



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 (Spring) // Gold Coast, Chicago

Date	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Price Range	Notes
Thursday	Chicago, IL	3:00PM	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.
		3:30PM	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.
		4:30PM	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	Broken English Taco Pub	1400 N Wells St, Chicago, IL 60610	\$\$	Funky taco joint with fun, hip, colorful artwork featuring a Mexican menu, mezcal cocktails & a patio. The food is great and the margaritas are awesome! The vibe will start off your trip with smiles and excitement. Make reservations.
		8:30PM	Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams	1419 N Wells St, Chicago, IL 60610	\$	A fan favorite by many including myself. The creative flavors and combinations are AH-MAZING. Whether it is ice cream or frozen yogurt, you cannot go wrong. Made with local love!
		9:00PM	Happy Camper	1209 N Wells St, Chicago, IL 60610	\$\$	A pizza spot, but in this case a lively, trendy bar to go grab drinks! You'll find warehouse vibes with an airstream trailer. It is colorful with neon lights and bustling at all hours of the day.
Friday	Chicago, IL	9:00AM	Group workout	Gold Coast, Chicago IL	\$	A group workout is a great way to set the tone for the rest of the weekend! Pick your preference, as there are plenty of studios in Gold Coast: Orangetheory Fitness, Pure Barre, Studio Three, Shred415, Exhale, Corepower Yoga, FlyWheel, SoulCycle OLTN 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.
		10:30AM	Rest and shower at lodging	Gold Coast, Chicago IL		Regroup and recharge.
		11:30AM	3 Arts Club Café at Restoration Hardware	1300 N Dearborn St, Chicago, IL 60610	\$\$\$	This Restoration Hardware location is HOME GOALS. It is beautiful, posh and chic. But in this case, you are not shopping for home décor or furniture. You're stopping in to visit the coffeehouse, wine bar & American restaurant. Trust me, you'll want to dine in this heaven sent greenhouse, chandelier filled, ballroom. Make reservations!
		2:00PM	Explore Lincoln Park	1601 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60614		If it is nice day, roam around Chicago's largest public park including North Avenue Beach, the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Lincoln Park Conservatory and the Lincoln Park Cultural Center.
		4:30PM	J Parker at Hotel Lincoln	1816 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60614	\$\$	Hip rooftop overlooking the vast Lincoln Park and Lake Michigan. It is covered in the winter, and open-aired once it warms up. It offers handcrafted cocktails and a light menu. It is located on the roof of the swanky, boutique Hotel Lincoln.
		6:00PM	Orso's	1401 N Wells St, Chicago, IL 60610	\$\$	Italian restaurant with family recipes in a beautiful, old school setting. The chandeliers offer a romantic feels and the warmth makes you feel right at home. Always a good idea to have some pasta to soak up some of the days worth of cocktails! Make reservations.
		8:00PM	Second City	1616 N Wells St, Chicago, IL 60614	\$\$\$	Famous comedy club. Many Saturday Night Live stars started their careers at Second City. You can buy tickets for the big stage or smaller stages depending on your vibe and what you want to see. You will have a server to provide drinks and food throughout the performance as well. Buy tickets ahead of time, especially if you need group seating! https://www.secondcity.com/
Saturday	Chicago, IL	10:00AM	Group workout	Gold Coast, Chicago, IL	\$	A group workout is a great way to set the tone for the rest of the weekend! Pick your preference, as there are plenty of studios in Gold Coast: Orangetheory Fitness, Pure Barre, Studio Three, Shred415, Exhale, Corepower Yoga, FlyWheel, SoulCycle OLTN 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.
		11:30AM	The Goddess and the Grocer	1127 N State St, Chicago, IL 60610	\$	No time to waste when shopping is next! Hop into this cute café to grab a sandwich, soup, salad, pastry or more. The coffee is good and the service is fast.
		12:30PM	Rest and shower at lodging	Gold Coast, Chicago IL		Regroup and recharge.
		2:30PM	Shop along Rush Street	Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60610	\$\$\$	This upscale street offers a variety of very expensive shops, but also includes some reasonable favorites including Madewell, lululemon, Urban Outfitters, Bloomingdales, Patagonia, J Crew & more!
		4:30PM	Sprinkles Chicago	50 E Walton St, Chicago, IL 60611	\$	Dessert before dinner, always! Visit this popular bakery with a rotating menu of cupcakes and other sweets!
		5:00PM	Drop off shopping bags and change for dinner	Gold Coast, Chicago IL		Regroup and recharge.
		6:00PM	Blue Door Kitchen & Garden	52 W Elm St, Chicago, IL 60610	\$\$	With an actual blue door, this restaurant lives up to its name. It is quaint, and makes the city feel more homey. Enjoy a wooden, home kitchen-like interior, or sit out on the massive patio with hanging lanterns, cute umbrellas and plenty of greenery. The food offering is upscale, southern comfort with both healthy and delectable options. You and your girlfriends will LOVE this spot!
		9:00PM	Zebra Lounge	1220 N State Pkwy, Chicago, IL 60610	\$\$	Zebra-themed speakeasy piano bar with swanky cocktails. It is small and gets crowded, so come on the early side!
		12:00AM	Five Faces Late Night Food	10 W Division St, Chicago, IL 60610	\$	Cash-only counter diner with late night food galore! Hot dogs, burgers, fries, gyros, mozz sticks & ice cream until 5 AM.

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Sunday	Chicago, IL	10:30AM	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.
		11:00AM	Beatrix	671 N St Clair St, Chicago, IL 60611	\$\$	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.
		1:00PM	95th Signature Room	875 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611	\$\$\$	Grab a drink (coffee, tea, cocktail, wine, beer) with a view inside the J. Hancock Building! This is one of the popular lookout points in Chicago, and in my opinion the best because you are sitting in a lounge with a cocktail in hand with city and lake views.
		2:30PM	Garrett Popcorn Shops	625 Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611	\$	Another foodie staple, this shop offers sweet and savory gourmet popcorn. You'll most likely need to wait in line outside, but it goes pretty quick. A great snack to have for the trip home.
		4:00PM	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.
		7:00PM	Fly home	O'Hare or Midway Airports	\$\$\$	Bye, bye! Til next time.