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# WHERE'S SHE STAYING? : STAYPINEAPPLE CHICAGO

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If you're anything like me, the destination I'm traveling to is just as important as where I'm laying my head at night. I'm all for exploring and getting the full local experience wherever I go. But, staying in a nice hotel or Airbnb is a MUST.

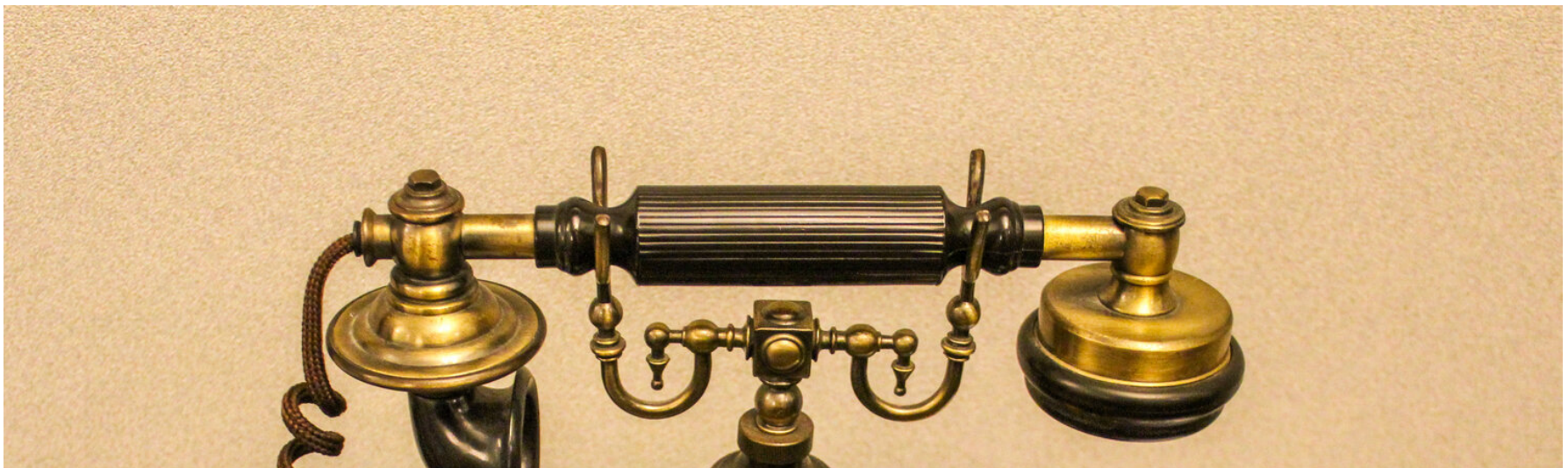
I was excited to kick off the new year and Black History Month with a continuation of my staycation tradition. About a year ago, I randomly started booking hotels to switch up my routine of work, social obligations, and life, in general, to get some R&R time via staycations. This gave me a chance to take a quick vacay with a "home away from home" feel right in the heart of my city Chicago. When I wasn't able to travel, a staycation felt just as much as a trip and made me truly appreciate what it means to be a local. You really don't get to appreciate where you live until you become a tourist in your own city. So I Google'd boutique hotels in Chicago because they have a special place in my heart. No matter where you go, boutique hotels usually have their own unique vibe, history, and decor that separates them from large chain hotels. But don't get it twisted, I'm not opposed to staying at a luxury chain hotel from time to time. With so many Chicago boutique hotels to



explore, [Staypineapple, An Iconic Hotel, The Loop Chicago](#) was one of many that stood out to me.



Staypineapple Chicago is an intimate boutique hotel housed in the national landmark Reliance Building, now restored, and located right in the heart of the loop across Millennium Park. If you walked past Atwood Restaurant off Washington and State Street, you most likely walked past the hotel without even noticing. As soon as you walk into the hotel, you can feel the conserved history throughout the building's decor designed by John Root of the Burnham and Root architectural firm in 1890. The rest of the building's design was completed by Charles B. Atwood in 1895, hint the name of the restaurant on the first floor. The phone by the elevator, dangling light fixtures, engravings on the elevators and staircase made me feel like I was in an 18th-century commercial office building and, to be honest, I liked it.







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## *PROS...*

- Millennium Park & Lake Michigan views
- The Naked Experience bedding & linens
- In-room Keurig with unlimited custom-blended coffee and tea
- Tommy Bahama bath products and dispensers
- In-room mini-fridge

I stayed in the Millennium Park View King Suite. It's perfect for a staycation for two, a family of four, or a small group of friends. Since it's a suite with a view, it's a little on the pricier side, but I was able to use my media rate to take advantage of the discounted price. If you're looking to be more frugal, try booking one of their standard [rooms](#) or check out their [OFFERS](#) page to see if they are running any special promotions like their “**DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW WINTER SAVINGS**” promo. Overall the room was spacious and cozy. The hotel's signature Pineapple theme throughout the suite's decor was a bit quirky, but also adorable.





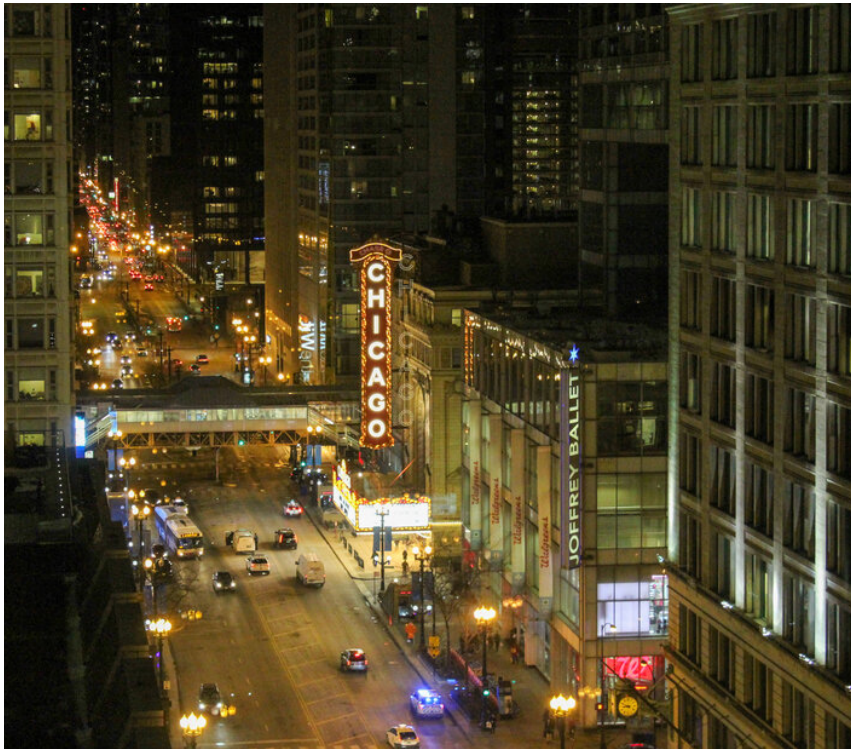


There's an in-room Keurig with unlimited coffee and tea where you can conveniently make coffee in the comfort of your room. Don't forget to enjoy a cup of coffee (or



two) and pineapple-shaped treats in the lobby from 3 pm to 6:30 pm all complimentary to hotel guests.

As much as I loved the in-room fridge, soft robes, and the Tommy Bahama bath products conveniently placed in dispensers, the Millennium Park & Lake Michigan views alongside the King Bed with double duvet European style bedding absolutely stole my heart. While watching the flickering gold lights at night of a theatre built in the 1920s locals like myself have grown to love, it reminded me that despite the influx of contemporary restaurants and bars, Chicago somehow conserves its history quite beautifully.







## ***PRO TIP:***

Don't be ashamed to take full advantage of Staypineapple's Naked Experience. The Naked Experience is one of Staypineapple's signature amenities featuring double duvet European style bedding, comfy robes, and big fluffy towels so you're at a heightened level of relaxation. Honestly, I would be lying to you if I told you my wardrobe didn't consist of mainly my robe and my birthday suit.







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## *CONS*

- No in-room microwave
- Delivery service charges

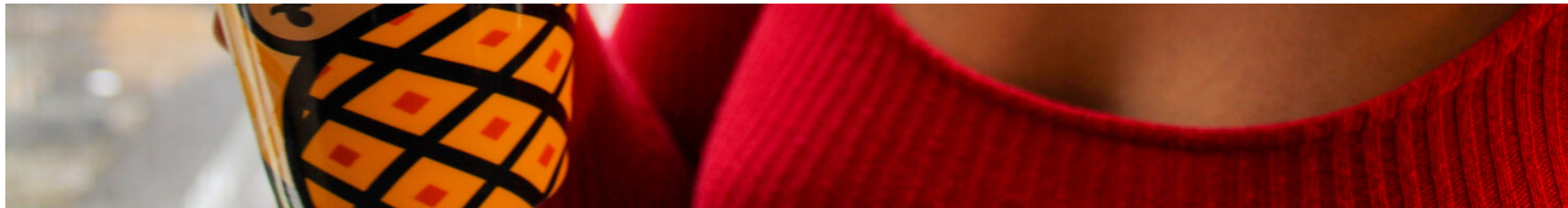
Unfortunately, there wasn't an in-room microwave to heat up the leftover Thai food I ordered the night before. I would suggest stocking up the mini-fridge with cold drinks and food that doesn't require being re-heated. Luckily, Staypineapple Chicago is in a perfect location surrounded by a plethora of restaurants and attractions so you have a long list of "good eats" handed to you on a silver platter. There's also the Atwood restaurant on the first floor of the hotel if you're looking to stay indoors.

Beware of the delivery service charges. If you need something as simple as sauce or utensils, there is a

charge in order for it to be brought up to your room. Personally, I feel unless you're ordering food or drinks from room service, a kind gesture of having something small brought up to your room should be inclusive during your stay and free of charge. To avoid these charges, I would suggest calling the front desk and head to the first floor to pick up whatever you need.



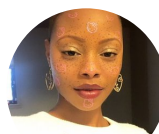




I have a love/hate relationship when it's time to check-out. You get lost in R&R, spending quality time, and ultimately having a great time until you realize it has to end. My weekend at Staypineapple Chicago flew by, but all in all, it was a staycation I would repeat all over again.

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