



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 Date Weekend - Wicker Park, Chicago

Date	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Price Range	Notes
Friday	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	Wicker Park, Chicago, IL	\$\$\$	Since I live in Chicago, I rarely stay at hotels or home rentals, so I do not have many recommendations verified by my experience. I suggest looking for a cute Airbnb or boutique hotel for your romantic weekend getaway. If you want the location to fit perfectly for this weekend agenda, check out The Robey. It is an art deco-style former office building turned boutique hotel with French/American restaurant and rooftop terrace with an outdoor pool and cool city views.
		6:15PM	Grab wine, beer or spirits at Liquor Park	1937 W North Ave, Chicago, IL 60622	\$\$	The cooking class is BYOB so grab wine beer or spirits at this nearby liquor store beforehand.
		6:30PM	Cooking Fools	1916 W North Ave, Chicago, IL 60622	\$\$\$	Fun BYOB cooking class offering a chance to learn a new skill, meet other couples and friend groups and have a handmade meal! The Cooking Fools staff is helpful but also hands off so you can really socialize and cook at the same time. In our session, each station had their own two recipes to make. Once everyone completed their tasks, there was a social hour of trying everyone's creations. Check out the available classes via cookingfools.net and sign up. Classes run between \$50-100 per person.
		9:30PM	Tapster	2027 W North Ave, Chicago, IL 60647	\$\$	If you are up to go out for a drink, try this interactive self-serve bar with 62 taps containing beer, wine, cocktails, kombucha & coffee. The décor is trendy and the place is lively.
		Saturday	Chicago, IL	10:00AM	Stan's Donuts	1560 N Damen Ave, Chicago, IL 60622
10:30AM	Coffee at Ipsento 606			1813 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60647	\$	This family friendly, trendy coffee shop is filled with social hour and laptops during the day. The shop overlooks a darling little park with an entrance to the 606 walkway.
10:45AM	Walk along the 606			1801-11 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60647		If it is nice out, walk hand in hand, uninterrupted by traffic... well, there may be bike traffic! This raised walkway is a leisurely activity to start your day with your coffee. Enter the 606 raised walkway via Park No. 567. It is right next to Ipsento. You will see stairs leading up to the path.
12:00PM	Small Cheval			1732 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60647	\$\$	These famous burgers are available at the child restaurant to hot spot, Au Cheval. You will see a small menu containing only a hamburger, cheeseburger, fries and milkshake. Basically just get them all. Sit in the cute outdoor area with picnic tables and pine trees. If you are a vegetarian or vegan, try Native Foods Café instead.
1:00PM	Shop south along Milwaukee Avenue			Wicker Park, Chicago, IL	\$\$	Milwaukee Avenue in Wicker Park is known for its non-cookie cutter stores. Instead you will find a variety of vintage clothing, trendy boutiques, thrift stores, record stores, bookstores and more.
3:00PM	Rest and shower at lodging			Wicker Park, Chicago, IL		Regroup and recharge.
5:00PM	Drinks & appetizers at Lost Lake			3154 W Diversey Ave, Chicago, IL 60647	\$\$	Lost Lake is your spot if your idea of romance includes lush landscapes, tropical drinks and Hawaiian shirts. This well-known tiki bar offers an escape to paradise with your date. The drinks have won numerous awards, and come in Instagrammable cups.
7:00PM	Dinner at Longman & Eagle			2657 N Kedzie Ave, Chicago, IL 60647	\$\$	A cool farm-to-table eatery with great cocktails and thoughtful food. The atmosphere is contemporary, urban, and the perfect spot for a date night!
9:00PM	ROMANTIC: Drinks at Billy Sunday			3143 W Logan Blvd, Chicago, IL 60647	\$\$	Classic date night spot offering an extensive wine list and handmade cocktails. It is dark, candle lit and romantic. A great spot to talk the night away.
9:00PM	LIVELY: Drinks at Estereo			2450 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60647	\$\$	Upbeat bar rocking the indoor, and outdoor scene if it is nice out by opening its huge garage windows. The cocktails are Latin American inspired and the place is colorful and cool.
Sunday	Chicago, IL	10:00AM	Fairgrounds Coffee & Tea	1620 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60647	\$	Pop over to this craft coffee and tea shop. Super cute and has great coffee options. Also has sandwiches, salads and pastries.
		10:30AM	Pack up and check out of lodging	Wicker Park, 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.
		11:00AM	Big Star	1531 N Damen Ave, Chicago, IL 60622	\$\$	Hopefully it is nice out so you can enjoy the amazing the outdoor patio. Nonetheless, the street taco offering is the best part. Stop in for some phenomenal Mexican food and enjoy the delicious margaritas.
		12:30PM	Aire Ancient Baths	800 W Superior St, Chicago, IL 60642	\$\$\$	AIRE only has 6 locations worldwide. AIRE Ancient Baths Chicago is a luxurious modern bathhouse set up in a rustic factory. You'll get a unique, intimate and relaxing experience jumping from hot pools, to cold pools, to salt pools, to saunas, etc. Everyone is in their bathing suits! And then you can sign up for massages and other treatments for additional pricing. Make your purchase and reservation ahead of time: https://beaire.com/en/aire-ancient-baths-chicago <i>Note: I have only been to the AIRE Ancient Baths in Seville and Barcelona. I went with my siblings in Seville. My sister has been to the Chicago location and said it is more up to date but has the same feel as the ones in Spain.</i>
		4:00PM	Grab bags and head to airport	Wicker Park, 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.