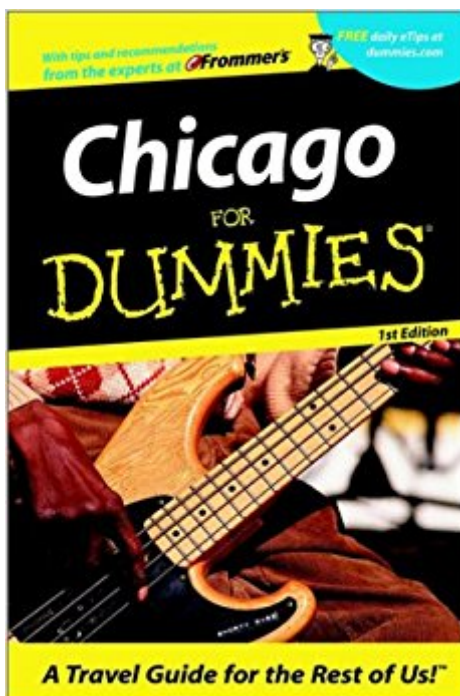


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# Chicago For Dummies? (Dummies Travel)



## Synopsis

This easy-to-follow, down-to-earth guide is the key to planning and enjoying a terrific trip to the Windy City. With *Chicago for Dummies* in hand, you'll know how to get Cubs tickets, where the best jazz clubs are and which spiffy new hotels have opened recently. With accommodations and dining choices for a range of budgets and tastes, you're sure to find something that suits you, from a deep-dish pizza dinner at Gino's East to cocktails at the hottest spots in town. Our authors include all of the newest additions to Chicago, like the new Chicago Winter Break, a three-month long winter celebration featuring all kinds of blockbuster events and discounts at hotels and restaurants. *Chicago for Dummies* makes planning a trip to this fabulous city a snap!

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## Customer Reviews

Laura Johnston has traveled to places as far-flung as the Middle Eastern country of Oman and written about extreme adventures such as long-distance dog sled racing in Yukon Territory, Canada, and northern Alaska. She has contributed to seven ...For Dummies books. A native Midwesterner, Laura resides in Chicago.

Every required detail is available. All the reasons for which anyone would visit Chicago are in the book. It has 100% coverage, and a perfect guide to anyone who does not have taxicab-driver familiarity. It has brilliant organization, separations by price, geography, and entertainment genre. If you want to know where The Billygoat Tavern is, or where to get the perfect Chicago-style hotdog,

it's inside. If you need to get your Chicago pizza fix, have no fear. If you merely on a sight-seeing trip or a spending-big-money trip, this book is the only guide you'll need. For those unfamiliar with the city, I highly recommend ripping out the perforated map that gives the essential details of the "El

Just when you think you know Chicago, Laura Johnston (who, as it turns out, isn't even a native -- but it's hard to tell!) shows you more. I tried to highlight the "good parts" of this book, but now my entire book is marked up because it is just THAT good. From tremendously useful reviews of various sightseeing destinations and restaurants to helpful suggestions regarding bargains (i.e., a chart that shows you free admission days to various attractions), "Chicago for Dummies" is absolutely essential for the Chicago visitor who doesn't want to miss a thing.

Laura Johnston keeps it simple. I'm a former Chicagoan and this book has just the right mix of the 'can't-miss' Chicago combined with 'off the beaten track' fun. Doesn't overwhelm with densely-written pages and more choices than one could possibly sample in a few days. Highly Recommended to anyone headed to My Kinda Town for the first time. A winner!

A thoroughly engaging guidebook written by a Chicagoan who steers you away from the tourist traps and into the hidden gems frequented by locals. Anecdotes, sidebars, insider tips, budgeting guides and detailed maps all help to get you to your chosen destination with the least amount of hassle. If you're going to the Windy City, it's a "must-have".

Despite the title, this is actually an excellent guide. Written in the friendly tone of a Chicago inhabitant with an obvious love for the city, it offers the sites, restaurants and activities that you might come across were you visiting a friend. Highly recommended!

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