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Best in Chicago

My thoughts on the best restaurant options in Chicago. In most cases, there are lots of great options, but these are my top choices.

Best Tavern Style Pizzas

- Middle Brow Brewing (only on Tues)
- Pat's Pizza (on Lincoln)
- Vito & Nicks
- Pizz'amici
- Many many others...

Best Deep Dish Pizzas

- George's (Edgewater)
- Millie's Pizza in The Pan (Uptown / Argyle)
- Burt's (Morton Grove)
- Lou Malnati's
- Pequod's (kinda have to try it if here)
- Lefty's (Wilmette)

Best Other Pizza

- Paulie Gee's (Detroit)
- Zaza's (NY)
- Piece (New Haven)
- Stop Along (Artisan)
- Forno Rosso (Neapolitan)
- Spacca Napoli (Neapolitan)

Best Burgers

- Taco Sublime (Marz, Small Bar)
- Red Hot Ranch
- Stop Along
- Gretel
- Loyalist
- Owen & Engine (pub burger, only at Bixi Beer now)

Best "chi-cAh-go" Experience

- Portillos - Italian Beef, Chicago Style Hot Dogs
- Red Hot Ranch - Chicago Style dogs, Cheeseburger, Fried Shrimp
- Weiner's Circle - fine tho a lil overrated, but an institution
- Gene & Jude's: Depression dogs
- Mannys - Cafeteria style pastrami & matzo ball soup
- Lou Mitchell's - OG bkfst

Best Bagels

- Tilly's
- Pretty Good Bagels (popup)
- R & A Sourdough

Best Pho

- Pho Nam Lua (aka Pho 5 Lua)
- Pho Loan (lots of other goodies)
- Cafe Hoang (Bo Bun Hue)
- Phodega (easier location & vibe for most)

Best Ramen

- Akahoshi Ramen
- Kitakata Ramen Bar Nishi

- Nishikata Ramen Bar Nishi
- Santouka (Mitsuwa)
- Chicago Ramen

Best Taco Bell

- Taco Bell Cantina (Logan Square)
- Taco Bell (Clybourn)
- Taco Bell Cantina (Fulton Market)

Best Place to do Work during day

- Daisies
- Hexe Coffee
- Heritage (downtown / loop)
- Good Ambler (2 hour limit)
- Art Institute Members Lounge
- Harold Washington Library
- Marz Community
- Capital One Cafe (Southport)

Best Coffeeshop on a nice day outside

- Hexe
- Printers Row (Lincoln Park)
- Blue Bottle (River North)

Best Coffeeshop on a cold day

- Daisies
- Good Ambler
- Sawada
- Star Lounge
- Capital One Cafe (Southport)

Best Coffeeshop for Remote Work

- Daisies
- Printers Row (Kingsbury)
- Heritage (Loop / Downtown)

Best Pastries

- Sugar Moon
- Daisies
- Mindy's

Best Pies

- Cadinho (passion fruit pie/tart)
- Hoosier Mama (fruit pies)
- Sweet Mandy B (various cream pies)
- Spinning J

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