

CHICAGO



A WARM WELCOME

Viceroy Hotel's glossy eatery reopened for dinner last month, debuting the culinary talents of new executive chef Stephen Gillanders in a chic, yacht club-like setting. The chef's new American dishes are a celebration of seasonality and simplicity, featuring creative departures from popular classics like garganelli and lobster sausage, buratta caramelle, and warm seafood salad with calamari, shrimp, scallops, and octopus. Heavier indulgences include porcini crusted salmon and a sizzling wood-fired NY strip. For dessert, visions of black truffle sundaes and warm apple galettes dance overhead. **1112 N State Street, viceroyhotelsandresorts.com**

POETRY IN A GLASS

In celebration of the Art Institute of Chicago's "Monet and Chicago" exhibition, Travelle at the Langham is reimagining the famous works of Claude Monet in a series of handcrafted cocktails. There's Water Lily Pond, a light spritz with Lillet Blanc, prosecco, and elderflower liqueur, and the Stacks of Wheat, crafted with wheated bourbon and French vermouth. Arrival of the Normandy Train, a blend of calvados, green chartreuse, and Cocchi Americano, was inspired by Monet's days perfecting his painting skills inside the train terminal that connected Paris and Normandy. The cocktail even features aromatic smoke, emulating the puffs of smoke from steam trains of the time. The libations will be available at Langham Chicago's restaurant and bar through January 18. **330 N Wabash Avenue, langhamhotels.com/chicago**



CABARET ALL DAY

Hotel Allegro goes big for the holidays, bringing some of the city's best entertainment to the privacy of your hotel suite. A new cabaret package features performances by some of the city's finest burlesque and variety entertainers accompanied by live music via Chicago's own Brooklyn Britches and The Whispers. A private game room suite package includes overnight accommodations in the Starlet Suite and adjoining rooms for a night of billiards with wine and snacks. Families can enjoy a private movie theater experience along with games like life-sized Jenga and a plethora of candy to fuel the fun. **171 W Randolph Street, allegrochicago.com**



SWEATER WEATHER

Former radio personality Heidi Hess is lighting up the fashion scene with her eponymous knitwear brand and plush hand-loomed knits, and her ready-to-wear line includes sweaters, boleros, dresses, and ponchos. Her trademarked hoodie poncho in a signature cotton and linen blend is her bestseller and can be worn off the shoulder, as a shawl, a cowl, or coat. The versatile topper is a must-have piece for a chilly winter; it's chic enough to pair with a dress or skirt but packs the comfort of a go-to security blanket. Most designs are available online, including limited edition products, and you can visit the Heidi Hess pop-up this season within the Shops at North Bridge, too. **520 N Michigan Avenue, heidihess.com**

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THE SUSHI SHOW

The speakeasy-style sushi bar in Suite 202 at Hotel Lincoln serves just six guests at a time in an intimate 500-square-foot space. Chef Aeton "Oni" Noppon presents each bite of his 17-course omakase sushi tasting in quick succession, his fingers deftly forming balls of vinegared rice draped with fish sourced predominantly from Japan, including rare seasonal delicacies like tsumi buri golden yellowtail and ishikai (striped beakfish). Noppon is even growing fresh wasabi, shiso, shishitos, and kyuri (Japanese cucumbers) on site. After dinner, relax on a posh divan and enjoy a Japanese whisky highball or flight of sake from the suite's sake vending machine. **1816 N Clark Street, sushiyoubou.com**

