



## WHERE TO STAY

**theWit**  
201 N. State St.,  
312-467-0200

Centrally located in the downtown Theater District, this modern boutique hotel offers a swanky rooftop bar with

a killer city view and a hip Italian bistro, Cibo Matto. Rates start at \$229 per night. Special summer packages include dining credits, museum openings and tickets to the Tony-winning "Billy Elliot." [thewit.com](http://thewit.com)

## OUTDOOR FUN

New York City: Central Park, Prospect Park. Chicago: Millennium Park, Grant Park.

Lady Gaga headlines the star-studded lineup for **Lollapalooza 2010** (Grant Park, 500 S. Columbus Dr., 888-512-7469). Aug. 6-8. [lollapalooza.com](http://lollapalooza.com)

In **Millennium Park** (55 N. Michigan Ave., 312-742-5222), don't miss the "Made in Chicago: World Class Jazz" concerts from July 29 to Sept. 2. While there, check out your warped reflection in the massive steel sculpture "Cloud Gate." [millenniumpark.org](http://millenniumpark.org)



**Chicago is bike-friendly.**

## FOOD

New York has so many buzz-worthy pizza, burger and brunch joints. So does Chicago.

### Brunch

**Wishbone** (three locations) offers a healthy take on soul food. MSN's Simply Chic blogger, Chicago-born Kristin Larson, 41, loves the salmon cakes, spicy Bloody Marys and "the best cornbread on this side of the Mississippi." Most entrees are \$10 - \$15.

### Burger

Larson's vote goes to **Jury's** (4337 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-935-2255) in the Lincolnwood neighborhood. For only \$7 you get a half-pound of top-grade sirloin on a house-made bun served with homemade, steak-cut fries.

### Pizza

While out-of-towners flock to the original **Uno's Pizzeria** (29 E. Ohio St., 312-280-5120), Vines prefers the cast-iron baked deep-dish at **Pequod's Pizzeria** in Lincoln Park (2207 N. Clybourn Ave., 773-327-1512). The crowd? "Locals who know what it is and [know] it's the best," he said.