



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 | coffeetocork.com

The Dress Shopping Weekend

Date	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Price Range	Notes
Friday	Downtown Chicago	3:00pm	Fly in or drive to Chicago	O'Hare or Midway Airports, or drive	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	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. Once you've arrived, you can hop on the elevated train (the L), or you can grab a ride share or cab into the city.
		4:00pm	Check into lodging	Gold Coast, Chicago, IL	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	Since I live in Chicago, I am not well versed on Airbnb's but I can provide hotel recommendations! In Gold Coast and Old Town, you'll find some great hotels including The Drake a Hilton Hotel, Viceroy Chicago, Thompson Chicago, Waldorf Astoria Chicago, Hotel Lincoln, The Sono Chicago, and more!
		6:30pm	Dinner at Boka (\$\$\$)	1729 N Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60614	\$\$\$	Upscale American featuring modern decor and an outdoor patio. Boka is star of the Boka Restaurant Group family and has top tier food. It is a chic restaurant for a fun girls night out, if you are willing to spend a little more.
		6:30pm	OR Dinner at Ranalli's (\$\$)	1925 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago, IL 60614	\$\$	Restaurant featuring pizza with a large outdoor patio, providing a casual spot for gathering with friends. It is a good option if you are looking to spend less, but enjoy great food and a fun atmosphere.
Saturday	Downtown Chicago	9:30am	Breakfast at LYFE Kitchen	831 N State St, Chicago, IL 60610	\$\$	Uber modern chain serving healthy options. Great day starter to get your mind and body ready for an exciting, but long day of dress shopping!
		11:00am	Dress Shop #1 (highly recommend Bhdnl)	8 E Walton St, Chicago, IL 60611	\$\$\$\$	Upscale boutique with a boho-chic vibe, plus shoes & jewelry. Not only can you shop for a wedding dress, but your lovely ladies can try on bridesmaid dresses too! We came here when my sister was trying on wedding dresses, and got to try some bridesmaids dresses on too, making it an enjoyable stop for all.
		12:30pm	Lunch at Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba!	2024 N Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60614	\$\$	A perfect spot for lively chatter and fun groups! Order amazing Spanish Tapas to pass around the tables or large dishes of paella, plus pitchers upon pitchers of sangria. Definitely book a reservation here for your mid-day celebrations.
		2:30pm	Dress Shop #2 (mine was Weddings 826!)	826 W Armitage Ave, Chicago, IL 60614	\$\$\$\$	This more casual and homey shop provides a nice and relaxed experience. The gown selection is a wide array of many styles and accessories. The staff was accommodating and knowledgeable. I popped in here because I saw a dress I loved on their Instagram!
		4:00pm	Celebratory drinks at Stella Barra Wine Bar	1954 N Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60614	\$\$	Cool Italian kitchen and wine bar. If weather allows, request seating on the outstanding back patio that transports you to an Italian courtyard. Pop in here for wine and an appetizers before heading over to Summer House for dinner.
		5:30pm	Dinner at Summer House Santa Monica	1954 N Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60614	\$\$	California, open air styled eatery with fresh food and tropical drinks. The food display and interior decor is beautiful, which definitely allows for an Instagramable moment. There is even a bakery onsite for after dinner cookies and brownies.
7:30pm	Dessert at Annette's Italian Ice Cream	2009 N Bissell St, Chicago, IL 60614	\$	Or if you are craving some creamery, walk up to this window where you will find phenomenal ice cream and Italian ice flavors.		
Sunday	Downtown Chicago	9:00am	Pack up and check out of lodging	Gold Coast, 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.
		9:30am	La Colombe Coffee Roasters	5158 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60640	\$	European style cafe brewing delicious coffee with pastries.
		10:00am	Dress Shop #3 (mine was Honey Bridal!)	5135 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60640	\$\$\$\$	Honey Bridal is a breath of fresh air. Literally, this shop is not stuffy at all! The staff and shop makes the experience feel personal, comfortable and safe. The dresses are from local, independent and sustainable designers. This was hands down my favorite shop among them all!
		11:15am	Shop at Milk Handmade	5137 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60640	\$\$	The best shop for locally made clothing and accessories, all made in Chicago by female creators, ethically and sustainably. Milkhandmade and Honey Bridal are owned individually by sisters! So cool!
		12:00pm	Brunch at Batter & Berries	2748 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago, IL 60614	\$\$	The pancakes. The french toast. The omelettes. YUM to everything on the menu. This bright, little eatery is serving up the best morning grub. And if you are craving lunch, they have that too!
		2:15pm	Return to see your favorite dress, if possible!	Chicago, IL	\$\$\$\$	Did you find one?! Go try it on again, and say YES to your dress!
		3:30pm	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 for dinner there.
		6:30pm	Fly home	O'Hare or Midway Airports	\$\$\$	Bye, bye! Til next time.