



DINING OUT IN CHICAGO

Chicago's Best Rooftop Restaurants and Bars

Chicagoans know to embrace the city's all-too-brief summers.

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Chicago is a city of seasons, and locals know to take advantage of the warmer months. In recent years, open-air venues with gorgeous views have grown in prominence all over the city, adding an extra wow factor to complement the food and drinks. Whether it's glitzy and glam high-rise spaces or casual and low-key neighborhood favorites, there's a rooftop for every occasion. Some are open year-round, but others are seasonal, so keep a calendar on hand when making plans.

The newest additions to the map include the Salt Shed's Three Top Lounge and Ravenswood Tex-Mex eatery Arriba. So find an enticing outdoor destination from Eater Chicago's list of the best rooftop venues — or try them all.

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Cindy's Rooftop

Ever-stylish Cindy's in the Chicago Athletic Association hotel reigns supreme as one of the hottest rooftops in town, providing gorgeous views of Millennium Park, the skyline, and Lake Michigan. The food and drink menus aim for broad appeal with shareable selections such as oysters, truffle deviled eggs, and lobster rolls. It's a popular attraction for tourists and locals alike, so reservations are recommended. In early 2025, Boka Restaurant Group took over operations.

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