



# Lisa says... Swanky Shops

Chicago is one of the nation's premiere shopping cities. If you are looking for something functional or completely funky you will definitely find it here in Chicago. From the Magnificent Mile to the diverse neighborhoods, Chicago has got it all!

## Michigan Avenue: The Magnificent Mile

The Magnificent Mile goes north from the river. Walk 15 minutes from the hostel or take the CTA bus #147: Michigan Ave. You stroll past a mile of designer shops like Tiffany & Co, Burberry, Gucci, Levi's and more.



**Apple Store:** 679 N Michigan Ave at Huron St. [www.apple.com](http://www.apple.com)  
Open Monday-Saturday 10am-8pm, Sunday 11am-6pm  
New technology and exciting cool gadgets. The Apple store is one to people watch in. Enjoy free internet access on one of their many laptops. Free workshops on how to use your new gadgets. A great spot if your computer breaks down during your travels.



**Nike Town:** 669 N Michigan Ave. [www.nike.com](http://www.nike.com)  
Open Monday-Saturday 10am-9pm, Sunday 10am-6pm  
Multiple levels of sporting merchandise and memorabilia, including some of Michael Jordan's shoes. Explore fun interactive displays and colorful workout gear. Very popular but very crowded, so try to shop early or late in the day. You most likely won't find any bargains but they have a way you can customize your shoes which is way cool.



**Garretts Popcorn shop:** 2 West Jackson  
**Just a block from the hostel** Mon-Sat: 10am-08pm, Sun 11am-7 pm. Check out this world famous popcorn store with delicious carmel and cheese popcorn made daily. You won't even believe how good it is until you try it.  
Get the small "Chicago mix!"

**Water Tower Place:** 845 N Michigan Ave  
[www.shopwatertower.com](http://www.shopwatertower.com) A mall of over 100 stores just steps from Michigan Ave. Big department stores like Macy's and tons small boutiques. Try the glass elevators for a new perspective on people watching.

**State St Shopping:** Just around the corner from the hostel. You will find more bargains here than the "ritzy Michigan Ave."



**Macy's:** 111 N State St [www.macys.com](http://www.macys.com) Open from 10am-7pm. Formerly "Marshall Field's" Chicago's signature department store complete with beautiful Tiffany stained glass mosaic domes. This huge department store used to be the world's largest. Grab a bite to eat in the basement food court or the famous Walnut Room. Macy's is usually pricey but they do have great sales.



**H & M:** 20 N State St [www.hm.com](http://www.hm.com) Open Monday-Saturday 10am-7pm, Sunday 11am-6pm. A Swedish fashion store with great prices. From rock star glam to office casual, you will find it all at H & M. If you need a winter jacket or decide to buy a cheap swimsuit for a dip in Lake Michigan. Check out the sale racks in the back for the best deals.



**Old Navy:** 35 N State St [www.oldnavy.com](http://www.oldnavy.com) Monday-Saturday 9am-9pm. This flagship store has 3 levels of quality clothing at sweet prices. Find stylish clothes from workout gear to fun clothes for a night out. They have great sales and fun clothes for each season of Chicago's strange weather patterns.



**Filenes Basement:** 11 N State St and Madison [www.filenesbasement.com](http://www.filenesbasement.com) Open Monday-Saturday 9am-8pm, Sunday 11am-6pm. Another great place for designer duds at a cheap price. In the same building as T.J. Maxx, hit two great stores with one stop. Many bargains can be found from cool athletic shoes, to umbrellas.



### Neighborhood shopping

**Wicker Park,** take CTA Blue line to Damen. Loads of fun and interesting shops from funky thrift stores to local designers. Walk South on Milwaukee Ave. There are tons of great stores; also go to Earwax to eat delicious and creative vegetarian food.

**Lincoln Park, Lakeview,** take CTA Red line to Belmont.

Walk east out of the station and check out Fashion Tomato for funky feminine outfits and for the rock star types give Hollywood or the Alley a shot. Walk long Clark St, Halsted St and Broadway for tons of fun and interesting shopping hot spots.

Also try [www.thehipcity.com](http://www.thehipcity.com) a cool website

