



DISCOVERING DIVERSITY

Your guide to Philadelphia



PHLDIVERSITY

Come for the Convention.
Stay for the Culture.

A CITY *of Firsts...*



A Soulful Christmas, Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau was the first CVB in the U.S. to establish a division highlighting the destination as a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible location for meetings, events, conventions, and visitors.



MAKING HISTORY AND HERSTORY... THEN, NOW, AND TOMORROW

FIRST World Heritage City in the United States.

FIRST AME Church – Mother Bethel Church was founded here in 1794 by Richard Allen, a freed slave.

FIRST Black women's Greek letter organization, Alpha Kappa Alpha, was founded by Philadelphia's **Ethel Hedgemon Lyle**.

FIRST historically black colleges and universities, Cheyney University and Lincoln College, were founded in the Philadelphia area.

FIRST Black men's non-collegiate and first Greek-letter organization, Sigma Pi Phi, aka The Boule, which means "council of noblemen", was founded in Philadelphia in 1904.

HISTORY OF TRAILBLAZING WOMEN — **Lucretia Mott**, 19th century feminist, abolitionist, activist, and social reformer helped launch the women's rights movement and founded the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society in 1833. **Barbara Gittings**, the "mother of the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement," led progressive initiatives and edited the first widespread lesbian journal.

- Born in Philadelphia, renowned singer **Marian Anderson** sang on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1939.
- The second school for the deaf in the country, **Pennsylvania School for the Deaf**, opened in 1820.
- **Proud hometown of many Black Artists:** Henry Ossawa Tanner, Paul Robeson, Marian Anderson, Sister Rosetta Tharpe, Billie Holiday, Patti LaBelle, Pearl Bailey, Teddy Pendergrass, The Roots, Erykah Badu, Eve, Will Smith, Jill Scott, Boyz II Men, Gamble and Huff, and so many more.
- **The oldest LGBTQ bookstore in the country, Giovanni's Room**, was founded in Philadelphia and is still open and operating.
- **Kappa Alpha Psi**, a Black Greek letter organization, is headquartered in Philadelphia.
- **A permanent statue of Harriett Tubman** has been commissioned by the city celebrating her role as a conductor in the Underground Railroad in Philadelphia. Bordered by multiple slave states, Philadelphia became a key escape point.
- **The Philadelphia Tribune** is the oldest continuously published Black newspaper in the United States, publishing since 1884.
- In 1959, one of the **first gay rights protests in U.S. history took place at Independence Hall**, home to the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

STRIVING TO BE THE *Best*

- Philadelphia is the largest city in the U.S. to be named a “**Certified Welcoming**” city by Welcoming America, a formal designation given to cities that have policies and programs in place that reflect their values and commitment to immigrant inclusion.
- PHL Diversity received the **2022 Corporate Award** from the National Coalition of Black Meeting Professionals.
- Since 2015, Philadelphia has garnered a **100-perfect score on the Human Rights Campaign’s Municipal Equality Index**.
- The city of Philadelphia is **committed to funding racial equity programs**.
- Philadelphia is a member of the **Racial Equity Here** cohort, designed to tackle cultural racism in U.S. cities.
- Philadelphia offers **visitors of all abilities** the opportunity to explore popular attractions.



CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

African-American Chamber of Commerce, PA, NJ, DE

aachamber.com

Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia

asianchamberphila.org

Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

philahispanicchamber.org

Independence Business Alliance (LGBTQIA+)

thinkiba.com

Korean American Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia

[linkedin.com/company/kccphila](https://www.linkedin.com/company/kccphila)

Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia

Philamchamber-greaterphila.com





Philadelphia's DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOODS

From one of the country's oldest and largest Gayborhoods to thriving African American, Latino, Native American and Asian communities, Philadelphia is welcoming to visitors of all backgrounds and cultures.



CHINATOWN

Walk under the Friendship Gate, a gift from Philadelphia's sister city of Tianjin, and enter Chinatown. This neighborhood, located in Center City, is home to restaurants and stores that represent Hong Kong, Cantonese, Fujianese, Northern Sichuan and Taiwanese cultures, with a sprinkling of Korean, Thai, Malaysian, Burmese, and Vietnamese.

PHILADELPHIA'S GAYBORHOOD

The LGBTQ+ community in Philadelphia is a highly visible and important part of the city. Spanning several blocks just east of Broad Street in downtown Philadelphia, the Gayborhood is the center of Philadelphia's LGBTQ+ community.

EL CENTRO DE ORO

A nexus of Latinx culture, translating to "the Golden Block," this section of the Fairhill neighborhood is home to family-owned shops, restaurants, community centers and arts spaces.

AFRICATOWN

One of the fastest growing Black-communities in the United States can be found in Southwest Philadelphia. Africatown is filled with deep connections to Africa's roots and heritage.

LITTLE SAIGON

In the 1970s and 1980s, Vietnamese immigrants established grocery stores, restaurants, and karaoke bars in South Philadelphia. These humble family-owned businesses introduced locals to the vibrant flavors of Vietnam, shaping the foundation of the city's Little Saigon neighborhood.

GERMANTOWN, POINT BREEZE, SOUTHWEST PHILADELPHIA, MT AIRY AND WEST PHILADELPHIA

These neighborhoods are home to the largest concentration of Black Philadelphians.

PORT RICHMOND

Often referred to as "Little Poland," this neighborhood in the River Wards section of Philadelphia offers some of the best Polish cuisine and hosts cultural events year round.



Things TO DO

- African American Museum in Philadelphia
- American Chinese Museum
- American Swedish Historical Museum
- Asian Arts Initiative
- Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site
- Faith and Liberty Discovery Center
- ICPIIC New Africa Center
 - Muslim American Museum & Archive
- Johnson House Historic Site, a historic Underground Railroad Station
- Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery
- Mother Bethel AME Church
- Museum of Indian Culture
- Penn Museum
- Philadelphia Stars Negro League Memorial Park
- Shofuso Japanese House and Garden
- The All Wars Memorial to Colored Soldiers and Sailors
- The Colored Girls Museum
- The President's House:
 - Freedom and Slavery in the Making of a New Nation
- Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History



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TOURS

Badass Women's History Walking Tour

beyondthebelltours.com/tours/badass-womens-history-tour

The Black Journey: African American History Walking Tour

blackjourneyphiladelphia.com

Mural Arts Tours

muralarts.org

New Africa Center's New Freedom District Tour

newfreedomdistrict.com

Philadelphia Legacies

philadelphialegacy.org

Philly Experiences, Black Culture Tours

phillyexperiences.com

Philly Gayborhood Tour

beyondthebelltours.com/tours/philly-gayborhood-and-lgbtq-tour

Philly Touch Tours

phillytouchtours.com

StrEats of Philly Food Tour

streetsofphillyfoodtours.com

William Way Gayborhood Tour

waygay.org



BUSINESS DIRECTORIES

LGBTQ+ OWNED

RESTAURANTS	WEBSITE	ADDRESS & PHONE
BARBUZZO	barbuzzo.com	110 S. 13th St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-546-9300
BUD & MARILYN'S	budandmarilyns.com	1234 Locust St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-546-2220
HARDENA	hardenaphilly.com	1754 S. Hicks St, Philadelphia, PA 19145, 215-271-9442
LITTLE NONNA'S	littlenonnas.com	234 Locust St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-546-2100
MISSION TAQUERIA	missiontaqueria.com	1516 Sansom St, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102, 215-606-1883
OYSTER HOUSE	oysterhousephilly.com	1516 Sansom St, Philadelphia, PA 19102, 215-567-7683
WINKEL	winkelphilly.com	1119 Locust St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 267-639-3453

DIVERSE OWNED

RESTAURANTS	WEBSITE	ADDRESS & PHONE
BAR-LY CHINATOWN PHILLY	bar-ly.com	101 N. 11th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-922-2688
BOOKER'S RESTAURANT & BAR	bookersrestaurantandbar.com	5021 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143, 215-883-0960
BUENA ONDA TACOS	buenaondatacos.com	1901 Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130, 215-922-2688
CESCAPHE	cescaphe.com	1412 Mt. Vernon Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130, 215-238-5750 600 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia PA 19106, 215-238-5750 969 N. 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123, 215-238-5750
CESCAPHE BLACK	black.cescaphe.com/venues/vie/	600 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130, 215-238-5750
CHIMA STEAKHOUSE	himasteakhouse.com/locations-phi/	1901 John F Kennedy Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-525-3233
DAHLAK PARADISE	dahlakrestaurant.com	4708 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143, 215-726-6464
FORK RESTAURANT	forkrestaurant.com	306 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-625-9425
FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY	fridaysaturdaysunday.com	261 S. 21st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-546-4232
HARD ROCK CAFE	hardrock.com	1113-31 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-238-1000
HIGHSTREET ON MARKET	highstreetonmarket.com	308 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-625-0988
IMUNCH CAFÉ	imunchcafe.com	1233 N. 31st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121, 215-236-8624
POSITANO COAST	positanocoast.net	212 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-238-0499
REEF RESTAURANT & LOUNGE	phillyreef.com	605 S. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147, 215-629- 0102
SOUTH RESTAURANT & JAZZ CLUB	southjazzkitchen.com	600 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130, 215-600 - 2049
VINTAGE WINE BAR & BISTRO	intage-philadelphia.com	129 S. 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-922-3095

WOMAN OWNED

RESTAURANTS	WEBSITE	ADDRESS & PHONE
A.KITCHEN+BAR	akitchenandbar.com	135 S. 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-825-7030
ATTICO ROOFTOP	atticorooftop.com	219 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 267-536-5725
BRAUHAUS SCHMITZ	brauhausschmitz.com	718 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147, 267-909-8814
CICALA AT THE DIVINE LORRAINE	cicalarestaurant.com	699 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123, 267-886-9334
FORK RESTAURANT	forkrestaurant.com	306 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-625-9425
FRONT STREET CAFE	frontstreetcafe.net	1253 N. Front Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122, 215-515-3073
HARD ROCK CAFE	hardrock.com	1113-31 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-238-1000
HIGH STREET ON MARKET	highstreetonmarket.com	308 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-625-0988
JET WINE BAR	jetwinebar.com	1525 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146, 215-735-1116
LOVE CITY BREWING COMPANY	lovecitybrewing.com	1023 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123, 215-398-1900
OLD CITY COFFEE INC.	oldcitycoffee.com	221 Church Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-629-9292
REX AT THE ROYAL	rexphl.com	1525 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146, 267-319-1366
RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE	ruthschris.com/restaurant-locations/philadelphia/	1800 Market Street (Lobby Level, Sonesta Hotel), Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-790-1515
SPICE FINCH	spicefinchphilly.com	220 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
TALULA'S DAILY	talulasdaily.com	208 W. Washington Square, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-592-6555
TALULA'S GARDEN	talulasgarden.com	210 W. Washington Square, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-592-7787
THE DINNER DETECTIVE MURDER MYSTERY DINNER SHOW	thedinnerdetective.com/philadelphia/murder-mystery-tickets-showtimes/	237 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 866-496-0535
THE LOVE	theloverestaurant.com	130 S. 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-433-1555

MEETING & SPECIAL EVENT VENUES	WEBSITE	ADDRESS & PHONE
KICK AXE THROWING PHILADELPHIA	kickaxe.com/philly	232 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA , 19106, 800-850-6756
VUE ON 50	vueon50.com	1717 Arch Street Suite 5000, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-478-8048

GIFTS/SPECIALTY SHOPS	WEBSITE	ADDRESS & PHONE
AR WORKSHOP CHESTNUT HILL	arworkshop.com/chestnuthill	8607 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19118, 215-544-1116
LORE’S CHOCOLATES	loreschocolates.com	34 S. 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA , 19106, 215-627-3233
PHILADELPHIA INDEPENDENTS	philadelphiaindependents.com	35 N. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 267-773-7316
XENOS CANDY & GIFTS	xenosgifts.com	231 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-922-1445

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INCLUSION IS AN ACTION.
EQUITY IS A PRACTICE.**

BELONGING IS A FEELING.



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