



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. For 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!

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## The Hosting Weekend

Date	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Price Range	Notes
Thursday	Chicago, IL	3:00PM	Prepare overnight egg casserole	Your home	\$	Seriously, you will not regret doing this! Google "overnight egg casserole recipe". Choose the one that looks best to you. Do all the prep work now, so that in the morning you can just pop it in the oven! This will eliminate the need to wake up super early, or needing to be in the kitchen while everyone else is enjoying each other's company.
		4:00PM	Stock the guest room with essentials	Your home	\$	Don't leave your guests dripping wet after their shower without a towel! Place items in their room upon arrival so they are very aware what is theirs to use. Suggestions for a welcome basket include but are not limited to a hand towel, bath towel, toothpaste, lotion, water bottle, q-tips, Kleenex, razor and mints.
		4:45PM	Have appetizers and beverages readily available	Your home	\$	Sometimes guests are hesitant to raid a pantry or make themselves food in fear of being rude. To eliminate the hesitancy, show guests where they can access snacks you've prepared. Don't forget to accommodate those with dietary restrictions!
		5:00PM	Guests arrive!	Your home		Show your guests and their bags to their rooms. Give them some time to unpack, clean off or change!
		6:30PM	Lou Malnatis Pizza delivery	Your home	\$\$	Start off the weekend with a Chicago staple delivered straight to your door! The classics include: Deep Dish The Lou, Deep Dish Malnati Chicago Classic and Deep Dish Veggie. An unusual request we always make for the deep dish is "easy on the cheese". I know! I know! Crazy. But I think we've perfected our order. Top it off with the Malnati Salad!
		7:30PM	Hang out at home tonight	Your home		Traveling is unpredictable so don't make any major plans for the night of arrival. Also, after a long day, travelers will not have a ton of energy. A night in is just what the doctor called for. It is perfect for catching up with each other and catching up on sleep!
		Friday	Chicago, IL	9:30AM	Breakfast at home	Your home
11:00AM	Head to downtown Chicago			The Loop, Chicago	\$\$	Your guests have come to Chicago to see you... But also see Chicago! Depending on where you live, hop on the Metra, the L or take a rideshare downtown to the Loop.
11:30AM	Buckingham Fountain			301 S Columbus Dr, Chicago, IL 60605		A beautiful fountain and fun tourist attraction. Great for picture opportunities as it overlooks Lake Michigan! When done, make your way to Millennium Park, strolling along the lakefront path.
12:00PM	Maggie Daley Park			337 E Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60601		You will naturally walk through Maggie Daley Park up from the lakefront on your way to Cloud Gate. This is a popular recreational park that sometimes has fun attractions. It has beautiful walkways surrounded by grasses, trees, flowers and bushes.
12:15PM	Pritzker Pavilion			201 E Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60601		Check out this huge amphitheater! The structure is extremely unique and looks impressive overlooking the large open grass field. You may even get lucky and find a musical group practicing for a concert!
12:30PM	Cloud Gate			201 E Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60602		Of course, the classic Chicago "bean"! This is the big mirrored bean structure that you see in everyone's pictures. It is touristy, but also a classic photo opportunity.
1:00PM	Quick lunch at Goddess and the Baker, Wabash			33 S Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60603	\$\$	Stop into this cute cafe with salads, sandwiches, quinoa bowls, baked goods, flatbreads and more! Hopefully you will miss the major crowd from the business district out on their lunch break.
2:00PM	For Shopping: State Street			The Loop, Chicago, IL 60601	\$\$\$	If you prefer to participate in the Chicago shopping scene, head over to State Street in the Loop. You will find just about every store you can think of, all within different price ranges. But what stays the same is that Chicago sales tax! Beware!
2:00PM	For Drinking/Walking/Enjoying: The Chicago Riverwalk			The Loop, Chicago, IL 60601	\$\$	If it is warm enough, the Chicago Riverwalk is a fantastic way to feel like you are seeing the city while relaxing with a drink! There are a number of bars along the walkway that you can pop into. You'll be able to people watch, see the boats float by and enjoy the upward views of the skyscrapers surrounding you!
4:30PM	McCormick & Schmicks happy hour			1 E Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60601	\$\$	McCormick and Schmicks hosts an AWESOME happy hour at their bar and patio areas from 4:00pm-6:30pm daily. From \$4 truffle fries to \$6 baja fish tacos to \$8 asian chicken lettuce wraps to \$10 shrimp avocado toast & more! Specific cocktails and wine range from \$7 to \$9. In Chicago, especially near the Loop, it doesn't get much better than that!
6:30PM	AceBounce Ping Pong Bar & Restaurant Chicago			230 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60601	\$\$	This is a super cool interactive bar and restaurant! I am all about enjoying an activity while sipping a cocktail. You will find ping pong tables galore. Make a reservation! If you are still hungry after happy hour, they have good American food here.
8:30PM	Either go home or to a bar!			River North, Chicago, IL 60601	\$-\$\$\$	It's been a long day! But if your group is still up for it, here are some bar suggestions to keep the party going... \$\$\$ Celeste, \$\$ Rocket Bar & Grill, \$ Rossi's.
Saturday	Chicago, IL			9:30AM	Lazy morning wake ups	Logan Square, Chicago
		11:00AM	Brunch at the best breakfast spot near you	Near your home	\$\$	
		1:00PM	Show one of the coolest spots in your hood	Near your home		
		2:00PM	Regroup at your house	Your home		
		4:00PM	Dinner at your favorite local restaurant	Near your home	\$\$	
		7:00PM	Wines for Humanity tasting	Your home	\$\$	Host a wine tasting event in your own home! Wines for Humanity is a company dedicated to introducing wines sourced from award-winning vineyards while raising funds for charity. The proceeds from the wines bought by your guests will go to the charity of your choice. The only cost to you is the small hosting fee and tip for the wine expert! I highly recommend this activity for a relaxing and fun night at home. <a href="https://www.winesforhumanity.com/">https://www.winesforhumanity.com/</a>

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Sunday	Chicago, IL	9:00AM	Workout class	Near your home	\$\$	I think everyone would agree we'd feel better if we got a little workout in! Sign everyone up for a class at a workout studio nearby your home. Great group workouts include Corepower Yoga, Orangetheory, Cyclebar, SoulCycle, Pure Barre and more.
		10:30AM	Breakfast sandwiches & coffee	Near your home	\$	
		11:30AM	Showers, pack up and guests head out	Your home		Regroup at your house
		1:00PM	Clean up and pour yourself a glass of wine!	Your home		Great job!! You showed your guests a good time, a little bit of Chicago and a little bit of your neighborhood. I think they will be back!