**Out and About: A Short Guide to City Living Handout**

**Finding Things To Do in Chicago**

There are many events, exhibitions, shows, concerts, street fairs, neighborhood events, etc. throughout the city. These are especially abundant during the spring and summer.

*Some resources:*

* Chicago.com
* Cityofchicago.org
* Choosechicago.com
* Chicago.metromix.com
* Chicagofree.info
* Groupon
* Twitter
* Facebook
* Google search what you want to do/see
* Many neighborhoods will have their own website

**Transportation**

Whether you have a long day of adventure planned, or you just want to get home from a friend’s house, there are many options for transportation.

*CTA Resources:*

* CTA Tracker
* Transit Stop
* CTA on Twitter (@CTA)
* CTA Website (transitchicago.com)

*Cab Resources and Apps:*

* Uber
* Hailo
* Taxi Magic
* SnagCab
* Lyft

*General Reminders*

* Be aware of your surroundings
* Let people exit before you enter
* Be conscious of personal space

**Shopping**

Chicago has a huge variety of shopping options for everyone. Whether you’re interested in big name brands or locally produced items, there’s something for you.

*Asking for Help*

* Some phrases:
  + Excuse me…
  + Could you help me find…
  + I have a question…
* When you might ask for help:
  + If you are unsure of what you want to purchase
  + If you need help finding something
  + If you want to see some options

*General Reminders:*

* You don’t need to buy anything; you can just browse
* Don’t make a mess
* Put items back where you found them
* Be aware of the returns/exchanges policies before you purchase
* Bartering is generally unaccepted

**Dining out in Chicago**

Chicago has thousands of restaurants and bars that range from very casual to very formal. No matter what you have a taste for, you can find the perfect restaurant!

*General reminders:*

* Many restaurants will take reservations, so it’s a good idea to call ahead.
* BYOB means that you can Bring Your Own Beverage.
* Look for a host podium or a sign indicating whether you seat yourself.
* If you have any questions about the menu or the restaurant, ask your server.

*Resources:*

* Yelp
* Grubhub
* Urban Spoon
* Zagats
* Social Media: many restaurants have social media pages, and you can find out more information about the restaurant there.

*Tipping:*

* If the service was very good, you should tip at least 20%.
* Tipping less than 15% can been seen as rude.