

FEAST FOR THE EYES Meeting someone you want to impress? Or just have some time to kill? Hang out in the Superior Street lobby amid the stained glass by Paul Housberg and lithographs by Robert Motherwell and Le Corbusier. If you've set up a business lunch, take advantage of the efficient and elegant \$24 prix fixe menu in The Peninsula's Lobby restaurant, featuring samplings like mussel and fingerling salad or charcuterie from the antipasto bar, a plated entrée and sweets by executive pastry chef Celine Plano. If you're dining in The Lobby alone, fear not of boredom: The concierge will lend you your own iPad to keep you occupied.



The Superior Street lobby

CUPCAKE COUTURE FOR KIDS

The Peninsula offers a Little Bakers Academy for kids ages 5 to 12 to bake and decorate cupcakes, cookies and marshmallows (\$125). There's also a Pen Kids Scavenger Hunt and an Afternoon Tea for children that features mini-hamburgers, Rice Krispies treats, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and hot chocolate. American Girl Place is on the top of many kids' lists when they come to visit Chicago, and The Peninsula has tailored an exclusive package around the legendary doll shop. If you purchase an American Girl Place Package (starting at \$425), your child will be greeted with a personalized welcome letter, an American Girl doll bed set up in the hotel room (for your child to take home), monogrammed blanket for the doll and a pillowcase for your child, and turndown service with milk and cookies.



Sugar rush



CONTEMPORARY CUISINE

It won't be warm enough to bask in the outdoor space at the Shanghai Terrace, but guests can still enjoy the supper club-style décor of the restaurant's interior, where chefs serve as tour guides through the menu's Shanghaiese and Cantonese dishes.

Meanwhile, at Avenues, Curtis Duffy serves up meals such as roasted chestnut, burgundy truffles, quince and five supporting herbs.



Clockwise from far left: Shanghai Terrace; roasted chestnut, burgundy truffles, quince and five supporting herbs; chef Curtis Duffy

Cloud Gate



TOURS OF THE TOWN

The best way to explore the city? With your own expert guide. The Peninsula Chicago will set you up with interior designer Merilee Elliott on a tour of the world's largest collection of couture home furnishings in the Merchandise Mart. Or, take a limo around the city on one of 25 customized tours produced by Bonnie Kaplan of ShopParty with themes like "the little black dress" or "wild for denim."

If you want to relax and enjoy the sights (don't forget to swing by sculptural masterpiece *Cloud Gate*, aka "The Bean"), you can book a private architectural boat tour on a luxury yacht. *The Lady Grebe* is a 48-foot vintage mahogany masterpiece. Your tour for two to six people will be led by a Chicago Architecture Foundation expert and will cost \$2,950.



The Lady Grebe