

The Most Romantic Restaurants in Chicago

20 spots that create a special world for two

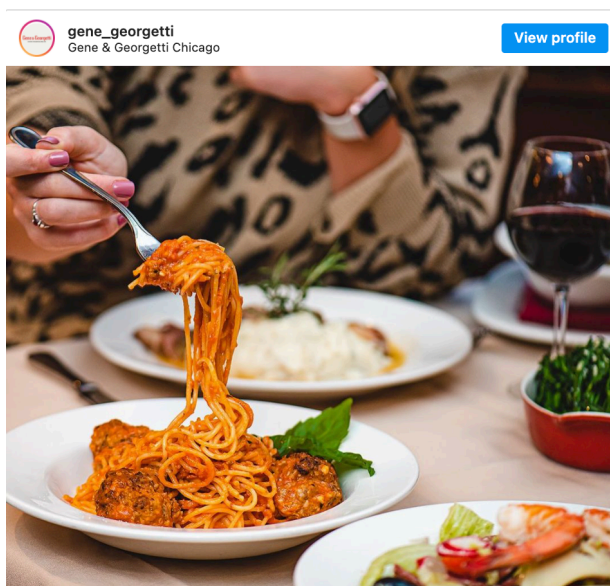
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Romance is different for everyone. For some of us, it's a quiet meal at home. For others, it's a pizza on the couch with the person they love best. White Castle fulfilled an unexpected craving when it introduced its special white tablecloth Valentine's dinners. But many are still traditionalists: romance is an experience outside the ordinary, either extraordinarily luxurious food, or an extravagant setting that provides an opportunity for two people to be alone in public. Or, preferably, both these things. Here are 20 Chicago restaurants that fit the bill.

As of January 3, the city has mandated that those ages 5 and up be fully vaccinated and masked at public places indoors while not actively eating or drinking. For updated information on coronavirus cases, please visit the city of Chicago's [COVID-19 dashboard](#). Health experts consider dining out to be a [high-risk](#) activity for the unvaccinated; it may pose a risk for the vaccinated, especially in areas [with substantial COVID transmission](#). The latest [CDC guidance](#) is [here](#); find a COVID-19 vaccination site [here](#).

Gene & Georgetti

Gene & Georgetti's old-school atmosphere is the real thing: it's been serving steak and chops and red-sauce Italian classics in its wood-paneled dining room in River North for more than 80 years. There's probably no better restaurant in Chicago to re-create the spaghetti-slurping scene from *Lady and the Tramp*.



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