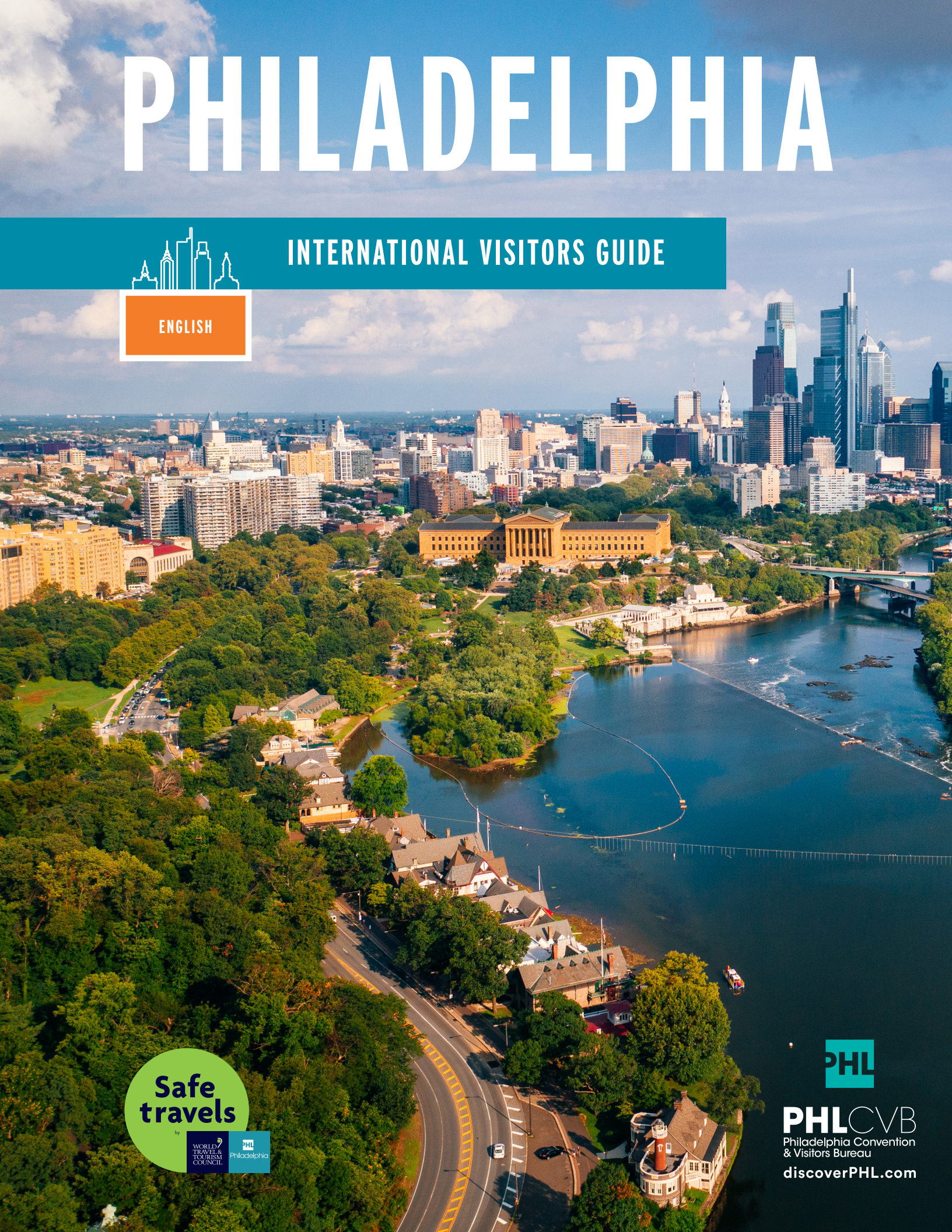


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INTERNATIONAL VISITORS GUIDE

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INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS HALL

GREETINGS FROM PHL

PHL PHILADELPHIA
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

First up: a few things you need to know about our airport.

We're convenient. Once you're here, you're in Philadelphia. We're only seven miles (11 km) from Center City Philadelphia and 20 minutes by train. And it's a quick drive to almost anywhere: a world-renowned museum, a corporate HQ, a craft-beer brewpub, and yes, the mountains and the ocean.

We're dynamic. We welcome 11 million passengers a year via 130 non-stop flights from 130 cities worldwide. We're fun, and feature an award-winning collection of Philadelphia's best art exhibits and entertainers.

We're local. You can choose from five different cheesesteaks, or better yet, try them all. With local favorites like La Colombe Coffee Roasters, Bud & Marilyn's, Chickie's & Pete's and Aldo Lamberti Trattoria, you'll be able to enjoy the best that Philly has to offer while you wait for your flight.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT PHL.ORG



We can't wait to welcome you to Philadelphia!

Home to iconic historical attractions, an award-winning dining scene, world-renowned arts and cultural institutions, and distinct neighborhoods, the city has genuine energy and a spirit that awaits you. As one of the most walkable cities in the United States with one of the largest city-owned urban park systems, Philadelphia is home to endless trails, riverfronts, parks and outdoor opportunities.

Philadelphia has something for everyone. It's fun, wild, quirky, historic, contemplative and inspirational all at once. Our rich history and modern energy make it the perfect place for travelers from all over the globe.

Start planning your next adventure today!

PHILADELPHIA ESSENTIALS

GETTING HERE

Philadelphia is easy to get to by plane, train, bus, or automobile, so no matter where you are traveling 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. phl.org
- 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. 215getacab.com
- 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. amtrak.com

For more information on other ground transportation options, visit discoverphl.com

GETTING AROUND

Not only are we perfectly situated on the East Coast, but we are also one of the world's most walkable cities. There are hotels and restaurants at every price point in the heart of Center City, plus a top-rated public transit system, plenty of taxis, and over one thousand rentable bikes 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



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. phlvisitorcenter.com

INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER

Corner of 6th and Market streets

CITY HALL VISITOR CENTER

Broad and Market streets, Room 121, City Hall

LOVE PARK VISITOR CENTER

Corner of 16th Street and John F. Kennedy Boulevard

Visit discoverphl.com/international to find things to do, places to stay and many trip-planning essentials.

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PHILADELPHIA IS FOR EVERYONE.



WE'VE GOT HISTORY.

Home to iconic locations and artifacts that tell the story of America's founding in a way no other place can match.

WE'VE GOT ART.

With more public art than any other American city – including murals and sculptures – Philadelphia's spirit can be found in every corner of the city.

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.

WE'VE GOT SPACE TO BREATHE.

With one of the largest city-owned urban park systems in the world, Philadelphia is home to seemingly endless trails and outdoor opportunities.

Plan your dream trip today – we have compiled a comprehensive list of activities for every interest. Pick your favorites for this trip and save the rest for future trips.

**WHOEVER YOU ARE,
THERE'S A
PHILADELPHIA
FOR YOU.**

Pennsylvania
pursue your happiness™



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.



CITY HALL



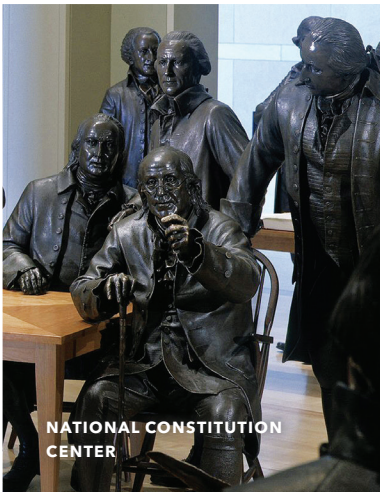
LIBERTY BELL



READING TERMINAL MARKET



PAT'S AND GENO'S



NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



LOVE PARK

DAY 1

INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER

An essential starting point for any Philadelphia visit. Get tickets for local attractions and map out your journey with trip-planning help in 12 languages and an interactive digital Welcome Wall.

phlvisitorcenter.com

INDEPENDENCE HALL

Take a free, ticketed tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site where Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and America's Founders signed the Declaration of Independence.

nps.gov/inde

LIBERTY BELL

The symbol of American Independence is free to see (and snap a selfie with), as are the accompanying exhibits inside the Liberty Bell Center.

nps.gov/inde

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

The only museum in the nation devoted to the U.S. Constitution examines the document via special exhibits and programming just two blocks north from where it was signed.

constitutioncenter.org

READING TERMINAL MARKET

Shop and eat your way through 80+ vendors – including several Pennsylvania Dutch favorites – at one of America's oldest and largest indoor farmer's markets.

readingterminalmarket.org

MACY'S

Shop for tax-free clothes and shoes at a true American department store, which is also home to the world's largest playable instrument and a can't-miss holiday light show.

macys.com/philadelphia-pa

CITY HALL & DILWORTH PARK

Take a photo of the architectural treasure that is City Hall from the Broad Street median, then head to Dilworth Park for seasonal activities, food, and plenty of space to relax.

centercityphila.org/parks/dilworth-park

LOVE PARK

Another photo op is just steps away. Strike a pose in front of Robert Indiana's iconic sculpture at the gateway to the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and Philadelphia's Museum Mile.

discoverphl.com/blog/philadelphias-photo-worthy-public-art

DINNER

Cheers to your first full day in Philadelphia at the city's oldest continuously operating tavern, McGillin's. The pub has been pouring pints since 1860 and features vintage signs from Philadelphia's past hung throughout the space.

mcgillins.com

DAY 2

HOP-ON HOP-OFF BUS TOURS

Take in historic city sights from a comfy seat on this double-decker bus, with tours available in multiple languages.

discoverphl.com/plan-your-trip/tours

THE ITALIAN MARKET

Retrace Rocky's famous jog through this centuries-old open-air market filled with cuisine from, despite its name, many different cultures.

italianmarketphilly.org

PAT'S & GENO'S

Philadelphia's two most famous cheesesteaks are cooked right across the street from one another, easily identified by neon lights and the unmistakable aroma of cheese whiz.

patskingofsteaks.com
genosteaks.com

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Relive the story of the American Revolution and the early days of the United States with interactive exhibits, plus catch a glimpse of George Washington's actual tent.

amrevmuseum.org

PRESIDENT'S HOUSE

Explore the groundwork of our nation's founding executive mansion, once home to Presidents George Washington and John Adams, that tells the story of slavery and freedom in the early days of America.

nps.gov/inde

ELFRETH'S ALLEY

Stroll down our nation's oldest continuously inhabited residential street and admire the 18th-century homes that line this cozy block in Old City. For a closer look at working-class living in early Philadelphia, visit the street's museum at houses 124 and 126.

elfrethsalley.org

OLD CITY SHOPPING

Fill that extra room in your suitcase with souvenirs, gifts and tax-free clothes and shoes purchased at one of the many independent shops and art galleries in Old City.

oldcitydistrict.org

FRANKLIN FOUNTAIN

Treat yourself to an old school scoop from a turn-of-the-century ice cream parlor, just a few doors away from the nation's oldest continuously operating candy store.

franklinfountain.com

DAY 3

SCHUYLKILL RIVER TRAIL

Start with a morning walk, jog, run or bike ride along this 20+ mile trail, which weaves through downtown and into Fairmount Park.

schuylkillrivertrail.com

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

Scale the 72 "Rocky Steps" and then enter one of the largest art museums in the nation, with new spaces to explore and a collection that spans 2,000 years.

philamuseum.org

BOATHOUSE ROW

By day or night, Boathouse Row is one of Philadelphia's most iconic views. Find the best vantage point on the western shore of the Schuylkill River, along MLK Jr. Drive.

discoverphl.com/things-to-do/outdoors

FAIRMOUNT PARK

Head to one of the many trailheads in the expansive Fairmount Park for a hike, or tour one of the historic mansions scattered throughout the park.

myphillypark.org

EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY

Navigate the crumbling cellblocks of what was once the most expensive prison ever built and learn more about former inhabitants including notorious gangster Al Capone.

easternstate.org

LUNCH IN FAIRMOUNT

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.

discoverphl.com/food-drink

RODIN MUSEUM

Revel in one of the largest collections of sculptor Auguste Rodin's works outside of Paris, including a six-foot cast of The Thinker.

rodinmuseum.org

DINNER AT THE MOSHULU

End the evening along the Delaware River with dinner and drinks aboard the world's oldest and largest square rigged sailing vessel still afloat.

moshulu.com

THE FAMILY-FRIENDLY

PHILADELPHIA TRIP

If you're traveling with kids, Philadelphia has fun to spare. Pack the sneakers. Bring the stroller. Leave the serious face at home.



ADVENTURE AQUARIUM



ACADEMY OF
NATURAL SCIENCES



BETSY ROSS HOUSE



PHILADELPHIA ZOO



FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

DAY 1

PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM

Start in West Philadelphia for a hometown favorite. Keep the kids engaged (and feel like a kid again yourself) at this all-ages attraction where interacting and learning from whimsical exhibits is the name of the game.

pleasetouchmuseum.org

PHILADELPHIA ZOO 📍

Our zoo is the nation's oldest and one of the world's best. The innovative Zoo360 experience allows tigers, gorillas and other animals to climb overhead as you move between exhibits.

philadelphiazoo.org

LUNCH BREAK

Whether you're an herbivore or a carnivore, refuel at one of the themed eateries found throughout the zoo, such as the Urban Green open-air food marketplace.

philadelphiazoo.org/dining-and-refreshments

THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

Inspired by statesman, humorist and inventor Benjamin Franklin – and home to his national memorial – this museum is known for its all-ages, hands-on exploration of key science concepts, including a giant walk-through heart, planetarium, immersive brain exhibit and more.

fi.edu

ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Stay on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and explore life-size dioramas, fossils, and other exhibits that examine biodiversity and environmental science.

ansp.org

UNITED STATES MINT

Glance behind the scenes of our nation's (and the world's) largest producer of coins at this free-to-visit facility, then pick up limited edition coins and other souvenirs in the gift shop.

usmint.gov

MURAL ARTS PHILADELPHIA 📍

Hop on a tour of the nation's largest public art program to learn more about the engine behind a citywide movement that has resulted in over 4,000 colorful murals in neighborhoods throughout the city.

muralarts.org/tours

DINNER

Great taste isn't limited to our exhibits. The Parkway Museums District boasts a kid-friendly lineup of reservation-free pubs, taquerias, pizza parlors, and steakhouses.

discoverphl.com/food-drink

DAY 2

INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM

Adventure through America's maritime history with hands-on exhibits at this waterfront museum, then explore one of the two historic ships docked nearby.

phillyseaport.org

DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT

Stroll along the river to discover Philadelphia's waterfront parks, including the riverside rink that activates in the spring and winter with seasonal skating and more.

delawareriverwaterfront.com

ADVENTURE AQUARIUM

Hop aboard the RiverLink Ferry to sail across the Delaware River to the aquarium, which is home to over 8,000 marine animals, including the largest shark collection in the Northeast.

adventureaquarium.com

BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY

A short walk from the aquarium, explore the decks, halls, and corridors of the U.S. Navy's most decorated battleship. Signal your visit with a bang by firing the ship's saluting gun.

battleshipnewjersey.org

LUNCH BREAK

Cruise back across the river and find a table in historic 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 reportedly sewed it. Learn more about this great American symbol as you tour the upholsterer's former home.

historicphiladelphia.org/betsy-ross-house

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

Explore contributions of Jewish Americans at this museum alongside Independence Hall, whose Only in America® Gallery honors Leonard Bernstein, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Steven Spielberg, and other extraordinary Jewish Americans who left their mark on the world.

nmajh.org

EAT UP

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

discoverphl.com/food-drink

DAY 3

MORRIS ARBORETUM

A quick car or train ride brings you to a 92-acre arboretum that is bursting with year-round greenery and plenty of kid-approved activities, including a 50-foot-high canopy walk.

morrisarboretum.org

SNACK TIME

Stroll the leafy streets of Chestnut Hill and neighboring Mt. Airy for family-friendly restaurants and cafes (and visit a few toy stores and boutiques along the way).

chestnuthillpa.com

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

Back in downtown Philadelphia, study the exhibits of our nation's first institution dedicated to the life and works of African Americans.

aampmuseum.org

FRANKLIN SQUARE

Playtime has only just begun. Franklin Square is a Philadelphia classic, brimming with playgrounds, mini golf, a carousel and a nearly two-century-old fountain that puts on a memorable show.

historicphiladelphia.org/franklin-square

FAITH & LIBERTY DISCOVERY CENTER

This high-tech museum uses interactive experiences to lead guests of all-ages on a personalized journey to discover how faith influenced the nation's founding and core American values.

faithandliberty.org

ROOT, ROOT, ROOT FOR THE HOME TEAM

Spend part of the day at a live sporting event in South Philadelphia, where you can root for the Phillies, Flyers, Sixers or Eagles and meet some of the city's most lovable mascots. If soccer is more your style, the home of the Philadelphia Union is just a short drive away.

phillies.com

philadelphiaflyers.com

sixers.com

philadelphiaeagles.com

philadelphiaunion.com

DINNER

Find something for everyone - kids included - at Craft Hall. This large bar near the Delaware River waterfront has a BBQ-focused menu and features an indoor pirate-themed playground for younger visitors, with craft beer brewed on-site for adults.

crafthallphilly.com

NORTH BOWL

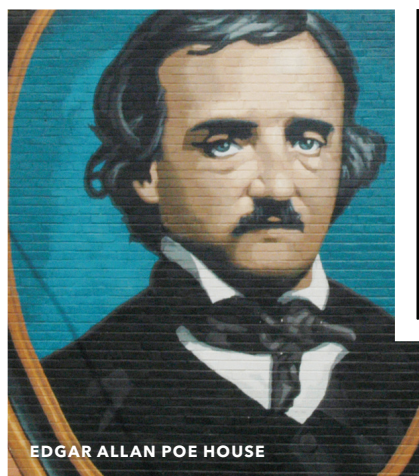
Bowl a few frames at this hip, retro-inspired alley in Northern Liberties. A menu of specialty tater tots is at the ready should the competition work up an appetite.

northbowlphilly.com

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.



DAY 1

BREAKFAST AT THE BOURSE

Start in Old City and grab a coffee from the Bourse. Once the nation's first commodities exchange, the historic building is now home to a modern food hall with 20+ vendors inside.

theboursephilly.com

CHRIST CHURCH

Sit in the pews where the nation's Founders once worshipped, then pay your respects to Ben Franklin at the nearby burial grounds.

christchurchphila.org

NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM

Steps from Independence Hall, this museum examines the principles of freedom and liberty via intricate glass art and a crack-less copy of the Liberty Bell (yes, you can ring it).

libertymuseum.org

CHERRY STREET PIER 📍

This former municipal pier along the Delaware River is now a mixed use space with artist studios, rotating exhibitions, pop-up events, and a riverside open-air dining area.

cherrystreetpier.com

PHILADELPHIA'S MAGIC GARDENS 📍

Bask in the reflections of Philadelphia's living mosaic. Half indoor, half outdoor, fully out of the ordinary, this mesmerizing labyrinth is the largest work to date by mosaic artist Isaiah Zagar.

phillymagicgardens.org

VICTOR CAFE

Enjoy traditional red gravy Italian dishes and an extensive wine list at this cozy South Philadelphia café that was featured in several 'Rocky' and 'Creed' films. Here, the servers double as professional opera singers who perform every 20 minutes.

victorcafe.com

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BRIDGE 📍

Chase the sunset along the Benjamin Franklin Bridge's pedestrian walkway. Enter at 5th and Race streets and head east to encounter one of the best views of the city as you hover over the Delaware River.

drpa.org/bridges/ben-franklin-bridge.asp

GHOST TOUR

End in Old City for a candlelit Ghost Tour that reveals the more macabre past of Philadelphia's historic haunts, including Washington Square and Independence Hall.

ghosttour.com/philadelphia

DAY 2

PENN MUSEUM

Embrace your inner Indiana Jones and unearth an amazing collection of nearly a million of archaeology's most prized artifacts – including the largest Sphinx in the western hemisphere.

pennmuseum.org

CIRA GREEN

Head to the 12th floor of this otherwise unsuspecting parking garage to find a picnic-perfect park in the sky with some of the best views of the Center City skyline.

ciragreen.com

MÜTTER MUSEUM

Siamese twins, the “mega-colon” and slices of Albert Einstein’s brain are just a few of the interesting medical specimens on view at this Rittenhouse-area museum.

muttermuseum.org

WAGNER FREE INSTITUTE

This free-to-visit museum boasts more than 100,000 natural history specimens including fossils, shells, minerals, mounted animal skeletons and skins displayed in original wood and glass cabinets.

wagnerfreeinstitute.org

LUNCH IN NORTHERN LIBERTIES

Beloved gastropubs and hip brunch spots abound in Northern Liberties. After eating, shop your way through the neighborhood’s collection of independent boutiques.

discoverphl.com/neighborhoods/northern-liberties

EDGAR ALLAN POE HOUSE

Peer into the study where one of America’s most influential writers penned some of his well-known spine-tinglers. Don’t forget to snap a photo with the accompanying mural, just across the street.

nps.gov/edal

NEON MUSEUM

Learn about businesses of Philadelphia’s past as told by this eclectic collection of over 120 neon signs and artworks.

neonmuseumofphiladelphia.com

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

End the day with dinner and a show in Fishtown, such as a concert at a local venue or with circus-style acts at a local dinner theatre.

discoverphl.com/neighborhoods/fishtown

DAY 3

START WITH SCRAPPLE

Take a bite out of scrapple – an authentic Philadelphia breakfast delicacy – at Down Home Diner at the Reading Terminal Market, or savor other early morning eats from one of the other 80+ vendors.

readingterminalmarket.org

THE RAIL PARK

Explore this elevated park occupying former train tracks of the Reading Railroad (of Monopoly fame). Relax on an industrial swing before exploring the murals nearby.

therailpark.org

BEER TOUR

Drink up! Local breweries and beer gardens are a blossoming staple of Philadelphia culture. Don’t miss Yards, Philadelphia’s original craft brewery, with recipes inspired by the Founding Fathers.

yardsbrewing.com

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

This 78-acre National Historic Landmark is also the nation’s second oldest cemetery. Explore with themed tours including art and architecture; pop culture and contemporary stories; and lore and legend, or schedule your own ghost hunt with a private ghost hunting planning guide.

thelaurelhillcemetery.org

SIMEONE AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM

Change course toward South Philadelphia and explore one of the world’s greatest collections of racing sports cars. Visit on Saturdays to see these vintage vehicles rev their engines and burn rubber in the parking lot.

simeonemuseum.org

FDR PARK

Take a lap around the lake in the middle of South Philadelphia’s largest park. Along the way, visit a romantic pavilion, an iconic skatepark, and the oldest Swedish museum in the United States.

fdrparkphilly.org

DINNER

No matter the time of year, East Passyunk Avenue is often home to the newest it-restaurant. If you’re craving Italian, there’s no better locale, but don’t miss the other multicultural menus that line the thoroughfare.

visiteastpassyunk.com

BOK BAR

Raise a glass against the beautiful Philadelphia skyline while on top of... a former South Philadelphia school?! This rooftop bar caps what is now a mixed-use space filled with artist studios and other small businesses.

bok-bar.com

THE LUXURIOUS

PHILADELPHIA TRIP

Tax-free shopping, five-star spas, sky-high cocktails, and sophisticated cheesesteaks - treat yourself to a glamorous Philadelphia visit with these high-end offerings.

DAY 1

BARNES FOUNDATION

Admire paintings by Modigliani, Van Gogh and the world's largest collection of works by Renoir at this legendary museum with a private, docent-led tour of this soaring, modernist space.

barnesfoundation.org

SHOP RITTENHOUSE ROW

Shop a mix of local boutiques and luxury names you already know on the streets surrounding Rittenhouse Square. Personal shoppers at Boyds and Joan Shepp will help complete your look.

discoverphl.com/blog/shop-like-a-local-in-philadelphia

LUNCH AT PARC

Be transported to the streets of Paris at this chic bistro with sidewalk seating along picturesque Rittenhouse Square.

parc-restaurant.com

AFTERNOON TEA

Explore the quaint residential blocks and grand mansions of Rittenhouse Square, then keep the French charm flowing with le goûter service at the stylish Sofitel Philadelphia hotel, featuring tea sandwiches, pastries, and a glass of champagne.

sofitel-philadelphia.com

SEA PHILLY 📷

Book an intimate sunset cruise or classic picnic on a boat to view Philadelphia from the water as you sail along the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers while enjoying BYO drinks and snacks.

seaphilly.us

ZAHAV

Feast on fresh hummus, salatin and other Israeli-inspired cuisine from James Beard Award-winning Chef Michael Solomonov (just be sure to make reservations well in advance).

zahavrestaurant.com

NIGHTLIFE

Tapas, hidden speakeasies, rooftop bars, and more - there are plenty of experiences to seek out in Philadelphia after the sun goes down.

discoverphl.com/blog/evening-activities-in-philadelphia



DAY 2

START AT THE SPA

Ease into the day with a spa session at one of Philadelphia's luxurious accommodations, such as The Rittenhouse or Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia at Comcast Center.

discoverphl.com/blog/a-luxurious-philadelphia-experience

FASHION DISTRICT PHILADELPHIA

Shop global brands and local names at the sprawling Fashion District Philadelphia, which spans three blocks in downtown Philadelphia.

fashiondistrictphiladelphia.com

WONDERSPACES

Stay at the Fashion District a bit longer and explore the interactive and immersive art installations at this futuristic art gallery.

philadelphia.wonderspaces.com

TOUR ON YOUR TERMS

Philadelphia Hospitality serves as your private, all-access pass to Philadelphia's top attractions, museums, and historical sites, with bespoke tours under your full control.

philahospitality.org

COCKTAILS IN THE CLOUDS

Journey into the sky for cocktails and small bites at JG SkyHigh, the 60th-floor lounge at Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia at Comcast Center.

jgskyhigh.com

VETRI CUCINA

Enjoy a gourmet, four-course meal – including fresh, handmade pasta – inside an intimate dining room helmed by James Beard Award-winning Chef Marc Vetri.

vetricucina.com

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

Glam up and enjoy magnificent music by the Fabulous Philadelphians under the direction of spirited conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin.

philorch.org

DAY 3

BREAKFAST

Skip room service and enjoy a four-star breakfast at the award-winning Lacroix along Rittenhouse Square, whose menu features elevated takes on popular early morning staples.

lacroixrestaurant.com

TAKE FLIGHT

Book a private helicopter tour and retrace your steps from above (or plot where to go next) with a bird's-eye view of all downtown attractions.

adrenaline.com/philadelphia/helicopter-rides

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, including Nicole Miller – a Philadelphia fashion landmark.

manayunk.com

LIVE THE SUITE LIFE

Immerse yourself in Philadelphia's sports culture at a live sporting event. Book a private suite to experience the action in style while feasting on endless buffets.

phillies.com

philadelphiaflyers.com

sixers.com

philadelphiaeagles.com

philadelphiaunion.com

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.

discoverphl.com/neighborhoods/west-philadelphia

CHEESE WHIZ AND CHEERS

Who said cheesesteaks can't be luxurious? Enjoy dinner at Barclay Prime near Rittenhouse Square, whose sophisticated take on the iconic sandwich includes wagyu ribeye, foie gras, and truffled cheese whiz (served with a bottle of champagne).

barclayprime.com

THE MET

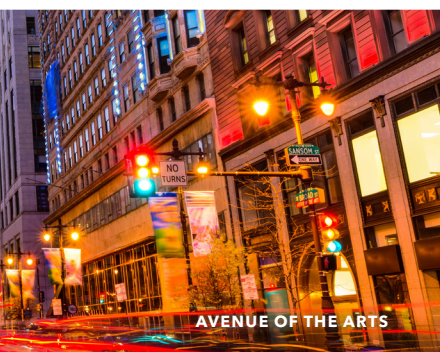
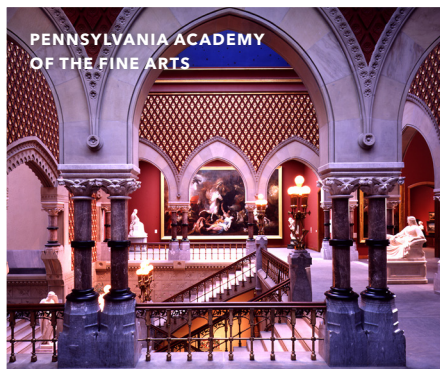
Whether you're in the mood for comedy or a concert, enjoy it in this recently restored historic opera house. Premium seating gets you access to the upscale Grand Salle lounge.

themetphilly.com

THE ART LOVERS

PHILADELPHIA TRIP

Home to the largest collection of public art in the U.S., Philadelphia also boasts plenty of historic museums, renowned performing arts companies and eclectic eateries that will impress any art aficionado.



DAY 1

MORNING

Start with breakfast at the Cosmic Café, a farm-to-table, woman-owned restaurant on Boathouse Row. Then, take a "Museum Without Walls" audio tour on bike or by foot, courtesy of the country's first private entity dedicated to public art.

associationforpublicart.org

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Head to West Philadelphia to visit the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) on the University of Pennsylvania's campus, a free museum that has been at the forefront of cutting edge exhibitions since it organized Andy Warhol's first solo museum show in 1965.

icaphila.org

EXPLORE THE ART OF SCIENCE

While in Philadelphia's "innovation hub," check out the University City Science Center's Esther Klein Art Gallery, with programming that explores the relationship between art, science and technology. The free gallery hosts exhibitions, artist talks, performances and other special events. sciencecenter.org

PENN LIVE ARTS

Take in a show at Penn Live Arts, the University of Pennsylvania's home for the performing arts and one of the nation's foremost urban performing arts centers, offering a broad range of programs in theatre, music and dance for over 50 years.

pennlivearts.org

LUNCH AT DISTRITO

Enjoy a cantina by Jose Garces serving fresh takes on Mexican street fare, with two full bars featuring signature margaritas and over 75 tequilas. Look for the more than 600 hanging Lucha Libre wrestling masks and a four-seat booth fashioned from an authentic Volkswagen Beetle. distritophilly.com

AVENUE OF THE ARTS

The arts and culture hub is home to some of the city's most notable performing arts institutions, including the Kimmel Center, Merriam Theater, and Philadelphia Theatre Company. Eat at one of the many spots along South Broad Street or take in breathtaking views high atop the Bellevue Hotel at XIX, one of the city's highest restaurants.

avenueofthearts.org

PHILADELPHIA BALLET

Attend a performance by Philadelphia's renowned ballet company, started in 1963 by George Balanchine protégée Barbara Weisberger, and considered one of America's leading ballet companies, performing at the Academy of Music, the oldest opera house in the United States.

philadelphiaballet.org

CHRIS' JAZZ CAFE

For a meal with live music, make a reservation at Chris' Jazz Café. This go-to jazz spot's kitchen is led by Chef/Owner Mark DeNinno, serving soulful Southern-influenced menu for lunch and dinner.

chrisjazzcafe.com

DAY 2

PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF THE FINE ARTS

Explore America's oldest art museum and school that trained the likes of Thomas Eakins, Mary Cassatt, Henry O. Tanner, Meta V.W. Fuller and many more, with a vast collection of 19th- and 20th-century American paintings and sculptures housed in a grand New-Gothic building designed by Frank Furness. pafa.org

MOORE COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN

Walk up the Benjamin Franklin Parkway to the first and only women's visual arts college in the nation, founded in 1848. Free to visit, the Galleries at Moore introduce the work of significant regional, national and international artists to the community through distinctive exhibitions and educational programs.

moore.edu/the-galleries-at-moore

LUNCH IN LOGAN SQUARE

Grab lunch at Urban Farmer inside the The Logan Hotel, offering a seasonal menu with locally-sourced ingredients. Then, explore The Logan's 1,800+ piece art collection with a self-guided or private art tour open to visitors and guests. theloganhotel.com

SHOFUSO 📷

Located in West Fairmount Park, Shofuso was built in Japan in 1953 using traditional techniques and materials and moved to Philadelphia. The traditional-style house with its hinoki roof – the only one of its kind outside of Japan – can be toured, along with the gardens, koi pond and island. japanphilly.org/shofuso

WOODMERE ART MUSEUM

Venture out to Chestnut Hill to learn more about Philadelphia art and artists at this museum housed in a 19th-century stone mansion. The museum's collection contains more than 6,000 works showcased in nine galleries and offers guided tours, a jazz and classical music series and gallery talks. woodmereartmuseum.org

SIP ARTISTIC LIBATIONS

Refuel at the ArtBar, located in the lobby level of the Sonesta Philadelphia, offering art-infused cocktails and small, shared and sweet plates. Don't miss the 22-story mural on the building's exterior.

sonesta.com/us/pennsylvania/philadelphia/sonesta-philadelphia-rittenhouse-square/artbar

OPERA PHILADELPHIA

Hailed by the New York Times as "one of the most creative and ambitious companies" in the U.S., Opera Philadelphia mixes traditional and new repertoire that engages the public. These must-see performances take opera out of the opera house and onto the streets, into parks and museums and other interesting venues throughout the city. operaphila.org

FRINGEARTS

This 300-seat theatre on the Delaware River waterfront offers year-round genre-defying dance, theater and music performances by emerging innovators who push the boundaries of art-making. Stay for dinner at indoor/outdoor La Peg and catch live shows from bands to pop-up shows to cabarets...plus a late night menu.

fringearts.com

DAY 3

ARCHITECTURE TOURS 📷

Take a tour and learn about Philadelphia's fascinating architecture, dating back to the 17th century. The city has more historic buildings from the colonial and federal periods of American history than anywhere else in the United States.

discoverphl.com/plan-your-trip/tours

FABRIC WORKSHOP AND MUSEUM

Stop in to this internationally acclaimed contemporary art museum, featuring works by artists with diverse artistic backgrounds including sculpture, installation, video, painting, photography, ceramics, and architecture. Shop for affordable artwork and cool accessories and gifts designed by artists in residence, with purchases supporting artist programs.

fabricworkshopandmuseum.org

CHINATOWN 📷

Explore Chinatown and snap a photo under the Friendship Gate – our nation's first authentic gate, which was constructed by artisans from Philadelphia's sister city of Tianjin. Visit the Asian Arts Initiative to view exhibitions and performances celebrating Asian American artists.

discoverphl.com/neighborhoods/chinatown

LUNCH

Head to Second Street in Old City for lunch at Cuba Libre, a restaurant with an open-air vibe that is modeled after a Havana streetscape.

cubalibrerestaurant.com

CURTIS INSTITUTE

Attend a student recital, the Curtis Symphony Orchestra, Curtis Opera Theatre, or family concerts at this renowned, exclusive conservatory, located in Rittenhouse Square, that trained virtuosos such as Leonard Bernstein and Samuel Barber.

curtis.edu

ARDEN THEATRE COMPANY

Catch a new performance at this company known for its professional and world-premiere productions and commitment to presenting original works.

ardentheatre.org

WALNUT STREET THEATRE

Founded in 1809, America's oldest theater produces an exciting season of Broadway-quality musicals and plays, along with its acclaimed WST for Kids series.

walnutstreettheatre.org

STROLL SOUTH STREET 📷

End your art tour with a walk along this famous street, known for its diverse mix of shops, bars, and restaurants. Grab a meal at Tattooed Mom and peruse the display of street art and graffiti from local and visiting artists.

southstreet.com

ADD-ON EXPERIENCES

ROMANTIC

SUNRISE ON THE WATERFRONT 📍

For scenic views of the Delaware River, Race Street Pier is an intimate spot for picnics and watching the sun rise, just under the Benjamin Franklin Bridge.

discoverphl.com/blog/philadelphias-waterfront

SHANE CONFECTIONERY

Treat your sweetheart to chocolate from a historic candy store. Shane Confectionery in Old City is the nation's oldest continuously operating candy store, specializing in sweet treats made using traditional recipes and equipment. shanecandies.com

CHANTICLEER GARDEN 📍

Relax and explore lush courtyards of tropicals, perennials and containers, a colorful cut-flower and vegetable garden, an exotic woodlands ruin garden and ponds and a water garden at the 35-acre Chanticleer, recipient of the North American Garden Tourism Award for best garden. Located 30 minutes west of Philadelphia.

chanticleergarden.org

HARP & CROWN

Enjoy a meal by candlelight and cozy nooks beneath framed antique portraits and large chandeliers. Head downstairs to discover a hidden speakeasy bar and two-lane bowling alley.

harpandcrown.com

MANN CENTER

Enjoy a romantic concert under the stars at the Mann Center, a 22-acre outdoor venue in Fairmount Park. Upgrade to VIP Club with private and early entry, dedicated in-seat wait service, private box seats with more legroom.

manncenter.org

AMOR SCULPTURE 📍

Snap a photo in front of Robert Indiana's AMOR sculpture, installed upon Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia in 2015 and translating "love" in the pontiff's native Spanish and the Church's traditional Latin. The piece, a complement to the LOVE sculpture, is located in Sister Cities Park on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

discoverphl.com/blog/philadelphias-photo-worthy-public-art

WHISPER SWEET NOTHINGS

Take a seat at one end of the Smith Memorial Arch in West Fairmount Park while your special someone sits on the opposite end. Whisper into the monument and the bench will carry your voice from one partner to the other.

associationforpublicart.org/artwork/smith-memorial-arch

THE CLAY STUDIO

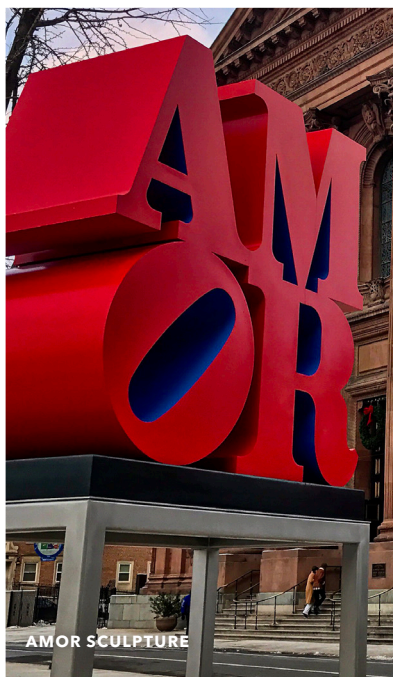
Book a fun date night at the Clay Studio as instructors guide you through pottery-making by candlelight with light food and champagne.

theclaystudio.org

THE LOVE

Dine at The Love, an intimate restaurant serving enticing cuisine across a main dining and bar area, plus outdoor seating and a cozy upper-level loft. The Love's beverage program is inspired by trips to local vineyards and breweries, featuring plenty of drink options perfect for rekindling romance.

theloverestaurant.com



SUSTAINABLE

CAFFEINATE WITH CARE

Start with a cup of coffee from La Colombe's flagship Fishtown cafe. The Philadelphia-founded and community-focused coffee company has a strong emphasis on environmentally friendly practices, including direct sourcing and sustainable packaging.

lacolombe.com/pages/cafes#philadelphia

INDEGO BIKE SHARE

Grab a bike from one of over 140 Indego bike share stations around the city and pedal through neighborhoods or along the Schuylkill River Trail, stopping for a choose-your-own adventure of open-air photo ops along the way. rideindego.com

WISSAHICKON VALLEY PARK

Leave no trace as you explore over 50 miles (80 km) of rustic trails by foot or by bike in this 1,800-acre creekside park. Refuel at the historic Valley Green Inn, whose seasonal menu can be enjoyed within the heart of the park along Wissahickon Creek.

fow.org

PHILADELPHIA BY FOOT

Explore one of the most walkable downtowns in the nation on your own two feet with a self-guided adventure or by joining one of Philly Tour Hub's walking tours.

phillytourhub.com

BARTRAM'S GARDEN

Step into the world's oldest surviving botanical garden - for free - to discover 50 acres of gardens, woodland paths, historic structures, and riverfront views. Join a kayak excursion to learn more about the Bartram family farmland as you paddle along the Schuylkill River. bartramsgarden.org

REFUEL WITH PLANT-BASED PLATES

It's all things plants, all of the time, at these 100% plant-based local eateries owned by woman restaurateur Nicole Marquis, including HipCityVeg, Bar Bombon and Charlie Was a Sinner.

discoverphl.com/food-drink

SHOP TAX-FREE CLOTHES, FOR THE GOOD OF THE PLANET

Shop everyday styles and outdoor essentials made with ethically sourced materials from United By Blue in Old City or University City. For every product sold, the Philadelphia-based apparel company removes one pound of trash from the earth's waterways.

unitedbyblue.com

TRIPLE BOTTOM BREWING COMPANY

Sip local suds at Pennsylvania's first certified B-Corporation brewery. Triple Bottom Brewing Company in Spring Arts is powered by renewable energy and is a fair chance employer. Spent grain from their brews go to local composters and cows.

triplebottombrewing.com

ENJOY A FARM-TO-TABLE FEAST

Local restaurants like Fork and Talula's Garden prioritize farm-to-table menus, sourcing responsibly from regional farms and purveyors to deliver unforgettable, only-in-Philadelphia meals.

discoverphl.com/food-drink

LGBTQ+

TOUR THE GAYBORHOOD

Learn more about the sites and history of Philadelphia's Gayborhood with a LGBTQ+ walking tour offered by Beyond the Bell Tours. Along the way, snap a photo by one of the city's LGBTQ+ murals, including Mural Arts Philadelphia's *Pride and Progress* by Ann Northrup. beyondthebelltours.com

PHILLY AIDS THRIFT @ GIOVANNI'S ROOM

Staying in the Gayborhood, visit the country's first and oldest LGBTQ+-focused bookstore and peruse the large inventory of new and used books. queerbooks.com

LUNCH

Eat at one of Philadelphia's many LGBTQ+-owned restaurants, including Tabu Sports Bar & Lounge in the Gayborhood, One Shot Cafe in Northern Liberties, or Mission Taqueria and neighboring Oyster House along Sansom Street in Center City.

discoverphl.com/food-drink

BARBARA GITTINGS GAY & LESBIAN COLLECTION

Stop in to the Free Library of Philadelphia's Independence Branch to check out the collection of the "mother of the LGBTQ+ movement." Gittings spent most of her life in Philadelphia and edited the nation's first lesbian publication.

freelibrary.org

WILLIAM WAY LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY CENTER

Started in 1974 as the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Philadelphia, this organization supports and advocates for the LGBTQ+ community. Stop in for literary programs, art exhibitions and to read one of 14,000+ books in their library.

waygay.org

SOUTH STREET ART MART

Shop t-shirts, pronoun pins, prints and accessories featuring the work of over 100 Philadelphia-area creators - including many LGBTQ+ artists - at this storefront just off of South Street.

southstreetartmart.com

CAKE LIFE BAKE SHOP

Indulge your sweet tooth with a cupcake, cookie, or pastry from this trans-owned bakery in the heart of Fishtown. The owners are also alums (and winners!) of Food Network's *Cupcake Wars*.

cakelifebakeshop.com

DINNER ON 13TH STREET

Back in the Gayborhood, make dinner reservations at one of the eateries along 13th Street, operated by restaurateurs Marcie Turney and Valerie Safran. Options include modern Mexican plates, Mediterranean pizza, Spanish tapas, traditional American comfort food, and more. weheartphilly.com

TAVERN ON CAMAC

End the evening on Camac Street at this multi-level, centuries-old building featuring an intimate restaurant in the basement, a nightclub on the top floor, and a piano bar with nightly performances on the main level.

tavernoncamac.com

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.



THE COUNTRYSIDE OF PHILADELPHIA

BRANDYWINE AND VALLEY FORGE

The Countryside of Philadelphia encompasses the bucolic Brandywine Valley in Chester County and the iconic Valley Forge in Montgomery County. Located just outside Philadelphia and along the northeast corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., the Countryside of Philadelphia offers unique experiences year-round.

AMERICA'S GARDEN CAPITAL

LONGWOOD GARDENS

The greater Philadelphia region abounds in horticultural assets with over 37 attractions within 30 miles - earning it the moniker "America's Garden Capital." The crown jewel of the region is the world-renowned Longwood Gardens. Longwood combines the best of Italian, French, and English traditions to create one of America's most memorable gardens. Longwood encompasses 1,077 acres, offering 20 outdoor gardens and a breathtaking conservatory and is home to the most significant fountain collection in North America.

longwoodgardens.org

HISTORY & MUSEUMS

VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

The countryside is home to dozens of parks and historic sites, including the 3,500-acre Valley Forge National Historical Park, the site where General George Washington forged his Continental Army into a fighting force during the difficult winter encampment of 1777-78. The Park features the Muhlenberg Brigade Huts, Washington's Headquarters, Memorial Arch, Artillery Park, Trolley Tours, spots to fish, picnic areas, and miles of pet-friendly trails for biking, hiking, walking, and running.

valleyforge.org/things-to-do/national-park

THE JOHN JAMES AUDUBON CENTER AT MILL GROVE

The Center at Mill Grove offers a brand-new 18,000-square-foot museum and nature-based facility, as well as 175 acres of landscape and outdoor trails. Enjoy interactive and family-friendly ways to explore the famed ornithologist, two galleries for art and conservation, birding exhibits, interpretive demonstrations with live great horned owls, and red-tailed hawks.

johnjames.audubon.org/about

BRANDYWINE RIVER MUSEUM OF ART

An art treasure known internationally for its collections of works by three generations of the Wyeth family – N.C., Andrew and Jamie – the museum has a fine collection of American illustration, still life and landscapes.

brandywine.org/museum

WHARTON ESHERICK MUSEUM

Wharton Esherick, known as the "Dean of American craftsmen," was a sculptor who worked primarily in wood, molding furniture, interiors and buildings - creating sculptural environments. His work can be seen today in the collections of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, and many others. His hilltop studio/residence, in Paoli, Pennsylvania, remains one of his most creative endeavors. The studio is a National Historic Landmark for architecture and became the Wharton Esherick Museum in 1972 featuring more than 200 of his works on exhibition. whartonesherickmuseum.org

SHOPPING/SMALL TOWN CHARM

KING OF PRUSSIA MALL

One of America's most iconic and largest shopping malls, King of Prussia attracts visitors from around the world with several department stores, a collection of luxury retailers unsurpassed in the region, and more than 450 shops and restaurants. King of Prussia Mall is a premier shopping and dining experience not to be missed.

valleyforge.org/things-to-do/king-of-prussia-mall

Unique shopping can also be found throughout the quaint and cozy small towns and villages that populate the Countryside of Philadelphia. Popular spots include Ambler, Ardmore, Skippack, West Chester, Lansdale, Phoenixville, and the "Mushroom Capital of the World" - Kennett Square.

SOARING ADVENTURES

Guests of all ages will enjoy the American Helicopter Museum, where one can explore a collection of over 35 helicopters on display both indoors and out in a truly unique hands-on experience. For a special treat, schedule a helicopter ride for a birds-eye view of the beautiful countryside. americanhelicopter.museum

Feel the rush of skydiving thousands of feet above but only a few feet off the ground. iFLY Indoor Skydiving's vertical wind tunnels offer a safe, thrilling experience for all.

iflyworld.com

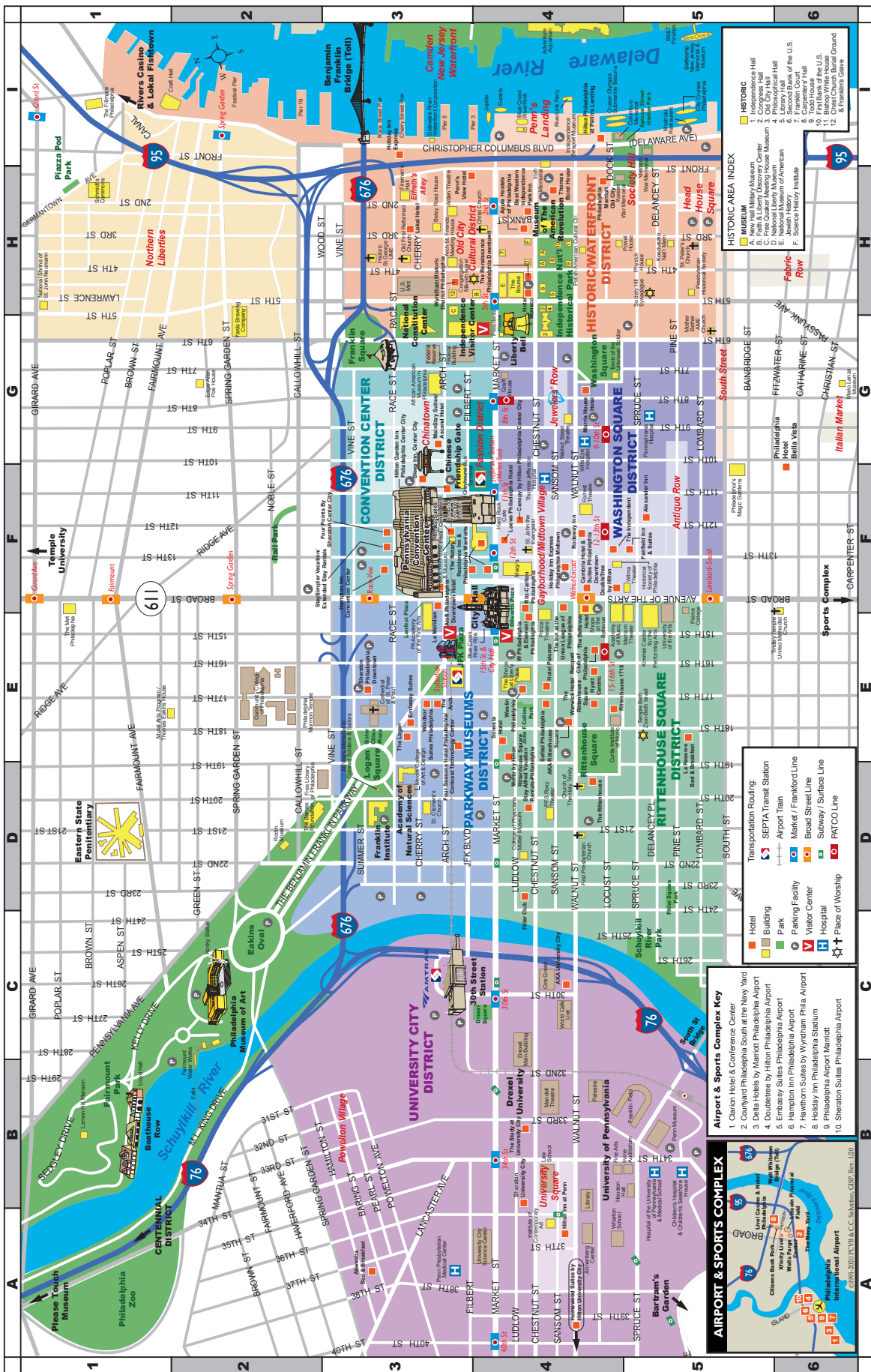
Hot air balloon rides also offer a great view of the rolling countryside landscape of The Countryside of Philadelphia.

ushotairballoon.com



SEE WHAT ELSE WE HAVE IN STORE AT CountrysidePHL.com

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, USA



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