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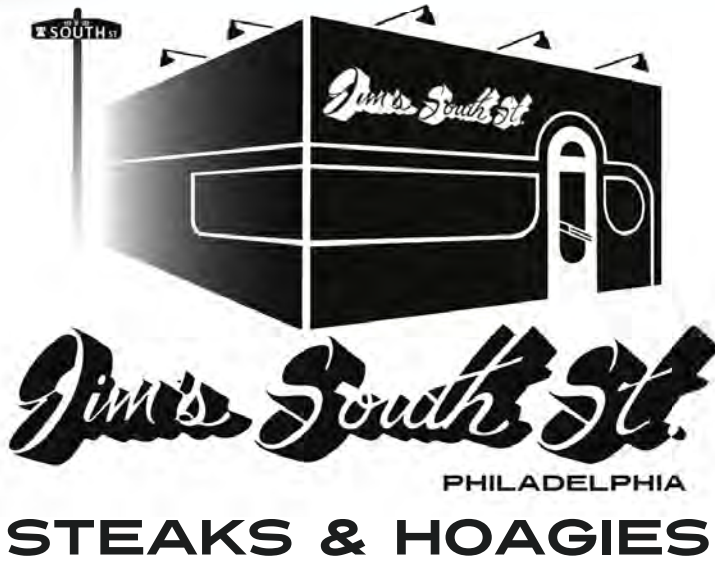
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Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival

SAVE THE DATE

PHILADELPHIA CHINESE LANTERN FESTIVAL

MAY 1–JUNE 30

historicphiladelphia.org
Giant Chinese lanterns, including a 200-foot-long phoenix, light up Franklin Square during this cultural event, with live performances and Chinese crafts and cuisine. For more exciting events, turn to the calendar on page 14. >>

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Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



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BARNES FOUNDATION

1 **Silent Secret Waterfalls: The Barnes Series**

Now–Nov. 17, 2019

Home to one of the world's greatest collections of Impressionist, post-Impressionist and modern European paintings, the Barnes Foundation welcomes 11 new, seven-foot-tall paintings by American artist Pat Steir, which she created for the museum—the first artist to make site-specific paintings for the Barnes since Matisse's *The Dance II*. It will be the first installation presented in the Annenberg Court.

barnesfoundation.org

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

2 **Mapping a Nation: Shaping the Early American Republic**

April 12–Dec. 29, 2019

Founded in 1743 by Ben Franklin, the oldest learned society in the U.S. draws from its extensive collection for this exhibit, which explores how early American maps were used to form physical, political and ideological boundaries of the new nation and how mapmakers acted as political agents. Highlights include a 1757 copy of the John Mitchell map of the British Empire in North America, manuscript maps from the American Revolution and George Washington's copy of a 1792 map of Washington D.C.

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

3 **Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes**

April 13–Sept. 2

The first and largest exhibition ever to trace the histories of favorite Marvel characters—including Black Panther, Spider-Man and Doctor Strange—provides immersive comic-book and cinematic environments, like Tony Stark's lab, and showcases some of the publisher's most iconic pages, costumes and props.

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

4 **The Impressionist's Eye**

April 16–Aug. 18, 2019

In addition to iconic oil paintings, Impressionists also worked in mediums ranging from canvas to watercolors to bronze as they changed the course of visual art. This show offers a new perspective on influential artists like Claude Monet, Mary Cassatt and post-Impressionist Vincent van Gogh by bringing together Impressionist sculpture, paintings and works on paper.

PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF THE FINE ARTS

5 **From the Schuylkill to the Hudson: Landscapes of the Early American Republic**

June 28–Dec. 29, 2019

This first-of-its-kind exhibit—at the first art museum and school of fine arts in the country—explores how 18th- and 19th-century landscape painting in Philadelphia, particularly representations of waterways like the Schuylkill and the Delaware rivers, influenced Thomas Cole, the Hudson River School and the growth of American landscape painting.

ACADEMY OF THE NATURAL SCIENCES OF DREXEL UNIVERSITY

6 **Dinosaurs Around the World**

June 30, 2019–Jan. 20, 2020

Dinosaurs Around the World—on display at the oldest natural science institution in the Americas—features more than a dozen animatronic dinosaurs. The exhibit explores how continental drift, sea level changes and volcanos took various dinosaurs to every corner of the globe.



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BUZZWORTHY INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER ENHANCEMENTS

As the official visitor center of greater Philadelphia and gateway to Independence National Historical Park, the **Independence Visitor Center** provides a welcoming first impression to 2.5 million visitors each year. To provide an informative, interactive and 21st-century orientation experience, the Visitor Center underwent a \$15 million renovation, which will be complete just in time for summer 2019. Renovations and upgrades include:

- A 42-foot, interactive digital wall that displays content visitors can explore via touchscreen;
- The first HERSHEY'S Kitchens location in Philadelphia, featuring both savory and sweet menu items like made-to-order s'mores;
- An 8-minute free film featuring sites and attractions played daily in an open-walled theater;
- A mezzanine-level, outdoor terrace with unparalleled views of Independence Mall for capturing the perfect selfie;
- The official gift shop of Philadelphia, featuring iconic souvenirs like the LOVE statue and *Rocky* memorabilia;
- An exhibit space and digital screens featuring Independence National Historical Park;
- And environmentally friendly, accessible public restrooms, including a dedicated caregiver room.

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MEET THE MET

OCCUPYING THE FORMER PHILADELPHIA Metropolitan Opera House on North Broad Street, the **Met Philadelphia** has transformed from the 1908 Oscar Hammerstein-designed building into a modern performance venue. Over the years, the opulent space has served many purposes beyond its original—including a movie

theater, sporting center, vocational school, gospel concert hall and finally a church. The historic building received a \$56 million facelift and is now the city's largest performance stage and theatrical auditorium. The theater reopened in December 2018 and is managed by Live Nation. themetphilly.com



NEW EXHIBITS

CURRENCY & CULTURE

SINCE 1976, **THE PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM** HAS BEEN ENGAGING AND educating children with innovative and interactive exhibits. Joining favorites like *Alice in Wonderland*, *River Adventures* and *Imagination Playground* is the award-winning museum's newest permanent exhibit *Cents & Sensibility*. The finance-focused center is presented by PNC Bank and includes a Money Maze, Dollar and Cents Scale and Investment Plinko, all to help little ones better understand saving and spending. Also at the museum through Sept. 2, 2019, is the temporary exhibit *America to Zanzibar: Muslim Cultures Near and Far*, which celebrates the diversity in modern and historic Muslim communities through art, technology and an imaginative global marketplace. pleasetouchmuseum.org



Home of the Philadelphia Flyers



MEET THE MASCOT

GRITTY IN THE CITY

The flowing beard. The bright orange fur. Those eyes... The Philadelphia Flyers' new mascot, Gritty, emerged from his home beneath the Wells Fargo Center in 2018 and has since reached an iconic status both locally and nationally. With frequent appearances on late-night television, the mascot's hot-dog-eating, T-shirt-launching, hockey-loving persona is lovable and infectious, even to non-hockey fans. We were curious about what Philadelphia attractions, restaurants, and activities keep Gritty entertained when he's not busy cheering on his favorite team...

Q. As a lifelong Philadelphian, what do you like best about the city?

A. *Mostly, the people who help me cheer on the Flyers every day.*

Q. When Flyers fans are coming to town, what Philadelphia attractions do you recommend?

A. *1. Can't visit the city without the iconic horse and carriage rides on a nice spring Saturday afternoon.*

*2. Obviously the **Wells Fargo Center**. It's the best place in the city, and I'm petitioning for it to become the 8th Wonder of the World. So if anyone here has a contact with VisitWorld that would be greatly appreciated.*

Q. When looking to tap into Philadelphia's cultural side, where do you go?

A. *I'm a big jazz scene guy. I love checking out the open mics with my kazoo.*

Chris' Jazz Cafe



Spirit of Philadelphia



Q. You claim to have been around for longer than we know. What are some of your favorite historical locations, and did you have some historical involvement with them that you'd like to share?

A. *You have to check out **Elfreth's Alley**. I love those cobblestones, and the craziest part—they have real life people in the houses as if they actually live there! So talented. Takes my breath away.*



Elfreth's Alley

Q. In the off-season, where can we catch you and your friends hanging out and relaxing?

A. *Thinking of booking a cruise or two for the summer. What are the summer destinations for the **Spirit of Philadelphia** looking like [along the Delaware River]?*



COMING SOON!

NOTORIOUS RBG

THE FIRST-EVER MUSEUM RETROSPECTIVE ON THE LIFE OF Ruth Bader Ginsburg—the beloved 86-year-old Supreme Court Justice—will make its East Coast debut at the **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY** in October 2019, giving visitors a chance to find out why the first Jewish woman appointed to the Supreme Court inspires such devotion. Based on the New York Times best-selling book of the same name, the *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* exhibition was co-created by the book’s authors—Shana Knizhnik, who coined Ginsburg’s nickname, “RBG,” and Irin Carmon—to show how a focused and hard-working student in the ’50s became a trailblazing constitutional lawyer in the ’70s and a beloved judge in the 21st century. The RBG exhibit follows *Sarah Berman’s Closet*, an intimate exploration of one woman’s 20th-century immigration story, April 5 - Sept 1. nmajh.org



NEW & NOTEWORTHY



WHAT'S NEW WATER MUSIC

One of the original five public squares built by Pennsylvania founder William Penn, **FRANKLIN SQUARE** is a popular spot for families, with its sprawling playground, Philadelphia-themed mini golf course and fast-casual dining spot SquareBurger. Debuting this summer is a new light and music show at the square’s iconic fountain, with waterworks, LED lighting and five water effects (think geysers and air-powered nozzles). The free shows will run day and night. historicphiladelphia.org

GRAND OPENING



ROOMS WITH A VIEW

CROWNING THE NEW **COMCAST TECHNOLOGY CENTER**—THE TALLEST building in Philadelphia—is the new **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL PHILADELPHIA**, slated to open in 2019. One of the tallest hotels in the U.S., it will have 219 guest rooms, including 39 suites, with a luxury spa and indoor infinity pool on the 57th floor and an express glass elevator that will bring guests directly to the property. Also on-site are restaurants from James Beard Award-winner Greg Vernick and Michelin-starred chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten, whose fine-dining spot on the 59th and 60th floor will include floor-to-ceiling windows and panoramic city views. Designed by legendary architect Norman Foster, the CTC has a five-story winter garden and 120-foot illuminated lantern that sits atop the building. fourseasons.com/philadelphia

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NEW AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

The only museum in the country dedicated to the groundbreaking U.S. document, the National Constitution Center welcomes a new permanent exhibit on May 9: **Civil War and Reconstruction: The Battle for Freedom and Equality**. The first exhibit in the country devoted to exploring the constitutional debates from this turbulent era of American history features:

- Original copies of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments;
- Dred Scott's signed petition for freedom;
- A fragment of the flag that Abraham Lincoln raised at Independence Hall in 1861;
- Interactive elements that delve into the drafting of each of the three Reconstruction Amendments;
- A ballot box marked "colored" from Virginia's first statewide election that allowed black men to vote in 1867, and more.

Starting on June 19 (Juneteenth—the holiday that commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the Confederacy), visitors can also experience **FOURTEEN**, an emotional theatrical performance with dramatic readings that are focused on the Reconstruction era and the ratification of the 14th Amendment.

Civil War and Reconstruction joins the Constitution Center's other popular permanent exhibits, including *The Story of We the People* and *Signers' Hall*, as well as engaging temporary programs like *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation*, which explores the debates and clashes between Alexander Hamilton and his rivals that helped form the United States, on display through Dec. 31, 2019.



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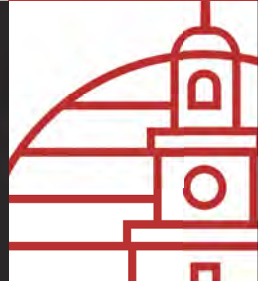
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We are internationally recognized for our exceptional history and rich culture.



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Blue Cross
Broad Street Run



Blue Cross RiverRink
Summerfest



Independence Dragon
Boat Regatta



Pride Day



Wawa Welcome America! Festival

2019 CALENDAR

APRIL

APRIL 6-14

Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival of Greater Philadelphia

japanphilly.org

Celebrate spring and Philadelphia's rich cultural connection to the art, music, food and beauty of Japan with this festival that culminates in Sakura Sunday at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park.

APRIL 25-27

The Penn Relays

pennrelays.com

Watch high school, college and masters-level track stars as well as Olympic athletes compete in the oldest and largest relay meet in the world at Franklin Field on the University of Pennsylvania campus.

APRIL 26-28

The Philadelphia Antiques and Art Show

philadelphiaantiquesandartshow.com

A premier showcase of the country's top dealers of antiques and fine art, the show, held in the Navy Yard, features 62 exhibitors and a brilliant selection of art from the 17th century to the present.

APRIL 26-MAY 4

Philadelphia Science Festival

fi.edu

This family-friendly festival, organized and led by the Franklin Institute, celebrates science with informal lectures, exhibitions and hands-on activities throughout the city.

MAY

MAY 2-4

Philadelphia Children's Festival

annenbergcen.org

This children's festival at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts includes fun music, theatre and dance performances and hands-on activities.

MAY 5

Blue Cross Broad Street Run

broadstreetrun.com

The largest 10-mile race in the country, along historic Broad Street, has attracted local and international athletes for more than 35 years.

MAY 9-SEPT. 29

Longwood Gardens Festival of Fountains

longwoodgardens.org

Daily performances at the Main Fountain Garden are set to music, with water jets shooting 175 feet into the air. Special Illuminated Fountain Performances are Thursday to Saturday evenings. Fireworks & Fountains shows on select dates.

MAY 10 & 11

Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta

dadvail.org

Head to the banks of the beautiful Schuylkill River for this annual collegiate regatta, which draws participants from more than 100 North American colleges and universities.

MAY 10-LABOR DAY

Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest

delawareriverwaterfront.com

With rollerskating, mini-golf, carnival rides, a Ferris wheel and more, this annual event at Penn's Landing kicks off weekends in May and daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

MAY 18

Rittenhouse Row Spring Festival

rittenhouserow.org

This festival takes over six blocks of Walnut Street (from Broad to 19th streets) and features booths from local restaurants and shops as well as live music.

EVENTS

MAY 18-19

South 9th Street Italian Market Festival

italianmarketfestival.com

Take part in this annual tradition in Philadelphia's Italian Market, the nation's oldest continually operating outdoor market, where delicious Italian favorites, both sweet and savory, are available along with great music, shopping and more.

MAY 25-OCT. 14

Morris Arboretum Summer Garden Railway

morrisarboretum.org

This annual model train display includes a quarter mile of track with tunnels, bridges, trestles and miniature buildings made from natural materials. Open daily through Labor Day and on weekends through Oct. 14.

MAY 30-JUNE 2

Philadelphia Latino Film Festival

phlaff.org

This annual festival showcases the innovative work of emerging and established Latin American and Latino filmmakers.

MAY 31-JUNE 9

Philly Beer Week

phillylovesbeer.org

This festival gives you the chance to try locally made brews and participate in beer tours, prix fixe beer-pairing dinners, pub crawls and hundreds of events in restaurants and bars across *America's Best Beer Drinking City™*.

JUNE

JUNE 1

Independence Dragon Boat Regatta

independencebr.com

Watch teams (from novices to experienced racers) compete along the Schuylkill River to help raise money for a number of worthy charities in this spectacular annual tradition.

JUNE 30-JULY 4

WAWA WELCOME AMERICA! FESTIVAL

Philadelphia is the place to be on July 4th (it is the birthplace of America, after all). **Wawa Welcome America**, a citywide celebration that runs from June 30 to July 4, includes dozens of events around the city—most of which are free. For more dates and more information, visit welcomeamerica.com.

FOOD & FESTIVALS Get your free hoagie on **Wawa Hoagie Day**, an event on Independence Mall to honor the troops. A daylong event, the **Historic District Block Party** on Independence Mall offers live music, performers, arts and crafts for kids, and food trucks and evening fireworks at Penn's Landing.

ARTS, CULTURE & ATTRACTIONS Enjoy **free concerts on Independence Mall**, including performances by the Philly POPS and local gospel groups. Check out **free movie showings at iconic locations** throughout the city, like the Philly-favorite *Rocky* at the Philadelphia Museum of Arts steps. And many **museums offer free days** throughout the week.

INDEPENDENCE DAY After a **patriotic morning parade**, the festival culminates with the **Party on the Parkway** on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, where a **premier concert** in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art leads to a **massive fireworks display**.

JUNE 1

Roots Picnic

rootspicnic.com

The Mann Center for the Performing Arts is host to a day of diverse music and performances handpicked by Philadelphia natives *The Roots*.

JUNE 9

ODUNDE African American Festival

odundefestival.org

With live entertainment, 15 blocks of vendors along South Street, arts-and-craft booths and African, Caribbean and soul food, this huge festival celebrates the Yoruba New Year.

JUNE 9

PrideDay

phillygaypride.org

One of the largest celebrations of LGBT pride in the region, attracting more than 25,000 people each year to the city's Gayborhood community.

JUNE 24 & THROUGHOUT JULY

Philadelphia Orchestra at The Mann

manncenter.org

The Philadelphia Orchestra returns to its Philadelphia summer home, the Mann Center for the Performing Arts in the heart of Fairmount Park, for special performances of classical favorites and live film scores while their movies are playing in the outdoor theater.

AUGUST

AUG. 5

2nd Street Festival

2ndstfestival.org

Businesses from the diverse Northern Liberties neighborhood come together to host a block party like no other, complete with great food, music and art for sale.

AUG. 31-SEPT. 1

Made in America Festival

madeinamericafest.com

An exciting music festival curated by JAY-Z and featuring more than 60 artists on three stages on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 5-21

2019 Fringe Festival

fringearts.com

More than 1,000 experimental performances take over neighborhoods throughout the city during this annual arts festival.

SEPT. 18-29

Opera Philadelphia's O19

operaphila.org

This annual opera festival will include two world premieres—*Denis & Katya* and *Let Me Die*—and two company premieres—*The Love of Three Oranges* and *Semele*.

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Everything you need to discover the city.

Independence Visitor Center in Independence National Historical Park



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VISITOR CENTERS

Start at one of Philadelphia's official Visitor Centers to discover all there is to see and do throughout the region.

Independence Visitor Center

599 Market Street

Located in Independence National Historical Park

The official visitor center of greater Philadelphia and gateway to Independence National Historical Park is the exclusive location to pick up free, timed tickets to tour Independence Hall. Here, visitors can speak with multilingual Visitor Services Representatives for free trip-planning advice, purchase tickets to more than 100 tours and attractions, pick up the perfect souvenir to remember their trip at the official gift shop of Philadelphia or enjoy a tasty bite at the first HERSHEY's Kitchens location in Philadelphia. FREE amenities and services available include two theater experiences with unique and exciting films about Philadelphia, regional maps and brochures, fully accessible public restrooms, cell phone charging stations and WiFi access.

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City Hall Visitor Center Gift Shop

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LOVE Park Visitor Center

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PARKING There are more than 40 parking lots and garages plus metered street parking (read signs carefully for parking hours) in Center City. To pay for metered parking, you can use a variety of payment methods (including credit cards) at one of the green kiosks, which will issue a printed ticket for you to place inside your windshield. For a parking locator, visit philapark.org



Hop on a SEPTA bus, subway, trolley or train for easy access to top attractions throughout the city. These directions all begin at the Independence Visitor Center (599 Market Street). septa.org/welcome

LOVE PARK

N. 15th Street & John F. Kennedy Boulevard

SEPTA Bus Route 17 or 33

PHLASH Stop 5

Board bus at 6th & Market streets

Exit at N. 15th Street & John F. Kennedy Blvd

THE BARNES FOUNDATION

2025 Benjamin Franklin Parkway

SEPTA Bus Route 38

PHLASH Stop 7

Board bus on 5th Street

(between Market & Arch streets)

Exit at 21st Street & Benjamin Franklin Pkwy

SOUTH STREET

S. 3rd to S. 11th streets

SEPTA Bus Route 57

Board bus at 4th & Market streets

Exit at South Street

ITALIAN MARKET

S. 9th Street & Washington Avenue

SEPTA Bus Route 47

Board bus at 8th & Market streets

Exit at S. 8th Street & Washington Avenue

PAT'S KING OF STEAKS

1237 East Passyunk Avenue (Intersection of S. 9th & Wharton streets & Passyunk Avenue)

SEPTA Bus Route 47

Board bus at 8th & Market streets

Exit at Wharton Street turn right and walk to S. 9th Street

GENO'S STEAKS

1219 S. 9th Street

SEPTA Bus Route 47

Board bus at 8th & Market streets

Exit at Wharton Street turn right and walk to S. 9th Street, past Pat's King of Steaks

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

N. 26th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue

SEPTA Bus Route 38

PHLASH Stops 11 or 12

Board bus on 5th Street

(between Market & Arch streets)

Exit at museum's west entrance

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

N. 20th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway

SEPTA Bus Route 38

PHLASH Stop 13

Board bus on 5th Street

(between Market & Arch streets)

Exit at N. 20th Street

PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM

Memorial Hall Fairmount Park

(4231 Avenue of the Republic)

SEPTA Bus Route 38

PHLASH Stop – Please Touch Museum Stop

Board bus on 5th Street

(between Market & Arch streets)

Exit in front of museum

PHILADELPHIA ZOO

N. 34th Street & Girard Avenue

SEPTA Market Frankford Line

& Route 15 Trolley

PHLASH Stop – Philadelphia Zoo Stop

Enter Market Frankford Line (eastbound

to Frankford) at 5th & Market streets. Exit at

Girard Station and board Route 15 Trolley west

at Front Street & Girard Avenue

Exit at N. 34th Street

EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY

2124 Fairmount Avenue

(N. 22nd Street & Fairmount Avenue)

SEPTA Bus Route 48

PHLASH Stop 9

Board bus on Arch Street at 6th Street

Exit at N. 22nd Street & Fairmount Avenue

SEPTA FACTS FARE INFO

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Monday – Friday 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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LOCAL RESOURCES

Philadelphia Convention
& Visitors Bureau

(PHLCVB)

discoverPHL.com | 215-636-3300

Philly 3-1-1

Use this hotline (must be dialed from a 215 area code) for directory assistance, special event updates and city services.

phila.gov/311

Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association
gpha.us

Visit Philadelphia
visitphilly.com

Philly Fun Guide
phillyfunguide.com

Pennsylvania Convention Center
paconvention.com | 215-418-4700

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS



Pick up a **Philadelphia International Visitors Guide**, available in Spanish, German, Portuguese, Italian, French, Japanese and Chinese at the Philadelphia International Airport, visitor centers and hotels, or find them online at discoverPHL.com/internationalguide. Helpful resources for international travelers include:

CURRENCY EXCHANGE



Currency may be exchanged at the following locations, as well as several hotels and restaurants and the **Philadelphia International Airport**. Look for signs at participating establishments.

CITIZENS BANK 1234 Market Street | 215-561-5800
20th and Market streets | 215-977-8495

PNC BANK 1600 Market Street | 215-585-1166



Language Translation The following language services are available for business travelers:

American Language Services
ALSGlobal.net | 267-773-9237

Cetra Language Solutions
cetra.com | 215-635-7090

Deaf-Hearing Communication Centre, Inc.
dhcc.org | 610-604-0450

Global Arena
globalarena.com | 215-735-1055

International Simultaneous Interpreters
inter-pret.org | 610-649-8181

MTM Linguasoft
mtmlinguasoft.com | 215-729-6765

For more international essentials, visit discoverPHL.com/international/essentials.

DISCOUNT SIGHTSEEING PASSES

Available for purchase at the Independence Visitor Center



Philadelphia CityPASS

888-330-5008

CityPASS.com/philadelphia

Save up to 48 percent or more on admission to your choice of three, four or five of Philadelphia's top attractions with CityPASS tickets. Purchase mobile tickets exclusively at CityPASS.com.

The Philadelphia Pass

212-977-7732 | philadelphiapass.com

Save 45 percent with the Philadelphia Pass! Access 30-plus

attractions including Museum of the American Revolution, Big Bus Tours, Independence Seaport Museum and the National Historic Landmark Ships *Olympia* and *Becuna* on the Delaware River Waterfront, and more!

The Sightseeing Pass

212-445-7520 | sightseeingpass.com

Purchase passes to the number of attractions you wish to visit—choose three, four, five or seven attractions and only pay for what you need. Passes are valid for seven consecutive days.

For additional ways to see sights for less, visit discoverPHL.com/deals.

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PSST: Check out some of the city's most instagrammable spots on page 28.



In the App Store, search "**PHLCVB Official Visitors Guide**" and you'll gain access to the free Philadelphia Official Visitors Guide™ app for great ways to explore the city.

TOURS

America's first World Heritage City offers many fun and engaging group tours.

- **History:** Explore Philadelphia's remarkable past with a constitutional, ghost, carriage or colonial pub tour.
- **Food:** Try quintessential Philadelphia fare—including cheesesteaks—at the Reading Terminal Market and Italian Market. Indulge in a beer tour in one of the best beer drinking cities in America.
- **Art:** Philadelphia's public art is unparalleled. Take a self-guided or guide-led tour to learn about the Mural Capital of the World.
- **Rocky:** Trace the steps of the fictional character from the iconic movie.

For more walking, open-top bus, biking and Segway tours, **turn to page 47.**

WHAT'S FREE IN PHILADELPHIA

There's no charge for checking out many of Philadelphia's top attractions—from world-famous colonial landmarks to diverse works of public art to engaging science institutes. Here are just a few of the deals you'll find in the city.



Independence National Historical Park

VISIT THE HISTORIC MILE Independence National Historical Park ([nps.gov/inde](https://www.nps.gov/inde)), nicknamed “America’s most historic square mile,” preserves several important sites associated with the founding of the United States and the American Revolution.

Free, timed tickets to **Independence Hall**—where the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution were both debated and signed—are available at the Independence Visitor Center. Visit **The President’s House** (site of the nation’s first White House from 1790 to 1800) to see the *Freedom and Slavery in the Making of a New Nation* exhibit. An iconic symbol of freedom, the **Liberty Bell** is on display in the Liberty Bell Center. Tickets are not required and access is granted 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., every day. Entrance is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Experience making money at the source with a free, self-guided tour of the **United States Mint** ([usmint.gov/mint_tours](https://www.usmint.gov/mint_tours)). Tours include a view of coining operations from 40 feet above the factory floor. Reservations are not required for this 45-minute tour, available to the public Monday through Friday.

The **National Museum of American Jewish History** ([nmajh.org](https://www.nmajh.org)) illuminates the trials, stories and triumphs of Jewish immigrants throughout history. Visitors are able to experience the first floor at no cost, including the “Only in America Gallery” and the “Hall of Fame,” which celebrates remarkable achievements by 18 American Jews, including Albert Einstein and Estée Lauder.

ENJOY THE ARTS The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts ([kimmelcenter.org](https://www.kimmelcenter.org)) offers *Free* at the Kimmel indoor and outdoor concerts and workshops. The renowned **Curtis Institute of Music** ([curtis.edu](https://www.curtis.edu)) conservatory has free admission to their student recital series.

Follow in the steps of Rocky Balboa with a morning jog up the Rocky Steps to the **Philadelphia Museum of Art** ([philamuseum.org](https://www.philamuseum.org))—and don’t forget to take your photo with Rocky’s statue once you’ve cooled down. “Pay what you wish” at the museum on the first Sunday of every month and every Wednesday from 5 to 8:45 p.m. Free admission is also extended at **The Barnes Foundation** ([barnesfoundation.org](https://www.barnesfoundation.org)) the first Sunday of the month.

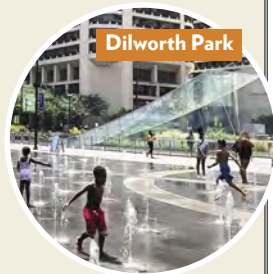
Visit the **Fabric Workshop & Museum** ([fabricworkshopandmuseum.org](https://www.fabricworkshopandmuseum.org)), a free, contemporary art museum featuring work in fabrics and other materials. Browse University of Pennsylvania’s **Institute of Contemporary Art** ([icaphila.org](https://www.icaphila.org)), which has developed an international reputation as a preeminent venue for contemporary art and culture.

EXPLORE SCIENCE ATTRACTIONS

The **Science History Institute** ([sciencehistory.org](https://www.sciencehistory.org)) holds an outstanding collection of chemistry-related objects, artwork, photographs and books, illustrating the impact chemistry and chemistry engineering have had on the modern world. Founded in 1855, the **Wagner Free Institute of Science** ([wagnerfreeinstitute.org](https://www.wagnerfreeinstitute.org)) is dedicated to providing free public education in science with the oldest program devoted to free adult education in the United States. The National Historic Landmark building houses more than 100,000 natural history specimens including fossils, shells, minerals and mounted animal skeletons and skins displayed in original wood and glass cabinets.

WONDERFUL WALKS

Premier shopping, dining, arts, entertainment and famous historic sites are all within steps of Center City hotels. Color-coded directional signs will tell you what district you’re in and point you toward area attractions. Plus, Center City goodwill ambassadors—dressed in teal uniforms—are happy to give directions and answer questions.



For more free activities, visit discoverPHL.com/free-attractions.

What to see and do and where to dine

IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS

NEIGHBORHOODS



CONVENTION CENTER DISTRICT/CHINATOWN

Anchored by the **Pennsylvania Convention Center** and **Reading Terminal Market**, this bustling district is also home to **Chinatown** and the authentic Friendship Gate, a gift from Philadelphia's sister city, Tianjin, China.

SEE: Snap a selfie in front of Robert Indiana's famous LOVE statue in **LOVE PARK**, then head over to the majestic **MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA** (pamasonicctemple.org), which offers a vast collection of artwork, artifacts and texts pertaining to the founding fathers and freemasonry. The impressive exterior is rivaled only by the ornate details and intricate architecture inside this imposing building.

DO: Delve further into the city's architectural history and heritage with a **CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN** (philadelphiaacfa.org) expert-led walking tour. After, stop at **MACY'S** (macys.com), located in the landmark Wanamaker building, for some retail therapy. In addition to great shopping, this architectural gem is known for its impressive Grand Court, bronze bald eagle statue and restored 1904 organ (one of the largest in the world).

DINE: Enjoy authentic Chinese dishes at **SANG KEE PEKING DUCK HOUSE** (sangkeechinatown.com), which has been making its famous Hong Kong-style Peking Duck since 1980. At award-winning **OSTERIA** (osteriaphilly.com), refined Italian dishes and fine wines are served in a modern industrial setting with an open kitchen.

Moshulu



OLD CITY/SOCIETY HILL /WATERFRONT

This historic neighborhood is a must-visit for its iconic colonial sites. Enjoy **First Friday** as dozens of hip art galleries and cool boutiques open their doors on the first Friday of the month in Old City.

SEE: The only museum in the country dedicated to the colonists' struggle for independence, the **MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** (amrevmuseum.org) showcases original artwork and artifacts from the period plus interactive exhibits that trace the seeds of the war to its impact today. **PSST:** On display is George Washington's actual war tent. Visit the **AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA** (aampmuseum.org) to see impactful exhibits like *Audacious Freedom: African Americans in Philadelphia 1776-1876*, which features a narrated, interactive timeline spanning 100 years and a hands-on children's corner.

DO: The **NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM** (libertymuseum.org) explores themes of diversity and inclusion, civic engagement and leadership. Highlights include a replica of Nelson Mandela's jail cell and an exhibit honoring the heroes of 9/11. Tucked between Market and Chestnut streets, the **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MUSEUM** and **FRANKLIN COURT** (nps.gov/inde) is the former home of the Philadelphia statesman, author, printer, inventor and postmaster.

DINE: Eat in style on the **MOSHULU** (moshulu.com), a Tall Ship tethered to the shore at the Delaware River waterfront. It's the largest and oldest square-rigged sailing vessel still afloat. Known for its Italian crudo and airy Mediterranean vibe, **POSITANO COAST** (positanocoast.net) also offers an extensive wine list and seasonal Italian dishes.

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Boathouse Row



One Liberty
Observation Deck

PARKWAY MUSEUMS DISTRICT

Centered around the magnificent **Museum Mile** on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, this district is your destination for outstanding museums and plenty of Insta-worthy sights—including the **Rocky Steps** and **Rocky Statue** just outside the **Philadelphia Museum of Art**.

SEE: The **RODIN MUSEUM** (rodinmuseum.org) boasts one of the largest collections of famed sculptor Auguste Rodin's work outside Paris. *The Thinker* greets you outside the entrance. For an unconventional history lesson, tour **EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY** (easternstate.org). Once the most expensive and famous prisons in the world, it housed notorious inmates like gangster Al Capone, whose cell you can view on the tour. **PSST:** Actor Steve Buscemi narrates the audio tour.

DO: Stroll along a famous Philadelphia site, **BOATHOUSE ROW** (boathouserow.org), which is aglow with thousands of twinkling lights at night. The path is part of the **SCHUYLKILL RIVER TRAIL** (schuylkillrivertrail.com), a recreational trail that runs from Philadelphia to Valley Forge National Historical Park and beyond, perfect for running, inline skating, biking and other activities. An ideal spot for skyline photos while on the trail is the **Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk**, a 2,000-foot-long concrete pathway that stretches from Locust Street to the South Street Bridge.

DINE: Indulge in pizza with pizzazz at **PIZZERIA VETRI** (pizzeriavetri.com). With countless options on the menu, it's easy to find pies to satisfy the whole crew. For traditional bar food with an Irish twist, head to **CON MURPHY'S** (conmurphyspub.com) for shareable favorites like loaded nachos and wings as well as hearty entrees like Guinness beef stew and fish and chips.



Rodin Museum

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE

Located in the heart of Center City, Rittenhouse Square is known for its green spaces, upscale shopping, charming brownstones and alfresco dining.

SEE: For panoramic views of the city, venture up to **ONE LIBERTY OBSERVATION DECK** (phillyfromthetop.com) on the 57th floor of the skyscraper. In addition to camera-worthy sights, you can enjoy interactive exhibits detailing noteworthy moments in Philadelphia history. The **MÜTTER MUSEUM** (muttermuseum.org) displays fascinating scientific discoveries about the human body, with unique specimens, models and instruments, including a 139-skull display and pieces of Albert Einstein's brain.

DO: Indulge in retail therapy—clothes and shoes are tax-free!—at **RITTENHOUSE ROW** (rittenhouserow.org), where you'll find chic boutiques alongside national retailers. Table tennis takes center stage at **SPIN PHILADELPHIA, A PING PONG SOCIAL CLUB** (wearespin.com). The hip, industrial space has 16 Olympic-grade ping pong tables, two full bars and a kitchen.

DINE: Chefs Michael Solomonov and Yehuda Sichel found inspiration in the Jewish diaspora for their retro-style eatery **ABE FISHER** (abefisherphilly.com)—meaning chicken liver mousse shares the menu with veal schnitzel tacos and Hungarian duck. New American fare is on the menu at **PUB & KITCHEN** (thepubandkitchen.com), where you'll find a rotating selection of small plates, filling entrees and a signature burger.

The Gayborhood



Citizens Bank Park

NEIGHBORHOODS

WASHINGTON SQUARE/ GAYBORHOOD/MIDTOWN VILLAGE

Lively dining spots and vibrant nightlife fill this quaint historic neighborhood. Stroll through tree-lined Washington Square Park, or explore the charming cobblestone streets for some of Philadelphia's most photogenic views.

SEE: Take in a show at the **WALNUT STREET THEATRE** (walnutstreettheatre.org), America's oldest theater. Since 1809, the National Historic Landmark has produced popular, top-quality stage productions. The venue also caters to families with its well-curated series for kids.

DO: In the evening, check out some of the neighborhood's most festive spots. Unwind at **TIKI** (tikiphilly.com) with classic and modern tropical drinks like the Mai Tai, Singapore Sling and Zombie. **PSST:** It has a rooftop bar. As Philadelphia's oldest Irish pub, **MCGILLIN'S OLD ALE HOUSE** (mcgillins.com) features a roaring fireplace, high-beamed ceilings and a unique collection of innkeepers' licenses from 1871 on, all displayed above an antique mahogany bar.

DINE: Located in the historic Curtis Center, **P.J. CLARKE'S** (pjclarkes.com) is a go-to for its large raw bar, happy hour specials and famous burgers. Head to **VALANNI** (valanni.com), for Mediterranean and Latin cuisine, like kabobs, empanadas and pork belly Cuban sliders plus seasonal craft cocktails.



Italian Market

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Known for its easy access to major sporting arenas, the area is also a hit thanks to its multicultural and foodie attractions.

SEE: Started by Italian immigrants in the late 1880s, the bustling **ITALIAN MARKET** (italianmarketphilly.org) on 9th Street specializes in fresh fish, meat, fruit, cheese, baked goods and vegetables. After, wander through the eclectic **SOUTH STREET HEADHOUSE DISTRICT** (southstreet.com) to explore the many shops and attractions, including **Philadelphia's Magic Gardens**, an immersive outdoor and indoor mosaic installation.

DO: For home run entertainment, catch the **PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES** (phillies.com) in action at **CITIZENS BANK PARK**. With the city skyline as its backdrop, the ballpark offers great sightlines and plenty of Philadelphia-inspired concessions, from hoagies and cheesesteaks to crab fries. No ticket? No problem. Watch the Phillies and other teams play on a 32-foot HD TV at **XFINITY LIVE!** (xfinitylive.com). The entertainment complex offers six different venues, including Victory Beer Hall, Broad Street Bullies Pub and NBC Sports Arena.

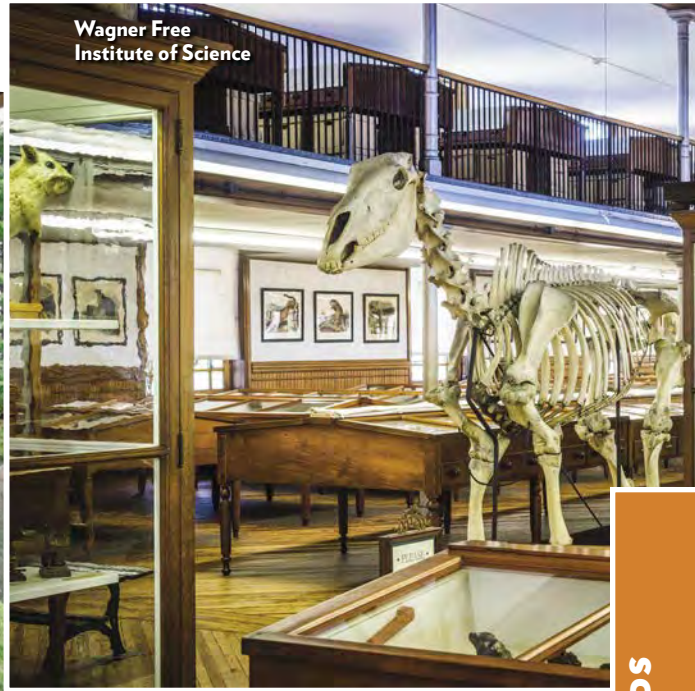
DINE: **SALOON RESTAURANT** (saloonrestaurant.net) has been serving hearty Italian dishes like eggplant Parmigiano, braciole and veal piccante along with a fine selection of steaks since 1967. Inspired by classic French bistros, **BISTROT LA MINETTE** (bistrotlaminette.com) offers seasonal dishes made from scratch with a French countryside vibe.

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Shofuso Japanese House and Garden



Wagner Free Institute of Science



NEIGHBORHOODS

UNIVERSITY CITY/ WEST PHILADELPHIA

A hub for higher education, this neighborhood is home to top universities, including **Drexel University** and the **University of Pennsylvania**.

SEE: Embrace Japanese culture at **SHOFUSO JAPANESE HOUSE AND GARDEN** (japanphilly.org). The serene site includes a traditional 17th-century replica home and a beautifully landscaped garden with a koi fish pond. Explore the priceless archaeological artifacts at the **PENN MUSEUM** (penn.museum), including Egyptian mummies, African tribal masks and more than 1,200 objects in the newly opened Middle East Galleries.

DO: Catch innovation on stage at **THE ANNENBERG CENTER** (annenbergcen.org), a performing arts center at the University of Pennsylvania. Honoring the legacy of early-American botanist John Bartram, **BARTRAM'S GARDEN** (bartramsgarden.org) is a 45-acre site on the Schuylkill River that includes a botanical garden, wildflower meadow and Bartram's 18th-century home.

DINE: Sample a wide range of Indian classics at family-owned **NEW DELHI INDIAN RESTAURANT** (newdelhiweb.com), the city's oldest Indian eatery. The dining spot features a lunch and dinner buffet with chicken, lamb and vegetarian options, as well as an à la carte menu. Dine on French bistro classics like escargot and steak frites at **LOUIE LOUIE** (louielouie.restaurant), a modern brasserie with an outdoor patio.

Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site



NORTHERN LIBERTIES/ FISHTOWN/ NORTH PHILADELPHIA

Just north of Center City, these diverse neighborhoods are home to eclectic bars and restaurants, microdistilleries and popular live-music venues—plus the entry point for the city's new **Rail Park**, a scenic trail that transformed an abandoned railroad viaduct.

SEE: Embark on a literary pilgrimage to the **EDGAR ALLAN POE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE** (nps.gov/edal) to see the revered writer's former home, as well as exhibits dedicated to Poe and his work. Founded in 1855, the **WAGNER FREE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE** (wagnerfreeinstitute.org) displays more than 100,000 natural history specimens in a historic building. Highlights include founder William Wagner's personal mineral and fossil collections, as well as mounted skeletons, skulls and skins from species around the world.

DO: **SUGARHOUSE CASINO** (sugarhousecasino.com) offers 1,891 slot machines, 103 table games, a 28-table poker room and six dining options. Find the largest canned beer selection in the city plus Skee-Ball, pool and a rotation of guest chefs at **GARAGE FISHTOWN** (garagephilly.com).

DINE: Operating with a whole-animal philosophy, **KENSINGTON QUARTERS** (kensingtonquarters.com), is a meat-centric restaurant that does most of its butchery in-house and uses ingredients sourced from local farmers. Enjoy modern interpretations of German classics, as well as a stellar selection of German and American beers at **FRANKFORD HALL** (frankfordhall.com), a boisterous beer garden.

Chestnut Hill



Longwood Gardens



NORTHWEST PHILADELPHIA

The vibrant neighborhoods of Northwest Philadelphia feature wooded trails, historic sites and booming business districts with local shops, eateries and bars.

SEE: Explore the 16 early-American sites of **HISTORIC GERMANTOWN** (freedombackyard.com). Tour the **Johnson House Historic Site**, once an Underground Railroad stop, learn about the Revolutionary battle fought there, discover the colonial gardens of **Wyck House** and more. Tour **LEST WE FORGET MUSEUM OF SLAVERY** (lwfs.com), a one-of-a-kind museum dedicated to the transatlantic slave trade.

DO: Follow the many trails that wind throughout the more than 10,000 acres of **FAIRMOUNT PARK** (fairmountpark.org), the largest and first city-owned urban park system in the world. The Northwest Philadelphia section of this vast park includes **Valley Green** (or Wissahickon Park)—with miles of trails that cut through forest and meadows along the Wissahickon Creek. In **Chestnut Hill**, **WOODMERE ART MUSEUM** showcases Philadelphia-area artists through its broad range of exhibits (woodmereartmuseum.org).

DINE: For a dose of small-town charm, grab a bite to eat at one of the many eateries along **MAIN STREET MANAYUNK** (manayunk.com), with a mix of casual and upscale restaurants ranging from pizza joints to New American dinner spots and Asian BYOBs. After, stroll along the **Manayunk Canal Towpath**, which celebrates its 200th anniversary this year.

Manayunk Towpath



BRANDYWINE VALLEY

Just under an hour from Center City Philadelphia, the bucolic Brandywine Valley is known for its rich history, beautiful gardens and charming towns.

SEE: Truly a botanical haven, **LONGWOOD GARDENS** (longwoodgardens.org) invites visitors to stroll through lush indoor and outdoor gardens, which feature more than 9,000 plant species and varieties. With jaw-dropping fountain shows, live performances, a seasonal beer garden and delicious cuisine, it's an ideal spot for an all-day adventure. Fans of artist Andrew Wyeth flock to the **BRANDYWINE RIVER MUSEUM OF ART** (brandywine.org/museum), located in idyllic Chadds Ford in a rehabbed 19th-century mill. The museum complements its Wyeth collection with the works of his father, N.C. Wyeth, and son, Jamie Wyeth, as well as other American painters. While in Chadds Ford, tour pre-Revolutionary buildings that are open to the public as museums through the **Chadds Ford Historical Society**.

DO: Learn about rotary-wing aircraft at the **AMERICAN HELICOPTER MUSEUM** (americanhelicopter.museum), located in a 20,000 square-foot hangar in West Chester. Check out restored historic helicopters, including a V-22

Osprey, then hop in a pilot's seat and run the controls yourself. At **QVC STUDIO PARK**

(qvc.com), fans can be part of a live studio broadcast on a guided tour of the online shopping giant. After, shop the studio store. Sample wines at **PENNS WOODS WINERY** (pennswoodsevents.com) in Chadds Ford. The family-run winery also hosts a variety of mouthwatering events like wine and cupcake pairings and sangria tastings.

For more ways to see the neighborhoods, visit discoverPHL.com/visit/neighborhoods.

THINGS TO DO

SIGHTSEEING & ATTRACTIONS • TOURS • ENTERTAINMENT • SHOPPING • SPORTS



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Franklin Square

CHECK IT OUT

*Historic sites, quaint shopping districts, vibrant nightlife and more—
from day to night, there's always something to see or do in Philadelphia.*



The Oval in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art

THINGS TO DO

PHILADELPHIA BRINGS HISTORY TO LIFE. From the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the founding of the country's first hospital, botanical garden, lending library and more, the region is rich in attractions that tell the country's story. But we're not just a destination for history buffs. Art lovers have top-notch museums and cutting-edge galleries to explore as well as numerous performing arts venues featuring everything from ballet to Broadway. Science enthusiasts will surely want to check out area museums that engage the mind and senses. Nature lovers will rejoice at the countless paved and unpaved trails that wind through the city's expansive Fairmount Park. And when the sun goes down, the fun continues with exciting sporting events, bustling casinos, laid-back pubs, cool clubs and more. There's so much to do and see, you better get moving.

Photography by Albert Yee for The Oval.

| CONVENTION CENTER DISTRICT |

Arch Street United Methodist Church Founded in 1862, this Gothic Revival building houses a Stanbridge organ built in 1870. Admission is free or by donation. archstreetumc.org | 55 North Broad Street
215-568-6250

Christmas Village in Philadelphia Unique atmosphere with thousands of lights, City Hall tree and the delicious smell of waffles, bratwurst and mulled wine, which will put you and your family into the perfect Christmas mood. philchristmas.com
LOVE Park, 1500 John F. Kennedy Boulevard
215-268-7606 | ♿

City Hall Tour & Visitors Center Located in the true center of Philadelphia, the City Hall Visitor Center's knowledgeable staff allows visitors to experience one of the city's most iconic buildings. phila.gov | **City Hall, Room 121, Broad and Market streets**
215-686-2840 | ♿

Dilworth Park On the west side of City Hall is the city's lively centerpiece, with a lush lawn, tree groves, cafe and a fountain that converts to an ice skating rink in winter. ccdparcs.org | **Broad and Market streets**
215-440-5500

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts America's first art museum and school of fine arts, with a renowned collection of American art that spans two centuries and includes works by the country's greatest artists. pafa.org | **118 and 128 North Broad Street**
215-972-7600 | ♿

Philadelphia International Auto Show The Philadelphia International Auto Show began in 1902, and the Automobile Dealers Association of Greater Philadelphia has been producing the show since 1997. phillyautoshow.com | **Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch Street** | 610-279-5229

The Fabric Workshop and Museum An internationally acclaimed contemporary art museum known for its collection and exhibitions and devoted to creating work in new materials and media. Open seven days a week. fabricworkshopandmuseum.org
1214 Arch Street | 215-561-8888 | ♿

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania One of the wonders of the Masonic world, this magnificent building contains a vast museum collection of artwork and furnishings with a premier research library on freemasonry. pagrandlodge.org
1 North Broad Street | 215-988-1900 | ♿

| OLD CITY/HISTORIC DISTRICT/WATERFRONT |

African American Museum in Philadelphia Interpreting the history of African Americans and those of the African Diaspora and enriching the lives of visitors, especially children, using education to empower them. aampmuseum.org | 701 Arch Street
215-574-0380 | ♿

American Bible Society Museum dedicated to the history of the Bible (tentative opening: 2019). Exhibits and pop-up events may be on display at American Bible Headquarters, 1902 Pine Street, prior to museum opening. americanbible.org | 101 North Independence Mall East
215-309-0900

American Philosophical Society (APS) Museum America's oldest learned society, presenting exhibitions exploring the intersections of history, science and art, drawn from the society's wide-ranging collections. amphilsoc.org | 104 South 5th Street
215-440-3440 | ♿

Benjamin Franklin Museum Explore Franklin's life and character in the Benjamin Franklin Museum. The museum features artifacts, computer animations and interactive displays. nps.gov/inde
Entrance to the courtyard is from Market or Chestnut streets, between 3rd and 4th streets | 215-597-0060
♿

Betsy Ross House Visit the home of America's most famous flagmaker! Meet Betsy Ross, enjoy kid-friendly exhibits and stay for lunch and storytelling in the shady courtyard. historicphiladelphia.org/betsy-ross-house
239 Arch Street | 215-629-4026 | ♿

Bishop White House 1786 home of Bishop William White, who was the rector of Christ Church, St. Peter's Episcopal and founder of the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. nps.gov/inde | 309 Walnut Street
215-597-8974

Carpenters' Hall Site of the First Continental Congress of 1774. Still owned by the oldest extant craft guild in the U.S., the Carpenters' Company. View 18th-century hand tools, chairs used by founding fathers and other significant artifacts that helped build the nation. carpentershall.org | 320 Chestnut Street | 215-925-0167
♿

Christ Church and Burial Ground Georgian architectural treasure attended by the founding fathers. The burial ground is the final resting place of Benjamin Franklin. christchurchphila.org | 2nd Street above Market Street, 5th and Arch streets | 215-922-1695

The Clay Studio Nonprofit arts organization offering classes, galleries, studios and shopping. theclaystudio.org | 137-139 North 2nd Street
215-925-3453



INSTA-DELPHIA

While LOVE Park, the “Rocky Steps” and Liberty Bell all offer their own Instagram-worthy moments, there are dozens of other photo opportunities throughout Philadelphia. We’ve assembled a few of our favorite locations via this handy guide, each of which are free to access and offer their own unique perspective of the city.

PSST: Don’t forget to tag your photos with **#discoverPHL** and follow **@discover_PHL** on Instagram for more photo inspiration.

THINGS TO DO



1

START FROM HERE MURAL

Found behind the Pennsylvania Convention Center along Race Street, this Mural Arts installation by artist Isaac Tin Wei Lin features hundreds of colorful flags that represent Philadelphia’s diverse immigrant population. The rich colors and pleasing patterns make the mural a great spot for selfies or “Wall Crawl”-style photos.

Location: 1315 Race Street

Neighborhood: Convention Center District



2

RACE STREET PIER

Once a shipping pier, Race Street Pier is now a complete recreational space. The main focal point is a dramatic ramp, which gradually elevates 12 feet into the air as it guides visitors east towards the Delaware River. The pier provides incredible views of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and the boats that frequently pass up and down the river. It’s also a prime location for early morning sunrise photo shoots.

Location: Race Street and North Columbus Boulevard

Neighborhood: Waterfront/Historic District

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3

QUINCE STREET

Located in the Washington Square West neighborhood, Quince Street is a narrow, quiet, residential street complete with cobblestones and charming homes. Enter from Locust Street to capture an incredible vanishing-point photo, but don't be afraid to navigate further down the street to uncover more of Philadelphia's historical charm.

Location: From Walnut to Lombard street between 11th and 12th streets

Neighborhood: Washington Square West



4

SPRING GARDEN STREET BRIDGE

A short walk from the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Spring Garden Street Bridge offers some of the best unobstructed views of the Philadelphia skyline via its southern sidewalk. If you wake up early enough, you can even catch the sunrise behind the city skyline from this position.

Location: Adjacent to the Philadelphia Museum of Art crossing over the Schuylkill River

Neighborhood: Between Parkway Museums and University City Districts

5

GIRA GREEN

What may appear to be an average parking garage from street level is actually home to an elevated greenspace on the roof. The 1.25-acre park regularly hosts public events and is the perfect place for a photo shoot with the skyline as the backdrop. Time it right and you can even capture incredible sunset photos while on the park.

Location: 80 South 30th Street

Neighborhood: University City District



6

WEAVE BRIDGE

Tucked away amongst the sports fields on the University of Pennsylvania campus, this pedestrian bridge offers a unique, futuristic design, which presents varying angular shadows throughout the day—perfect for portrait sessions or creating minimalistic images. Head to the eastern opening for an uncompromised view of the Philadelphia skyline.

Location: Penn Park facilities on the University of Pennsylvania campus

Neighborhood: University City District





SOLAR SYSTEM AMBASSADOR

*Fun facts from The Franklin Institute's
chief astronomer.*



For more than 40 years, **Derrick Pitts** has been making astronomy accessible to people of all ages with his ability to explain the universe as he sees it. The chief astronomer at **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**—and **NASA Solar System Ambassador**—shares fun facts about one of the oldest and premier centers of science education in the U.S., where “everybody in the family has the opportunity to have a great hands-on experience with science and technology.”

- The Franklin Institute has a piece of moon rock that was collected on Aug. 2, 1971, by astronaut David Scott. It was the last rock collected during the Apollo 15 mission and was the largest sample of the 170 pounds of rocks Scott and his crew members brought back from the moon. See it in the Space Command exhibit.
- The Bloom Observatory—located on the roof of the museum—has a historic **Zeiss Refractor**, built using fabrication techniques that circumvented restrictions placed on German manufacturing as a result of WWI. The only other one like it in the U.S. is at the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles.
- The Franklin Institute’s observatory is the only one on the East Coast with a facility as large as ours or as accessible to the general public as ours.

Visit the observatory during the day or at night for monthly stargazing events with Derrick Pitts. Check out the view of Philadelphia’s skyline from the top of The Franklin Institute on page 96. fi.edu

Congregation Mikveh Israel Founded in 1740, the Synagogue of the Revolution maintains its tradition. Visitors may join the service as Haym Salomon, Rebecca Gratz and other illustrious Jews did. mikvehisrael.org
44 North 4th Street | 215-922-5446 | ♿

Congress Hall The House of Representatives and Senate met at Congress Hall when Philadelphia was the capital. It also was the site of George Washington’s second inauguration. nps.gov/inde | 6th and Chestnut streets
215-965-2305 | ♿

Declaration House As a delegate to the Second Continental Congress, Thomas Jefferson rented two rooms in this house where he proceeded to draft the Declaration of Independence. nps.gov/inde
7th and Market streets | 215-965-2305 | ♿

Delaware River Waterfront Corporation
Penn’s Landing’s calendar boasts more than 70 free special events, concerts, festivals, fireworks and family activities. It is also home to the Blue Cross RiverRink. delawareriverwaterfrontcorp.com
121 North Columbus Boulevard | 215-629-3200 | ♿

Elfreth’s Alley Elfreth’s Alley, built from 1728 to 1836, is one of only three preserved 18th-century streetscapes in the country. The museum tells the story of ordinary Philadelphians over the last three centuries. elfrethsalley.org | 124-146 Elfreth’s Alley | 215-574-0560

Fireman’s Hall Museum Learn firefighting history and fire safety tips at a restored 1902 firehouse filled with apparatus and traditional and interactive exhibits. Just behind Elfreth’s Alley. firemanshallmuseum.org
Philadelphia Fire Department Historical Corporation,
147 North 2nd Street | 215-923-1438 | ♿

First Bank of the United States This building was completed in 1797 and was an early example of Neoclassical architecture. The bank was thought up by Alexander Hamilton to regulate a national monetary system. nps.gov/inde | 3rd and Chestnut streets
215-965-2305

Franklin Square Just steps from Independence Hall, this beautiful park features mini golf, a refreshing fountain, playgrounds, Parx Liberty Carousel and acclaimed SquareBurger. | historicphiladelphia.org/franklin-square | 6th and Race streets | 215-629-4026
♿

Historic Philadelphia, Inc. Storytelling, history makers, adventure tours and more bring history to life like never before with Once Upon A Nation! historicphiladelphia.org | 150 South Independence Mall West
215-629-4026 | ♿

Historic Saint George’s United Methodist Church This is the oldest continuously used United Methodist Church in America (since 1769). View the Francis Asbury Bible, the John Wesley Chalice Cup and the Joseph Pilmoor Journal. historicstgeorges.org
235 North 4th Street | 215-925-7788

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Philadelphia, PA 19106



FEATURED LISTING

Museum of the American Revolution



Using artifacts and powerful exhibits, the Museum explores the Revolution from the roots of conflict in the 1760s through the creation of the American nation.



amrevmuseum.org | 215-253-6731
101 South Third Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106



THINGS TO DO

Independence Beer Garden Part of Philadelphia's Schulson Collective, Independence Beer Garden is an expansive 20,000-square-foot, all-American beer garden. A menu of American favorites will go well with the 40 taps of regional and domestic craft beers offered. phlbeergarden.com | 100 South Independence Mall West 215-922-7100

Independence Hall This historic site, originally built as the Pennsylvania State House, is where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and where the U.S. Constitution was written. nps.gov/inde
Between 5th and 6th streets on Chestnut Street
215-965-2305 | ♿

Independence National Historical Park Explore the ideas and challenges of the past—so remote in time but so important to how we think today—when you visit Independence National Historical Park. nps.gov/inde | Independence Visitor Center, 6th and Market streets | 215-597-8787 | ♿

Liberty Bell Center The Liberty Bell Center's exhibits illuminate the bell's storied past, focusing on both liberty attained and on liberty not yet realized. nps.gov/inde | 6th and Market streets | 215-965-2305 | ♿

Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church Founded by Richard Allen in 1792, this site is the oldest property continuously owned by African Americans. A small museum is located on the lower level. motherbethel.org
419 South 6th Street | 215-925-0616 | ♿

National Constitution Center Dramatically telling the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text and artifacts. constitutioncenter.org | Independence Mall, 525 Arch Street | 215-409-6700 | ♿

National Liberty Museum Located in the heart of historic Philadelphia, the National Liberty Museum brings liberty to life by fostering strong character and civic engagement. libertymuseum.org
321 Chestnut Street | 215-925-2800 | ♿

National Museum of American Jewish History The museum interprets how Jews shape and are shaped by America, exploring the blessings and challenges of freedom through film, interactive technology and more than 1,000 artifacts. nmajh.org
101 South Independence Mall East | 215-923-3811 | ♿

New Hall Military Museum First built by the Carpenters' Company to provide rental space, the building now houses a museum about the Army, Navy and Marines from 1775 to 1800. nps.gov/inde
Chestnut Street between 3rd and 4th streets
215-965-2305 | ♿

Old City Hall Originally Philadelphia's City Hall. Home of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1791 to 1800. nps.gov/inde | 5th and Chestnut streets | 215-965-2305
♿

Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks Four 18th-century historic house museums: Powel House (244 South 3rd Street), Hill-Physick House (321 South 4th Street), Grumblethorpe (Germantown) and Historic Waynesborough (Paoli). philalandmarks.org | 321 South 4th Street | 215-925-2251

The President's House: Freedom and Slavery in the Making of a New Nation History of the original executive mansion of Washington and Adams, including the obscured story of enslaved Africans in the house during Washington's presidency. phila.gov/presidentshouse | 6th and Market streets
215-965-2305 | ♿