

PHILADELPHIA

A CITY THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

PHILADELPHIA
INTERNATIONAL
VISITORS GUIDE

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PHILADELPHIA

ESSENTIALS

GETTING HERE

Philadelphia is easy to get to by plane, train, bus or automobile, so no matter where you are coming from, you won't have a hard time finding us.

- Many travelers fly directly into Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), conveniently located seven miles (11 km) away.
- SEPTA (Philadelphia's public transit system) takes you from the airport to Center City in 20 minutes by train, and SEPTA's Airport Line leaves in 30-minute intervals, with a one-way fare of approximately 8 USD. septa.org
- Rather take a taxi? It's only a 20-minute ride to Center City, and costs about 28.50 USD, plus gratuity.
- You can also take an Amtrak train, rent a car or shuttle from Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) or John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)—both are two hours or less by car.

For more information on other ground transportation options, visit phl.org

GETTING AROUND

Not only are we perfectly situated on the East Coast, we are also one of the world's most walkable cities. In fact, there are hotels and restaurants at every price point in the heart of Center City, plus a top-rated public transit system and plenty of taxis to take you around.

Thanks to founder William Penn's smart and simple grid street design, our downtown is easy to navigate. The Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers border Center City's 25 blocks on the east and west. Keep in mind that streets running east-west (south of Market Street) are named after trees, while north-south streets are numbered.



Northeast Corridor, USA



TOP EVENTS

JANUARY

Mummers Parade
phillymummers.com

FEBRUARY

Philadelphia Auto Show
phillyautoshow.com

MARCH

Philadelphia Flower Show
theflowershow.com

APRIL

The Penn Relays
thepennrelays.com

MAY

Dad Vail Regatta
dadvail.org

JUNE

Philly Beer Week
phillylovesbeer.org

JULY

Wawa Welcome America Festival
welcomeamerica.com

AUGUST

2nd Street Festival
2ndstreetfestival.org

SEPTEMBER

Made in America Festival
madeinamericafest.com

OCTOBER

OutFest
phillygaypride.org

NOVEMBER

Philadelphia Marathon Race Weekend
philadelphiamarathon.com

DECEMBER

Christmas Village in Philadelphia
philchristmas.com

For a complete list of special events, visit discoverPHL.com/events

VISITOR CENTERS

Get information on the city and region, plus recommendations, maps and more from any of the Independence Visitor Center locations. Personalized concierges offer trip-planning help in 12 languages. phvisitorcenter.com

Independence Visitor Center

Corner of 6th and Market Streets

City Hall Visitor Center

Broad and Market Streets, Room 121, City Hall

Sister Cities Park Café and Visitor Center

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia's convenient location and mix of top hotel brands also makes it the perfect spot to stay overnight for day trips to Brandywine Valley and Valley Forge.

VISIT DISCOVERPHL.COM/INTERNATIONAL TO FIND THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO STAY AND MANY TRIP-PLANNING ESSENTIALS.



FIVE REASONS PHILADELPHIA IS FOR EVERYONE.

That means you.

1. WE'VE GOT HISTORY.

The birthplace of America. The cradle of liberty. The seed of a revolution. Yeah, we'll take any of those.

2. WE'VE GOT ART.

The old stuff. The new stuff. The weird stuff, and the stuff made of bike wheels, beer bottles and recyclables. That stuff.

3. WE'VE GOT EATS.

Sandwiches, stir-fry or foie gras. Philadelphia is a buffet of flavor, from the finest of fine dining to the comfiest of comfort food.

4. WE'VE GOT SHOPPING.

You're going home with more than you came with. Our ever-growing shopping districts make us a tax-free haven for clothing and shoes.

5. WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING ELSE.

Distinguished opera, quirky museums, miles of greenery, never-ending nightlife and—of course—steak, cheese and bread. (It's way better than it sounds.)

Whoever you are, there's a Philadelphia for you.





READING TERMINAL MARKET



LIBERTY BELL



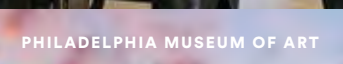
CITY HALL



GENO'S STEAKS



NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART



LOVE PARK



BOATHOUSE ROW



ELFRETH'S ALLEY

**THE
BY-THE-BOOK
PHILADELPHIA TRIP**

For the traveler who comes to Philadelphia to see...
Philadelphia. We've always been pretty fond
of giving the people what they want. History,
culture, food—it's all in here.

DAY 01

VISITOR CENTER

Start here and the agenda will follow. Personalized concierges offer trip-planning help in 12 languages. phvisitorcenter.com

INDEPENDENCE HALL

A UNESCO World Heritage Site (with free admission), where Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and America's Founders signed the Declaration of Independence. nps.gov/inde

LIBERTY BELL

The world-renowned symbol of American Independence is free to see. You'll want to check out the park's surrounding exhibits, too. nps.gov/inde

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

There's a story behind our nation's charter. Maybe you've heard it before, maybe not. Come learn all about it. constitutioncenter.org

READING TERMINAL MARKET

Nibble your way through America's original farmers market. 80+ restaurants and merchants make it a tour within a tour. readingterminalmarket.org

CITY HALL & DILWORTH PARK

Here's your photo op. The Broad Street median plays catwalk for visitors year-round, rolling out the perfect stage with City Hall (our French-inspired architectural centerpiece) as your backdrop. centercityphila.org/parks/dilworth-park

LOVE PARK

Cross the street and stop to say "cheese" in front of our picture-perfect statue.

EAT UP

You packed the nice outfit for a reason. Rittenhouse Square is the courtyard for some of Philadelphia's most elegant dining and shopping. phvisitorcenter.com

DAY 02

HOP-ON HOP-OFF BUS TOURS

Any history we've missed, the buses won't. Hop-on hop-off sightseeing tours are available in multiple languages.

THE ITALIAN MARKET

Wander the open-air market that's as close to the Old World as you'll find in the States. Retrace Rocky's jog while you're at it. (Yep, that Rocky.) italianmarketphilly.org

PAT'S & GENO'S

Philadelphia's two most famous cheesesteaks are cooked right across the street from one another. Bring a friend and do one of each. patskingofsteaks.com
genosteaks.com

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Relive the story of the American Revolution, battle by battle. Plus, get a glance of George Washington's actual tent. amrevmuseum.org

PRESIDENT'S HOUSE

Explore the groundwork of our nation's founding executive mansion, now serving as a remembrance of the contributions of African Americans to our nation's history. nps.gov/inde

ELFRETH'S ALLEY

Stroll down our nation's oldest residential street and experience a cozy preservation of Colonial America. elfrethsalley.org

DINNER IN OLD CITY

Old City does today as well as 1776. Settle into a booth for small plates of New American cuisine or dine by candlelight like the Founders did. oldcitydistrict.org

DESSERT

Bakeries, chocolatiers and ice cream shops drizzle the city with our Pennsylvania Dutch heritage. Prefer a different sort of night cap? Philadelphia nightlife is seven days a week. discoverPHL.com/visit/dine

DAY 03

SCHUYLKILL RIVER TRAIL

That's pronounced Skook-ill. Plan your day on the 20+ miles (32+ km) of nature trails hidden in plain sight. If you're traveling in twos, keep an eye out for the tandem bike rentals. schuykillrivertrail.com

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

Follow Rocky's steps. All 72 of them. Then marvel at the cultural pulse of the city: The Philadelphia Museum of Art. philamuseum.org

BOATHOUSE ROW

By day or night, Boathouse Row is one of Philadelphia's most iconic views. Strike a pose. And another, and another. boathouserow.org

SNACK TIME

You'll be up and down the Schuylkill River Trail all day. Keep an eye out for riverside restaurants and cafes for some quick fuel.

FAIRMOUNT PARK

Lace up and head to the trailheads at Fairmount Park. Ask about a mansion tour while you're at it. fairmountpark.org

RODIN MUSEUM

Revel in one of the largest collections of sculptor August Rodin's works outside of Paris. Have a think next to The Thinker. rodinmuseum.org

DINE OUT

Hop a cab to Chinatown. It's six city blocks of authentic deliciousness, end to end. phillychinatown.com

ADVENTURE AQUARIUM

MURAL ARTS
PHILADELPHIA

DAY

01

PHILADELPHIA ZOO

Start in West Philadelphia for a hometown favorite. Our zoo is one of the world's best and the nation's oldest. philadelphiazoo.org

PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM

Poke, prod, pull, twist and just be a kid. That goes for everyone. pleasetouchmuseum.org

LUNCH BREAK

Take a seat or grab-and-go. The museum has plenty of options to satisfy hungry bellies and wandering minds.

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

Inspired by our beloved statesman, humorist and inventor Benjamin Franklin, The Franklin Institute is a family-friendly, hands-on exploration of just about everything. fi.edu

ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Shuttle down the parkway for some more brain food. Hands-on, life-size dioramas examine biodiversity and environmental science. ansp.org

DINNER

Great taste isn't limited to our exhibits. The museum district boasts a kid-friendly lineup of reservation-free pubs, taquerias and steakhouses.

SWEET DREAMS

You're right in Center City, where hotels come in every shape and size. (Some with pools! Boredom isn't an option.) centercityphila.org

DAY

02

INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM

Start your day on the other edge of the city, adventuring through America's maritime history. phillyseaport.org

ADVENTURE AQUARIUM & DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT 

The RiverLink Ferry sails across the river to the aquarium, now showcasing more than 8,000 marine animals. That's right. Eight. Thousand. adventureaquarium.com

LUNCH BREAK

Scurry back across the river and find a table in Society Hill. Restaurants, cafes and ice cream(!) trim the cobblestone streets. oldcitydistrict.org

BETSY ROSS HOUSE

There's quite a bit to learn about our flag—and the woman who sewed it. Soak up the history of the great American symbol. historicphiladelphia.org/betsy-ross-house

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

You'll want to build a good bit of time into your trip to explore the greatest contributions of Jewish Americans. nmajh.org

MURAL ARTS PHILADELPHIA 

Hop on a tour of the nation's largest public art program, the engine behind a citywide movement and canvas for some of Philadelphia's most jaw-dropping talent. muralarts.org

EAT UP

Small plates? Fine dining? How about a dinner cruise? Philadelphia has family-friendly main-stays for whatever you're craving.

DAY

03

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

Study the exhibits of our nation's first institution dedicated to the life and works of African Americans. aampmuseum.org

MORRIS ARBORETUM

A quick ride on the SEPTA train takes you out of the city into the arboretum, a 92-acre retreat bursting with year-round greenery. morrisarboretum.org

SNACK TIME

Fuel up. In Northwest Philadelphia, there's coffee brewing in any direction. Try the leafy streets of Chestnut Hill. chestnuthillpa.org

WISSAHICKON VALLEY PARK

More greenway ahead. Wissahickon Valley Park has more than 50 miles (80 km) of trails for bikers, walkers and strollers. fow.org

FRANKLIN SQUARE

Playtime has only begun. Back in the city, Franklin Square is a Philadelphia classic, brimming with fountains, playgrounds, mini golf and even a carousel. historicphiladelphia.org/franklin-square

ONE LIBERTY OBSERVATION DECK 

Savor the view from the 57th floor. One of Philadelphia's tallest buildings has your final photo op, and a food court downstairs on the way out. phillyfromthetop.com

DINNER

Washington Square dining is truly one of a kind. Or any kind. Whatever cuisine you're craving, you'll find the best of it.

GHOST TOUR

Rumor has it, some of our Founding Fathers never left. See who's still haunting the streets by candlelight. ghosttour.com/philadelphia

THE
FAMILY-FRIENDLY
PHILADELPHIA TRIP

If you're traveling with kids (or just with the kid inside you), Philadelphia has fun to spare.

Pack the sneakers. Bring the stroller.

Leave the serious face at home.

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

BETSY ROSS HOUSE

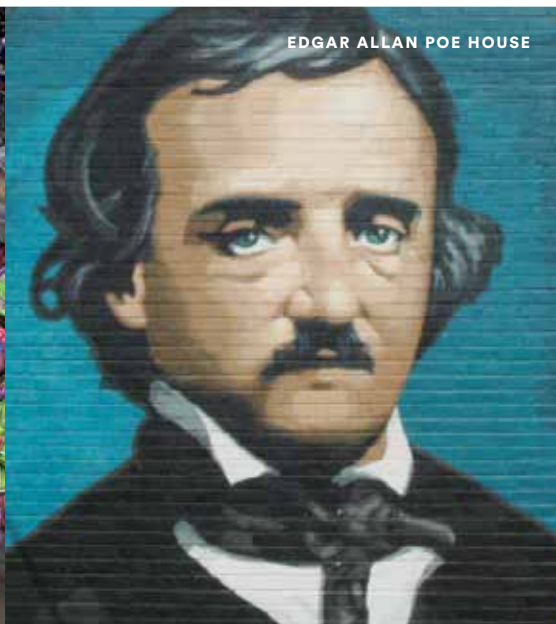
SOFT PRETZELS

INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM

PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM



MUMMERS MUSEUM



EDGAR ALLAN POE HOUSE



BEER TOUR



EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY

THE UNEXPECTED PHILADELPHIA TRIP

Philadelphia revels in the American tradition, though we're anything but traditional. You'll have to go off the beaten cobblestone to see what makes us so unique.



PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF THE FINE ARTS



MÜTTER MUSEUM



FRIENDSHIP GATE



PRO SPORTS



PHILADELPHIA MAGIC GARDENS

DAY 01

BREAKFAST

Start with an authentic South Philadelphia wake-up. Cafes, bistros and coffee shops dole out the local flavor.

BARTRAM'S GARDEN

If the sun is shining, Bartram's Garden is the next move. Step into the world's oldest surviving botanical garden. bartramsgarden.org

PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF THE FINE ARTS

Get fancy. Take in an exhibition at an institution renowned for 19th- and 20th-century paintings and sculptures. pafa.org

PHILADELPHIA MAGIC GARDENS

Bask in the reflections of Philadelphia's living mosaic. Half indoor, half outdoor, fully out of the ordinary. phillymagicgardens.org

MUMMERS MUSEUM

A very Philadelphia original. Enter a retrospective of our New Year's Day tradition. mummersmuseum.com

DINNER

No matter the time of year, East Passyunk Avenue is often home to the newest it-restaurant. And if you're craving Italian, there's no better locale.

OPERA PHILADELPHIA

Wrap the evening in America's oldest opera house and witness a timeless performance from Philadelphia's finest. operaphila.org

DAY 02

PENN MUSEUM

Indiana Jones-ing for a good day? Start by unearthing an amazing collection of archeology's most prized artifacts, with nearly a million historical objects on display. pennmuseum.org

MÜTTER MUSEUM

Nope, not a typo. Mummer was yesterday, today is the Mutter Museum: a revealing collection of medicine's mysteries, new and old. muttermuseum.org

LUNCH BREAK

While you work your way through the Fairmount district, find a quaint lunch stop amidst an international array of flavor, from bistros to cafes to coffeehouses.

EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY

Tiptoe through the haunted prison that once housed Al Capone. Tours run year-round, but if you're here for Halloween, you're in for a real treat. easternstate.org

EDGAR ALLAN POE HOUSE

Peer into the study where one of America's greatest authors penned some of his most well-known spine-tinglers. nps.gov/edal/index.htm

CHRIST CHURCH

Few churches hold a more prominent (or more lasting) place in American history, and this one lays claim to the grave of Ben Franklin back in Old City. christchurch.org

BEER TOUR

Drink up. Local breweries are a blossoming staple of Philadelphia culture. And in the warmer months, outdoor beer gardens are just as popular.

DAY 03

CAFFEINATE

Savor the morning with a cup (or two) of a local drip. Perk up for your final day in the city.

FRIENDSHIP GATE

Get to Chinatown and snap a photo under the Friendship Gate. It's our nation's first authentic gate, and—in our opinion—one of the prettiest.

PIZZA BRAIN MUSEUM

Final history lesson—we promise. And the tastiest, too. Take a stroll through the world's first pizza museum. pizzabrain.org

SNACK BREAK

Go ahead and give in. Pizza Brain serves a thin crust pie that rivals any you'll find in the city.

SIMEONE AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM

Change course toward South Philadelphia. The gearheads among you will appreciate one of the world's greatest collections of racing sports cars. simeonemuseum.org

PRO SPORTS

Some say our fans are the true main event, packing the stands for five major league sports teams—basketball and baseball included. See who's in season, and root accordingly.

XFINITY LIVE!

Postgame drinks are on the menu. Wind down with your choice of five different restaurants, and plenty of beer on tap. xfinitylive.com



TAX-FREE SHOPPING IN CENTER CITY



MAIN STREET MANAYUNK

THE FASHIONABLE PHILADELPHIA TRIP

If you pack an empty suitcase just for the shopping, you've come to the right place. Tax-free clothing and shoes means you've got plenty of opportunities for an outfit change between five-star meals.



MACY'S & THE SHOPPING DISTRICTS

Start the morning in a true American department store, then browse all the way up Chestnut Street to Liberty Place for some serious shopping.

RITTENHOUSE ROW & WALNUT STREET

Shop amongst the ladies-who-lunch along a curated mix of specialty shops, local boutiques and names you already know. rittenhouserow.org

BARNES FOUNDATION

One of the world's legendary art collections in a soaring, modernist space? Yes please. Stay an hour, then stay another. barnesfoundation.org

LUNCH

Decisions, decisions. Philadelphia is home to a lineup of BYO drop-ins, rising chefs and fast casual. You won't have to look too hard to find them.

SHOFUSO JAPANESE HOUSE AND GARDEN 📷

Built in the '50s as a gift from Japan, here's today's second culture fix. Complete with 17th-century architecture, shoji screens and tea service. japanesehouse.org

DINNER AT THE MOSHULU 📷

Dine aboard a floating tall ship, right on the Delaware River along the New Jersey border. moshulu.com

ME TIME

Ready for the day? Ease into it with a spa session at a boutique hotel. Or dive in with Pilates or a local barre class.

OLD CITY BOUTIQUES

Rested or renewed, wander through the tiny storefronts dotting Second, Race and Third Streets to shop local designers, handmade gifts and all kinds of art. oldcitydistrict.org

UNITED STATES MINT

Good news: despite the name, this one is free. Stop in and explore our nation's (and the world's) largest producer of coins. usmint.gov

SEGWAY TOUR

Glide by symbols of American history without ever (literally) walking down memory lane.

DINNER

Fine dining or finger foods, downtown is the place to be. Whether you're craving white tablecloths or tacos on the move, it's here in Center City.

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

Glam up and finish on a (very) high note: magnificent music under the fresh direction of spirited conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin. philorch.org

NIGHTLIFE

Tapas, hidden speakeasies, rooftop bars—hear something you like? Maybe all three? There's plenty of variety to Philadelphia after dark. discoverPHL.com/visit/explore/entertainment

INDEGO BIKE SHARE

Our bike rental system is the local's favorite. And today, you'll be thinking like one. Grab a set of wheels at any of the citywide stations, and pedal up the Schuylkill River Trail to Manayunk, stopping for a choose-your-own adventure of photo ops along the way. rideindego.com

MAIN STREET MANAYUNK

Wrap up your fashionista getaway with a stroll through Manayunk's funky Main Street where the specialties are small-chic boutiques, galleries and owner-operated retail. manayunk.com

GRAB A BITE

Manayunk isn't just shopping. It's drinking and eating, too. Settle in for some pub grub, outdoor dining and bottle after bottle of craft beer. manayunk.com/business/dine

UNIVERSITY CITY

Take a breather with some of our brightest minds. Home to the University of Pennsylvania, University City is an enclave of boutique shopping, coffee shop open mics and one-room cocktail venues.

THE FILLMORE

Hope you brought your dancing shoes. If there's an exciting act in town, they're probably playing here. Catch the show you never expected at this converted metal factory. thefillmorephilly.com

DINE OUT

Finish up in Fishtown or Northern Liberties for the trendiest farm-to-table sit-down or 24-hour diner. They're the areas to see and be seen.



BARNES FOUNDATION



LUNCH IN MIDTOWN



SEGWAY TOUR



SEGWAY TOUR



LEVANTE BREWING COMPANY

VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

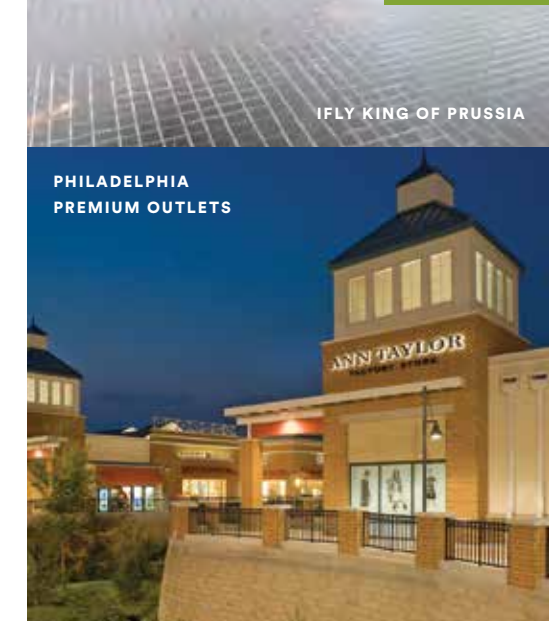
KING OF PRUSSIA MALL

THE
COUNTRYSIDE
OF PHILADELPHIA

If you haven't already scheduled a few extra hours, or even a few extra days for your trip, now's the time. And here's the place: by train or by car, the countryside of Philadelphia has a flavor all to itself, and it's not shy about sharing it.



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PHILADELPHIA PREMIUM OUTLETS



VALA WINERY



BRANDYWINE RIVER MUSEUM OF ART



LONGWOOD GARDENS

BRANDYWINE VALLEY

Less than an hour from the city, Brandywine Valley possesses a history that predates our founders. An original entryway to the New World, Brandywine flaunts a rustically cultured vibe, packed with art, gardens, shopping and—most importantly—breweries and vineyards.

SMALL-TOWN CHARM

There are plenty of simple pleasures and fun facts waiting to be discovered in the countryside's small towns. The most fun? Kennett Square is considered the mushroom capital of the world, cultivating 65% of the nation's crop.

brandywinevalley.com/main-streets

BEER, WINE, MORE BEER AND MORE WINE

Breweries and vineyards come with the territory. You'll find plenty throughout the Brandywine Valley, including the locally, regionally and internationally adored Victory Brewing Company.

brandywinevalley.com/scenes/wine-beer-spirits

AMERICA'S GARDEN CAPITAL

Join the two million annual visitors who take in the 30+ public gardens, arboreta and preserved historic landscapes. americasgardencapital.org

LONGWOOD GARDENS

One of the world's greatest gardens, Longwood Gardens is a must-see (and must-smell). Vibrant flowerbeds, exotic plants and breathtaking horticultural displays are just the start of it: wait til you see the fountains. longwoodgardens.org

BRANDYWINE RIVER MUSEUM OF ART

Tired of world-class art yet? We didn't think so. The Brandywine River Museum of Art curates a variety of collections from the Wyeth family of artists. American portraits, illustrations and still-life paintings are always on view. brandywine.org/museum

VALLEY FORGE

Think more city amenities with less city traffic. Valley Forge and Montgomery County bustles with retail, breweries and luxury accommodations beside pastoral landscapes you only see in paintings.

KING OF PRUSSIA MALL

Imagine miles and miles of the highest-end designers and exclusive department stores. Plus, eclectic dining and all-day people watching. Now stop imagining and get there. (Yep, the clothing and shoes are still tax-free.) simon.com/mall/king-of-prussia

KING OF PRUSSIA TOWN CENTER

More of your favorites, right next door. Where small-town cozy sidles up against retail anchors. And some of the area's top restaurants are only a reservation away. kingofprussia-towncenter.com

IFLY KING OF PRUSSIA

Feel the rush of skydiving thousands of feet...from just a few feet off the ground. When else are you going to get a chance like this? ifyworld.com/king-of-prussia

PHILADELPHIA PREMIUM OUTLETS

For an entirely different experience, hit the town-style outlet center featuring 150+ stores full of all the big brands your extra carry-on can hold. premiumoutlets.com/outlet/philadelphia

THE VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

The Valley Forge National Historical Park was an important backdrop for the American Revolutionary War. Today, it's a walkable sanctuary for the wildlife that inhabits its 3,500+ acres. nps.gov/vafo

LEGOLAND® DISCOVERY CENTER

The ultimate indoor playground is full of hands-on learning, with some of Philadelphia's greatest landmarks on display. philadelphia.legolanddiscoverycenter.com



The Countryside of Philadelphia
BRANDYWINE VALLEY & VALLEY FORGE

SEE WHAT ELSE WE HAVE IN STORE AT CountrysidePHL.com