

CHICAGO where

THE TRAVELER'S CHOICE

→ WHERE NOW Chicago



A royal robe at the Maharaja exhibit

Your Majesty

Kate and William may be today's royal couple, but they have nothing on the fame and fortune bestowed upon India's maharajas of the 18th to mid-20th centuries. Revealing some of these legendary rulers' regal razzle-dazzle is the fascinating exhibit **Maharaja: The Splendor of India's Royal Courts**, now at The Field Museum for its last stop on a world tour. Meaning "great king," maharajas not only held

Feast it Forward

The outcome of Thanksgiving gatherings is always the same: consuming copious amounts of food that triggers a coma lasting through Black Friday. This year, try something different: Start the season's eatings a little earlier and help worthy causes around the city. Save the guilt for your personal trainer.

Go ahead. Devour that bison burger. At Lincoln Park's **DMK Burger Bar** (2954 N. Sheffield Ave., 773-360-8686) a portion of the proceeds funds Meals on Wheels all month long. In River North, LuxeHome (222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 312-527-7939) at the Merchandise Mart hosts top toques from **Sixteen** at Trump Tower, **The Purple Pig**, **Japonais** and more for the annual CHILL event on Nov. 15. Savor bites from more than 40 chefs and sip on 150 premium wines (that's a dare) to benefit the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago, Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras and The Lynn Sage Foundation. For the love of pintos—and the Spanglish-speaking mascot of the same name—**Barcito** (151 W. Erie St., 312-274-1111), Tavernita's



Pass the plate, pass on the proceeds at giving restos stylish little sister, tempts with unlimited snacks for \$25 (think deviled eggs and shrimp brochette) on Nov. 19. Common Threads receives part of the sales. Charity—and great views—should be shared. Dine at the **Signature Room** (875 N. Michigan Ave., 312-787-9596) all November to benefit Kids Fight Cancer, a nonprofit that funds the children's playroom in the oncology unit of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

IMAGE COURTESY OF DMK BURGERS BAR, COURTESY OF BARCITO