



Coffee to Cork is here to inspire taking trips without the burden of the complete unknown. From your morning coffee to your evening glass of wine, I've got you covered! Whether you are a planner or spontaneous traveler, you can find peace in having recommendations available to you in an organized fashion. By organized, I'm referring to how I order events by location, in a manner that is travel efficient, with realistic expectations for how long activities, sightseeing and meals last. I pride myself on the extensive thought that goes into each itinerary to help make trips more effective and enjoyable!

As you may have gathered, I have a desire to plan anything and everything. Whether it is in my home city of Chicago or an International trip, you better bet I am researching, experiencing and recording. Although I am not a travel agent, for years, my itineraries have been distributed to friends and families to enhance their trips. Why not share something I love with other eager travelers?

My itineraries are made with a focus on doing, eating & drinking, which leads to seeing! Make plans easier — the editable excel templates allow you to add in your own personality, interests and adventures. Or simply download the PDF for a ready to go version. Enjoy! I am eager to hear from you!

XO Jamie | Coffee to Cork

The Cubs Weekend - Lakeview, Chicago

Date	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Price Range	Notes
Thursday, July 2019	Lakeview, Chicago	3:00PM	Fly into Chicago	O'Hare or Midway Airports	\$\$\$	O'Hare flies into the Northwest Suburbs and Midway flies into the Southwest Suburbs. Both are relatively equidistant from downtown Chicago. O'Hare is a large airport, and Midway is smaller. I usually choose my flights based on airline points. I am a Southwest girl at heart so usually I am in and out of Midway.
		3:30PM	Transportation to the city	O'Hare or Midway Airports	\$\$-\$	You can either take the Blue Line L from O'Hare or the Orange Line L from Midway to the city (\$2.50). If you want to grab an uber or cab that works too (~40-60)! You can decide based on pricing and traffic situations. I do not recommend renting a car -- parking is expensive in the city and getting around is difficult.
		4:30PM	Check into lodging	Lakeview, Chicago	\$\$\$	As I live in Chicago, I rarely spend the night in hotels or homestay options. If you are with a group, check out home stay websites in the Lakeview area. If you are open to spending a little more money to be across the street from the stadium and enjoy a luxury hotel, look into Hotel Zachary, Chicago, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel.
		6:00PM	Dinner at Homeslice Pizza	938 W Webster Ave, Chicago, IL 60614	\$\$	Hop on the Red or Brown Line about 4 stops from Wrigleyville and you'll end up in Lincoln Park. Homeslice is a staple in the DePaul area. If you love toppings, this is the pizza place for you. The tables and stools emulating tree trunks while eating handmade pizzas in the stone oven, makes you feel like you are in a rustic forest. This spot is young and upbeat, and the perfect place to start your weekend with a beer! I suggest making reservations.
Friday, July 2019	Lakeview, Chicago	9:00AM	Fit in a workout!	Lakeview, Chicago	\$\$	Make it a full on sporty weekend, by engaging in a workout yourself. There are plenty of studio options around Wrigley Field. Check out the gyms nearby, Orangetheory Fitness, Soul Cycle, Corepower or venture over to the lake to run or bike along the Lakefront.
		11:00AM	Late Breakfast at Foxtrot Market	3334 N Southport Ave, Chicago, IL 60657	\$\$	OBSESSED with Foxtrot. The grab & go options, the juices and the coffee, all wonderful. You can grocery shop as well! Pick up some snacks for later or back at your lodging. These are healthy lunch options since you just got done working out, and you'll be indulging in hot dogs, tacos and pizza the rest of the weekend.
		11:45AM	Shop along Southport Ave.	Lakeview, Chicago	\$\$\$	Along the cute Southport Avenue, pop in and out of boutiques, paper stores, market places and your standard clothing stores - Anthropologie, J. Crew, Gap, Free People and more. The streets will be bustling with young professionals and families.
		1:00PM	Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams	3404 N Southport Ave, Chicago, IL 60657	\$	You must end up at Jeni's during your journey up and down Southport Ave. Her unique take on ice cream flavors will blow your mind! One of my favorites is the brambleberry crisp ice cream. Yum for days.
		2:00PM	Regroup at lodging	Lakeview, Chicago		You might not have stopped home after your workout this morning, so take your showers and relax. But don't snack! You are in for hours of eating and drinking.
		4:00PM	Taco Crawl! Big Star Wrigleyville	3640 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60613	\$\$	Famous sports bar with many elements including your typical bar and dance floor on the first floor, then batting cages, games and piano bar on the second floor.
		5:30PM	Taco Crawl! Taco & Blondie	3358 N Southport Ave, Chicago, IL 60657	\$\$	Try 1 or 2 street tacos with a margarita! This restaurant is vibrant and upbeat. There is a patio for the nice weather. And of course the food is delicious. I suggest making a reservation.
		7:00PM	Taco Crawl! Barcocina	2901 N Sheffield Ave, Chicago, IL 60657	\$\$	If you are full, you at least have to get the amazing guacamole as its topped with goat cheese and balsamic glaze. And don't forget your margarita! You have the option to be inside the rustic, industrial restaurant or enjoy their large patio depending on the weather. I suggest making a reservation.
		9:00PM	Kirkwood Bar & Grill	2934 N Sheffield Ave, Chicago, IL 60657	\$\$	If you'd like to pop over to another bar before ending your night, around the corner is a well known bar in Chicago. Largely attended for sporting events, Kirkwood draws a young, energetic crowd. When there is not a big game, the outdoor patio and rustic bar still presents a great time with a great menu and lots of drink options.
Saturday, July 2019	Lakeview, Chicago	10:30AM	Grab coffee at The Bar at Hotel Zachary	3630 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60613	\$\$	This modern, chic bar overlooks Wrigley Field. It is comfortable, but posh. Definitely worth stopping in for a coffee to enjoy the environment instead of drinking here, as it can get really pricey!
		12:00PM	Brunch at Zia's Lago Vista	3819 N Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL 60613	\$\$	This casual Italian eatery offers a fantastic brunch! You can get your typical American breakfast items: chicken and waffles, french toast or egg combinations. Or go more traditional Italian with the brunch pasta dishes or breakfast pizza. And get this... \$15 unlimited bottomless mimosas and bloody mary bar for 2 hours. Enjoy on the outdoor patio or inside the Italian digs.
		3:05PM	Chicago Cubs Baseball Game at Wrigley Field	1060 W Addison St, Chicago, IL 60613	\$\$\$	Even before entering the stadium, be sure to stop in front of the Chicago Cubs marquee at the intersection of Addison and Clark for a classic photo-op! The way you experience Wrigley Field depends on your tickets! 100 level (right in the action), 200 level (in the shade), 300/400 level (from the sky), Bleacher Seats (from the outfield), Rooftop Deals (from the buildings outside the ball park). I have experienced all. My favorites include 100 level for when I really want to be invested in watching the game, bleacher seats for when I want to enjoy the sun and the beer, and the rooftop experience with a large group. Whatever you do, GET A CHICAGO HOTDOG and load on those toppings. The Cubs, a brew and a hot dog. What a beautiful sight.
		6:30PM	Bar Crawl! 1. Casey Moran's	3660 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60613	\$\$	Classic sports pub with rooftop and beer garden.
		7:30PM	Bar Crawl! 2. Sluggers World Class Sports Bar	3540 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60657	\$\$	Famous sports bar with many elements including your typical bar and dance floor on the first floor, then batting cages, games and piano bar on the second floor.

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		8:30PM	Bar Crawl! 3. Old Crow Smokehouse	3506 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60657	\$\$	Massive and rustic BBQ bar with live country music, dance floor and huge screen tvs.
		10:00PM	Bar Crawl! 4. Happy Camper - Wrigleyville	3458 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60657	\$\$	Late night pizza will be needed after the day you've had! Happy Camper is a great spot to keep the fun going but enjoy some thin crust pizzas to soak up some of the day's booze intake.
Sunday, July 2019	Lakeview, Chicago	10:00AM	Check out of lodging but leave packed bags	Lakeview, Chicago		Most checkout times are around 11AM but ask if there is an option to leave your bags and pick them up later. This will allow you to still have a day of adventure before you have to head home.
		10:30AM	Chicago Bagel Authority	955 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL 60657	\$	A bagel will be just perfect after yesterday evening's activities. And these steamed bagels will not disappoint! CBA has a large bagel selection, breakfast sandwiches and vegetarian options.
		11:00AM	Lincoln Park	2001 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60614		You can spend hours in Lincoln Park walking around to see the lakefront, the conservatory, the park, and the small, free zoo. This is a great family activity if you need to exchange out a few of the bar crawls that occurred this weekend!
		3:00PM	Grab bags and head to airport	Gold Coast, Chicago, IL	\$-\$	You can either take the Blue Line L to O'Hare or the Orange Line L to Midway (\$2.50). If you want to grab an uber or cab that works too (~\$40-60)! You can decide based on pricing and traffic situations. I suggest leaving a bit early for the airport so you have time to grab a bite to eat there.
		6:00PM	Fly home	O'Hare or Midway Airports	\$\$\$	Bye, bye! Til next time.