



## **My Kind of Town: Chicago**

The Windy City is host to many IADC meetings each year. In this location series episode, Chicago local and *IADC Speaks* Host [Rebecca Weinstein Bacon](#) (Barlit Beck LLP) speaks with fellow members and local experts [Shayna Cook](#) (Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP) and [J.T. Wilson](#) (Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.) about all things Chicago. In this episode, you'll get recommendations for food and activities based on neighborhoods, keeping the April/May season in mind when IADC meetings will be taking place.

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Here are recommendations mentioned during the episode, in order:

### **RIVER NORTH – close to The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago**

- [Flight Club](#) – Looking for fun? Come here to play darts.
- [SPIN Chicago](#) – Near Flight Club but looking for a different activity? Spin Chicago has ping pong.
- [Sunda](#) – Fantastic fresh sushi spot. Rebecca recommends the “tale of two tunas.”
- [Hampton Social](#) – Coastal-inspired food, great for a group.
- [Aire Ancient Baths](#) – Unique and aesthetically pleasing spa. Located in a historic industrial building from 1902, expect 15-ish different rooms. From a salt room to different temperature baths, this is a spa you'll want to experience. The ambiance and relaxation are off the charts.

### **WEST LOOP**

- Randolph Street for boutiques and chain stores.
- Stephanie Izard restaurants – [Girl and the Goat](#) is a big one, but Chef Izard has 4 or 5 others in the area. Check out [Cabra](#) (Peruvian-inspired cuisine) at the top of the Hoxton Hotel. Great for a group. There are two outdoor spaces that are heated – great for unpredictable April!
- [Trivoli Tavern](#) for Italian.
- [Elske](#) for Nordic cuisine.
- [“The B Line”](#) – This is a stretch where murals are found, done by different artists. A great pre or post dinner activity.
- [Ramen-san](#) – Ramen.
- [Aba](#) – Mediterranean and a vibe.
- [Riccardo Osteria](#) – Authentic Northern Italian.
- [Eleven Eleven](#) – American.
- Supper Club
- [WNDR Museum](#) – interactive experience, family friendly.

- [Soho House](#) – Stay at the hotel to access some of the restaurants, or check out the Fox Bar or Lobby Bar without being a member or having to stay in the hotel.

### **LOGAN SQUARE**

- [Logan Square Farmers Market](#) – Kicks off May 12, 2024.
- [Lula Café](#) – An original farm to table restaurant.
- [Parsons Chicken and Fish](#) – Come for the fried chicken, pickle all the things, and negroni slushies. There are other locations in the city.
- [Daisies](#) – Midwestern pasta focused restaurant.
- [Wolfbait & B-Girls](#) – A boutique featuring over 300 local Chicago makers.
- [Andros Taverna](#) – Contemporary Greek restaurant serving sophisticated Mediterranean food.

### **HYDE PARK**

- [The DuSable Black History Musuem](#)
- [Virtue](#) – Southern American restaurant.
- [Kilwins Chicago](#) – Midwestern ice cream shop.

### **GARFIELD PARK**

- [Garfield Park Conservatory](#) – One of the largest botanical conservatories in the nation. Free to visit with a reservation.

### **FOOD HALLS**

- [Time Out Market Chicago](#) – Featuring some of the city’s best restaurants that have stalls. Demera, Avli, and Luella’s Southern Kitchen to list a few.
- [Revival Food Hall](#)

### **LAKEVIEW/LINCOLN PARK**

- [Kubo](#) – Filipino restaurant.
- [Cho Sun Ok](#) – Korean BBQ and BYOB.
- [Galit](#) – Middle Eastern cuisine led by a James Beard award winning chef.
- [Lincoln Hall](#) – Music venue near Galit.

### **BONUS ROUND: WHERE WOULD YOU GO FOR PIZZA AND FOR STEAK?**

- JT
  - [Peaquods](#) – Pizza in Lincoln Park, specializing in deep-dish with a caramelized crust.
  - [Chicago Cut](#) – Steak
  - [Mastro’s](#) – Steak
  - [Gene and Georgetti’s](#) – Steak
  - [La Scarola](#) – Italian, old school traditional spot.
- Shayna
  - [Bavette’s](#) – Steak
  - [Trivoli Tavern](#) – Steak
  - [Parlor Pizza](#) – Pizza, highly recommend Burrata Be Kidding Me!, great for groups.