



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 (Summer) - River North, Chicago

Date	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Price Range	Notes
Thursday (Jun-Aug)	Chicago, IL	4:00PM	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.
		4:30PM	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.
		5:30PM	Check into lodging	River North, Chicago, IL	\$\$\$	Since I live in Chicago, I am not well versed on Airbnb's but I can provide hotel recommendations. In River North, check out: The Gwen, Courtyard by Marriott Chicago Downtown/River North, Loews Chicago, ACME Hotel, The Freehand, and more. Plenty of options, so I suggest using whichever hotel rewards program you belong to in order to get points or use points.
		7:30PM	Dinner at The Hampton Social	353 W Hubbard St, Chicago, IL 60654	\$\$	Major Hamptons and yachting vibes at this trendy restaurant. Rosé for days, seafood galore, beachy cocktails and open aired walls. Everything nautical! Make reservations.
		9:30PM	The Bassment	353 W Hubbard St, Chicago, IL 60654	\$\$\$	Start your trip off with some dancing! This speakeasy is a clubby spot featuring craft cocktails & a live blues band in moody, underground digs. The door looks like a cigar stand on the side of The Hampton Social. But the bouncer will let you in.
Friday (Jun-Aug)	Chicago, IL	8:00AM	Group workout	West Loop, Chicago, IL	\$	A group workout is a great way to set the tone for the weekend! Pick your preference, as there are plenty of studios in River North: Orangetheory Fitness, Cyclebar, Pure Barre, Studio Three, Corepower Yoga, FlyWheel, SoulCycle LOOP 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.
		10:00AM	Grab coffee & donuts	River North, Chicago, IL	\$	Try out a famous Chicago style donut at Do-Rite Donuts, Stan's Donuts or Firecakes Donuts. Doughnut Vault is my favorite but they open early and close after they run out.
		10:15AM	Spend time walking the Riverwalk	Enter along Wacker Drive or any of the bridges		Enjoy the morning by 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.
		11:00PM	Lunch at The Kitchen American Bistro	316 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60654	\$\$	Local ingredients and healthy options available at this American restaurant along the River. It features an open kitchen with modern features. If it is nice, ask to sit on the patio!
		2:00PM	Boat day!	Chicago, IL	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	Here are some options that give you different experiences and are different price ranges: Chicago River Architecture boat tour - architectureourchicago.com Chicago River Pontoon rental - chicagoboatrentals.com Chicago Tiki Pontoon rental - chicagotikiboat.com Lake Michigan boat rental- Getmyboat.com or chicago-boat-rentals.com Lake Michigan yacht rental- Getmyboat.com or chicago-boat-rentals.com Check out the terms to see if you 1) need a sober boat driver and 2) if it is BYOB/food.
		5:00PM	Rest, snack and shower at lodging	River North, Chicago, IL	\$\$	Life hack -- order pizza to the hotel room for your arrival if you've been boozing. There is nothing better than sobering up with some "za" and then taking a nap. You will feel way better upon wake up and even better after showering! Try Lou Malnatis, Pizzanos, Giordanos or others in the area.
		8:30PM	RPM Italian	52 W Illinois St, Chicago, IL 60654	\$\$\$	Time to get fancy! RPM Italian checks all the boxes for girls' night out. It has great Italian food, a quality wine selection and is set in the trendy and fun River North environment. We can't forget it is owned by Giuliana Rancic! Girl crush!!
		11:00PM	Go to the club!	River North, Chicago, IL	\$\$\$	Sound Bar, Spy Bar or the Underground are traditional dance clubs. They are all underground, cramped and VIP, BUT just go to dance your butts off! I highly suggest investing in a table/booth or it leaves you with two options: 1) stand in line at the bar or 2) cozy up to a friendly table, if invited.
		Saturday (Jun-Aug)	Chicago, IL	10:00AM	Boozy brunch at Fremont	15 W Illinois St, Chicago, IL 60654
3:30PM	Rest, snack, shower at lodging			River North, Chicago, IL		You are most likely exhausted by now! Time to rest. And if you decide ordering some more good ole Chicago deep dish pizza to your lodging instead of going to dinner and back out, all power to you. You can have a fun night in, enjoying each others company and watching movies.
6:30PM	Dinner at The Smith			400 N Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654	\$\$	OR you can go back out! This spot is farmhouse chic with retro modern vibes. Does that even make sense?! Either way, it is fun, bright and offers great food options for reasonable prices. Make reservations.
8:00PM	Drinks and live music at Bub City			435 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60654	\$\$	Casual country bar and restaurant with awesome BBQ and live music!
10:00PM	Late night dancing at Hubbard Inn			110 W Hubbard St, Chicago, IL 60654	\$\$	European, antique style bar and restaurant with a DJ and club vibe at night upstairs, and casual fun bar on the first floor.

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Sunday (Jun-Aug)	Chicago, IL	9:30AM	Pack up and check out of lodging	River North, 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.
		10:00AM	Breakfast at Egg Harbor Café	220 Upper, E Illinois St, Chicago, IL 60611	\$\$	Is Egg Harbor only a Midwest thing?? Or are they a chain across the US?? Either way, it's one of my favorite breakfasts spots from my hometown. Your typical egg options, french toasts, pancakes and avocado toasts but enhanced in every way. The lattes are yummmmy and served in the cutest mugs that you can actually buy on the spot!
		11:30AM	Shop along Michigan Avenue	Grand Ave. to Chestnut St., Chicago IL 60611	\$\$\$	Some of my favorites along the Magnificent Mile are Zara, Nordstrom, Nordstrom Rack, and Nike. Along the way you may see famous landmarks, like the Wrigley Building, Tribune Tower, John Hancock Center and Water Tower. If shopping is your thing, then you may need to rearrange the day to allow for more store time.
		1:30PM	Lunch at Oak Street Beach Restaurant	1000 N Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, IL 60611	\$\$	While you are up North on Michigan Avenue, walk a little further to Oak Street Beach. Grab lunch at this scenic beachside restaurant offering American grub & drinks with outdoor tables and umbrellas.
		4:00PM	Grab bags and head to airport	River North, 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.