



Lisa says... Flavorful Fests

Chicago is a city of festivals all year long. The summer explodes with huge downtown festivals and every weekend there are one or two street festivals around the city. Even through the winter we have fun inside and outside. This list includes only a few of the best of the fests. Check out the websites at the bottom for the latest information.

The BIG Festivals



hot dogs

Taste of Chicago: Chicago's biggest, most famous and exciting festival. Amazing food from 60 Chicago restaurants, find deep dish pizza to deep fried plantains. Sample different cuisines from all over the City of Chicago and all over the world. Free music performances every night. Don't miss this big party. June 27-July 6, 2008 www.tasteofchicago.us



blues

Blues Festival: Chicago is a city of soul and known for the Blues style of music. Chicago Blues Fest brings together Blues artists from all over the world and Chicago. Blues Fest is just one of Grant Parks amazing free festivals. Great food and fun free performances on multiple stages make this festival a highlight of the summer for blues enthusiasts. June 5-8, 2008.

www.chicagobluesfestival.org



tons of music

Lollapalooza: Just 2 blocks from the hostel! Over 200 bands in 3 days of music in Grant Park. Lollapalooza is here August 1-3, 2008, and will be set in Chicago for the next 10 years. Don't miss this amazing music explosion, big name headliners from last years festival include Ben Harper, Pearl Jam, Daft Punk, and Lilly Allen. Smaller acts include Feist, the Cribs and Spoon. Check out www.lollapalooza.com for the latest.



new music

Pitchfork Music fest: Indie rockers unite! This music fest is sure to please concertgoer's ears with music from last year's festival that included Yoko Ono, Cat Power, Sonic Youth, Voxtrot and Iron and Wine. Fun in the sun for 2 days of music. Tickets aren't expensive, \$25 one day and \$35 for a 2-day pass. In 2008, July 11-13. www.pitchforkmusicfestival.com

More Fun at the Festivals Around Chicago



dance
outside

Summerdance: Learn how to mambo, swing, country line dance and even hip hop. Summerdance is free nightly from Thursday-Sunday from June 22-August 31. A one hour dance lesson starts at 6:00PM and then from 7-9pm a live band plays and people dance and enjoy the beautiful summer weather in Chicago. Just a quick walk from the hostel. Don't miss this chance to learn some new moves and meet some cool Chicagoans.



movies
outside

Chicago Outdoor Cinema Festival: Want to see classic films under the stars in Chicago, Tuesdays in July and August. A great way to spend a summer evening in Chicago. The hostel has large groups of travelers and volunteers who go to "movies" every Tuesday. Past films include "Rebel Without A Cause," "American Graffiti" and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." July – August 2008.



classical

Grant Park Music Festival: Want to see famous operas concertos, world music concerts and the blues? It's all FREE almost every night in the summer in Chicago. Don't miss out on your chance to see the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus perform in Millennium Park. Past works have included 10 different symphonies in ten weeks, performances with the Joffrey Ballet and more. www.grantparkmusicfestival.com



German
for a day

German-American Festival: Chicago celebrates its German American heritage at this fun Lincoln Square neighborhood festival, and the Von Stuben Parade has even been featured in a Chicago Classic movie "Ferris Bueller's Day off. Watch classic German dancing and drink out of a commemorative plastic bear stein. First weekend in September. www.germanday.com



winter
holidays

Christkindlmarket: Chicago's Christmas festival, an open air market complete with entertainment. The Christkindlmarket is modeled after a German open air market. In December come and experience this fantastic holiday tradition.

Drink some hot Glühwein, and grab some delicious roasted nuts while you shop around the fantastic German crafts and food From Thanksgiving to Christmas.

www.christkindlmarket.com

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www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents
chicagofests.com

