

**WHEN TRAVELLING, TAKE THE FORK:
FOOD & TRAVEL STUDY TOUR**



CHICAGO SEPTEMBER 21 - 24, 2023



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**CHICAGO
GOURMET**

DELICE NETWORK STUDY TOUR

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This Study Tour will immerse Délice delegates and visiting chefs in **Chicago Gourmet**, a premier food & wine festival spotlighting Chicago's diverse dining scene.

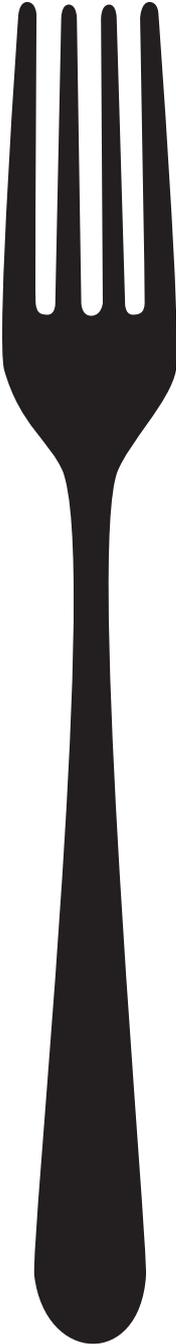
This year's festival will celebrate the relationship between **food and travel**. Visiting Delice chefs will be paired with a local host chef to prepare a unique tasting to be served during the festival.

In parallel, Delice delegates will hear from a convergence of experts in hospitality marketing, food innovation, and food manufacturing.

But that's not all! The Delice Chicago Food Capital Study Tour will include visits to some of Chicago's top sites including an architectural boat tour along the Chicago River.

Be prepared to be blown away by the "Windy City"!





THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 21

Welcome to your first full day in Chicago! Spend the day acclimating to the city before the fiesta kicking off Chicago Gourmet, Tacos & Tequila, at the Harris Theatre Rooftop, hosted by Chef Rick Bayless!



MEET AT 6:30 PM

**Lobby of the Fairmont Hotel
200 N Columbus, Chicago IL 60601**

Meet our host Lisette, who will have our ticketing and registration information for the events at the Harris Theatre

Walk together to the Harris Theatre Rooftop.

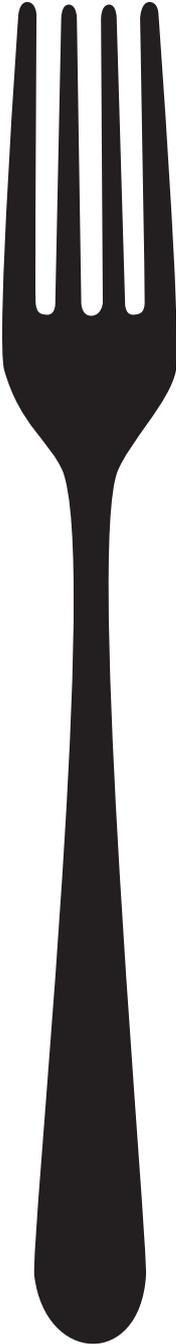
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Tacos & Tequila presented by USFoods and The Spice House

Harris Theatre Rooftop 205 E Randolph St. Chicago IL 60601



FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 22



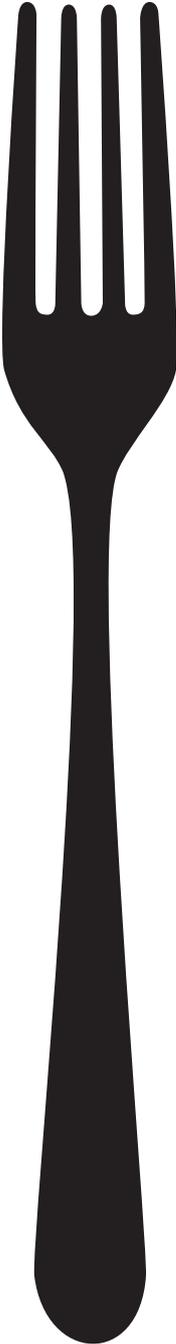
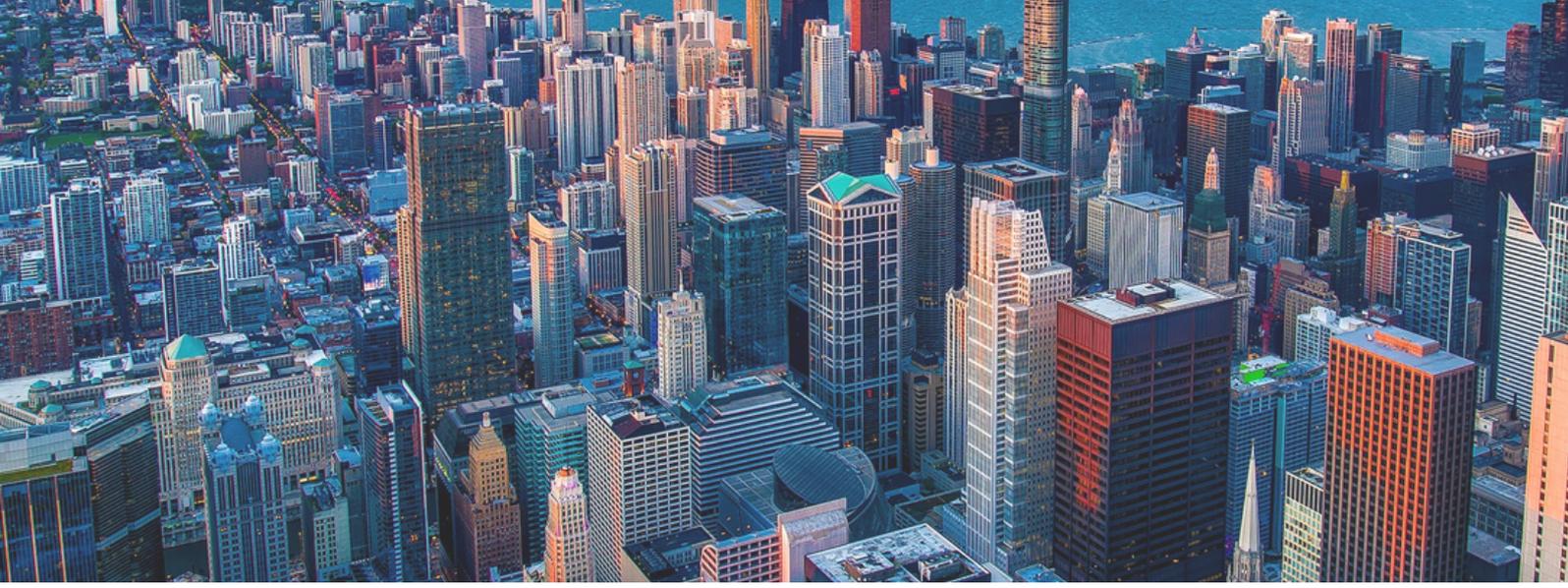
Discover the way **Chicago** has become a **leader in food innovation** and a **global food destination**.

You will have a presentation at **World Business Chicago** that will help paint the landscape of some of the sights you will see today and share how we're continuing to drive Chicago's reputation as a global city and a center for food innovation.



You will then have a **Chef's Table lunch experience at Cira**, located at the famous **Hoxton Hotel**. The Hoxton is a series of hotels rooted in culture and community. Each hotel is a reflection of its neighborhood, inspired by the diversity of the streets and scenes that surround them. You will get a tour of the hotel and its speakeasy bar.

Following lunch, you will have a guided visit of **Fulton Market**. Fulton Market in Chicago's West Loop is now home to some of the city's trendiest restaurants. But the area's history as an economic powerhouse is anything but new. Once home to warehouses and wholesalers, the Fulton Market area was a core part of Chicago's meatpacking industry. Learn how the neighborhood has exploded with trendy restaurants that have converted the historic warehouses into one of the city's hippest dining destinations with a **guided tour by Jeff Shapack**.



Jeffrey Shapack is the founder & CEO of Shapack Partners. Jeff relocated to Chicago sixteen years ago to develop luxury retail in various Chicago neighborhoods. During this time, Jeff developed Barneys New York in the Gold Coast, the Apple Store flagship in Lincoln Park, Intermix, and lululemon in Bucktown and many other retail developments throughout Chicago. In 2009, Jeff founded Shapack Partners and by early 2011 Shapack Partners asserted itself as a leader in the creation of the Fulton Market district.

Jeff graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He is a board member of the Chicago Artists Coalition and lives in Lincoln Park with his wife and three daughters.

Following the tour of Fulton Market, we will make our way to **East Garfield Park**, where we will get a tour of Garfield Produce. Garfield Produce is an **indoor vertical farm and a licensed wholesale food establishment**, formed with the social mission of serving under-resourced neighborhoods by building sustainable wealth and creating employment while growing some of the highest quality produce in the city. They partner with several local organizations that specialize in job-readiness programs for those with barriers to employment and offer essential job training. They have built a model around **economic development, sustainability and innovation**.

You will then have free time before an exciting evening at the Harris Theatre Rooftop for **Hamburger Hop**, hosted by Stephanie Izard, followed by **Late Night Gourmet at Tao**, a premier restaurant and nightclub in Chicago.



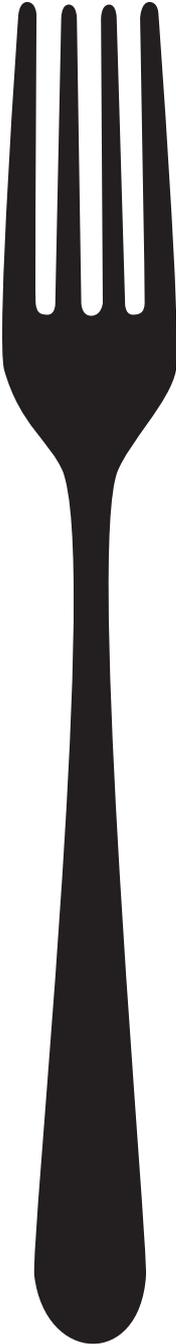
FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 22

MEET AT 9:15 AM

World Business Chicago

180 N. LaSalle St, Suite 2505, Chicago, IL 60601



9:30 AM - 10:00 AM | Welcome Coffee & Pastries

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM | Welcome

Mary Kay Bonoma, COO, Illinois Restaurant Association / Chicago Gourmet

Marketing Chicago as a Global Food Destination

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM | World Business Chicago presentations

Karissa Perez, Senior Program Manager, Global Strategic Initiatives

Intro to World Business Chicago & Chicago Sister City International

Robin Ficke, Senior Vice President, Research

Food Innovation in Chicago

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM | Choose Chicago

Jason Lesniewicz, Senior Director of Cultural Tourism



11:15 AM - 11:45 AM | Here Here Market: Launching Local Chefs & Restaurants into Retail

Disha Gulati, Co-Founder and CEO

Depart to Cira, 15 mins

12:15 PM - 1:40 PM | Lunch and Tour at the Cira @ Hoxton Hotel

200 N Green St, Chicago, IL 60607

1:45 PM - 2:15 PM | Guided Visit of Fulton Market with Jeff Shapack

167 N Green St, Chicago, IL 60607

Depart (via Uber) to Garfield Produce, 15 mins

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM | Garfield Produce

401 N Trumbull Ave b, Chicago, IL 60624

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Free time

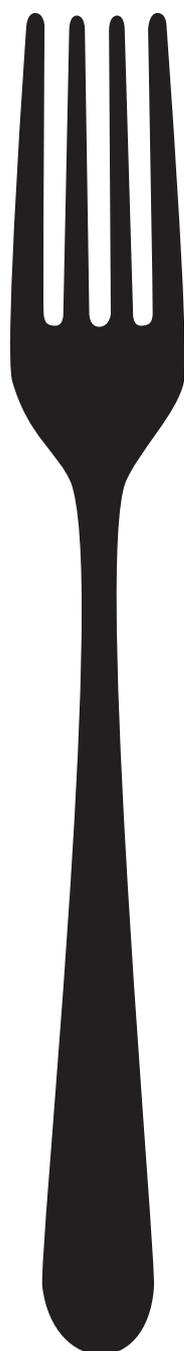
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Hamburger Hop presented by DoorDash, Sysco, and Blue Moon

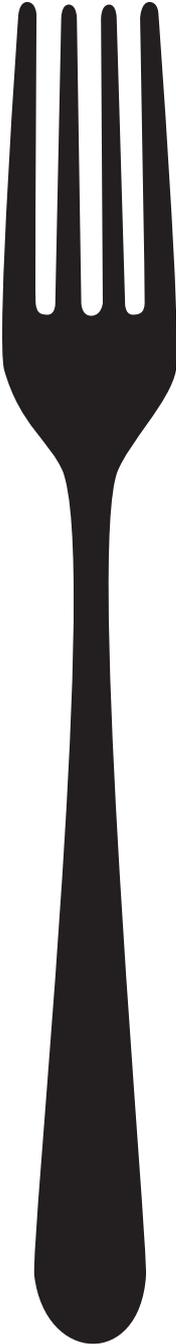
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9:00 PM - Midnight | Late Night Gourmet presented by TAO Chicago

632 N Dearborn St, Chicago, IL 60654





SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 23

Continue to explore Chicago and experience more of its gastronomic landscape, beginning with a tour and visit of Kendall College. The **Kendall College of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management at National Louis University** is the Chicago Michelin Guide Restaurants No. 1 ranked program in Chicago for preparing students for careers in these fields. You will then make your way to **Lincoln Park for a visit at Green City Market** to do some shopping and to meet with local vendors, followed by brunch at Gemini. Then get a chance to soak in the sights of the **Chicago skyline** for an architectural river tour before getting some free time. You will end the night with **Grand Cru Session II**.

MEET AT 8:45 AM

Kendall College at National Louis University
18 S Michigan Ave 3rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60603

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Welcome Breakfast & Tour of Kendall College

10:25 AM | Uber to Green City Market

10:45 AM - 11:45 PM | Green City Market, Lincoln Park

Time to shop and speak with local vendors
1817 N Clark St Chicago, IL 60611





12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Brunch at Gemini

2075 N Lincoln Avenue Chicago, IL 60611

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM | Architectural Boat Tour Along the Chicago River - Wendella

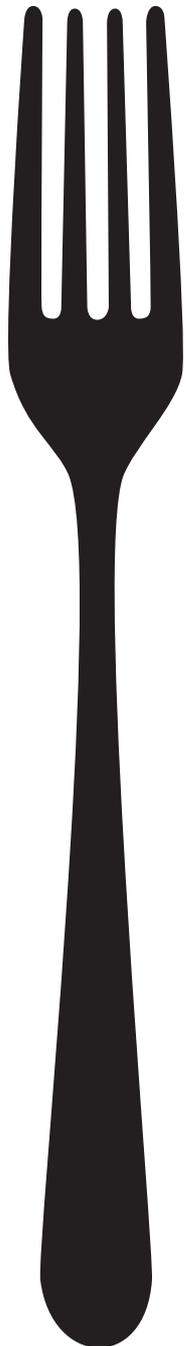
400 N Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60611

(Ask Karissa for your tickets)

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM | Free Time

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Grand Cru Session II presented by UnitedHealthcare and Lexus

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SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

MEET AT 01:00 PM

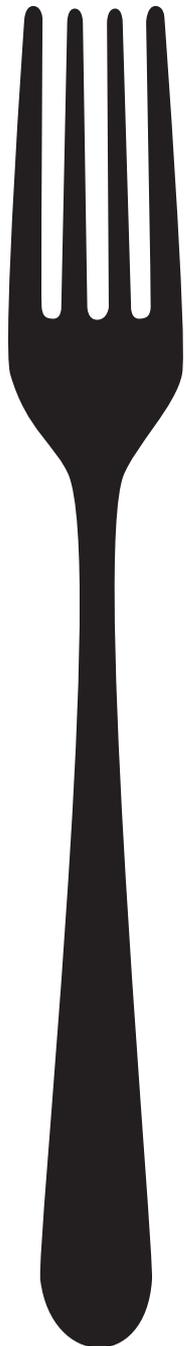
Harris Theater Rooftop at Millennium Park
205 E Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60601, USA



01:00 - 04:00 PM Optional Programming

Prost! In The Park presented by Krombacher

Raise high your beer steins my friends for Prost! In The Park, hosted by Chef Sarah Grueneberg. Where the wursts are the best and the beer is bountiful, this gourmet Oktoberfest on the Harris Theater rooftop, is an afternoon of sun, fun, chef takes on classic German delights, craft brews, cool cocktails, music, and more. This Sünday Fünday is a must do event.



PRACTICAL INFO

CHICAGO WILL COVER:

Entrance tickets to Chicago Gourmet events, visits, meals and ground transportation.

AT YOUR EXPENSE:

Accommodation, travel, personal expenses

Chicago Gourmet will also cover air transportation, hotel accommodations, meals and ground transportation, but only for visiting chefs.

EVENT LOCATION

Harris Theater Rooftop at Millennium Park

205 E Randolph St.

Chicago, IL 60601

PARTNER HOTEL (WHERE CHEFS WILL STAY)

- Fairmont Chicago****, 200 N Columbus, Chicago IL 60601



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