

The Peninsula Chicago

MANAGED BY THE PENINSULA HOTELS, which operates luxury hotels throughout Asia and the United States, The Peninsula Chicago (www.chicago.peninsula.com) has been awarded numerous prestigious accolades since its opening in 2001, including the Forbes' Five-Star, AAA Five-Diamond awards, and Number One Hotel in the U.S. by both *Conde Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure* magazines.

Situated in the heart of Chicago's "Magnificent Mile," the property provides guests with Far Eastern graciousness coupled with Midwestern hospitality, and offers 339 recently refurbished luxurious and spacious guest rooms and suites to choose from, each uniquely furnished in a contemporary yet classical style. This includes the extravagant 3,000-square-foot Peninsula Suite, with its own 2,000-square-foot private terrace, for guests seeking the very best the property has to offer.

There is no shortage of food and beverage options for those interested in remaining on site. Guests can enjoy an exceptional four-star, AAA Five-Diamond dining experience at Avenues. Shanghai Terrace is recognized both for its incredible service and notable Shanghainese and Cantonese dishes. Modeled after the flagship Peninsula in Hong Kong, The Lobby at The Peninsula Chicago offers afternoon tea, jazz and

chocolate at The Pen, and an indulgent Sunday brunch. Pierrot Gourmet is a European-style café and wine bar with alfresco dining in the summer. Additionally, The Bar offers visitors a exclusive meeting spot with an art nouveau flavor and an elegant fireplace.

Guests eager to stay in shape or just relax have access to the hotel's award-winning 15,000-square-foot Peninsula Spa by ESPA, which offers rejuvenating beauty therapies like ayurvedic treatments, and the latest exercise equipment, as well as a sundeck and a ½ Olympic length indoor swimming pool with floor-to-ceiling windows ensuring amazing views.

The hotel also provides guests with access to an incredible 9,500 square feet of versatile meeting and event space, perfect for any gathering.

For those interested in a unique Chicago experience, The Peninsula Academy was designed with these guests in mind. A series of culturally based programs, The Peninsula Academy is designed to showcase the city's culture, lifestyle, cuisine, arts and history from a unique perspective. The Peninsula Chicago's Academy of classes includes a range of experience, such as: Shop the Showrooms, How to Throw the Ultimate Party, A Private Architectural Boat Tour, Chinese Tea Ceremony, Little Baker's Pastry Class, and Shop Party, among others.

Above all, what is most special about The Peninsula Chicago is the genuine, caring, and personalized service provided by the staff as evidenced by a previous Mobil Guide (now Forbes') review, which offered this brief account of the secret inspector's notes: "The Peninsula Chicago is one of the most perfect hotel experiences a traveler can expect in this country. The staff attends to every detail with such attention and care that it is impossible to conceive of the luxury offered at this high-tech hotel until you have experienced it. Nothing can compare to luxuriating in your deep bathtub, watching television while enjoying room service at a culinary level of some of the best restaurants in the city. The bar is a fantastic spot to enjoy a drink and perhaps an appetizer, and Pierrot Gourmet serves delightful European fare in a bright setting. Eating breakfast in the palatial Lobby restaurant is as impressive an experience as you could find while watching the sun rise over the skyline. Find a way to stay here, whether for a night or a week."

The General Manager of the property and Regional Vice President, East Coast for Peninsula Hotels, Maria Razumich-Zec, oversees both The Peninsula Chicago and The Peninsula New York. ●



Clockwise starting from far left: Outdoor sundeck; The Peninsula Chicago on East Superior Street in Chicago; Maria Razumich-Zec; Pool; Terrace