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# Michelin Red Guide Chicago, 2011: Restaurants & Hotels (Michelin Red Guide Chicago: Restaurants & Hotels)



## Synopsis

For the first time ever, Chicago has joined the MICHELIN Guide collection, offering objective reviews of 342 restaurants and 39 hotels to travelers and locals alike. The guide was two years in the making—two years of extensive research into Chicago restaurants and hotels by Michelin's team of famously anonymous inspectors, resulting in consistent, reliable recommendations. The guide covers various price and comfort categories and 42 different types of cuisine. Use with the Michelin Green Guide Chicago or Michelin Must Sees Chicago.

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## Customer Reviews

In an era of looking everything up on the Web or using an iPhone app, this is a great guide to have in paper format. This is a well organized guide which divides the city into twelve neighborhoods. Rather than trying to be a comprehensive guide with every restaurant in the city, Michelin selects anywhere from 10 - 40 quality restaurants in each neighborhood. This is also the place to get the scoop on their famous star ratings. There are two restaurants in Chicago with three stars, three restaurants with two stars, and eighteen restaurants with one star. You can also read about which places received their Bib Gourmand (good values for \$40 or less per person) designation. It's a great reference to use when deciding where to go out to eat!

Zagats has become useless lately since it is based on people entering their ratings on the Internet. If I'm to believe the Zagats reviews, then Olive Garden is the best Italian with 'true Italian cuisine' and

Panera is the best place to go for salads. I'm very happy that Michelin has decided to rate Chicago restaurants. Finally a consistent professional review. I bought one and two more as Christmas presents for my friends.

It is a book you have to have when you are in Chicago. The French people not only know how to cook but are very open to other cuisine

I was very happy to have this for a trip to Chicago. This is a very useful book, well-organized and easy to use. If you have never been to Chicago it does help to have several books like this to know where to go and eat. These Michelin red guides are always well written, I have purchased them before and will purchase them again.

Bought this guide based on previous reviews and paired it up with the "Michelin Green Guide..." (also reviewed). Totally let down. Spent 3 days touring Chicago, the books spent 2 in the hotel room. After the first day, we realized that it was difficult to use the guide in "real time" because there were a lot of restaurants that were left out. We weren't willing to waste our limited time to go hunting for a restaurant that was lucky enough to have made it into the book. Of the five restaurants that we ate at, only one was in the guide - Gino's East. Aside from that, we had heard about "Bubba Gump's" on Navy Pier, not in the guide. Looked for the Billy Goat Tavern ("Cheezborger, Cheezborger..." from SNL), not in guide. Saw an add for Ill Forks Steakhouse, not in guide. Several restaurants caught our eye while being tourists, that were also not in the guide (Rock Bottom Grill, Weber Grill). The maps were useful, but so was the free map, "The Magnificent Mile: Area Guide" that we received from the front desk at the hotel (a lot lighter also). We did not use this guide to choose a hotel, as we received it after we booked accommodations. Unless you are going to plan your visit around places that you'd like to eat, save your money and avoid this guide. Note: Also had a chance to glance through the 2012 edition at a bookstore, would give it the same review.

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