, and many stops have digital trackers or posted schedules.

[View How-To-Guide: Riding the Bus →](#)

TIPS & TRICKS

USE THE PEDWAY:

CHICAGO HAS AN UNDERGROUND INDOOR WALKWAY SYSTEM CALLED THE PEDWAY THAT CONNECTS PARTS OF DOWNTOWN, IT'S ESPECIALLY HELPFUL IN WINTER

TRANSIT HACK:

ADD YOUR VENTRA CARD TO YOUR APPLE WALLET, JUST TAP YOUR PHONE & GO!

NAVIGATING THE CITY:

CHICAGO'S STREETS FOLLOW A GRID FROM STATE & MADISON, SO EVERY ADDRESS SHOWS HOW FAR NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, OR WEST IT IS.

TOP DINING SPOTS

PIZZA:

LOU MALNATI'S, PEQUOD'S PIZZA, CHICAGO PIZZA AND OVEN GRINDER, VITO AND NICK'S, PIZZ'AMICI, COALFIRE, MIDDLE BROW

ITALIAN BEEF:

PORTILLOS, AL'S BEEF, MR. BEEF, BARI, CARM'S, TONY'S ITALIAN BEEF

EVERYTHING ELSE:

SUN WAH, J.P. GRAZIANO, LOU MITCHELL'S, LA SCAROLA, GIBSON'S STEAKHOUSE, MANNY'S DELI, THE WIENER'S CIRCLE, KASAMA, AU CHEVAL

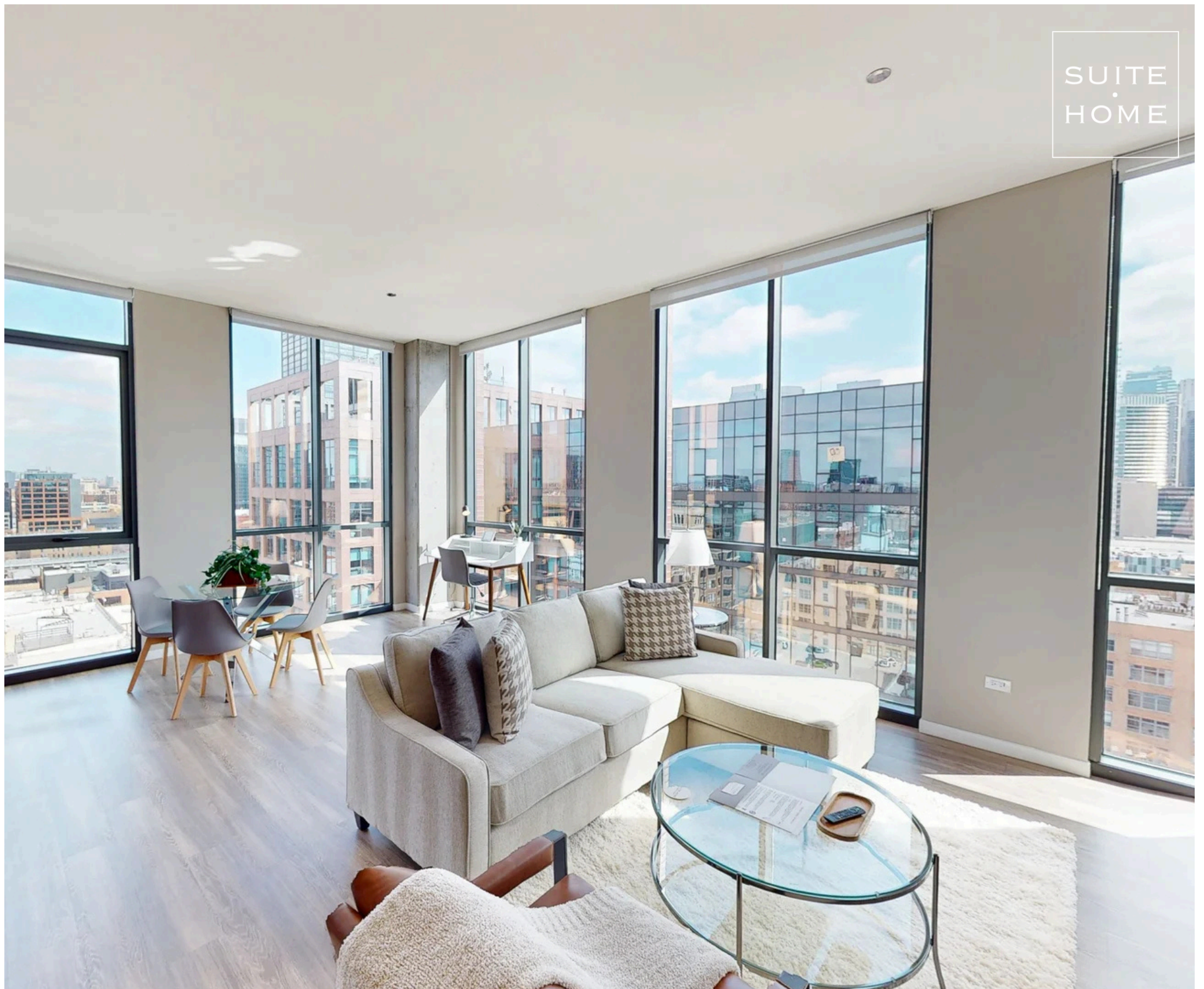
OUR FAVORITE LOCAL SPOTS

Where locals actually go, from morning coffee to late-night bites.

Scan the QR code to access our curated Google list of our favorite Chicago spots — perfect for dining like a local during your stay.



Where to Stay Fully Furnished Apartments



Have questions about neighborhoods, housing options, or planning a stay in Chicago? Our team is here to help. Suite Home provides fully furnished apartments in Chicago and beyond, with flexible stays and prime locations. Visit suitehome.com or reach out to our team to learn more.

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