

Call/text the girls and rekindle your friendships with this fun weekend (or weekday) getaway in Lake County!



Cheers to Chic, Charming and Chocolate (just north of Chicago)

Day One—Get your Chic on! Start your day at the **Gurnee Antique Center** - 24,000 feet of antique heaven. And yes, they are all antiques—the center guarantees that all items are at least 50 years old.

Lunch is at our infamous **Salutos of Gurnee** where their house salad dressing is a well-kept secret. This family-owned restaurant features homemade pastas, sauces and desserts.

The afternoon calls for a visit to one of our many cherished main street communities - **Antioch, Grayslake, Libertyville and Waukegan**. Visit a variety of shops offering china, local artwork, culinary supplies, foodstuffs, craft supplies and so much more.

Check into one of our more contemporary hotels - **Hotel Indigo** or **SpringHill Suites Waukegan/Gurnee**. Smaller groups will love the coziness of our B&B's - **Roxana Hotel & B&B** on Fox Lake or the **Old Victorian Farmhouse B&B** in Wauconda. Go all out and rent an entire estate - **Tír Na Nog**, for the weekend!

The cheers initiate a wonderful evening starting at **North Shore Distillery**. Take a tour of Illinois' first craft distillery since Prohibition and partake in full drink samples. Just a quick jaunt down the road is Lake County's famous restaurant - **The Silo**. This rustic-style & friendly establishment is best known for their deep dish pizza, and gluten free versions are available.

The night is still young; head over to the **Marriott Theatre** for a musical or an intimate concert in an industrial-chic setting at **Viper Alley**.

Let us help plan your trip — contact Jayne Nordstrom at Visit Lake County for free professional planning services (800) 525-3669 / (847) 662-2700 x 101 / jayne@lakecounty.org



Leave the job, the house, the kids and all that behind for a some quality *girlfriend time!* Can you hear the cheers??

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Day Two starts in quaint Volo at a pure shoppers paradise, **Volo Antique Village**. Three malls and 30-acres dedicated to antiques, collectibles, home furnishings and gifts.

Charming **Long Grove Historic Village** offers a lovely lunch at **Seasons of Long Grove**. This restaurant's décor changes with the seasons and serves up a delicious buffet or ladies tea, complete with hats. Take some time to explore this delightful village for its unique shops.

The late afternoon brings cravings for something sweet – chocolate; the **Long Grove Confectionery** store fills the bill. We may be partial but we think it's the finest chocolate in the area and a great place to shop for gifts. And find your personal favorite – chocolate covered strawberries, Myrtles®, festive treats and more. Chocolate Tours are available in the morning and well worth starting your day with chocolate!



A stop at the nearby **Lynfred Winery's Wheeling store** is a must. Illinois' oldest winery features many varieties and a group wine tasting will help find everyone's perfect blend to bring home.

The trip back to your hotel or B&B provides many wonderful Lake County restaurants choices – **DC Sarnies** in Deerfield, **Dover Straits** in Mundelein, **Fleming's Prime Steakhouse Wine Bar** or **Sullivan's Steakhouse** in Lincolnshire, **McCarthy's Restaurant and Irish Pub** in Vernon Hills, **Mickey Finn's Brewery** in Libertyville, **Risottos' Italian Ristorante** or **Timothy O'Toole's Pub** in Gurnee. Most offer private dining settings to give your group that VIP treatment.



Lake County has many other entertainment venues—**Ravinia Festival**, **Genesee Theatre**, **James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts**, shuttle to **Potawatomi Casino—Milwaukee** and more. We can help you find the right nightlife for your group of gals.



As you all settle back into your hotel rooms, the girls will be cheering and thanking you for planning a getaway to chic, charming and chocolate, just north of Chicago.