



VIRGIN HOTELS CHICAGO BRINGS UNIQUE CULINARY EXPERIENCES TO THE WINDY CITY

Executive Chef Moosah Reaume Offers Exceptional Food & Beverage Programs for Hotel Guests, Locals

CHICAGO, Ill. - In January 2015, Virgin Hotels made its property debut with the opening of **Virgin Hotels Chicago** in the city's Loop neighborhood. At that time, the hotel brand, which was founded in 2010, joined a stellar portfolio of hospitality companies led by Virgin Group and its founder Sir Richard Branson. The property continues to offer the same excitement, heartfelt service and smart innovation that Virgin is known for across the board.

With hospitality at its core, Virgin Hotels Chicago offers hotel guests and locals alike a variety of unique experiences through diverse food and beverage outlets located throughout the hotel including **Commons Club**, the hotel's flagship second floor restaurant, bar and lounge; **Cerise**, the swanky rooftop bar and lounge; **Two Zero Three**, the first floor coffee shop, **Upstairs** the intimate live entertainment venue and **Miss Ricky's** a fresh interpretation on a classic American diner concept, offering a traditional diner menu set in an industrial yet contemporary aesthetic.

Virgin Hotels Chicago's culinary outlets are led by Executive Chef Tony Roldan, who joined the team in 2021.

Tony Roldan, Executive Chef

Roldan discovered his love of combining global inspired flavors with modern twists. Prior to joining Virgin Hotels Chicago, he worked with Davidson Hospitality, Moto Restaurant and Green Zebra.

In 2021, Roldan joined Virgin Hotels Chicago as Executive Chef. Chef Roldan brings his Mexican heritage and love of modern American dishes to the forefront and will continue to offer the brand's unrelenting dedication to hospitality and restaurant service for all of Virgin Hotels Chicago's restaurants.

Commons Club

At the heart of Virgin Hotels Chicago is Commons Club, a modern social club offering a dynamic and interactive experience for breakfast, lunch, and dinner a restaurant, bar and lounge that offers a full-service experience with an open kitchen concept, including an exclusive chef's table where guests and locals alike are invited to nosh, imbibe and mingle.

Nestled within the second floor of what was once the historic Old Dearborn Bank Building, Commons Club offers a mystique and dramatic approach with intimate spaces. Featuring the original grand staircase and the stunning coffered plaster ceiling, unique accessories with oval champagne velvet hand-tufted sofas, the space is reminiscent of classic deco style. Past the eclectic bar area, views of an open kitchen will entice patrons' appetites and curiosity in a delightful, theatrical fashion.

Cerise

Cerise, Virgin Hotels Chicago's rooftop bar and lounge located on the 26th floor, boasts breathtaking sights, perennially-cool music and exceptional cocktails and bites while always satisfying a deep-diving, fun-loving, hard-partying crowd. Cerise welcomes a diverse mix of rotating DJs and live music highlighting an array of genres, global at times and local at others. The sprawling indoor-outdoor space features uniquely designed

rooms and gardens set against stunning skyline views, and offers an eclectic assortment of libations and a selection of delicious bites by Chef Tony.

The beverage menu offers unique seasonal cocktails, wines by the glass or bottle and a selection of craft beer from local Chicago breweries and beyond. Chef Tony's menu includes shareable snacks charcuterie and more savory options.

The lively atmosphere creates a sense of creativity and curiosity, where locals and travelers alike come together to unwind and embrace the unexpected.

Two Zero Three

Named for Virgin Hotels Chicago's landmark address, the hotel's coffee house pours locally brewed coffee by Dark Matter Coffee and offers a grab-and-go station with muffins, scones and other breakfast pastry temptations, coffee favorites and a full juice bar menu featuring health-conscious light bites. Located on the first floor of the hotel, Two Zero Three provides plenty of space for lounging day or night with communal tables, comfortable banquettes and power outlets at every seat.

Upstairs

Tucked away on the 25th floor, Upstairs is Virgin Hotels Chicago's speakeasy meets live entertainment venue. The intimate space is complete with a full service bar, stage and gorgeous outdoor terrace perfect for a private dinner or a breath of fresh air. Laced with live music, craft cocktails and mischievous nightly acts Upstairs offers an eclectic mix of entertainment with regular weekly and monthly programming including DJ sets, comedy shows and pop-up performances from nationally acclaimed artists including Eddie Vedder, Chance The Rapper, HAIM, Win Butler of Arcade Fire, QuestLove and Whitney. Virgin Hotels Chicago makes live entertainment accessible to everyone with almost all shows open to the public and free to attend.

In addition to scheduled entertainment, Upstairs can accommodate private events seating up to 60 guests indoors and 30 guests outdoors.

Hours of Operation: based on performance schedule, visit The Marquee for upcoming shows: <https://virginhotels.com/chicago/step-inside/events/>

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About Virgin Hotels Chicago:

Virgin Hotels Chicago is the first property from Virgin Hotels - the lifestyle hospitality brand that combines heartfelt service, straightforward value and a seamless, personalized hotel experience with the track record of innovation and smart disruption that Sir Richard Branson's global Virgin Group has pioneered for 50 years. The property mixes a passion for food and beverage with music and culture, fusing with the local landscape and providing a vibrant and inclusive environment for travelers and locals alike. Located in The Loop on Wabash Avenue, Virgin Hotels Chicago features 250 Chambers and Grand Chamber Suites across 26 floors; multiple dining and drinking outlets, including the brand's flagship space, Commons Club; Two Zero Three coffee shop; numerous meeting spaces; and Cerise, the property's rooftop bar and lounge. The hotel's event space is designed to assure flexibility and diversity, with state-of-the-art technology, and menus of fully customizable options. Virgin Hotels Chicago, named the "#1 Hotel in United States in 2016, and "#1 Hotel in Chicago" by Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards in both 2016 and 2017. Virgin Hotels Chicago is located in the old Dearborn Bank Building at 203 N. Wabash Avenue.