



MORNING TO EVENING ITINERARIES WITH A FOCUS ON DOING, EATING & DRINKING, WHICH LEADS TO SEEING.

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 Girls Weekend (Fall) - West Loop, Chicago

Date	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Price Range	Notes
Thursday (Sep-Nov)	Chicago, IL	2:30PM	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.
		3:00PM	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.
		4:00PM	Check into lodging	West Loop, Chicago, IL	\$\$\$	Since I live in Chicago, I am not well versed on Airbnb's but I can provide hotel recommendations! In West Loop, check out Ace Hotel, Hyatt House Chicago / West Loop-Fulton Market, Hampton Inn Chicago Downtown West Loop, Homewood Suites by Hilton Chicago Downtown West Loop or The Hoxton.
		5:30PM	Restaurant Row dinner recs in Notes	West Loop, Chicago, IL	\$\$\$	If you can manage getting a reservation at one of these famous restaurants, DO IT! Girl & the Goat, Duck Duck Goat, Monteverde, Momotaro or Aba. Everything about them screams amazing - the food, drinks and atmosphere. The West Loop is known for outstanding eats made by talented chefs. Look for available reservations 2-4 months out.
		7:30PM	The City Winery	1200 W Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60607	\$\$	Concert hall with a winery, mediterranean cuisine and garden courtyard. Check out the live performance calendar and plan your weekend around seeing a show you are interested in > citywinery.com. Definitely buy tickets ahead of time and as a group so you end up at the same table.
Friday (Sep-Nov)	Chicago, IL	9:00AM	Group workout	West Loop, Chicago, IL	\$	It's always nice to set the tone for a great weekend with a group workout! Pick your preference, as there are plenty of studios in West Loop: Orangetheory Fitness, Cyclebar, Pure Barre, Cross Town Fitness, TITLE Boxing, Corepower Yoga and more. You will need to sign up and pay for the class ahead of time, so just make sure you go to their website to check out their availability and times.
		11:00AM	Time Out Market	916 W Fulton Market, Chicago, IL 60607	\$\$	Massive, industrial warehouse fitted with famous chef-driven eateries, cocktails and desserts with communal tables. A fabulous spot for a group, as it offers a wide variety of flavors and cuisines. You can spend hours here exploring different stands and eating lunch gradually.
		1:00PM	Shop along Randolph Row	Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60607	\$\$\$	A darling, city street with newer storefronts. Some of my favorite stores in the area include Anthropologie, Uncommon James, Madewell and Free People.
		4:00PM	Rest and shower at lodging	West Loop, Chicago, IL		Regroup and recharge.
		6:00PM	Beatnik West Town	1604 W Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60622	\$\$	You may recognize this place upon walking in because it is highly Instagrammed. The lush greenery and fun worldly décor allows for a chic girls' night out. The food is eclectic and provided on small shared plates, so you will get to try a lot of everything!
		8:00PM	Lush Wine & Spirits West Town	1412 W Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60642	\$\$	Wine shop walkable from Beatnik and to Beauty Bar. Pop in for speciality wine and liquor options!
		9:30PM	Beauty Bar	1444 W Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60642	\$\$	Enter to find sparkling walls and '60s beauty salon furniture, adorned with a disco ball and light up dance floor. You may show up to a themed Friday night happy hour. And if your nails need a bit of work, you can may be able to score a manicure and cocktail in the front room... It is crazy fun!
Saturday (Sep-Nov)	Chicago, IL	10:00AM	Do Rite Donuts	181 N Morgan St, Chicago, IL 60607	\$	Try out a famous Chicago-style donut and coffee at Do-Rite Donuts.
		11:00AM	Spend time walking the Riverwalk	Enter along Wacker Drive or any of the bridges	\$	Enjoy the morning and get some exercise, in while taking in the beautiful views of the Chicago River and the surrounding skyline. The Riverwalk is about a mile long from the Franklin Street Bridge to the Outer Drive Bridge. Some of the bars on the Riverwalk open around 11AM and are fun spots to grab a drink while people and boat watching.
		2:00PM	Gibsons Italia	233 N Canal St, Chicago, IL 60606	\$\$\$	Three story restaurant and bar with views straight down the Chicago River towards Lake Michigan. The swanky décor and amazing dishes add to a phenomenal lunch environment. If it is nice out, you can venture out to the patio or rooftop. I am OBSESSED with the Crab Bisque and the Iceberg Gorgonzola salad. Also try the Three Sashimi appetizer, even if you are not a raw fish person.
		4:00PM	Rest and shower at lodging	West Loop, Chicago, IL		Regroup and recharge.
		6:00PM	St. Lou's Assembly	664 W Lake St, Chicago, IL 60661	\$\$	Hop over to Saint Lou's Assembly for comfort food. The biscuits and sweet potato fries are to DIE for. This spot has an indoor area with picnic tables and a cool outdoor area with backyard games.
		8:00PM	The Punchbowl Social	310 N Green St, Chicago, IL 60607	\$\$	Continue your gaming spirit at this huge retro bar including bowling, karaoke, bocce and other games. You can request a private area with a reservation, or just show up and wait your turn for a game.
		10:00PM	Bar hop	West Loop, Chicago, IL	\$\$	If you want to keep bar hopping, here are some fun options: Ballast Point Brewing Chicago, Lone Wolf, Parlor Pizza Bar West Loop and Federales.
		10:00AM	Pack up and check out of lodging	West Loop, Chicago, IL		Ask your hotel or home stay owner to leave your bags for the day while you continue to explore. You can pick them up before you leave for the airport.

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Sunday (Sep-Nov)	Chicago, IL	10:30AM	Brunch at Beatrix	834 W Fulton Market, Chicago, IL 60607	\$\$	Beatrix is a modern coffeehouse and restaurant offering comfort food dishes, vegetarian choices and healthy/delicious specials. The coffee bar showcases two iconic Chicago roasters, Intelligentsia and Metric. My favorite coffees are the Honey & Cinnamon Latte and the Vanilla Latte. The speciality juices are amazing too! Make a reservation.
		12:30PM	Hop over to Millenium Park	201 E Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60602		You came to Chicago so you may want to see some of the classic landmarks. Within Millenium Park you can walk around to check out Cloud Gate (the bean), Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Maggie Daley Park and the Monroe Harbor Lakefront. Great photo opportunities here!
		2:00PM	Cindy's Rooftop	12 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60603	\$\$\$	Hip, stylish rooftop bar and restaurant at the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel. The views are what draw most people here, scanning all of Millenium Park. There are fire pits on the patio, fun cocktails available and unique food options. However, you are paying for the experience... It is pricey and, at times, crowded. If you can't get in, sweetgreen is a great option to grab a meal to go!
		4:00PM	Grab bags and head to airport	West Loop, 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 for dinner there.
		7:00PM	Fly home	O'Hare or Midway Airports	\$\$\$	Bye, bye! Til next time.