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dating jackpot: start planning now for Chicago restaurant week

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If I had unlimited funds and a sky-high metabolism, I would most definitely be an obnoxious foodie. When I actually go out to eat at the restaurants you see in *Chicago Magazine*, my experience consistently ranks as heavenly. The amount of times I audibly gasped while at Girl and the Goat was borderline pornographic and I thought--nay! dreamed!--about the place for a week afterwards. But maybe that's part of the appeal of those experiences--like the girl who wished for Christmas every day, the true enjoyment is in part due to the rarity of the occasion. But all bets are off in February, when restaurant week once again bestows its gastic magic on this fair city and allows everyone--even us sloppy-joe-and-macaroni-and-cheese-eating-folk--to enjoy the talents of some of the best chefs in the country. From February 18 to 27, hundreds of restaurants will offer pre-fixe lunches for \$22 and dinners for \$33 or \$44, typically a fraction of the cost of a four-course meal during a regular outing. Check out the website [here](#) to see the full list of participating places, and start booking your tables now--they fill up fast. While it's a perfect opportunity for a date (or a whole week of dates if someone who I might be dating is reading this), it also makes for a fantastic night out with friends--it's been a running tradition with a group of my girls for years and it's always memorable. Below are some of the selections I am deciding between this year. Do you have any recommendations?

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As a tried and true midwestern girl from a small farm town, this place is right up my alley. Contemporary American cuisine that leverages the freshest seasonal produce, herbs, meat and poultry. And now I must stop writing because I am salivating looking at that burger.

