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Plus YOTAM
OTTOLENGHI's
Favourite
Go-to Recipes

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CHICAGO

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There's so much to do in the Windy City. A treasure trove for foodies and fans of art and architecture, Chicago has a top-notch restaurant, gallery or tour around every corner. Save time for shopping, too!

WHERE TO STAY

New: L7 Chicago by Lotte

A century-old building got a new lease on life last year with the opening of this hotel, the South Korean brand's first in North America. Colour and creativity drive the interior design — quilted headboards and block-patterned carpeting add texture to rooms while sculptural lighting and cheery art deliver whimsy. Don't miss a meal at Perilla, a South Korean take on the Chicago steakhouse. 225 North Wabash Ave., l7chicago.com



The Peninsula Chicago

Classic: The Peninsula Chicago

The Peninsula is deserving of every accolade it's received. Service is excellent and the guest rooms are serene — and among the largest in the city. Relax at the pool on the 19th floor, surrounded by

floor-to-ceiling windows with stunning views of the city, and enjoy the fab art throughout. 108 East Superior St., peninsula.com

WHERE TO EAT

New: Maxwell's Trading

This resto was designed by WDA Design Group and Meg McMorro Design in a modern industrial style — think exposed brick, clean-lined furniture and vintage lighting. The menu is an appealing blend of Japanese, Chinese and Thai cuisines. Start with the Chicory Caesar, then share the bone-in strip loin, served with crispy rice and ramp kimchi. 1516 West Carroll Ave., maxwellstrading.com

Classic: Ever

You may recall this two-Michelin-star restaurant from *The Bear's* Forks and *Forever* episodes. Led by chef Curtis Duffy, it's simply a must-visit. Savour an incredible eight-to-10-course tasting menu, then finish with a digestif next door at After, Ever's sister lounge. 1340 West Fulton St., ever-restaurant.com

WHAT TO SEE

Chicago Architecture Center Walking Tours

Whether you're fascinated by Art Deco skyscrapers, the L,



Jayson Home

iconic stores or new buildings, a walking tour is a great place for getting Chicago's design story. Tours run 90 minutes to two hours and offer historical and cultural insight, along with lots of architectural info. Multiple locations, architecture.org/city-tours
Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Tour Visit Frank's first home and studio, where the icon developed his renowned Prairie style architecture. The Inside and Out tour guides you through the storied interiors, then walks you around the grounds and neighbourhood to see other FLW-designed homes. 951 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Ill., flwright.org
Art Institute of Chicago In a city rich in culture, this museum is the best of the best. The circa-1893

building, with architecture by George Foster Shepley and recent expansions by Renzo Piano, is one of the oldest and largest museums in the U.S. The collection is more than 300,000 pieces strong, ranging from Chinese bronzes to modern textiles. Until the end of March, catch *Project a Black Planet: The Art and Culture of Panafrika*, an exhibition that conveys the aspirations and ideas of the continent. 111 South Michigan Ave., artic.edu

WHERE TO SHOP

Wayfair's first large-format brick-and-mortar store is located just 50 minutes north of Chicago, in Wilmette. Shoppers can now touch and try the best of the brand's furniture and accents before bringing pieces home (*Edens Plaza*, 3232 Lake Ave., Wilmette, Ill., wayfair.com). Visit **Neybir** to find an intriguing collection of curios, art, local ceramics like Carnevale Clay and charred wood pieces by Christian Nyberg (2246 West Grand Ave., neybir.com). **Jayson Home** is a playground for design lovers. The shop is packed with new and vintage furniture, antiques and statement lighting (1885 North Clybourn Ave., jaysonhome.com). **Anecdote**, just 30 minutes west of the city in La Grange, is the perfect place for refined, minimalist furniture and other finds. Open Thursday through Saturday (8 West Burlington Ave., La Grange, Ill., shopanecdote.com).