



HONORABLE MENTION THE NOTORIOUS RBG

The first museum retrospective on the life of iconic 86-year-old U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg comes to the **National Museum of American Jewish History**, Oct. 4, 2019 to Jan. 12, 2020. *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* explores why the first Jewish woman appointed to the bench inspires such devotion. Based on the *New York Times* bestselling book of the same name, the exhibit was co-created by the book's authors—Shana Knizhnik, who coined Ginsburg's nickname, "RBG," and Irin Carmon. Through archival photographs, legal writings, contemporary art, interactives and personal artifacts (including Ginsburg's Supreme Court robe and jabot), the exhibition shows 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. nmajh.org



NEW & NOTEWORTHY



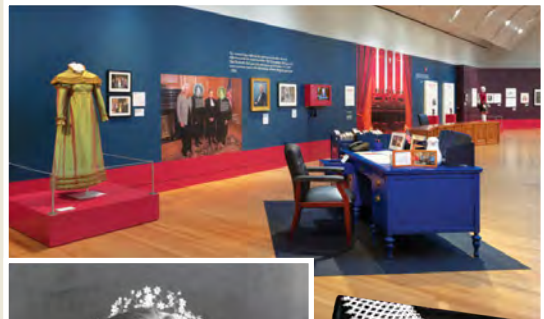
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Photography: courtesy of National Museum of American Jewish History.

CHECK IT OUT!



NEW AMENITIES AND DIGITAL EXPERIENCES

THANKS TO A \$15 MILLION RENOVATION, the **Independence Visitor Center**, the official visitor center of greater Philadelphia and gateway to Independence National Historical Park, unveiled an informative, interactive and 21st century orientation experience in summer 2019. Included in these enhancements is a 42-foot, interactive digital wall—the city’s largest. The immersive, multi-user experience engages visitors by displaying dynamic content about things to do in the region to explore via touchscreen. The digital Welcome Wall is just one facet of the Visitor Center’s upgrades, which also include the first café by **HERSHEY’S Kitchens**, offering locally sourced, savory items and indulgent treats; a free, eight-minute film played daily in an open-walled theater; and a mezzanine-level outdoor terrace with unparalleled views of Independence Mall. phvisitorcenter.com

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SEE IT NOW CHINESE GALLERIES AT PMA

Four thousand years of Chinese art history are on display at the **Philadelphia Museum of Art’s** renovated and reinstalled Chinese Galleries. The refreshed galleries are divided into four sections: *Belief in Afterlife, Nature and Self-Cultivation, Exchanges with the West and Order in the Imperial Court.* New additions include a stunning collection of costumes and textiles, photographs and contemporary art, some on view for the first time.

philamuseum.org

Photography clockwise from top left: Kyle Huff for PHLCVB(2), courtesy of Priet.

OPENING THIS FALL FASHION DISTRICT PHILADELPHIA

Fashionable finds, engaging entertainment and modern dining converge at **Fashion District Philadelphia**, a new development along Market Street just steps from Reading Terminal Market and the Pennsylvania Convention Center. This dynamic destination is home to retailers including Century 21 Department Store, Burlington, H&M, Nike, Columbia and Samsonite. Dining options include City Winery—a culinary and cultural wine experience offering fine dining, classes, concerts and private events—as well as local favorite Chickie’s & Pete’s. The District will offer an entertainment zone including Wonderspaces, a unique, immersive art experience; AMC Theatres, a dining movie theater; and Round 1, an upscale bowling alley with ping pong, billiards and arcade games. Visitors can receive a complimentary Visitor Savings Pass with special offers from participating retailers when visiting the Concierge Desk. fashiondistrictphiladelphia.com





Zahav

CHEF NOTES WITH

MICHAEL SOLOMONOV

Chef and owner of Zahav, winner of the James Beard Award for Best Restaurant 2019, dishes on his recent accolade, his hometown favorites and what's next for his restaurant group, CookNSolo.

Q. The recent honor from the James Beard Foundation for Zahav is a great achievement for both you and Philadelphia. How do you think this spotlight impacts the culinary scene in the city?

A. Thank you so much—the whole team is still celebrating! Philly has such a rich immigrant culture and so much culinary diversity to celebrate, and I think the award really helps put it on the map as an amazing food destination.

Q. As a world traveler, what is it about Philadelphia that made you want to plant roots here?

A. I spent a weekend here once over a decade ago and fell in love with the city! What I love most is the culture of support; the community is so tight-knit and encouraging.

Q. Aside from the CookNSolo restaurants, what's your go-to Philadelphia eatery?

A. *Pho 75*, hands down! I go there all the time, with my business partner,

with my team, with my kids. It's my favorite spot for a meeting or for a weekend breakfast.

Q. How about coffee? What's your preferred cafe for an early morning or mid-day cup of coffee?

A. *OX Coffee*. It's a small, independent coffee spot in Queen Village. They are all about celebrating the community and working with other local businesses, and we are lucky enough to use their coffee at our newest restaurant, *K'Far*!

Q. What essential Philadelphia experiences would you recommend to first-time visitors?

A. The *Mütter Museum* is an awesome medical history museum. I also love the *Wissahickon Trail* for an outdoor activity.

Q. What local "pro-tip" would you share with travelers to make the most of their visit?

A. *Philly is walkable!* Wear some comfy shoes and check out the city on foot. There are also so many amazing restaurants—don't commit to just one; stop by as many places as possible. Have a bite at each spot.

Q. What's next for CookNSolo?

A. We just opened *K'Far*, our Israeli bakery and all-day cafe, over the summer. We're also planning on opening two additional restaurants in the next few months: *Merkaz*, a pita sandwich spot, and *Laser Wolf*, which will be all about Israeli barbecue.

Q. What would you recommend to travelers looking to score a coveted seat at Zahav?

A. Come early or come late! We hold the chef's counter and bar for walk-ins, so if you come early and are one of the first in line, you can grab a seat there. Or if you come late, you can sneak into a bar seat!

Mütter Museum



Wissahickon Trail





NOW OPEN

FOR THE BIRDS

CALLING ALL BIRDWATCHERS: The all new **John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove**, about 30 minutes from Center City Philadelphia, offers an immersive museum and bird sanctuary on the site of the 19th-century ornithologist's home. Museum highlights include digital displays and first editions of Audubon's iconic *The Birds of America* and exhibits like the interactive *WOW Birds! Gallery*, which delves into bird habitats, traces the migratory patterns of different species through light-up maps, and more. After, head outside for prime birdwatching along *Pawlings Porch* or learn about the phases of a bird's life on the kid-friendly *Fledgling Trail*. Step back in time by touring Audubon's historic stone farmhouse, where you'll find artifacts and original paintings from the birding pioneer. The grounds are open year-round from dawn to dusk. johnjames.audubon.org

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Photography: by Luke Franke.

CAN'T MISS!



RE-OPENING AT THE PENN MUSEUM

BIG CHANGES ARE IN STORE FOR THE **Penn Museum**, which is in the midst of an extensive building transformation. The prestigious museum was founded in 1887 as a way to showcase findings from the University of Pennsylvania's more than 300 archaeological and anthropological expeditions around the world. On **Nov. 16, 2019**, the *Mexico & Central America Gallery* and the *Africa Galleries* will reopen. The former received upgrades to the wing plus dynamic new displays for visitors that span 3,000 years—from stone monuments from Belize that depict powerful kings to colorful textiles from Guatemala. The

Africa Galleries, which boasts one of the largest collections of artifacts from the continent in the United States, welcomes new interpretive exhibits and artifact displays that recreate the stories from Africa's great kingdoms and rich cultures. The reveals continue in the Main Entrance Hall, where the museum's legendary 3,000-plus-year-old Sphinx—the largest in the Western Hemisphere—will take up residence and welcome visitors to the museum. The 12.5-ton red granite icon has been off-view to the public since 2018. These reopenings follow the debut of the Middle East Galleries in 2018. penn.museum

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

EAT HERE NOW FOUR SEASONS DINING

Venerated Michelin-starred chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten makes his Philadelphia debut at the **Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia at Comcast Center**, in the tallest building in the city. Situated on the 59th floor of the skyscraper, the French chef's eponymous fine-dining restaurant, **Jean-Georges Philadelphia**, boasts mirrored ceilings and 40-foot-high glass walls offering panoramic views. For a more casual experience—and exceptional city views—head to the 60th floor for the chef's **JG SkyHigh**. Complementing Vongerichten's refined fare is **Vernick Fish**, from Philadelphia's own James Beard Award-winning chef Greg Vernick, on the ground floor of the building. It has a 200-seat dining room, bar, private dining area and spacious patio. For more casual fare and coffee, try **Vernick Coffee Bar** in the open second-floor lobby. **PSST:** The semolina olive oil cake is the perfect pick-me-up when you need a coffee break. fourseasons.com/philadelphia



Photography: top, courtesy of Penn Museum, at right, courtesy of Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia at Comcast Center.

CALENDAR OF

SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 20 – NOV. 9

Eastern State Penitentiary: Terror Behind the Walls

easternstate.org

Consistently ranked as one of the top 10 haunted attractions in the country, this massive haunted house in historic Eastern State Penitentiary consists of six terrifying experiences within the prison grounds, including Lock Down, Infirmary, Machine Shop, Break Out, Quarantine 4D and the Blood Yard.

OCTOBER

OCT. 2 – 13

DesignPhiladelphia Festival

designphiladelphia.org

Get an insider's view of Philadelphia's thriving creative industry at work with exhibitions, design events, lectures and more during the Philadelphia Center for Architecture's annual festival.

OCT. 5

Philadelphia International Dragon Boat Festival

philadragonboatfestival.com

Hundreds of paddlers gather to race down the scenic Schuylkill River in this 2,000-year-old tradition that involves beautiful boats, drumming and more.

OCT. 5 – 12

U.S. Open Squash

usopensquash.com

International teams compete in the Professional Squash Association's annual championship, hosted by Drexel University.

OCT. 13

OutFest

phillygaypride.org

Outfest celebrates "National Coming Out Day" with the largest event of its kind in Philadelphia's Gayborhood.

OCT. 13

Old City Fest

oldcitydistrict.org

This annual festival highlights the art, design, fashion and food that makes Old City one of Philadelphia's most innovative and exciting neighborhoods.

OCT. 17 – 27

Philadelphia Film Festival

filmadelphia.org/festival

The Philadelphia Film Festival is a world-renowned annual event premiering everything from Oscar contenders to breakthrough local films. Various locations.

NOVEMBER

NOV. 8 – 10

Philadelphia Museum of Art Contemporary Craft Show

pmcraftshow.org

195 craft artists gather at the Pennsylvania Convention Center to sell one-of-a-kind and contemporary items at this annual show hosted by the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

NOV. 22 – 24

Philadelphia Marathon Race Weekend

philadelphiamarathon.com

The Philadelphia Marathon is one of the fastest courses in the country and a great way to see America's Historic Mile while making some history of your own.

DECEMBER

DEC. 5 – DEC. 26 (THURSDAYS)

Tippler's Tour: Yuletide Cheers & Beers

historicphiladelphia.org/tiplers-tour

Step back into winter 1777 with this interactive pub crawl led by a colonial guide and stopping at several bars and taverns.

DEC. 6 – 31

George Balanchine's The Nutcracker

paballet.org

The Pennsylvania Ballet performs the classic holiday story of *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker* at the Academy of Music, featuring the Philadelphia Boys Choir and the Pennsylvania Ballet Orchestra.

DEC. 14

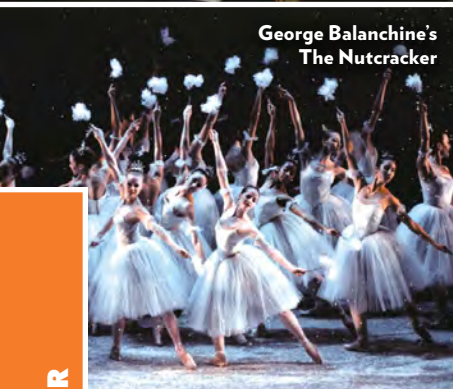
Army-Navy Game

armygameday.com

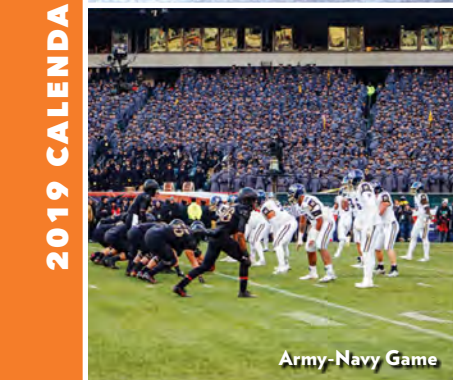
Army and Navy football teams square off in "America's Game"—the ultimate college rivalry—at Lincoln Financial Field.



Eastern State Penitentiary:
Terror Behind the Walls



George Balanchine's
The Nutcracker



Army-Navy Game



Chinese New Year



Philadelphia Flower Show

EVENTS

DEC. 25

Being ___ at Christmas at the National Museum of American Jewish History

nmajh.org

Enjoy crafts, story time, live music and other family-friendly activities.

DEC. 26 – 30

Kwanzaa Celebration

aampmuseum.org

Celebrate Kwanzaa with traditional music, dance and crafts at the African American Museum in Philadelphia.

JANUARY

JAN. 10 – 19

Philly Home Show

phillyhomeshow.com

Prepare for your next home project at the Philadelphia Home Show at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

JAN. TBD

Chinese New Year

chinatown-pcdc.org

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with an authentic dragon parade and enjoy traditional food and festivities in Philadelphia's Chinatown—ranked one of the top 10 in the United States by *USA Today*.

FEBRUARY/ MARCH

FEB. 8 – FEB. 17

Philadelphia Auto Show

phillyautoshow.com

Hundreds of vehicles, showcasing the latest models and trends, are on display at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

FEB 29 – MARCH 8

Philadelphia Flower Show

theflowershow.com

This year, the largest U. S. flower show will celebrate the calming, restorative influence of flowers upon humanity with “Riviera Holiday,” inspired by the world’s most exotic Mediterranean gardens.

HOLIDAY CLASSICS

From Thanksgiving to New Year’s Day, Philadelphia offers a variety of family-friendly annual events perfect for making memories and celebrating this festive time of year.

NOV. 22 - JAN. 5

A LONGWOOD CHRISTMAS | longwoodgardens.org

Floral meets festive during this festive event at Longwood Gardens. Colorful twinkling lights and fountain displays set to holiday music accompany thousands of seasonal plants and icicle-laced trees.

NOV. 28

6ABC THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE | 6abc.com

For 100 years, Philadelphia has kicked off the holiday season with this family-friendly parade along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, featuring giant floats, balloons and marching bands from across the country.

NOV. 28 – DEC. 24

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE | philachristmas.com

Don't miss Christmas Village in LOVE Park offering traditional European foods, gifts and crafts perfect for the holiday season.

NOV. 29 - JAN. 1

THE COMCAST HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

comcastcentercampus.com/concourse

Shown on The Comcast Center's video wall—one of the largest four-millimeter LED screens in the world—is a 15-minute movie packed with seasonal favorites like *The Nutcracker* performed by the Pennsylvania Ballet, a *Carol of the Bells* mega light show, a magical sleigh ride and more.

The movie closes with snow bubbles and a visit from Santa himself.

NOV. 29 – DEC. 31

MACY'S HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW

visitmacysusa.com/philadelphia

Located inside the Wanamaker Building, a National Historic Landmark, this holiday tradition features Christmas favorites like Frosty, Rudolph and *The Nutcracker* in more than 100,000 energy-efficient lights.

DEC. 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS | delawareriverwaterfront.com

Philadelphia continues the tradition of two fireworks shows on New Year's Eve, at 6 p.m. and midnight, over the Delaware River. Launched from barges in the river, the fireworks are choreographed to unique soundtracks that can be heard from Penn's Landing.

JAN. 1

MUMMERS PARADE | phillymummers.com

Watch this annual Philadelphia tradition as the charismatic Mummers strut along Broad Street, celebrating the New Year. The colorful and extravagant costumes and performances are judged at the Fancy Brigade Finale at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

For more holiday events, visit discoverPHL.com/blog/holidays-in-philadelphia.



PHILADELPHIA 101

Everything you need to discover the city.

Independence Visitor Center in Independence National Historical Park



FAST FACT

Independence Visitor Center Corporation

The Independence Visitor Center Corp. manages the official visitor centers of Greater Philadelphia and the visitor-friendly public transit service, Philly PHLASH®.

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PHLvisitorcenter.com

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.

PHLvisitorcenter.com | 800-537-7676

Open daily, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

(June to August until 7 p.m.)

City Hall Visitor Center

1 South Penn Square, Room 121

Located in Philadelphia City Hall

The City Hall Visitor Center provides visitor services in the East Portal of one of the city's most iconic buildings. Friendly Visitor Services Representatives offer free trip advice and information, and other visitor essentials including free maps and brochures. Tickets for tours of City Hall are available for purchase and pick up,



City Hall Visitor Center Gift Shop

including an Interior Tour of the building and a Tower Tour to the highest open-air observation deck in the city. A newly updated on-site gift shop offers Philadelphia and William Penn-themed souvenirs.

PHLvisitorcenter.com/cityhall

267-514-4757 | Open weekdays, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Select Saturdays, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

LOVE Park Visitor Center

16th Street and JFK Boulevard | Located in LOVE Park

Please note: This location in famous LOVE Park is undergoing renovations and is scheduled to reopen in early 2020. Visitors in the area are encouraged to utilize the City Hall Visitor Center, located across the street in City Hall's Room 121, East Portal.

PHLvisitorcenter.com/lovepark

Philly PHLASH

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The Philly PHLASH® Downtown Loop is a visitor-friendly public transit service that provides convenient and affordable service to 20 stops located near popular tourist destinations throughout the city. With daily service over the summer and holiday season, and weekend service in the Spring and Fall, the PHLASH® makes it easy for visitors to navigate the city, for only \$2 per ride or \$5 per day. Look for the Phlash guide in this book after the Neighborhoods section. RidePhillyPHLASH.com | 800-537-7676



TRANSPORTATION *It's easy to get around the city!*



FROM THE AIRPORT SEPTA's Airport Line leaves every 30 minutes, and a one-way fare is \$6.75. Or, take a 25-minute taxi ride, which has a flat rate of \$28.50 to Center City, or a ride-sharing service. For maps and more information, visit discoverPHL.org/visit/basics.



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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Call 215-580-7800 to speak to a SEPTA representative.

Monday - Friday 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Visit septa.org for SEPTA fare, route and service information, or download the official SEPTA iPhone/Android apps. Click on "Google Transit" for customized travel planning.

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% 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.

GO Pass

800-887-9103 | gocity.com/philadelphia

Save 45% with GO Philadelphia.

Your Philadelphia attraction pass

includes unlimited admission to 35-plus top attractions for a select number of days. Choose from one-, two-, three- and five-day passes.

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 30.



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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 46**.

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.



VISIT THE HISTORIC MILE Independence National Historical Park ([nps.gov/inde](https://www.nps.gov/inde)), nicknamed "America's most historic square mile," preserves numerous 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



Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts



Betsy Ross House

CONVENTION CENTER DISTRICT/CHINATOWN

Anchored by the **Pennsylvania Convention Center**, this bustling district is also home to **Chinatown's** authentic **Friendship Gate**, a gift from Philadelphia's sister city, Tianjin, China, and is the entry point for the city's new **Rail Park**, a scenic trail that transformed an abandoned railroad viaduct.

SEE: Snap a selfie in front of Robert Indiana's famous **LOVE** statue in **LOVE PARK** before heading across the street to **DILWORTH PARK** (centercityphila.org), which features special events including an outdoor ice skating rink from November to March. For 360-degree views of Philadelphia, head to the observation deck at the base of the William Penn statue atop **CITY HALL** (phila.gov), a Second Empire-style building adorned with Alexander Calder statues.

DO: A truly impressive display of the city's food culture, **READING TERMINAL MARKET** (readingterminalmarket.org)—America's original farmers' market—includes 80-plus diverse food vendors, from Pennsylvania Dutch baked goods to Middle Eastern specialties to local classics. Embark on an expert-led tour of the venerated market with **TASTE OF PHILLY FOOD TOUR** (tasteofphillyfoodtour.com), Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10 am. (Private tours are available.) Later, stroll through the **PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF THE FINE ARTS** (pafa.org), the first art museum and school of fine arts in the country, which showcases a vast collection of 19th- and 20th-century American paintings and sculptures.

DINE: At **OSTERIA** (osteriaphilly.com), Italian dishes and wines are served in a modern industrial setting with an open kitchen. **PSST:** For great deals, don't miss happy hour. For elevated American dining (think dry-aged cowboy steak and potatoes), **BANK & BOURBON** (bankandbourbon.com) is unmatched.

OLD CITY/SOCIETY HILL /WATERFRONT

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

SEE: 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. Delve into the city's rich maritime history at the **INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM** (phillyseaport.org). Go aboard the *Olympia*, an 1892 floating steel warship, and the *Becuna*, a World War II submarine, docked outside, before checking out *River Alive*, a new interactive exhibit on the Delaware River watershed.

DO: Sip your way through the city's craft beer scene with **CITY BREW TOURS** (citybrewtours.com), and get behind-the-scenes access and samples at some of the city's favorite breweries. Embark on a spooky, candlelit stroll through Independence National Historical Park with **GHOST TOUR OF PHILADELPHIA** (ghosttour.com) and discover the secrets and mysteries that haunt the city.

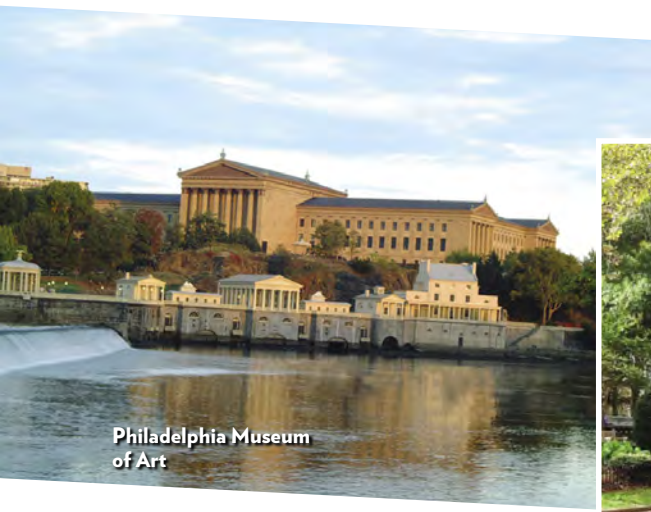
DINE: A global food hall in a landmark building, **THE BOURSE** (theboursephilly.com) offers a mix of vendors selling everything from Indian to Egyptian to home-style American dishes—plus locally made spirits. For Philadelphia favorites like cheesesteaks and hoagies (along with vegan and gluten-free options), visit **CAMPO'S SINCE 1947** (camposdeli.com). **PSST:** The deli ships its famous sandwiches across the United States (including Hawaii and Alaska).



African American Museum in Philadelphia

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Philadelphia Museum of Art



Rittenhouse Square

PARKWAY MUSEUMS DISTRICT

Centered around the magnificent Museum Mile on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and the Fairmount neighborhood, this district is your destination for outstanding museums, like the **Barnes Foundation**, and plenty of Instaworthy sights.

SEE: Explore the **PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART'S** (philamuseum.org) immense collection, which ranges from Renaissance masters to Asian ceramics to contemporary artists. After, pose for a picture with the **Rocky** statue at the base of its famed steps before charging up them like the fictional southpaw. The **RODIN MUSEUM** (rodinmuseum.org) boasts one of the largest collections of famed sculptor Auguste Rodin's works outside Paris. *The Thinker* greets you at the entrance.

DO: For children and families with curious minds, **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE** (fi.edu) encourages visitors to discover the mysteries of the human brain, learn the mechanics of electricity, feel the forces of flight or challenge themselves in an escape room. Visit the now-defunct **EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY** (easternstate.org) and stroll through its crumbling halls to learn about former inhabitants, including Al Capone, with an audio tour voiced by actor Steve Buscemi. **PSST:** The former prison, rumored to be haunted, hosts a frightening haunted house around Halloween.

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. On a chilly day, cozy up in front of the fire at **TÍR NA NÓG** (tiranogphilly.com), a classic wood-accented Irish pub serving Emerald Isle standards.



The Barnes Foundation

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 cameraworthy sights, you can enjoy interactive exhibits detailing noteworthy moments in Philadelphia history. The **ROSENBACH MUSEUM & GARDEN** (rosenbach.org) holds the private collection of the Rosenbach brothers, noted rare book dealers. Among the treasures inside: the only surviving copy of Benjamin Franklin's first *Poor Richard's Almanack*, Bram Stoker's notes for *Dracula*, the manuscript of James Joyce's *Ulysses* and more than 100 personal letters of George Washington.

DO: Indulge in retail therapy—clothes and shoes are tax-free in Pennsylvania—along **RITTENHOUSE ROW** (rittenhouserow.org), where you'll find chic boutiques and national retailers. Stroll down the **AVENUE OF THE ARTS** (avenueofthearts.org), the section of South Broad Street from City Hall to Lombard Street, where you'll find many of the city's top theaters, including **THE KIMMEL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** (kimmelcenter.org), **ACADEMY OF MUSIC** (academyofmusic.org) and **WILMA THEATER** (wilmatheater.org).

DINE: Find farm-to-table fare at **PUMPKIN** (pumpkinphilly.com), a charming BYOB with a seasonal menu. Italian-born Chef Gianluca Demontis serves authentic Italian dishes and made-from-scratch pastas at **MELOGRANO** (melogranorestaurant.com), his airy BYOB eatery.



Washington Square West



Philadelphia Magic Gardens

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: Another first in Philadelphia is **PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL** (penmedicine.org), the nation's earliest hospital, founded in 1751 by Dr. Thomas Bond and Benjamin Franklin. View the oldest surgical amphitheater and medical library on a guided tour of the Pine Building.

DO: 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. Delve into the pride and history of the Gayborhood with **BEYOND THE BELL TOURS** (beyondthebelltours.com). The alternative tour company also offers programs on local women's history, poetry and other untold stories of the city.

DINE: Local chain **IRON HILL BREWERY AND RESTAURANT'S** (ironhillbrewery.com) first Center City outpost serves brewed-on-site beers and homemade fare. Philadelphia's oldest and most famous Irish pub, **MCGILLIN'S OLDE ALE HOUSE** (mcgillins.com) features a roaring fireplace, high-beamed ceilings and a unique collection of innkeepers' licenses from 1860, all displayed above an antique mahogany bar.



Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum

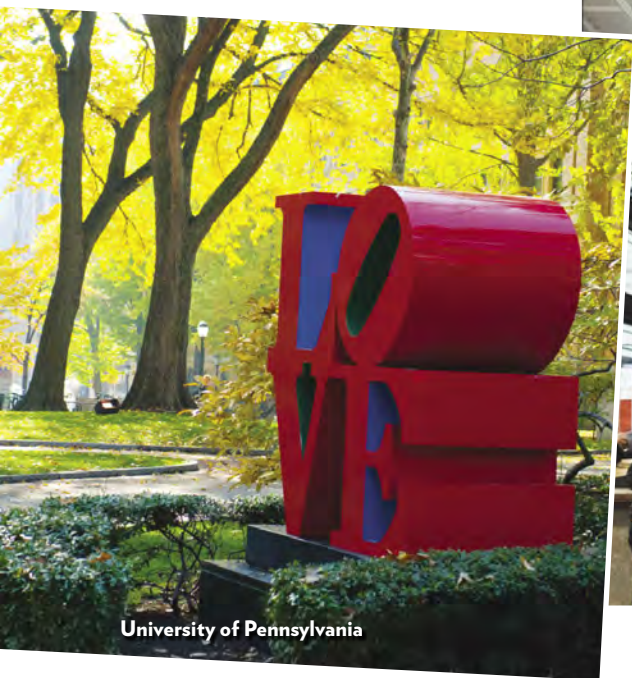
SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Home to the city's pro sports complex—catch the Philadelphia Eagles at **Lincoln Financial Field** and the 76ers and Flyers at the **Wells Fargo Center**—the area is also a hit thanks to its multicultural and foodie attractions.

SEE: Immerse yourself in all things Swedish—art, history, culture and science—at the **AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM** (americanswedish.org). On display is *Nordic Changes: Works* by *Diane Burko*, an artist who traveled to every continent to paint and photograph landmarks and geological phenomena. Marvel at one of the world's greatest collections of racing sports cars at the **SIMEONE FOUNDATION AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM** (simeonemuseum.org)—just voted number one car collection in the world at the National Headquarters of the Automobile Club of France. Gear heads will relish the museum's collection of more than 65 historically significant cars including Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, Bugatti and Mercedes.

DO: Started by Italian immigrants in the late 1880s, the bustling **ITALIAN MARKET** (italianmarketphilly.org) on 9th Street specializes in fresh meat, fruit, cheese, baked goods and more. 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.

DINE: Visit the site of America's original cheesesteak rivalry: the corners of 9th and Passyunk in the Italian Market. Here you'll find two no-frills, walk-up counter spots, **PAT'S KING OF STEAKS** (patskingofsteaks.com) and **GENO'S STEAKS**, (genosteaks.com) both claiming to have perfected the cheesesteak.



University of Pennsylvania



Yards Brewing Company

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. The **PHILADELPHIA ZOO** (philadelphiazoo.org), America's first, offers visitors the opportunity to view lions and Bengal tigers as they stroll overhead through a network of mesh elevated pathways.

DO: The **ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** (annenbergcenr.org) is a go-to for theater, dance and world-music performances. The **INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART** (icaphila.org) is not to be missed. Dedicated to all things new and groundbreaking in the art scene, they've hosted everyone from Andy Warhol to Cy Twombly. **BONUS:** Entry is free.

DINE: A pioneer in serving locally sourced, organic dishes, **WHITE DOG CAFE** (whitedog.com), is a whimsical mainstay situated in a trio of Victorian brownstones with dog-themed decor. Iron Chef Jose Garces's **DISTRITO** (distritorrestaurant.com) serves modern Mexican small plates and cool cocktails. The eclectic decor is as big a draw as the menu—including a Volkswagen Beetle booth and hundreds of colorful masks.



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.

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. **RIVERS CASINO PHILADELPHIA** (formerly SugarHouse Casino) offers 1,755 slot machines, 105 table games, 62 hybrid gaming seats, a 28-table poker room, a state-of-the-art Sportsbook and seven unique dining options.

DO: The area is fast becoming a destination for the city's booming craft beer and spirits scene. Tour **YARDS BREWING COMPANY** (yardsbrewing.com) before sampling the seasonal and signature ales on tap, including its Ales of the Revolution, which pays tribute to founding fathers. **LOVE CITY BREWING** (lovecitybrewing.com) in a former rail-parts factory, offers local ales and a modern tasting room with visiting food trucks. Spirits enthusiasts will enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at **PHILADELPHIA DISTILLING** (philadelphiaidistilling.com), maker of Bluecoat Gin. After, sip inspired mixed drinks in the modern cocktail lounge.

DINE: A relaxed restaurant and jazz bar with an urban garden, **HERITAGE's** (heritage.life) menu focuses on seasonal ingredients. **FETTE SAU** (fettesauphilly.com) is all-American barbecue joint specializing a dry-rubbed meats.

Morris Arboretum of
the University of Pennsylvania



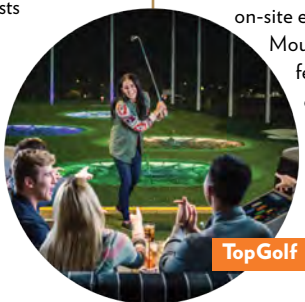
NORTHWEST PHILADELPHIA

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

SEE: Survey the 16 early-American sites of **HISTORIC GERMANTOWN** (freedombackyard.com). Tour the **Johnson House Historic Site**, once a station stop on the Underground Railroad, learn about the Revolutionary battle fought there, discover the colonial gardens of Wyck house and more. After, tour **LEST WE FORGET MUSEUM OF SLAVERY** (lwfsn.com), a one-of-a-kind museum dedicated to the transatlantic slave trade. The 92-acre **MORRIS ARBORETUM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA** (morrisarboretum.org) has a mix of gardens and green spaces and the 50-foot-high, kid-friendly “Out on a Limb” climbing installation. **TIP:** Don’t miss the holiday garden railroad from Nov. 29 to Dec. 31.

DO: Take advantage of tax-free shopping at the shops and boutiques in quaint **CHESTNUT HILL** (chestnuthillpa.com). **WOODMERE ART MUSEUM** (woodmereartmuseum.org) features area artists in engaging exhibits. Don’t miss *Our Town: A Retrospective of Edith Neff*, the first large-scale exhibition of the famous realist painter in two decades. It runs through Jan. 19.

DINE: For a dose of small-town charm, dine along **MAIN STREET MANAYUNK** (manayunk.com), with a mix of restaurants ranging from pizza joints to New American dinner spots to Asian BYOBs.



ACROSS THE RIVER

A short drive across the Ben Franklin Bridge, New Jersey features plenty of family-friendly attractions and discount shopping—perfect for a day trip.

SEE: BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY MUSEUM & MEMORIAL (battleshipnewjersey.org) is an lowa-class battleship docked on the Camden waterfront. Having served in World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and the Gulf War, it is the most-decorated battleship in U.S. history. The interactive tour on board includes climbing up and down ladders and walking through passageways and narrow spaces, just as the ship’s crew once did. Explore the ocean, the seas and its inhabitants at **ADVENTURE AQUARIUM** (adventureaquarium.com), home to more than 8,500 aquatic species. See more than 20 sharks swim through 550,000 gallons of water as you walk through a glass tunnel, journey to the Amazon through the interactive Piranha Falls exhibit, or spot hippos swimming around in the immersive Hippo Haven.

DO: You can save big at **GLOUCESTER PREMIUM OUTLETS** (premiumoutlets.com/glooucester), about a 30-minute drive from Center City Philadelphia, with deep discounts on designer and name brands like Banana Republic Factory Store, Fossil, J.Crew and Michael Kors. If shopping leaves you hungry, grab a bite to eat at one of the on-site eateries. A sports entertainment complex in Mount Laurel, **TOPGOLF** (topgolf.com) features a high-tech golf game in climate-controlled hitting bays. Enjoyable for all ages, the sports center also offers pool tables, bars, live music and extensive food and drink menus.

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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Longwood Gardens

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.*



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 America'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.

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| 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 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, Broad and Market streets, Room 121 | 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 | ♿

The Fabric Workshop and Museum The Fabric Workshop and Museum (FWM) stimulates experimentation among leading contemporary artists, sharing the creative process with the public as a museum, studio and educational center. fabricworkshopandmuseum.org | 1214 Arch Street | 215-561-8888 | ♿

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

| OLD CITY/HISTORIC DISTRICT/WATERFRONT |

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

American Bible Society The Faith and Liberty Discovery Center invites visitors of all backgrounds to discover the relationship and role of faith and liberty in fostering core American values and to discover what these values mean for themselves. Opening 2020. 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 | Franklin Court, 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

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 | ♿

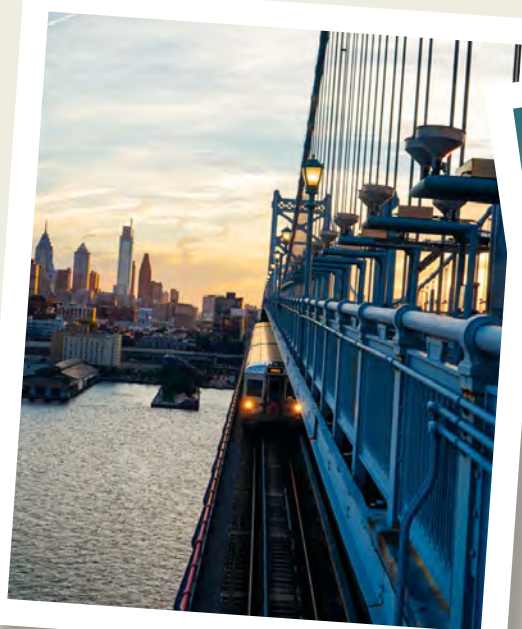
Congress Hall The House of Representatives and Senate met at Congress Hall when Philadelphia was the capital. It also was the site of George Washington's second inauguration. nps.gov/inde | 6th and Chestnut streets | 215-965-2305 | ♿



INSTA-DELPHIA

While LOVE Park, the “Rocky Steps” and the Liberty Bell all have 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.

THINGS TO DO



1

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BRIDGE, SOUTH WALKWAY

The Benjamin Franklin Bridge—which connects Philadelphia with Camden, NJ—features a pedestrian walkway on its southern side that offers beautiful views of the Philadelphia skyline and Delaware River. Visit later in the day to watch the sun set behind the skyline.

Location: Entrance at 5th and Race streets

Neighborhood: Historic District/
Delaware River Waterfront

2

THE NAVY YARD

Found at the southern end of Broad Street, The Navy Yard is a former military shipyard now home to a variety of corporate offices. Still docked throughout the campus are a series of naval warships dubbed the “mothball fleet,” offering visitors unique, up-close photo ops of cruisers, frigates, aircraft carriers and more.

Location: 4747 South Broad Street

Neighborhood: South Philadelphia

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



3

CITY HALL

Perhaps one of the most iconic views in the city comes via South Broad Street's median. Cross onto the median at Walnut Street and point your lens north for a stunning view of the historic City Hall, positioned perfectly in the center of the street.

Location: Avenue of the Arts/Broad Street at Walnut Street
Neighborhood: Rittenhouse Square District



4

FAIRMOUNT WATER WORKS GAZEBO

Tucked behind the Philadelphia Museum of Art, this quaint gazebo looks out onto the Schuylkill River, Boathouse Row and the beginnings of Fairmount Park, while also offering interesting perspectives of the city skyline rising behind the museum when facing east. Visit at sunset for a truly memorable experience, as the gazebo's pillars create playful patterns of shadows.

Location: 640 Waterworks Drive
Neighborhood: Parkway Museums District

6

ADDISON STREET

This quiet residential street can be found just a few blocks south from Rittenhouse Square. The 1700 block is lined with tall trees wrapped in twinkling lights, which coupled with no parking being allowed, makes it a perfect location for vanishing point photos, especially when covered in fall leaves or snow.

Location: 1700 Block
Neighborhood: Rittenhouse Square



5

JESSIE AND KATEY MURAL

Located in the Spring Arts district, just a short walk from The Rail Park and Union Transfer, this vibrant mural radiates among the brown brick buildings that surround it. Standing six stories high, the mural features a tapestry of colors that serve as the perfect background for portraits or selfies.

Location: 1217 Spring Garden Street
Neighborhood: Northern Liberties/Fishtown/North Philadelphia



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 1728-1836, 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, 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. Banking 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

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 | ♿



HISTORY HAPPENS HERE

Philadelphia, the first city in the United States to be designated a World Heritage City, is rich in colonial American sites.



INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK is a robust collection of colonial American sites that includes **Independence Hall**—where the Declaration of Independence was signed and the Constitution written—and the **Liberty Bell**, as well as the **Benjamin Franklin Museum**, **Franklin Court Printing Office**, the **Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the United States**, **Declaration House**, **New Hall Military Museum** and more. nps.gov/inde

Situated on Independence Mall, **THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE** marks the footprint of Presidents George Washington and John Adams's residence while in office. A prominent display tells the story of the slaves who built and worked in the house and examines the paradox of slavery and freedom in the new nation. phila.gov/presidenthouses

Site of the first Continental Congress in 1774, today **CARPENTERS' HALL** displays hand tools, the chairs used by founding fathers and other historic artifacts. carpentershall.org

Tour the home of reported American flag maker **BETSY ROSS** and learn about her interaction with the founding fathers—from the famed seamstress herself—on a tour of her 18th-century home. historicphiladelphia.org

Step back in time on carefully preserved **ELFRETH'S ALLEY**—the nation's oldest continuously inhabited street—lined with 32 Federal and Georgian-style homes. A museum on the block preserves the 18th-century home of a pair of dressmakers. elfrethsalley.org

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Founded in 1695, **CHRIST CHURCH & BURIAL GROUND** on 2nd and Market streets was the place of worship for numerous founding fathers. Benjamin Franklin's tomb can be found in the church's burial ground. christchurchphila.org