GUIDE TO SUMMER IN CHICAGO
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JUNE

1-2: Chicago Gospel Music Festival | Loop
Celebrating the genre's deep Chicago roots with traditional choirs and contemporary urban gospel music in the city where the genre was born, the 33rd Chicago Gospel Music Festival features local and national artists on June 1 and 2 at the Chicago Cultural Center and Millennium Park.

1-3: Do Division Street Fest | Wicker Park
Do Division Street Fest takes place on Division Street between Damen and Leavitt in West Town Chicago and features two live music stages, a wide variety of local vendors and food, plenty of ice cold beer, wine and spirits, a dedicated Family Fun Fest area with family activities and stage (which exclusively benefits local elementary schools), plus Do Fashion with local designer runway shows and DJs.

3-4: 57th Street Art Fair | Hyde Park
The 57th Street Art Fair not only showcases a wide variety of art, but offers a free Art Buying Boot Camp with art-buying experts that can help attendees determine the best price for a piece of art and other helpful art-buying tips. Sign up for the Art Buying Boot Camp on the 57th Street Fair website. Interactive activities and playgrounds for children and an array of food options are an added bonus to this festival.

8-10: Chicago Blues Fest | Millenium Park
Billed as the world's largest free blues festival, the 32nd annual bash features live music on five stages and a tribute to Delmark Records.

8-10: Spring Awakening Music Festival | Addams-Medill Park
This three-day summer music festival features top DJs and producers from all over the world. Its lineup includes artists like Steve Aoki, Allison Wonderland, Deadmau5, and many more. Tickets must be purchased for this event.

8-10: Ribfest Chicago | Lakeview
The 18th annual North Center bash features live music from 20 bands, 30 barbecue vendors, rib-eating competitions, and a kids area with inflatables and games. Proceeds benefit the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce.
9-10: Old Town Art Fair | Old Town
The Old Town Art Fair has been voted America’s #1 Art Fair for the third year in a row and named one of Chicago’s favorite festivals! Stroll the charming, tree-lined streets of Chicago’s historic Old Town Triangle District. You’ll discover 250 nationally acclaimed artists, a Garden Walk, Live Music, Children’s activities, Food & Drink and more!

16-17: Pride Fest | Boystown
A warm-up to the following Sunday’s iconic Pride Parade, the annual LGBT community celebration commemorates the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and includes live music on two stages, a pet parade (Sunday), food and drink vendors, arts and crafts, and more. The gate donation benefits the Northalsted Business Alliance. 48th Annual Pride Parade is Sunday, June 24th—definitely an event you don’t want to miss!

21: Make Music Chicago | Various Locations
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22-23: Old St. Pat’s World’s Largest Block Party | West Loop
Now in its 34nd year, the street festival features an average annual attendance of over 20,000 people as well as two stages of live music, raffles, celebrity bartenders, food and drink vendors, and more. This year’s line up includes Mike and Joe, 7th Heaven, and more. Thousands of people attend each year! Tickets are $10 at the door.

22-24: Country Lake Shake | Museum Campus
The 4th annual Chicago-based country music fest features both big name and up-and-coming country stars all in one place. This year’s line-up includes Blake Shelton, The Steel Woods, Lanco, Florida Georgia Line, and many more. Tickets must be purchased for this event.

23-24: Chicago Food Truck Festival | South Loop
The name says it all! Food trucks are a wonderful addition to the University of Chicago campus. Come check them out before arriving to school! Last year’s festival featured more than 50 food trucks!

23-24: Mamby on the Beach | Oakland
Mamby On The Beach, happening June 23 and 24, 2018 at Oakwood Beach, is Chicago’s only summer beach music festival on Lake Michigan, yielding a majestic experience unlike anything else in the city. The two-day event stands as an all-inclusive patchwork of diverse performances with artists representing every genre. This year’s line-up includes Common, Grizzly Bear, Tune-Yards, Jamila Woods, and many more. Tickets must be purchased for this event.
JULY

6-8: Millenium Art Festival | Loop
The annual fest showcases more than 110 artists, local food vendors and live music just steps away from Millennium Park. Art ranges from photography to jewelry and everything in between.

6-8: West Fest | West Town
Explore the cultural offerings of West Town at this annual festival, which features live music from local bands and DJs, eclectic vendor booths, artwork, food, children's activities and arts and crafts.

11-15: Taste of Chicago | Grant Park
Tons of great Chicago food vendors are here as well—definitely an event to check out if you are in the area!

13-15: Square Roots | Lincoln Square
The fifth annual festival features live music, dance performances and kids activities on four stages, plus food and craft beer vendors. Proceeds benefit the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce and the Old Town School of Music.

13-15: Windy City Smokeout | River North
The three-day celebration of country music and barbecue features artists such as Aaron Lewis, Brothers Osbourne, Midland, and more. Tickets must be purchased for this event.

14-15: Southport Art Festival | Lakeview
Browse locally made artwork and buy treats from food and drink vendors while listening to live music on three stages. The annual event also features a gospel brunch on Sunday. Gate donations benefit the Southport Neighbors Association.

14-16: Pitchfork | Union Park
The annual three-day indie music fest features performances from Earl Sweatshirt, Syd, Saba, Lauryn Hill and more. This is a great time for people interested in hearing some lesser known bands as well as those who don’t want to deal with the crowds of Lollapalooza! Make sure you get your tickets ahead of time.

15: Chinatown Summer Fair | Chinatown
This iconic event is one of the most ethnically unique outdoor events in Chicago and the Midwest. Attracting more than 40,000 people from throughout the region, Chinatown Summer Fair is a true celebration of Far East beauty and culture including food, art and music.

20-22: Taste of River North | River North
Foodies can unite at this annual fest, which features food from a variety of different vendors, artwork, live music (including fun cover bands like Sixteen Candles and Stache), local vendors, and family activities.

20-22: Tacos and Tamales Festival | Pilsen
Green Curtain Events is proud to announce the 3rd Annual Tacos y Tamales Festival – a street affair based off a traditional Mexican market known as the Tianguis. Festival goers will be immersed into the sights and smells of the Tianguis with local vendors selling their food, artwork, wares and an array of other items.
21-22: Chicago Craft Beer Festival | Lincoln Park
Craft breweries (and microbrew sales) are red hot! Celebrating its sixth year, Chicago Craft Beer Festival has grown in wild popularity to become the Windy City's hottest specialty beer gathering where attendees have the opportunity to sample more than 80 craft beers from over 40 brewers. This event draws an eclectic mix of upscale visitors including, of course, lovers of microbrews. Sheffield Ave. between Webster & Fullerton.

21-22: Sheffield Music Festival and Garden Walk | Lincoln Park
More than 100 residential gardens are open for exploration during the 48th annual neighborhood festival, which also features live music, guided architectural tours and kids activities. Gate donation benefits the Sheffield Neighborhood Association.

27-29: Wicker Park Fest | Wicker Park
The annual music festival, which raked in over 60,000 guests in past years, also features children's activities and food and drink vendors. Last year's headliners featured acts such as Antibalas, Com Truise, and the Sidekicks.

27-30: Fiesta Del Sol | Pilsen
With an annual draw of around a million people, the block festival in Pilsen celebrates Latin American culture with art, live entertainment, carnival rides, cuisine from a variety of countries, children's activities and more. Proceeds of the event benefit the Pilsen neighborhood.

28-29: Taste of Lincoln Avenue | Lincoln Park
Get your taste buds ready for a weekend of diverse flavors and dishes at the annual fundraiser, which features more than 250 vendors, 40 musical acts (lineup TBA), the Lill Street Craft Fair (open til dusk), a kid's carnival, petting zoo, pony rides and more. The fair runs until 10 p.m. nightly.

AUGUST

July 31-Aug 2: Pre-Orientation Events! (Optional social activities, more info to come!)
3-7: Official Pritzker Orientation!

2-5: Lollapalooza | Grant Park
You may have heard of it. This year’s festival will span four days (instead of the usual three) and feature over 100 bands, with headliners including Arctic Moneys, Travis Scott, Khalid, Camilla Cabello, Bruno Mars, The Weeknd, Logic, Jack White, Portugal The Man and many more, all in Grant Park along the lake.

4-5: EdgeFest | Edgewater
This festival in Edgewater includes live music (lineup TBA), art from local artists, and food vendors.

4-5: Chicago Brewing District’s Dancing in the Streets | West Town
Craft beer. Live music. Local food. What more could you want?

10-12: Chicago Hot Dog Fest | Lincoln Park
Support the preservation of history and satiate your primal desires at the Chicago History Museum’s annual fundraiser. Entry fee optional, meatswats guaranteed.

10-12: Ginza Festival | Old Town
The temple celebrates the Japanese holiday with Japanese cuisine, music, goods for sale, martial arts demonstrations, performers and more.
10–12: Retro on Roscoe | Roscoe Village
Browse over 50 classic and antique cars while enjoying snacks from food vendors, children's activities and inflatables, live music, and more.

11: Bud Billiken Parade & Picnic | Bronzeville
Held in Chicago since 1929, the annual parade celebrates the impending start of the school year and Chicago youth. Politicians, businessmen, civic organizations, and children walk in the parade to Washington Park, where families can enjoy a festive picnic.

11–12: Northalsted Market Days | Boystown
Located on Halsted between Belmont and Addison, the annual festival draws over 100,000 guests. Taste a variety of dishes and drinks from over 400 vendors, listen to live music, participate in children's activities and more at the end-of-summer event.

11–12: Near North Food Truck Social | River North
The name says it all. Head to Sedgwick Street for a two day sampling of what the Chicago food scene has to offer.

16: Clark After Dark | River North
Join the USO of Illinois for a block party benefitting the US Armed Forces. Live entertainment lineup TBA.

18: Windy City West Indian Carnival | Hyde Park
You don’t have to venture far for this one. Stop by to experience the West Indies and the Caribbean at this year’s parade which will showcase handmade costumes, steel pan music, and traditional dance performances.

18–19: Chicago Air & Water Show | Gold Coast
Though the show can be viewed from Fullerton to Oak Street along the lakefront, head to North Beach for the best views. The annual event - with a variety of ships and aircrafts from the U.S. Navy and Army - also features parachuters and aerobatics teams. The official line-up is released the week of the show, which runs until 3 p.m. each day.

18–19: Ukranian Days Festival | Ukranian Village
Held in Smith Park, this festival features Ukranian food and dance, live music, sports competitions, craft vendors, among others.

18–19: Sangria Festival | West Town
Art, music, entertainment, and sangria. Salud!

18–19: Pilsen Fest | Pilsen
Join 60,000 fellow Chicagoans at this outdoor music festival celebrating diversity, solidarity, and unity. Word on the street is that Little Sebastian may make an appearance.

19: South Shore Summer Fest | South Shore
Head south of HP for R&B and some outdoor fun at the 7th annual summer fest!

24–26: Logan Square Food Truck Social | Logan Square
You know the drill. Come hungry!
**25-26: Bucktown Arts Fest | Bucktown**
Non-profit celebration of the arts. All proceeds go to fund, develop, and support arts education programming at Holstein Park and in the Bucktown/Wicker Park neighborhoods.

**Aug 31-Sept 2: Chicago Jazz Festival | Millennium Park**
Known for its artistic creativity, the Chicago Jazz Festival is a favorite Labor Day Weekend tradition. It promotes awareness and appreciation for all forms of Jazz through free, quality live musical performance. Since 1979, the festival’s mission is to showcase Chicago’s vast jazz talent alongside national and international artists to encourage and educate a jazz audience of all ages.

**Aug 31-Sept 2: The Great American Lobster Fest | Navy Pier**
If the name hasn’t already sold you, this is the Midwest’s largest lobster and seafood festival. There will be live music, drinks, and yes, a whole lotta lobster.

**Aug 31-Sept 2: African Festival of the Arts | Washington Park**
This year represents the 29th running of this simulated African village. Located here on the South Side, you will find an interactive space with fabrics and textiles, drumming, food, art, literature, film, and much more!

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