GREETINGS FROM PHL
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 big. We welcome 30 million passengers a year via 130+ non-stop destinations worldwide.

We’re fun. Travel is exciting. So is traveling when you can enjoy 180 local and national retail shops, restaurants and eateries. All surrounded by a collection of Philadelphia’s best art exhibits and entertainers.

We’re now. Two-thousand power outlets and USB ports mean more movie watching. Plus, free WiFi keeps you connected at 1,000+ iPad stations, even at your gate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT PHL.ORG

Philadelphia isn’t New York (more manageable, less sticker shock) or Washington, DC (more fun, less politics). We are what we are. And what we are is an American city that’s unapologetically candid about everything from street art and historical artifacts to the best way to navigate the city (it’s called shoe leather). Where art is everywhere you look—and everywhere else, too. Tons of culture. Salt-of-the-earth people. Food like you read about. And tax-free shopping on all shoes and clothing.

So come for a walkable, rideable, even carriage-able trip to our nation’s birthplace right alongside a cityful of outspoken locals. It’s a trip you’ll never forget.

You in?
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 $5 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 philly.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.

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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. phillyvisitorcenter.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
  - 11th 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.
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P H I L A D E L P H I A T R I P

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. philvisitorcenter.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

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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.) italiamarketphilly.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. patskingsofsteaks.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

READER’S DIGEST
Nope, you didn’t miss the one from Reader’s Digest. It just means you’re about to get a soapbox lecture about the Founding Fathers. nps.gov/inde

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.

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. philmuseum.org

BOATHOUSE ROW
By day or night, Boathouse Row is one of Philadelphia’s most iconic views. Strike a pose. And another, and another.

DINNER OUT
Hop a cab to Chinatown. It’s six city blocks of authentic deliciousness, end to end.

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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.

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.

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. Sneak 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**

Day 03

**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

**Washington 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.

**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

**African American Museum**
Study the exhibits of our nation’s first institution dedicated to the life and works of African Americans. aampmuseum.org

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

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**THE UNEXPECTED PHILADELPHIA TRIP**

Breakfast: Start with an authentic South Philadelphia wake-up. Cafés, 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 retro-spective of our New Year’s Day tradition. mummersmuseum.com

Penn Museum: Indiana Jones-ing for a good day? Start by unearthing an amazing collection of archaeology’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 Mütter 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

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

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.

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

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

**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. brandywinvalley.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. brandywinvalley.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. (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 sides 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? iflyworld.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

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