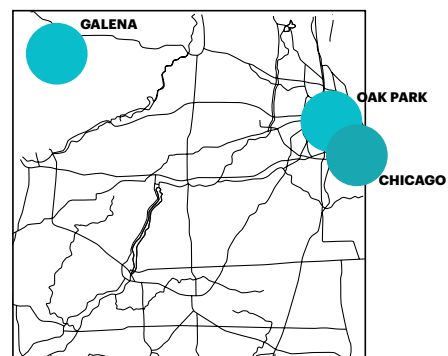




Travel with Pride in Illinois

From fabulous nightlife to quaint retreats, Illinois greets LGBTQ travelers with trip ideas that start in Chicago's vibrant LGBTQ neighborhoods and continue to attractions and festivals around the state.

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ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVALS

Midsommarfest

An annual street festival in the Andersonville neighborhood featuring two days and three nights of music, dancing, kids' entertainment, and delicious food.

Chicago Pride Parade

One of the largest of its kind, Chicago's Pride Parade takes place along Chicago's famed Halsted street in Boystown.

Northalsted Market Days

The largest outdoor street festival in the Midwest! This annual tradition – known for its vast array of national talent, unique vendors, arts, crafts, food and drink – welcomes more than 180,000 people each year from across the globe.

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1. CHICAGO

Legacy Walk Tour

This tour is the only outdoor LGBTQ History Museum celebrating the contributions of LGBTQ people to the world.

Heritage Bicycles

Fully customized, American-made with American steel, hand-welded Heritage bikes are the talk of the town - and the toast of the neighborhood.



Sidetracks

Spanning more than eight storefronts and multiple levels, Sidetracks can host more than 1,000 people at a time – that's sure to be a party!

Hollywood Beach

Chicago winters may be cold, but summer weekends at Hollywood Beach are hot! A popular beach for all Chicagoans, the gays and their friends hang out on the south side of the beach (the right side).

Broadway In Chicago

Broadway In Chicago presents a full range of entertainment, including musicals and plays in Chicago's historic theatres.

Optimo Hats

Quite possibly the finest hand-made hats this side of the universe.



You are Beautiful By Matthew Hoffman

Named for "You Are Beautiful," a global project that aims to better the world in little ways. Hoffman creates public art displays that spread positive messages to public spaces around the world. Visitors can now share those powerful messages with loved ones through shopping "You Are Beautiful" products at the official headquarters in Avondale.



Mary's Attic

Located above Mary's Dining Room, Mary's Attic plays host to a variety of weekly and special events including the famous MaryOke-karaoke, theatre & cabaret performances, musical acts and weekend DJ dance parties.

2. OAK PARK

Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio

Of all the Oak Park homes designed by Wright, perhaps the most important is the one he made for himself. Guided tours of the home are available as well as the surrounding neighborhood featuring 25 Wright-designed buildings.

Harvey House Bed & Breakfast

With its welcoming yet informal atmosphere, Harvey House guests can enjoy good company or simply just take a break from daily life.

3. GALENA

Aldrich Guest House Bed and Breakfast

Rated as Galena's number one bed and breakfast, Aldrich Guest House is known for its elegance and luxury along with graceful references to the storied history of the mansion.

Blum Bros. Distilling Company

Sources grains from local farmers crafting small batches of rye, whiskey & vodka with the highest-quality, the old-fashioned way.



Eshelman Pottery

Handcrafted pieces inspired by artist Paul Eshelman's vision of bringing everyone together around a dinner table.



Fried Green Tomatoes

Located in a building with history and vintage character, this iconic restaurant is the place for steak, fresh scallops and homemade lasagna.

Galena Cellars Winery & Vineyard

Add some local wine to your B&B retreat with a tasting at Galena Cellars Winery. Or venture out to their vineyard where wine tastings come with views of the rolling countryside and a guided tour.



Galena on the Fly

Get ready to lift off in one of the largest hot air balloons in the country. Drift above the rolling landscapes of Jo Daviess county and the historic Galena countryside while taking in stunning views from your 3,000-foot-high perch.

Inn at Irish Hollow

Old World charm meets modern amenities in these quaint cottages that dot a real working farm. Wake up to views of rolling hills and freshly prepared cuisine served with plenty of Midwestern hospitality.

Jail Hill Inn

Prominently situated to overlook downtown Galena and its countryside, Jail Hill Inn offers gracious lodging for your perfect getaway. The 135-year-old, 4-story brick building served as the county jail for nearly 100 years. In 2019, Jail Hill Inn was ranked the No. 1 B&B in the U.S. and No. 2 in the world.