Price Guide (for average entrée): \$ = Inexpensive \$\$ = Moderate \$\$\$ = Pricey \$\$\$\$ = High-End

American

Chicago Firehouse Restaurant

South Loop 1401 South Michigan Avenue 312-786-1401

The newly restored 1905 firehouse is built upon the Chicago tradition of a welcoming atmosphere. Classic American fare is featured in two dining rooms. Call for special weekend luncheon hours. **\$\$\$**

Hours* Monday–Thursday, 11:30 AM–10:00 PM Friday, 11:30 AM–10:30 PM Saturday, 5:00 PM–9:00 PM Sunday, 4:00 PM–9:00 PM

Primebar Chicago The Loop 155 North Wacker Drive 312-884-0000 This contemporary Loop alehouse is the new place for cool food, local brews, and great cocktails featuring a distinctively urban interior including recycled wood, tile floors, salvaged lighting, oversized leather booths, and plasma televisions. This urban kitchen and bar features a delicious American cuisine with an array of appetizers, salads, two-handed sandwiches, and specialty entrées, all made with fresh local and regional ingredients. Primebar also offers an outstanding wine list, local microbrews, and a large selection of hand-crafted specialty cocktails. This contemporary restaurant is ideal for lunch, dinner, and cocktails. **\$\$**

Hours* Monday-Friday, 11:00 AM-11:00 PM Closed Saturday and Sunday

Tavern at the Park

The Loop 130 East Randolph Street 312-552-0070

Deep wood tones combine with leather and stone to create an atmosphere where rich Chicago history meets modern, big-city style. Tavern at the Park was voted in the Top 10 Best Restaurants for Business in 2008 and 2009 by the readers of *Crain*'s Chicago Business. The menu emphasizes comfort-food classics enhanced with a contemporary twist. In the bar, you will find a creative seasonal drink list that offers the newest in intoxicating trends. **\$\$**

Hours* Monday–Friday, 11:00 AM–10:00 PM Saturday, 11:00 AM–10:30 PM Closed Sunday

Walnut Room The Loop 111 North State Street 7th Floor

312-781-3139

Located within Macy's since 1907, this is a Chicago landmark that has been restored to its original beauty. Home of Chicago's premier Christmas attraction — The Great Tree. The restaurant features traditional Midwestern favorites and frango mint desserts. **\$\$**

Hours*

Sunday and Monday, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Tuesday-Saturday, 11:00 AM-7:00 PM

Weather Mark Tavern South Loop 1503 South Michigan Avenue 312-588-0230

Weather Mark Tavern offers an American bistro cuisine in an upscale nautical atmosphere. Weekend brunch and children's specials available. Over fifty rums at the bar. Free wi-fi in the tavern. Watch all your sporting events on our big screen TVs. Daily food and drink specials. Reservations are accepted. **\$\$**

Hours* Monday–Friday, 11:30 AM–12:00 AM Saturday, 10:30 AM–2:00 AM Sunday, 10:30 AM–12:00 AM

Asian

Ma and I | Thai

South Loop 1234 South Michigan Avenue 312-663-1234

Ma and I is located just south of Millennium Park and serves delicious Thai and Japanese food. Our menu meets the demands of today's on-the-go health-conscious diner, maintaining the great taste and quality of Thai and Japanese cuisine in a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere. **\$\$**

Hours* Monday–Saturday, 11:30 AM–10:00 PM Sunday, 12:00 PM–9:30 PM Kitchen stops 15 minutes before closing.

Mei's Kitchen | Chinese South Loop 1108 South Michigan Avenue 312-294-2488

Mei's Kitchen offers a unique blend of authentic Asian and classic American dining. Full breakfast, lunch, and dinner options are available. Grab-and-go options and full espresso bar are available as well. **\$\$**

Hours* Daily, 7:00 AM-10:00 PM

Tamarind | Chinese South Loop 614 South Wabash Avenue 312-379-0970 Experience the mystery of Asian cuisine in a warm and casual atmosphere. Contemporary decor accents traditional Asian minimalist furnishings at this pan-Asian café create a classic, yet eclectic dining experience. The menu covers most of Asia, including a delicious variety of Thai, Japanese, Chinese, and Vietnamese entrées as well as an impressive selection of sushi. Special pre-fix dinner available for \$31. **\$\$**

Hours* Daily, 11:00 AM-11:00 PM

Triad Sushi Lounge | Japanese/Sushi South Loop 1933 South Indiana Avenue 312-225-8833

This restaurant is only five minutes from the McCormick Place Convention Center. We offer the most extraordinary sushi experience in Chicago, including an exceptional authentic menu choices and a full premium bar. Special meeting arrangements, private seating, VIP room, catering, and delivery are also available. Reservations are accepted. **\$\$**

Hours*

Monday–Thursday, 5:00 PM–10:00 PM Friday and Saturday, 5:00 PM–11:00 PM Sunday, 4:30 PM–9:30 PM

French

Bistronomic 840 North Wabash 312-944-8400 On behalf of Bistronomic, an iconic French restaurant located in the heart of the city's Gold Coast, Chef Martial Noguier would like to invite you and to dine at Bistronomic to enjoy his interpretation of French bistro classics. Reservations are available through <u>OpenTable.com</u>, and are strongly recommended.

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Any American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting attendee that presents their convention badge will receive one complimentary appetizer per table (exclusive of tax and gratuity).

Hours*

Lunch: Wednesday-Friday, 11:00 AM-2:30 PM Brunch: Saturday-Sunday, 10:00 AM-2:30 PM Dinner: Sunday-Thursday, 5:00 PM-10:00 PM Friday-Saturday, 5:00 PM-11:00 PM

Henri The Loop 18 South Michigan Avenue 312-578-0763

Henri offers fine dining without pretension. We are an energetically American-French-influenced restaurant located across from Millennium Park. **\$\$\$\$**

Hours*

Monday–Friday, 11:00 AM–10:00 PM Saturday, 5:00 PM–10:30 PM Sunday, 5:00 PM–9:00 PM

German/German-American

Berghoff Restaurant The Loop 17 West Adams Street 312-427-3170

The Berghoff Restaurant is a Chicago classic, serving German-American style cuisine and culture since 1898. With traditional Berghoff dishes, contemporay American fare, seasonal menus, vegetarian and gluten-free options, it's tradition with a twist. Enjoy Chicago's newest casual dining experience in a comfortable, historic atmosphere. With its privately labeled beer and root beer, there's something for everyone. Choose from one of our four private dining rooms, each with its own function and feel. **\$\$**

Hours*

Monday–Friday, 11:00 AM–9:00 PM Saturday, 11:30 AM–9:00 PM Closed Sunday

Indian

Chicago Curry House

South Loop 899 South Plymouth Court

312-362-9999

Best Indian and Nepalese cuisine offering dining, delivery, catering, and private parties. We have delicious food and cocktails as well as an extensive wine menu. **\$\$**

Hours* Daily, 11:00 AM-10:00 PM

Italian/Pizza

Flo and Santos South Loop 1310 South Wabash Avenue 312-566-9817

Located in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood, Flo and Santos is a warm 67-seat exposed brick and red-boothed pub and eatery. Featuring "tavern style" pizza and Polish classics like pierogies, kielbasa, and potato pancakes, along with tasty appetizers like pork wings. The atmosphere is family-friendly and a bit more "social" after 8:00 PM. There is no bad seat in the house when it comes to watching all of your favorite sporting events. Sit back and enjoy events on eight flat screens and a huge 90-inch HD projection screen. **\$\$**

Hours* Monday–Wednesday, 11:30 AM–11:00 PM (Bar closes at 1:30 AM)

Thursday–Saturday, 11:30 AM–12:00 AM (Bar closes at 1:30 AM)

Italian Village Restaurants The Loop

71 West Monroe Street 312-332-7005

Italian Village Restaurants comprises Chicago's three oldest Italian restaurants — The Village, La Cantina, and Vivere. They offer Italian specialties, steaks, seafood, and American cuisine. Their wine list has received the *Wine Spectator* Grand Award since 1984. Reservations required. **\$\$**

Hours*

Monday–Thursday, 11:00 AM–12:00 AM Friday and Saturday, 11:00 AM–1:00 AM Sunday, 12:00 PM–12:00 AM

Mexican

La Cantina Grill South Loop 1911 South Michigan Avenue 312-842-1911

This is one of Chicago's best known Mexican restaurant. Awarded One of Chicago's Best by *Ch icago Magazine* , ABC 7, *Chicago Tribune* , and more. We specialize in authentic Mexican food and serve the freshest margaritas and sangria in Chicago. We always have drink specials, lunch prices around \$8.00, and dinner between \$8–\$15. Reservations are accepted. Live entertainment on Friday night from 7:00 PM–11:00 PM. **\$\$**

Hours*

Monday–Thursday, 11:00 AM–11:00 PM Friday, 11:00 AM–2:00 AM Saturday, 12:00 PM–2:00 AM Sunday, 12:00 PM–10:00 PM

Zapatista | Mexican South Loop 1307 South Wabash Avenue 312-435-1307

Zapatista is a blend of both classic and updated Mexican menu preparations. Slow roasted meats, seafood, burritos, tacos, and enchiladas are all on the scrumptious menu. Come enjoy the rustic and romantic decor and atmosphere. Huge sidewalk café. **\$\$**

Hours*

Monday–Thursday, 11:30 AM–10:00 PM Friday and Saturday, 11:30 AM–11:00 PM Sunday, 12:00 PM–9:00 PM

Seafood

Catch 35 The Loop 35 West Wacker Drive 312-346-3500

Catch 35 is an upscale Loop restaurant featuring seafood with an Asian flair and premium steaks. Located in the heart of the theater and financial district, featuring live jazz. **\$\$\$**

Hours* Monday–Thursday, 11:30 AM–2:00 PM, 5:00 PM–9:30 PM Friday and Saturday 5:00 PM–10:00 PM Sunday 4:00 PM–9:00 PM

Scottish/Irish

The Gage The Loop 24 South Michigan Avenue 312-372-4243

Lauded by *Crains* as one of Chicago's best restaurants for business, The Gage is a 3-star rated restaurant located in the heart of the cultural district. We offer upscale yet casual dining in a vintage atmosphere, reminiscent of the space's original use as a hat factory. Menu selections include Scotch eggs, crispy chicken livers, locally-made sausages, fish and chips, burgers, steaks, salads, and daily seasonal specials. The award-winning libations list features craft beers, interesting wines, and a selection of boutique Irish whiskeys and single malts. We offer the perfect setting for a casual drink and snacks, a business dinner, or a private event. This restaurant carries with it an air of refined rusticity and is just steps from Millennium Park.

Hours* Monday, 11:00 AM–10:00 PM (Bar open until 12:00 AM) Tuesday–Friday, 11:00 AM–2:00 AM Saturday, 10:00 AM–12:00 AM (Bar open until 3:00 AM) Sunday, 10:00 AM–10:00 PM (Bar open until 12:00 AM)

Spanish/Tapas

Mercat a la Planxa

South Loop 638 South Michigan Avenue 312-765-0524

This restaurant is where Catalan cuisine comes to Chicago. Featuring extraordinary tapas, cut to order charcuterie and cheeses, fresh seafood, chops, and steaks. Guests will enjoy views of Grant Park and Lake Michigan. Reservations are accepted. **\$\$\$**

Hours*

Monday–Thursday, 6:00 AM–11:00 PM Friday and Saturday, 6:00 AM–12:00 AM Sunday, 6:00 AM–10:00 PM

Steak Houses

Grillroom Chophouse and Wine Bar The Loop 33 West Monroe Street 312-960-0000

With its warm surroundings of hardwood floors, wood-paneled walls, mood lighting, and tall leather booths, this urban chophouse and wine bar is the prime destination of power lunches, business meetings, intimate dinners, or late night cocktails. Enjoy the finest prime steak, fresh

seafood, pasta, salads, and more — all with The Grillroom's exclusive flair. \$\$

Hours* Monday–Friday, 11:00 AM–10:00 PM Saturday and Sunday, 4:00 PM–10:00 PM

N9NE Steakhouse and Ghost Bar The Loop 440 West Randolph Street 312-575-9900

A sizzling contemporary steakhouse loaded with visual flash and luxury dining ingredients, N9NE Steakhouse is located in the Daniel Burnham-designed Randolph Place building and presents the best in fine dining in a breathtaking setting. N9NE specializes in prime-aged steaks, grand crustacean platters with lobster and the freshest of seafood, all topped off with world class desserts. N9NE's private dining rooms are the sleekest spaces in town and host unforgettable events for groups from 10–800 guests. **\$\$\$**

Hours*

Monday–Friday, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM, 5:30 PM–10:00 PM Saturday, 5:00 PM–11:00 PM

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