

# *l'Amé* & *l'Esprit*

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## EVEREST RESTAURANT IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

After so much nature and a good deal of quiet contemplation in these superb country retreats, you may once again be ready for a dose of city life. What better place to find it than in Chicago, Illinois, home of Sears Tower, Millennium Park and, of course, the Cubs? Though Chicago has long been famous for museums such as the Field Museum of Natural History and the Shedd Aquarium, and shopping amidst the boutiques of Magnificent Mile, what the city has really become famous for in more recent years is its restaurants.

Everest may be one of the best examples. From high on its perch on the 40th floor of the Chicago Stock Exchange, Everest has some of the

best city views you'll ever see. That is assuming you can tear yourself away from the incredible dishes concocted by Executive Chef Jean Joho. A native of Alsace, this Frenchman reinvents historic French cuisine by adding the most modern touches. Imagine foie gras served with turnips or boneless frog's legs soup. The artful touches of his menu never change, only the ingredients which come and go along with seasonality for a deliciously fresh experience.

Squint a little and you can imagine yourself in a French club dating back to the 1920s. The restaurant décor includes large tables with white linen, leopard print carpeting, paintings by Adam Siegel and sculpture by Virginio



Ferrari. Wine enthusiasts should check out one of the broadest selections of Alsatian wines (many of which are also used in his dishes) found on this side of the Atlantic. Be sure to ask about the new "Cellar Celebration" program in which customers may bring one of their favorite vintages, 21 years or older, and have it paired with a custom course prepared just to go with it. End the special evening with the Grand Marnier soufflé or the artfully designed apple beignet with rose hip coulis dessert. Both literally and figuratively, Everest is true to its name. This is dining at its highest level and the perfect reentry following a weekend in one of Relais & Châteaux' premiere weekend getaways.

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