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Avec, Bang Bang Pie, and Freds: Andrea Goldman's Chicago

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All this week, we're covering the [EXPO](#) fair and surrounding events in Chicago. To give you an insider look at the city, we're talking to a few exceptional Chicagoans who are sharing their favorite spots to dine, drink, play, and see art. Up next, we have interior designer [Andrea Goldman](#).

WHERE TO EAT AND SIP:

My all-time favorite place to eat after all these years is the bar at **Avec**. I love to order the bacon-wrapped, chorizo-stuffed dates, pork shoulder and sweet corn with a glass of Spanish white wine. I also love vegetable-forward restaurant **Bad Hunter**—their butter dumplings and wood-grilled chanterelle mushrooms are incredible. **Cherry Circle Room** at the **Chicago Athletic Association** has fun tableside cocktails and the best French onion soup in the city. And if you need a great snack, the chili cheese curds and habanero popcorn at **Antique Taco**—paired with the house rosemary margarita—are the way to go. After an event, I love to work in a late-night stop at **Wiener Circle** in Lincoln Park. And of course, in the morning, hit up **Bang Bang Pie** for their fresh biscuits.

WHERE TO SEE ART:

I always recommend walking the Modern Wing at the **Art Institute of Chicago**. They have such an incredible collection of iconic works. As for local galleries, some of the best are in West Town and the West Loop, like [Monique Meloche Gallery](#) (which currently has an incredible exhibition from **Sanford Biggers**), **Corbett vs. Dempsey**, and **Kavi Gupta**.

WHERE TO RELAX AND HAVE FUN:

I find walking through the Lurie Garden at **Millennium Park** to be very peaceful and restorative. Hanging out in the Music Room at **Soho House** is also a great way to unwind—it's a cozy and intimate space and they have wonderful performances and workshops. And having a glass of rosé on the balcony of **Freds** at **Barneys** is one of the best ways to take in the views of our beautiful city.