

SELECTED RESTAURANT IDEAS

There are literally thousands of restaurants in Chicago and many bordering UIC. We've highlighted a few more unusual destination restaurants near UIC for those who want something a bit out of the ordinary, from high to low brow.

PILSEN AREA (SOUTH BORDER OF UIC, HISTORIC CZECH NOW MEXICAN NEIGHBORHOOD)

Nightwood Restaurant



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Opened last year by famed operators of Lula's Café, Nightwood Restaurant serves an eclectic menu specializing in local and seasonal foods and menu with a gourmet flair. Five star reviews. Located at 2119 S. Halsted Street, open 5:30-11:30pm Monday – Saturday, 9am- 2:30pm on Sundays. Price: midrange.

Phone: 312-526-3385.

www.nightwoodrestaurant.com

Honky Tonk Restaurant



Honky Tonk BBQ

Casual dining with various types of BBQ and often a live band playing bluegrass and country. Their BBQ has won some major competitive awards. Located at 1213 W. 18th St., Chicago 60608, Monday – Saturday till 11pm, Sunday till 8pm. Cash only. Price: affordable.

Phone: 312-226-RIBS (7427)

www.honkytonkbbqchicago.com

LITTLE ITALY (HISTORIC ITALIAN NEIGHBORHOOD, IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF UIC)

Chez Joel



Chez Joel Restaurant

Classic French bistro in heart of Little Italy featuring southern French cooking, with outdoor garden and quiet simple elegance. 1119 W. Taylor, 60607. Tuesday – Saturday till 11pm, Sunday till 9pm. Price: midrange

Phone: 312-226-6479

www.chezjoelbistro.com

Aldino's



Aldino's Restaurant and Market

A relatively new Italian restaurant with an Old World feel, Aldino's features Italian cuisines from several regions of Italy in a homey, family operation. It promises high quality meals at affordable prices. Within yards of UIC campus on Racine, south of Harrison. 626 S. Racine, 60607 Monday – Saturday till 11pm. Price: midrange

Phone: 312-226-9300

FULTON MARKET AREA (NORTH BORDER OF UIC AND SURROUNDING OPRAH WINFREY STUDIO)

Wishbone



Wishbone

Southern reconstruction cooking with collard greens, sweet potato pie, beef brisket, jambalaya, corn muffins and the typical southern fixings. Fun atmosphere. Monday – Saturday till 10pm, Sunday till 3pm. Near Harpo Studios. 1001 W. Washington, 60607. Price: affordable. No reservations.

Phone: 312-850-2663. www.wishbonechicago.com

Onesixtyblue



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Upscale American contemporary cuisine served in a sleek modern setting. Named one of America's top 10 celebrity owned restaurants (owned by Michael Jordan). Seared Maine scallops, cedar roasted wild Alaskan salmon, and Wagyu steak are a few of the seasonal main courses. 1400 West Randolph, 60607. Serving till 10pm Friday & Saturday. Price: high end.

Phone: 312.455.8626. www.onesixtyblue.com

Veerasway



Veerasway

Named by *Chicago Magazine* as one of top new restaurants in 2009, Veerasway features Indo-American dishes or approachable Indian fare. Open till 10pm on Friday & Saturday, and till 9:30pm on Sunday, at 844 W. Randolph St. 60607. Price: midrange

Phone: 312.491.0844

www.veerasway.com

SOUTH HALSTED STREET AREA (EAST BORDER OF UIC CAMPUS)

Parthenon



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Traditional Greek restaurant in heart of Greek Town. Invented saganaki, or flaming cheese (a must try as an appetizer). Serves lamb, fish, other Greek dishes along with vegetarian and vegan. Often crowded on weekends. Open till midnight. 314 South Halsted Street 60661. Lively atmosphere. Price: midrange

Phone: 312.726.2407

www.theparthenon.com

Joy Yee Noodles



Joy Yee Noodles

Noodles made in Thai, Chinese, Vietnamese, or Japanese style offered, along with an overwhelming selection of side dishes, including sushi. Large portions well made with quality ingredients and quickly served. BYO, so bring your own wine or beer if you want alcohol. 1335 S. Halsted St. 60608. Open till 10:30pm. Across the street from UIC dorms. Price: cheap

Phone: 312. 997-2128

www.joyyee.com