



## The Amalfi Coast Comes to the Third Coast

Dying for an Italian vacation but can't quite afford those plane tickets? The newly renovated Amalfi Hotel in Chicago offers guests all the luxuries of the Amalfi Coast without having to leave the city. Guests are welcomed at the hotel's entrance by a waterfall and cobalt blue décor, evoking the waters of the Mediterranean. Each of the redesigned guest rooms feature the indulgent comforts of a vacation overseas while still offering the modernities you've come to rely on. Enjoy fine Italian hors d'oeuvres and premium bar—including the "Amalfitini"—every night at the Ravello Lounge. Indulge even more at [amalfihotelchicago.com](http://amalfihotelchicago.com)

### The Need for LEED

Hotel Arista in Naperville has become the first hotel in Illinois to become LEED certified following an extensive evaluation process by the U.S. Green Building Council. Located 45 minutes west of downtown Chicago, Hotel Arista now consumes 30 percent less water and 21 percent less energy—thanks in part to the hotel's ample natural lighting—than similar hotels by adhering to specific standards under the LEED certification. The hotel staff uses chemical-free cleaning products and does its part to make sure waste consumption is drastically reduced. SugarToad, Arista's restaurant, uses locally produced, organic products as much as possible and even has its own garden. Though LEED is a voluntary standard of achievement, more and more hotels and

other facilities understand the need to move toward a more environmentally efficient design structure. Check out [hotelarista.com](http://hotelarista.com) for more info.

### Hyatt Regency O'Hare Really Takes Off

The Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Chicago just got a \$64 million facelift, including renovations of its 1,100 guest rooms, complete re-imaginings of its lobby and public spaces and the addition of two new restaurants. The hotel redesign merges the Hyatt's traditional atrium hotel style with a warmer, more inviting and contemporary atmosphere in this popular meeting destination. These renovations help to elevate the Hyatt Regency O'Hare beyond the standard airport hotel to one of a meeting and

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