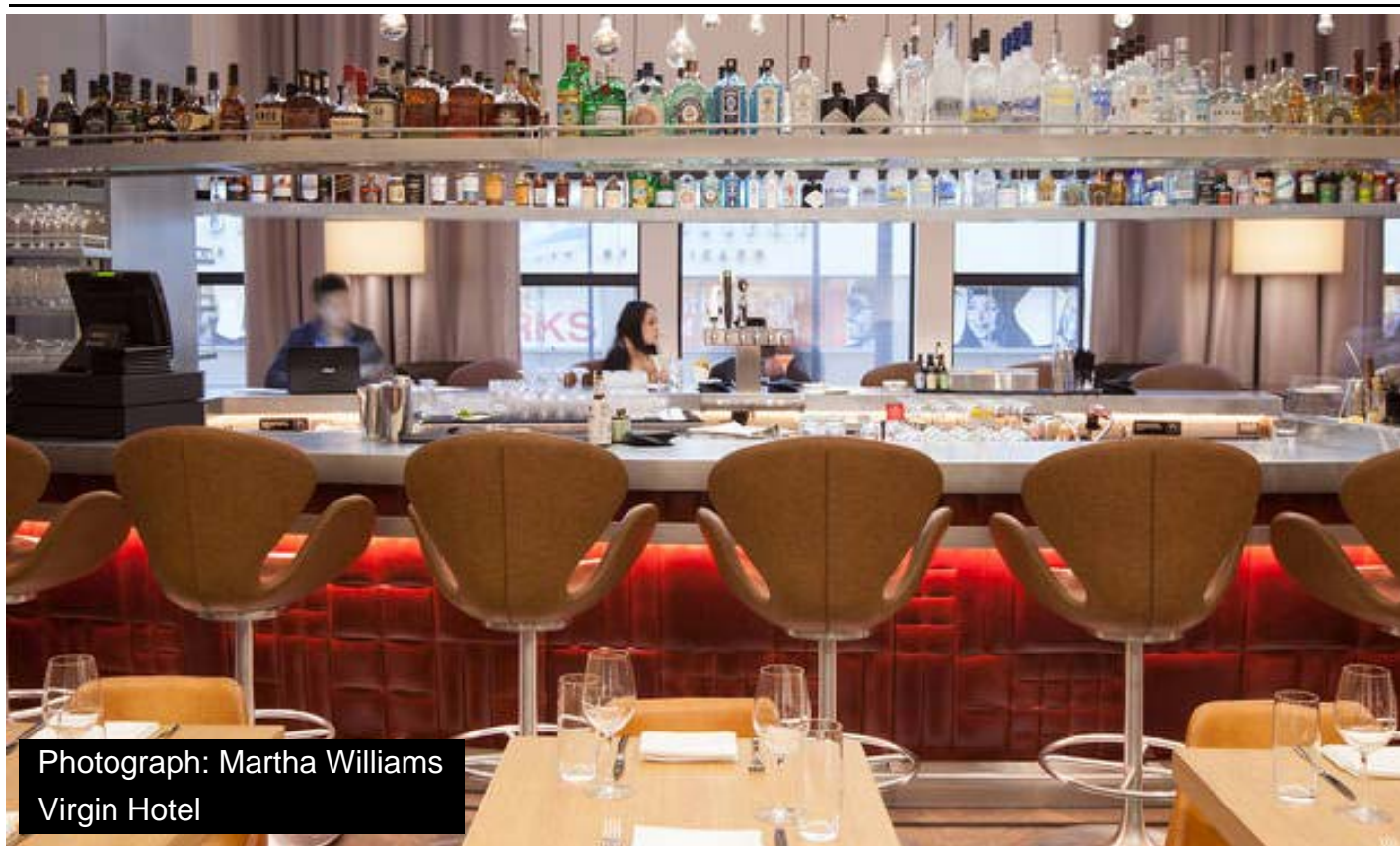


## The best downtown Chicago hotels in the Loop

Whether you're vacationing or staycationing, these downtown Chicago hotels in the Loop put you in the middle of some of the city's best attractions

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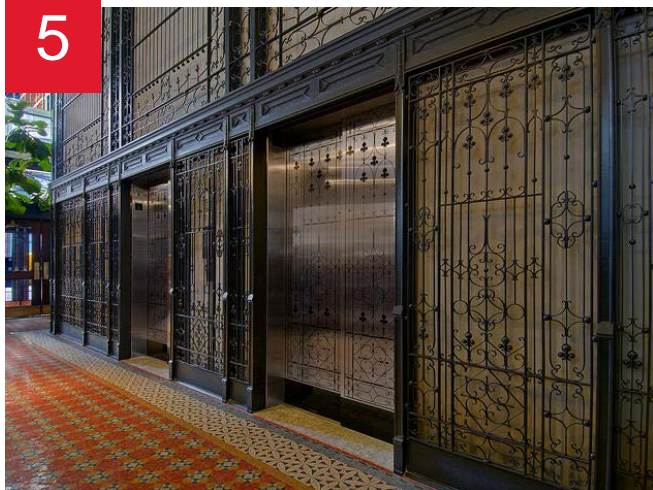


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Virgin Hotel

We always recommend the Loop as the best place to stay in Chicago. Why? Because it's close to nearly every CTA El line, it's just a quick walk to the best Chicago museums, the Willis Tower is right there, the river is close so you can easily jump on a **boat tour**, and gorgeous **Chicago parks** like Millennium Park and Grant Park are closeby. There are plenty of Chicago restaurants in the area, but for the trendiest of the city's eateries, head to River North or the West Loop. Luckily, those neighborhoods are just a couple of El stops or a short bus ride away. Here are the best downtown Chicago hotels to take advantage of the best of the city.

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## The Alise Chicago

This Loop hotel in the Reliance Building, on the National Register of Historic Places and built in 1895, was known as the Hotel Burnham from 1999 to 2016, when it was bought by a small West Coast boutique chain called Pineapple Hospitality and renamed the Alise (pronounced “uh-lease”), matching another property the company owns in San Francisco. Designed by famed architect Daniel Burnham, along with Charles Atwood and John Root, the building still features the original ornate grillwork on the elevators. The ground-floor restaurant, formerly the Atwood Café, is now simply called Atwood following a spiffy remodel. Perfect for visiting architecture buffs.

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