

► In the words of the song, the Windy City has razzmatazz and all that jazz ► But it's the restaurants that have travellers singing its praises



► From spicy pork rinds served in a giant cone, to crispy fried sweetbreads and deep-dish pizzas, Chicago is a happening town — for foodies.

It's your kind of food town, Chicago



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So you're visiting Chicago and a meal at just any American food chain won't do? Okay, here are five of the most unique restaurants Chicago offers.

Deep-Dish Pizza

There's no going to Chicago without a deep-dish pizza. Every Chicagoan has their favourite, but you can't go wrong with these classic spots: Pizzeria Uno or Due, Lou Malnati's, Giordano's

Pizza, Pequod's Pizza or Gino's East. Be prepared to wait in line during peak times or order ahead for pickup. Dinner for two: \$30-40 with drinks.

Publican Restaurant

One of the hippest new spots in Chicago, is an ode to local foods. It's busy day and night — offering a great drinks menu, daily specials and staples such as spicy pork rinds served in a giant cone; a plate of aged ham with samples from Spain, Iowa and Virginia; creamy, crispy



► Hot Doug's selection.

fried sweetbreads; or a pig's head. Order a lot and share with friends. Dinner for two: \$100 with drinks.

Hot Doug's

This is no regular hot dog

place. Any time during opening hours, there's a one-hour lineup around the building. The menu offers more than a dozen of the wildest hot dogs — such as a foie gras and sauternes duck sausage dog; a spicy Thai chicken sausage; blue cheese pork sausage; smoked shrimp and pork sausage; or the Game of the Week dog with meats like crocodile and ostrich. Meal for two: \$30 with drinks.

Frontera Grill

One of the city's best-loved

restaurants for its creamy guacamoles, refreshing ceviches and grilled meats. Meal for two: \$100 with drinks.

Vie Restaurant

It is in the small town of Western Springs, a 30-minute train ride from downtown. Chef Paul Virant uses ingredients from local farms to create some of the most inventive dishes in the Chicago area. A meal here is around \$150 for dinner for two — but it's a steal because of the quality of the food.

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Travel in brief



National Geographic Traveler magazine has selected Newfoundland's Avalon Peninsula as its top rated coastal destination. The magazine's November issue says the peninsula, is a "blustery realm" that is home to "brightly painted fishing villages and the lively city of St. John's." It says visiting the Avalon is "like going back in time — close-knit communities, a strong local culture reflected in music and art, and unspoiled scenery." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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