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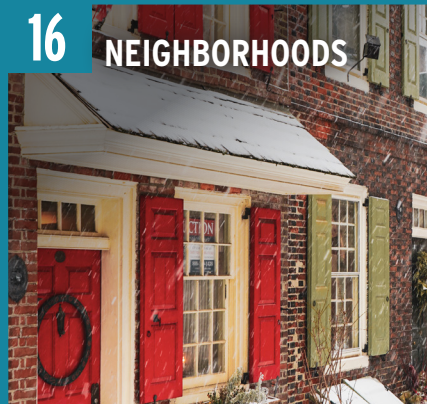
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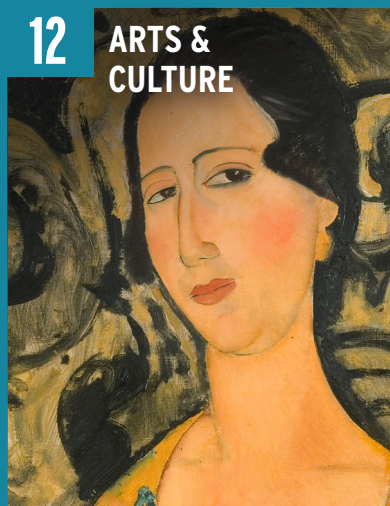
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2022

Halloween Nights at Eastern State Penitentiary

SEPTEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 12

easternstate.org/halloween

America's most historic prison rumored to be haunted? Sounds like the perfect Halloween spot.

Philadelphia Street Food Festival

OCTOBER 15

xfinitylive.com/events/street-food-fest

Philadelphia celebrates our food truck scene at this inaugural event. All food items are \$5 or less.

Philadelphia Film Festival

OCTOBER 19-30

filmadelphia.org/festival

An 11-day celebration of cinema perfect for the movie lover.

NOVEMBER 2022

Philadelphia Museum of Art Contemporary Craft Show

NOVEMBER 11-13, 2022

pmacraftshow.org

The 46th Annual show will feature 195 talented artists.



Philadelphia Marathon Race Weekend

NOVEMBER 19-20, 2022

philadelphiamarathon.com

One of the fastest courses in the country and a great way to see America's Historic Square Mile while making some history of your own.

Made in Philadelphia Holiday Market

NOVEMBER 19, 2022 - JANUARY 1, 2023

madeinphila.com

Shop for holiday gifts from a collection of over 40 local artisans and small businesses at this pop-up market in Dilworth Park.

Christmas Village

NOVEMBER 19 - DECEMBER 24, 2022

philachristmas.com

Visit Christmas Village in LOVE Park to enjoy traditional European food as you shop for gifts and crafts perfect for the holiday season. Don't miss additional vendors and amusements at City Hall's Courtyard and North Apron.

Philadelphia 6ABC Dunkin' Thanksgiving Day Parade

NOVEMBER 24, 2022

(THANKSGIVING DAY)

The nation's oldest Thanksgiving Day parade kicks off the holiday season along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway with a family-friendly parade.



JANUARY- FEBRUARY 2023

Mummers Parade

JANUARY 1, 2023
phillymummers.com

An annual Philadelphia tradition – and the oldest continuous folk parade in the U.S. – charismatic Mummers strut along Broad Street, celebrating the New Year.

Chinese New Year

JANUARY 22, 2023
chinatown-pcdc.org

Welcome the Year of the Rabbit with an authentic dragon parade and enjoy traditional food and festivities in Philadelphia's Chinatown.

Philadelphia Auto Show

JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 5, 2023
phillyautoshow.com

Hundreds of vehicles, showcasing the latest models and trends, will be on display at the PA Convention Center.

MARCH 2023

Philadelphia Flower Show

MARCH 4-12, 2023
phsonline.org/the-flower-show

The largest and longest running flower show in the nation returns to the PA Convention Center and features acres of dazzling floral displays and gardens.

Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade

philadelphiastpatsparade.com

A Philadelphia tradition since 1771, Philadelphia's St. Patrick's Day Parade, noted as one of the best parades of its kind in the U.S. by Thrillist, honors the patron saint of Ireland celebrates Irish heritage and culture.

DECEMBER 2022

Macy's Holiday Light Show

DECEMBER 1-31, 2022
macys.com/social/santa-land

This holiday tradition features Christmas favorites like Frosty, Rudolph, and The Nutcracker in more than 100,000 dancing LED lights.

Visit Philadelphia Holiday Parade

DECEMBER 3, 2022
phillyholidayexperience.com

This holiday parade will feature local marching bands, cold air balloons, and floats representing Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year and Christmas.

A Philly POPS Christmas:
Spectacular Sounds of the Season

DECEMBER 3-17, 2022
phillypops.org

The largest standalone pops orchestra in the nation presents their annual holiday showcase, featuring cheerful renditions of holiday classics alongside Broadway stars, a guest pianist, local choirs, and a singing Santa Claus.

Army-Navy Game

DECEMBER 10, 2022
phillylovesarmynavy.com

Army and Navy football teams square off in "America's Game" – the ultimate college rivalry.

George Balanchine's The Nutcracker

DECEMBER 9-28, 2022
philadelphiaballet.org

The Philadelphia Ballet performs the classic holiday story of George Balanchine's The Nutcracker.

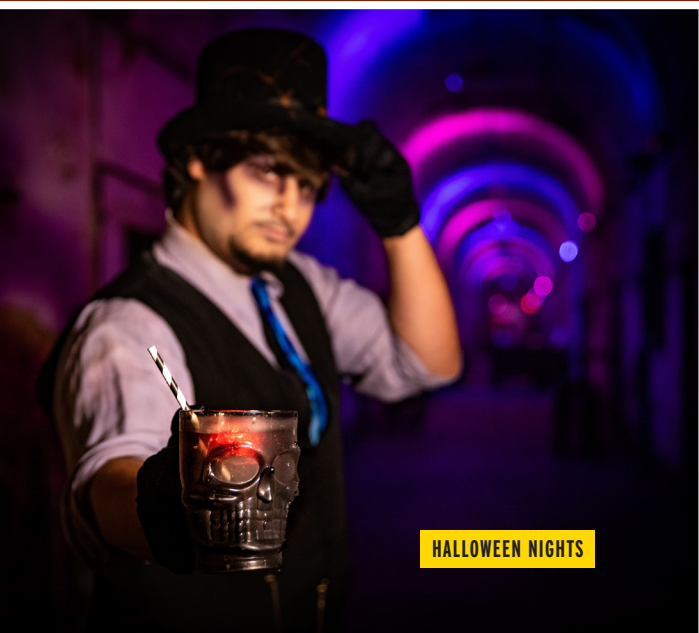
New Year's Eve Fireworks on the Waterfront

DECEMBER 31, 2022
delawareriverwaterfront.com

Philadelphia continues the tradition of fireworks on New Year's Eve over the Delaware River.



Fall Fun



HALLOWEEN NIGHTS

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September 23 - November 12

Eastern State Penitentiary – America's most historic prison and the **world's first true penitentiary** – is bringing back its *Halloween Nights* experience. The festival-style event features different attractions spread throughout the historic cellblocks, including haunted houses, themed bars and lounges, immersive walk-through environments, and live performances. Five haunted houses, including two new ones: *Big Top Terror* and *Nightmares* are beckoning guests to stop by for a visit. Each haunted house has its own spine-chilling theme, so enter if you dare.



LONGWOOD GARDENS

GHOST TOURS OF PHILADELPHIA

Spend the cool autumn evenings learning more about Philadelphia's haunted history on one of **Ghost Tour of Philadelphia's** candlelit walking tours. A costumed guide will lead you through historic streets at night as they chronicle true ghost stories, real haunted houses, and other macabre tales from Philadelphia's past. Stops along the tour include Independence Hall and Washington Square, among others.



NIGHTMARE BEFORE TINSEL



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Through October 31

Each fall, a 100+ year old former jewelry shop along 12th Street in Midtown Village is transformed into a creepy pop-up bar decorated wall to wall, floor to ceiling with gory, scary, and sometimes funny decorations for the Halloween season. **Nightmare Before Tinsel** invites imbibers to enjoy the bar's spooktacular collection of creative cocktails and seasonal fall beers while facing their fears as they explore the bar's devilish décor.

BOO AT THE ZOO

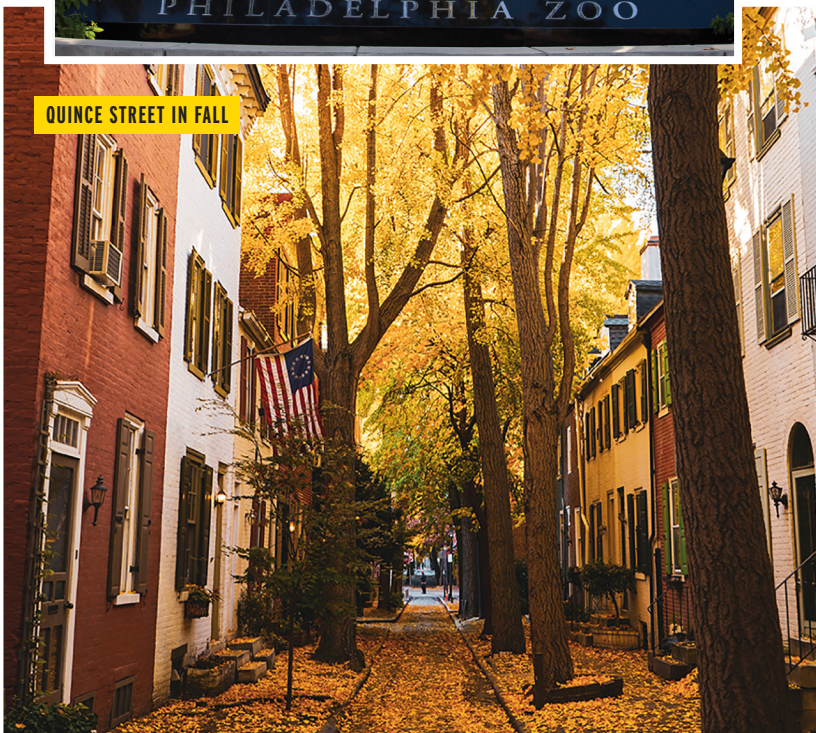
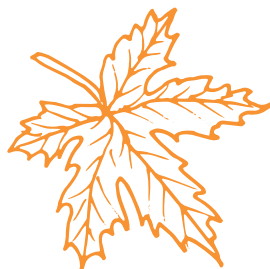
October 15-16, October 22-23, and October 29-30

The **Philadelphia Zoo's** annual **Boo at the Zoo** event returns for three weekends of slightly spooky fun. The family-friendly event allows costumed visitors of all ages to explore the zoo's grounds to enjoy special treats, photo opportunities, a not-so-scary extinction graveyard and more, all while learning about the zoo's animal inhabitants and admiring the seasonal décor and colorful fall foliage.

TAKE A PICTURESQUE STROLL

Philadelphia is consistently heralded as one of the nation's most walkable cities and the fall season offers even more reasons to explore the city by foot. Embrace the cooler temperatures and walk through the city's tree-filled neighborhoods, such as **Rittenhouse Square**, **Washington Square West**, and **Old City**, shopping from local boutiques or **farmers markets** and snapping plenty of fall photos along your journey.

For more fall activities, visit discoverPHL.com



Photos: Eastern State Penitentiary, Visit Philadelphia, J. Hare for Longwood Gardens, Nightmare Before Tinsel, Philadelphia Zoo, Kyle Huff for PHLCVB

Holiday Guide

Seasonal skating, pop-up markets, festive light shows, and beloved holiday performances — there is something special about Philadelphia during the holidays. Here are a few must-see experiences available in November and through December.



CHRISTMAS VILLAGE IN PHILADELPHIA

November 19 - December 24 | philachristmas.com

The Christmas Village in Philadelphia fills **LOVE Park** with over 100 artisan vendors selling gifts and other handcrafted holiday goods. As you stroll the grounds, you can enjoy daily live performances and themed weekend activities, feast on an array of European-themed menu items and visit the beer garden to sip mulled wine or seasonal craft beer from area breweries. The festive fun spills over onto City Hall's North Apron and Courtyard, with additional vendors, a Ferris Wheel, Kids Train, and more.

WINTER AT DILWORTH PARK

A top attraction for family-friendly fun year-round, **Dilworth Park** in Center City is home to several top winter experiences, including a whimsical Wintergarden filled with festive topiaries and holiday lights.

The Rothman Orthopaedics Ice Rink allows visitors to ice skate in the shadow of City Hall or beneath a canopy of lights. With décor that evokes cozy ski chalet vibes, the Cabin invites visitors inside to relax, refuel, and recharge with a menu of seasonal food and drink items. Over 40 local businesses, artists, and other vendors sell their goods and gifts at the **Made in Philadelphia Holiday Market**. Don't miss the mesmerizing **Deck the Hall Light Show**, bringing the western façade of City Hall to life with festive projections daily.

MIRACLE ON SOUTH 13TH STREET

Each year, residents along the 1600 block of **South 13th Street** in Philadelphia's East Passyunk neighborhood team up to create a truly stunning holiday display for visitors of all ages to enjoy. Over 300,000 lights are strung along the street, crossing from house to house overhead while each building features their own unique holiday theme, such as The Grinch, A Christmas Story, and even Star Wars.

MACY'S CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW & DICKENS VILLAGE

A Philadelphia tradition since 1956, this beloved light show in the historic **Wanamaker Building** features whimsical holiday scenes made of over 100,000 LED lights that dance along to classic tunes from the **Wanamaker Organ** (the largest playable instrument in the world). The light show is joined by **Macy's Dickens Village** — a 6,000-square-foot walk-through experience featuring 26 scenes from Charles Dickens' holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*.

WINTER AT DILWORTH PARK



PHILADELPHIA BALLET, THE NUTCRACKER

LUMINATURE AT PHILADELPHIA ZOO

LumiNature returns to **Philadelphia Zoo** featuring dozens of illuminating, animal-themed displays spread throughout the grounds of the nation's first zoo. The all-ages experience includes 14 different themed experience zones for guests to explore, each filled with whimsical and wondrous holiday light fixtures, such as a 100-foot-long aquarium tunnel, hundreds of glowing penguins, a 25-foot tree made entirely of flamingo lawn ornaments, and other creative displays, light shows, and holiday activities.



A LONGWOOD CHRISTMAS

November 18, 2022 - January 8, 2023 | longwoodgardens.org

Experience the spectacular seasonal wonderland that is **Longwood Gardens** during **A Longwood Christmas**. Stroll the 1,000+ acre property in nearby **Kennett Square** to admire beautifully decorated trees and other holiday light displays outdoors or relax and warm up beside one of several fire pits. Enter the Conservatory to admire a "frozen" succulent fountain and other displays that evoke an icy winter landscape and contrast beautifully with tall trees decorated in fiery colors. Visit in the evening to see the entire property glow with half-a-million carefully strung holiday lights.

BLUE CROSS RIVERRINK WINTERFEST

Celebrate the holidays at a waterfront winter wonderland, complete with boardwalk games, all ages activities and a riverside ice rink. After your skating session ends, relax beside a fire pit, inside a festive cabin, or at the Lodge, where you can enjoy seasonal food and drink specials (including warm, boozy winter beverages for adults). Don't miss special events throughout the season, such as the holiday tree lighting and two spectacular **New Year's Eve fireworks** displays on December 31 – one at 6 p.m. and another at midnight.

WINTER IN FRANKLIN SQUARE

Historic **Franklin Square** is transformed into a whimsical winter destination, complete with a festive mini golf course, charming carousel, and the popular **Electrical Spectacle Holiday Light Show**, featuring over 100,000 lights throughout the park that glow, twinkle, and dance along to a playlist of holiday favorites each evening (shows are every 30 minutes from 5-9 p.m. daily, weather permitting through December 31). Guests can rest and warm up beside fire pits or inside a heated tent at Franklin's Winter View and enjoy seasonal comfort food, local craft beer, and warm beverages.

For more holiday activities, visit:
discoverPHL.com/holidays

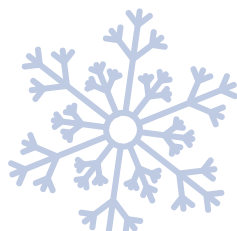
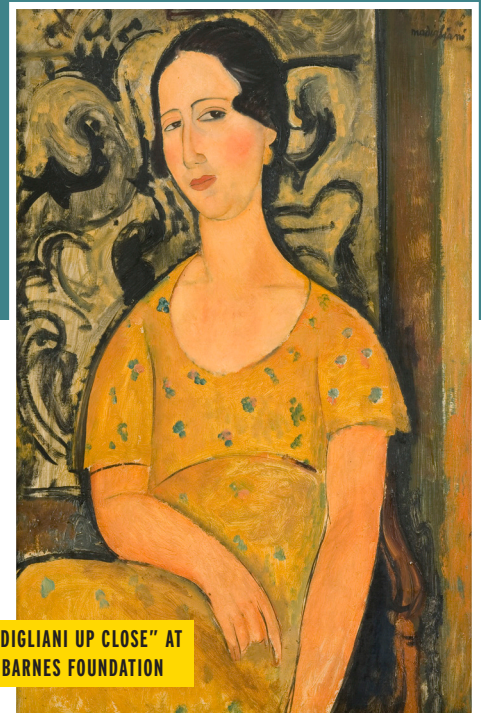


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CAN'T MISS EXPERIENCES

MODIGLIANI UP CLOSE AT THE BARNES FOUNDATION

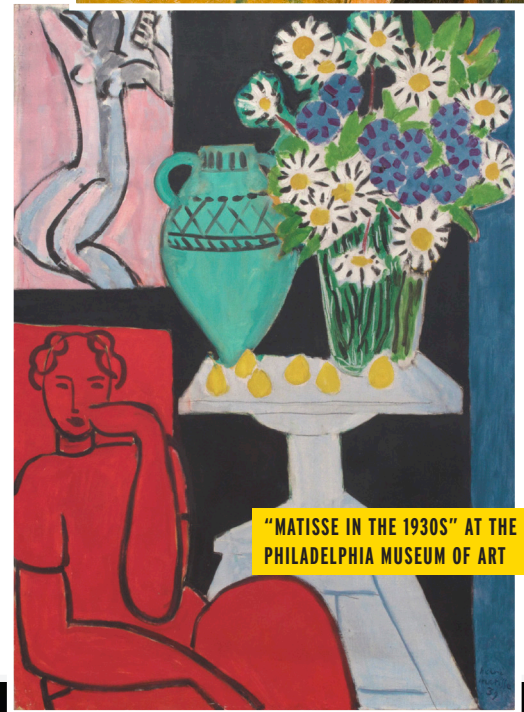
Modigliani Up Close will give visitors a closer look at how Amedeo Modigliani created his paintings and sculptures. The groundbreaking exhibit will explore the iconic artist's working methods and materials, which contributed to his unique style. The Barnes Foundation and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. are each home to 12 paintings by Modigliani – the largest collections of Modigliani paintings in the world. These and multiple other pieces from various museum collections will be on display. **Modigliani Up Close** is on view **OCTOBER 16 THROUGH JANUARY 29, 2023**.



"MODIGLIANI UP CLOSE" AT THE BARNES FOUNDATION

MATISSE IN THE 1930S AT PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

A visit to Philadelphia in 1930 inspired Henri Matisse to develop a new creative approach and outlook that he would showcase in his work in the later part of his career. The Philadelphia Museum of Art, Musée de l'Orangerie in Paris and Musée Matisse Nice have assembled the first exhibit ever to be dedicated to that pivotal decade in the artist's career. Philadelphia will be the only U.S. city to host this exhibit, featuring more than 100 pieces, including renowned and rarely seen paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, and illustrated books, on view at the Philadelphia Museum of Art from **OCTOBER 19 THROUGH JANUARY 29, 2023**.



"MATISSE IN THE 1930S" AT THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

OTHERWORLD PHILADELPHIA

Otherworld Philadelphia welcomes guests into a mixed reality playground packed with large-scale immersive art. Following the success at its original location in Columbus, Ohio, Otherworld's new location in Philadelphia will feature 55 unique installations with enhanced production and interactivity spread throughout a 40,000 square foot space. **Otherworld Philadelphia** is expected to **OPEN THIS WINTER**.

WALT DISNEY COMPANY EXHIBIT AT THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

A world premiere exhibition celebrating 100 Years of the Walt Disney Company is set to open at The Franklin Institute is set to open at The Franklin Institute on February 18, 2023. The anniversary exhibit will celebrate a century of innovation and imagination from the creative empire, while also honoring its founder Walt Disney's legacy. Galleries and hundreds of Disney artifacts – some never seen outside of the company's vaults – will be on display. The characters and stories that the Walt Disney Company has brought to life from 1923 to 2023 will also be incorporated into the exhibit.

OPENING FEBRUARY 18, 2023.

DISNEY AT THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE



Photos: Young Woman in a Yellow Dress (Renée Modot), Modigliani. Photo courtesy of The Barnes Foundation. Daisies, Henri Matisse. Photo courtesy of The Philadelphia Museum of Art. Disney 100 The Exhibition courtesy of The Franklin Institute

SHOP LIKE A LOCAL

Whether you're holiday shopping or just looking to fill that extra room in your suitcase, you'll want to take advantage of Philadelphia's abundance of independent boutiques, marquee shopping centers, and tax-free clothes and shoes.

STOCK UP ON THE LATEST IN FASHION

along **Rittenhouse Row** and the storefronts that line the streets surrounding picturesque Rittenhouse Square. Find fashion-forward women's styles at **Joan Shepp** or browse the latest trends at the landmark department store **Boyd's Philadelphia**. Personal shoppers are at the ready at either location to help you avoid any fashion faux pas.

FOR A ONE-STOP SHOPPING EXPERIENCE,

visit **Macy's** inside of the historic Wanamaker Building, where you'll find name brands spread throughout three floors. Take a short walk east along Market Street to explore the nearly one million square feet of shopping, dining and entertainment space at **Fashion District Philadelphia**, home to flagship, full-price, off-price, and branded outlet retail.

CENTER CITY DISTRICT

No matter what it is you're looking for, Philadelphia's Center City District is bound to have just the shop for you. With new storefronts now open or opening soon, the list of growing options is endless.

Find sweet and soft clothes and toys for the little ones at **The Children's Boutique** or everyday fashion staples for the whole family at **J. Crew**. Boutique **REBEL** (inside of Fitler Club) offers a collection of comfortable, fashion-forward, and affordable activewear or athleisure attire for men and women. Shop for selfcare items at **Dope Botanicals**, a modern so-called a'plant'ecary™ specializing in plant-based wellness, named Best Herbal Apothecary by Philadelphia Magazine for their Best of Philly 2022 Awards.

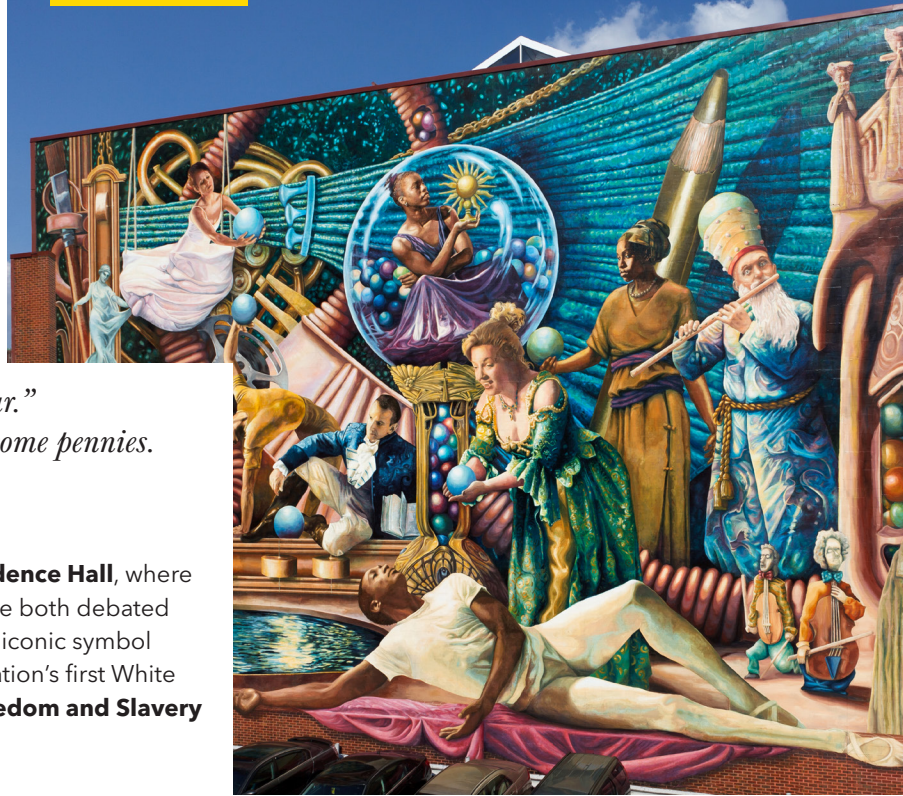


SURVEY THE BOUTIQUES that line the streets of Philadelphia's distinct, walkable neighborhoods. In **Old City**, find quirky, Philadelphia-themed gifts at **Philadelphia Independents** or stock up on bar supply essentials – and sample craft cocktails – at **Art in the Age**. A diverse mix of independent storefronts can be found along Baltimore Avenue in **University City** and **West Philadelphia**, such as **VIX Emporium** – featuring gifts, clothing, accessories, artwork, and other items made by Philadelphia-area artisans. Make your way to **Manayunk** to discover a bustling Main Street with more than 60 retail stores, including Philadelphia fashion landmark, **Nicole Miller**.



FREE & BUDGET FRIENDLY

MURAL ARTS PROGRAM



*Ben Franklin said, “A penny saved is two pence clear.”
Take a look at these options that can help you save some pennies.*

TOUR AMERICA'S MOST HISTORIC SQUARE MILE

Independence National Historical Park houses **Independence Hall**, where the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution were both debated and signed. Across the street, the **Liberty Bell** stands as an iconic symbol of freedom, and **The President's House**, footprint of the nation's first White House from 1790 to 1800, features the outdoor exhibit **Freedom and Slavery in the Making of a New Nation**.

LEARN ABOUT THE CITY THROUGH PUBLIC ART with a self-guided tour of Philadelphia's abundant works of public art, from the colorful murals throughout the city that are part of the groundbreaking **Mural Arts Program** to the countless works commissioned and preserved by the **Association for Public Art**.

THE SCIENCE HISTORY INSTITUTE holds an outstanding collection of chemistry-related objects, artwork, photographs, and books, illustrating the impact chemistry and chemical engineering have had on the modern world.

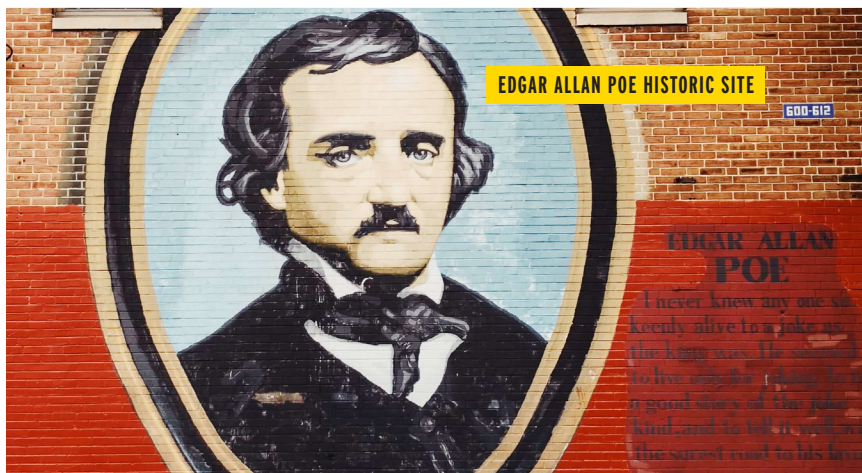
SURVEY THE CITY'S RICH ARCHITECTURE through a downloadable, self-guided tour from the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia. Discover the famous architects and building styles that have helped define the city over centuries.

THE EDGAR ALLAN POE HISTORIC SITE is the only remaining Philadelphia home of the famed author, whose basement is like the one described in Poe's "The Black Cat." Don't miss a mural of Poe just across the street from the house.

For more free activities,
visit discoverPHL.com/free



LIBERTY BELL



EDGAR ALLAN POE HISTORIC SITE

Photos: Kyle Huff for PHLCVB, Philadelphia Muses, photo by Steve Weinik. Creative Repute for PHLCVB, Courtesy of Edgar Allan Poe Historic Site

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Traveling with kids can be challenging, but Philadelphia makes it easy, offering family-friendly activities, fantastic food and opportunities to learn, grow, and make lasting memories together.

Keep the kids engaged (and feel like a kid again yourself) at the **Please Touch Museum**, where interacting and learning from whimsical exhibits is the name of the game.

The **Philadelphia Zoo** – the nation's oldest and one of the world's best – features the innovative Zoo360 experience that allows tigers, gorillas and other animals to climb overhead as you move between exhibits.

The Franklin Institute is known for its all-ages, hands-on exploration of key science concepts, including a giant walk-through heart, planetarium, immersive brain exhibits and more.

Explore life-size dioramas, fossils, and other exhibits that examine biodiversity and environmental science at the **Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University** – the first natural sciences museum in the Americas.

Learn about America's maritime history at the **Independence Seaport Museum** along the Delaware River waterfront. Interact with hands-on exhibits inside the museum and explore one of the two historic ships docked nearby.

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.



PHILADELPHIA ZOO

Photo: Kyle Huff for PHLCVB



Make Historic Philadelphia Your Destination All Season Long



**MEET THE FIRST LADY
OF THE STARS & STRIPES!**



Electrical Spectacle Light Show
presented by PECO: Nov. 16 – Feb. 26!

Plan your visit and purchase tickets at **HistoricPhiladelphia.org**

ARTS & CULTURE

With more public art than any other American city – including over 4,000 murals and sculptures – you'll find art around every corner.



PHILADELPHIA'S MAGIC GARDENS



EAT LIKE A LOCAL

Philadelphia may be a renowned culinary destination, but it's also home to some bucket-list-worthy comfort-food classics.

CHEESESTEAKS

Like Rocky and the Liberty Bell, the cheesesteak is integral to Philadelphia's identity. Pat Olivieri, a hot dog vendor from South Philadelphia, is credited with its invention in the 1930s, when his brother requested grilled beef on an Italian roll. Soon after, a city-wide obsession was born. For a truly local experience, head to East Passyunk in South Philadelphia where you'll find **Pat's King of Steaks** and its catty-corner rival, **Geno's Steaks**. No matter where you order, a classic cheesesteak is made with thinly sliced, sauteed ribeye beef and melted cheese on a long roll. TIP: To order like a local, ask for "whiz wit" for Cheese Whiz and onions.



CAMPO'S CHEESESTEAK

Photos: Kyle Huff for PHLCVB

HOAGIES

No matter its origins—some say it was named after the World War I workers on Hog Island, others the Irish immigrant shipbuilder Hogan—this submarine-style sandwich is a Philadelphia classic. A good hoagie consists of Italian cold cuts, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and onions piled into an Italian long roll, topped with vinegar and oil, and served cold. The lunchtime favorite became the official sandwich of Philadelphia in 1992. Visit popular spots like **Campo's** to sample this homegrown specialty.

SOFT PRETZELS

Soft pretzels came to the United States in the 1800s from the Pennsylvania Dutch, who settled in Lancaster County. Popularized in Philadelphia at area farmers markets, soft pretzels were soon being produced at factories across the city. The distinct figure-eight shape of local pretzels evolved to better fit conveyer-belt production. Local chains abound selling fresh-from-the-oven pretzels, or for an Amish-style alternative, look for **Miller's Twist** in the **Reading Terminal Market**.



MILLER'S TWIST PRETZELS

Photo: Courtesy of Miller's Twist

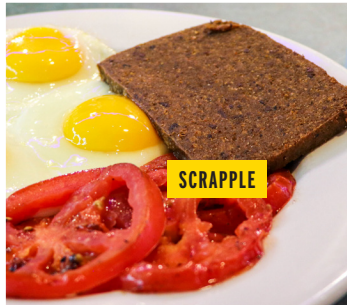
SOUTH 9TH STREET ITALIAN MARKET Head to South Philadelphia to find the Italian Market – America's largest and oldest continuously operating open-air marketplace – along S. 9th Street, from Wharton to Fitzwater streets. Here, you'll find cheese shops (including the quintessential DiBruno Bros.), fish and meat merchants, and dozens of outdoor stalls bursting with colorful, fresh produce. Today, you will also find vendors selling Asian and Latin American specialties alongside the market's original Italian occupants.



Photo: Anthony Sinagoga

SCRAPPLE

Scrapple derives from panhaas, a German meat pudding that utilizes scraps of meat. The Germans brought the concept with them when they immigrated to the United States. In 1863, Habbersett Pork Products, one of the most popular scrapple producers, opened in Media, just outside Center City. Today, scrapple is sliced, fried and served as a side with breakfast. Enjoy some scrapple at breakfast joints like the **Down Home Diner** or **Dutch Eating Place** in **Reading Terminal Market**.



ROAST PORK SANDWICH

Arguably the cheesesteak's more refined cousin, the roast pork sandwich may not be as recognized nationally, but it has an equally fervent local fanbase. (The roast pork sandwich at **DiNic's Roast Pork** in the **Reading Terminal Market** earned the award "Best Sandwich in America" from the Travel Channel.) The sandwich's origins are unclear but rooted in Italian American cooking. At traditional eateries, it is made with thin-sliced roast pork and served on a sesame seed long roll with sharp provolone and lightly salted broccoli rabe.

WATER ICE

Smoother than Italian ice, this local treat can be traced back to Italian immigrants who started selling it from stands in the late 19th century. Carrying on the tradition of Filippo "Pop" Italiano, who started scooping out water ice from his pushcart in 1932, **Pop's Homemade Water Ice** is a walk-up storefront on Oregon Avenue with various flavors of water ice.

READING TERMINAL MARKET Dating back to 1893 and housed in a National Historic Landmark building in the heart of Center City, Reading Terminal Market is one of the largest and oldest public markets in the U.S. and was voted the best public market in the nation in 2022 by USA Today 10Best. With more than 80 merchants, including 26 restaurants under one roof, the market is a must-see for foodies and history buffs looking to sample a taste of Philadelphia.



Photos Courtesy of: Down Home Diner, Dutch Eating Place

CONVENTION CENTER DISTRICT/CHINATOWN

Anchored by the Pennsylvania Convention Center, this bustling district also offers great shopping, dining and cultural institutions.

DO: Tour the **Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts**, the oldest art museum and art school in the nation, showcasing a vast collection of 19th- and 20th-century American paintings and sculptures. Take a tour of **City Hall**, home to over 250 sculptures by Alexander Milne Calder, including the largest statue atop any building in the world. Snap a selfie in front of Robert Indiana's iconic **LOVE sculpture** in Love Park. Visit the **Fabric Workshop and Museum**, a modern art exhibition space, whose unique artist-in-residence program has resulted in an archive of one-of-a-kind collaborations with internationally renowned artists. Schedule a tour of the majestic **Masonic Temple of Philadelphia**, a National Historic Landmark and architectural wonder, and headquarters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons. Walk under the **Friendship Gate**, a gift from Philadelphia's sister city of Tianjin, which welcomes visitors to **Chinatown**. For shopping, **The Fashion District Philadelphia** offers shopping, a dine-in movie theater, rotating art exhibits and an entertainment zone.

DINE: Savor some of the best duck in Philadelphia at local favorite **Sang Kee Peking Duck House**. Satisfy just about any craving you could have at the historic **Reading Terminal Market**, home to over 80 independent vendors under one roof. On tiny Drury Street, you'll find **McGillin's Olde Ale House** – the city's oldest continuously operating tavern – which has been pouring drinks and serving classic pub fare since 1860.



Chef Joseph Poon's Chinatown Tour

Known as the "Mayor of Chinatown," Chef Joseph Poon shares his picks for authentic, quick, best bets in Chinatown. Check out his tour at DiscoverPHL.com/food-drink.

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OLD CITY/SOCIETY HILL/WATERFRONT

Discover America's spirit in the city where it all began at Independence National Historical Park, home to iconic sites like the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. Stroll along quaint cobblestone streets and explore trendy boutiques and art galleries.

DO: Many impactful museums neighbor Independence Mall, including the **National Constitution Center**, which brings the U.S. Constitution to life through multimedia exhibits, engaging performances and historic artifacts. The **Faith and Liberty Discovery Center** examines how faith helped foster some of the nation's core values. Across the street, the **Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History** showcases the 360-year history of Jewish people in the U.S. Visit the **African American Museum in Philadelphia** for groundbreaking exhibits exploring, interpreting and preserving the heritage of African Americans. Delve into themes of diversity, equity, inclusion, civic engagement, and leadership at the **National Liberty Museum**. At the **Museum of the American Revolution**, discover the history of the American Revolution with interactive, all-ages exhibits and a theater show featuring George Washington's actual war tent. The new, mind-bending **Museum of Illusions** engages with more than 60 exhibits featuring holograms, optical illusions, and immersive rooms. Take in a show at **Arden Theatre Company**, producing plays in the heart of the neighborhood since 1988. Discover the secrets and mysteries that haunt the city on a candlelit **Ghost Tour** through the historic district. On the **First Friday** of every month, Old City comes alive in celebration as the galleries and businesses stay open late with special programs.

DINE: Stroll 2nd Street in Old City for a wide array of international flavors, including Cuban fare served in an open-air Havana street-scape at **Cuba Libre**, or traditional Irish pub favorites at **The Plough & The Stars**. Elevated new American cuisine awaits at **Fork**, which has been a staple on Market Street for over two decades. Family-owned **Las Bugambilias** is a popular spot serving authentic Mexican food. Known for Italian crudo and airy Mediterranean vibe, **Positano Coast** also offers an extensive wine list and seasonal Italian dishes. Stephen Starr's **Buddakan** serves Asian fusion dishes and cocktails in a hip dining room, complete with a giant golden Buddha. Jose Garces' **Amada** specializes in Spanish tapas, while **Han Dynasty** features a menu of spicy Sichuan dishes. At **Zahav**, enjoy an Israeli menu of small plates, grilled vegetables and meat, freshly whipped hummus served with warm, house made pitas. For dessert, order scoops of ice cream made onsite from a turn-of-the-century parlor setting at **Franklin Fountain**.



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PARKWAY MUSEUMS DISTRICT/FAIRMOUNT

Centered around the magnificent Museum Mile on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway – modeled after the Champs-Élysées in Paris – this district offers outstanding museums and plenty of Insta-worthy sights – including the *Rocky Steps* and *Rocky Statue* just outside the majestic *Philadelphia Museum of Art*.

DO: The **Rodin Museum** boasts one of the largest collections of famed sculptor Auguste Rodin's work outside of Paris. *The Thinker* greets you outside the entrance. Next door, the **Barnes Foundation** houses the world's largest collection of Renoir pieces and is renowned for its impressive exhibits of Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, and early Modern Art. Visit **Eastern State Penitentiary**, the historic prison kept in "preserved ruin," and stroll through its crumbling halls to learn about former inhabitants, including Al Capone, with an audio tour voiced by actor Steve Buscemi.

DINE: On a chilly day, cozy up in front of the fire at **Tir na nÓg**, a classic wood-accented Irish pub serving Emerald Isle standards and known as a top spot to watch early morning Premier League matches. The Parkway Museums District also boasts a family-friendly lineup of reservation-free pubs, taquerias, pizza parlors, and steakhouses, including **Pizzeria Vetri** and Iron Chef Jose Garces' **Buena Onda Tacos**.

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE

Located in the heart of Center City, Rittenhouse Square is known for its green spaces, upscale shopping, arts and culture, and alfresco dining.

DO: Indulge in retail therapy at the chic boutiques, national retailers and luxury brands located along Chestnut and Walnut streets. See the country's finest collection of medical artifacts housed at the **Mütter Museum**, featuring anatomical specimens, models and medical instruments displayed in a Victorian "cabinet museum" setting. **The Rosenbach Museum** holds the private collection of noted rare book dealers the Rosenbach brothers, including the only surviving copy of Benjamin Franklin's first *Poor Richard's Almanack* and Bram Stoker's notes for *Dracula*. For late night fun, reserve one of 16 Olympic-grade ping pong tables at **SPIN Philadelphia**, a Ping Pong Social Club, with a full bar, food menu, DJ booth and bleachers for watching the action. Dance the night away at **Howl at the Moon** with live dueling pianos or settle in for an evening of live jazz at **Chris' Jazz Café**.

DINE: Start the day with a coffee and a babka, boreka, or Jerusalem bagel sandwich at **K'Far**, or with freshly fried cake donuts topped with sugar at **Federal Donuts**. Enjoy a Parisian brasserie experience in the heart of Philadelphia at **Parc**, complete with alfresco seating along Rittenhouse Square. At **Harp & Crown**, savor a new-American menu, cocktails, and over 40 beers on tap in a stylish setting, complete with a 32-seat bar and a bowling alley speakeasy in the basement. Top Chef Jennifer Carroll presents a menu of inventive modern-Mediterranean dishes at **Spice Finch**, located at the base of the Warwick Hotel.



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WASHINGTON SQUARE WEST/GAYBORHOOD/ MIDTOWN VILLAGE

Lively dining spots and vibrant nightlife fill this quaint historic neighborhood. Stroll through tree-lined Washington Square Park or explore the charming Belgian block streets for some of Philadelphia's most photogenic views.

DO: Take in a show at the **Walnut Street Theatre**, America's oldest theater. Stroll 13th Street and shop locally owned boutiques such as **Open House**, sellers of quirky home goods and Philadelphia-themed gifts. Founded by Benjamin Franklin and Dr. Thomas Bond in 1761, **Pennsylvania Hospital** is the nation's first hospital with the first surgical amphitheater and medical library – both of which can be viewed during a tour of the historic **Pine Building**, one of the finest examples of Colonial and Federal period architecture. Explore the charming and historic streets found throughout Washington Square West, such as **Quince Street**. Lined with towering ginkgo trees, this narrow north-south pathway runs the length of Washington Square West and is one of the area's top photo spots.

DINE: For breakfast, the pillowy egg sandwiches at **Middle Child** are an absolute must-try. Feast on modern Mexican cuisine at **Lolita**, wood oven pizza and other Mediterranean-inspired dishes at **Barbuzzo** or traditional American comfort food at **Bud & Marilyn's**. **Charlie was a sinner** specializes in vegan offerings, pairing small, plant-based plates with an exceptional lineup of creative cocktails in a well-appointed space along 13th Street.



Photo: Courtesy of Walnut Street Theatre, Mark Garvin.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Known for its easy access to major sporting arenas in Philadelphia's Stadium District, this energetic neighborhood is also a hit thanks to multicultural and foodie attractions.

DO: Stroll along **East Passyunk Avenue** to find a seemingly endless assortment of local boutiques and shops selling a mix of apparel, jewelry, art, home goods and more. Walk along the eclectic **South Street** to explore an ever-changing line-up of restaurants and shops with the exception of a few old stand-bys. View one of the world's greatest collections of sports racing cars at the **Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum**, then explore the nation's oldest Swedish museum, **American Swedish Museum**, located in the heart of the spacious **FDR Park**. Learn about Philadelphia's unique New Year's Day tradition by visiting the **Mummers Museum**. Try your luck at **Live! Casino & Hotel**, which features 2,100 state-of-the-art slot machines, 121 live action table games, a sportsbook and more.

DINE: The bustling **Italian Market** on 9th Street specializes in fresh fish, meat, fruit, cheese, baked goods and vegetables. There is no shortage of excellent Italian eateries in South Philadelphia, such as **Victor Café** where the servers double as opera singers that perform every 20 minutes. **Saloon Restaurant** has been serving hearty Italian dishes since 1967. **Famous 4th Street Delicatessen** has been a Philadelphia tradition since 1923. If you're in the mood for comfort food like burgers, wings, and pastas, look no further than **Bridget Foy's**.



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UNIVERSITY CITY/WEST PHILADELPHIA

A hub for higher education, this neighborhood is home to top universities, including Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania.

DO: The multisensory **Please Touch Museum** empowers visitors of all ages to learn through play and by interacting with permanent and rotating exhibits. On the **University of Pennsylvania** campus, explore priceless archaeological artifacts from around the globe – including the largest Sphinx in the western hemisphere – at the **Penn Museum**. Take in a theater, dance or world-music performance at **Penn Live Arts** and view installations from up-and-coming artists at the **Institute of Contemporary Art**, which hosted Andy Warhol's first solo museum show in 1965.

DINE: Reserve a table or grab a quick snack to go from **Walnut Street Café**, a modern café at the base of the FMC Tower, serving up American plates, breakfast through dinner. **White Dog Café** serves locally sourced, organic dishes in a charming Victorian brownstone adorned with dog-themed décor. At **Booker's Restaurant & Bar**, savor modern takes on traditional Southern-inspired dishes, including vegan jambalaya, blackened catfish, and an extra spicy Jamaican jerk oxtail. Don't miss Argentinian café and bakery, **Jezabel's**, owned by Jezabel Careaga, known for their assortment of empanadas and alfajores.



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WHITE DOG CAFE

NORTHERN LIBERTIES/FISHTOWN/NORTH PHILADELPHIA

Just north of Center City, these diverse neighborhoods are home to eclectic restaurants, landmark gastropubs, craft breweries and distilleries, and popular live-music venues.

DO: Stroll through these neighborhoods to shop from local boutiques and small businesses selling artisan goods. In Northern Liberties, **Trunc** sells handcrafted goods including art, clothing, jewelry, and apothecary items. Peruse and purchase literature that celebrates female writers, activists and artists at Black-owned **Harriett's Bookshop** along Girard Avenue in Fishtown. Try your luck at **Rivers Casino Philadelphia** with slot machines, table games, hybrid gaming seats, a poker room, and a state-of-the-art sportsbook. In the evening, visit **Fabrika**, a dinner theater that spans two floors, features three bars and hosts nightly performances including circus and cabaret acts, live music and more. Enjoy more live entertainment at **Johnny Brenda's**, **The Fillmore**, **The Met Philadelphia**, or **Brooklyn Bowl**. For smaller venues, catch live music at **Ortlieb's**, **The Fire**, or **Heritage**.

DINE: One of the best new restaurants in the world according to Condé Nast Traveler, Kensington's **Laser Wolf** serves an array of Israeli skewers, fresh hummus, warm pitas, baba ganoush, and more. The area is also a destination for the city's booming craft beer scene, with local suds available at one of several breweries, such as **Yards Brewing Company**, **Love City Brewing**, or **Triple Bottom Brewing Company**, Pennsylvania's first certified B-Corporation brewery. Grab dinner and a pint of local craft beer



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at **Standard Tap**, one of the city's first gastropubs, or **The Abbaye** – both of which offer ample vegan and vegetarian dishes. **Fette Sau** is an all-American barbecue spot specializing in dry-rubbed meats and **SUYA SUYA West African Grill** is a fast-casual and favorite BYOB.



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NORTHWEST PHILADELPHIA

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DO: Survey the 16 early American sites of **Historic Germantown** and learn about the Revolutionary War battle fought there. Tour the **Johnson House Historic Site**, once a station along the Underground Railroad. Visit the **Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery** to learn about the injustice of slavery and its continuing impact on American ideals by way of rare artifacts, documents, memorabilia and exhibits. Discover the beautiful gardens of the **Wyck House**. Take advantage of tax-free shopping at the boutiques and shops in quaint **Chestnut Hill** or along Main Street in **Manayunk**. Admire rolling landscapes, a train display, and some of the city's rarest trees at the 92-acre **Morris Arboretum**. Visit **Woodmere Art Museum** for engaging exhibits from Philadelphia-area artists.

DINE: The **Market at the Fareway** in Chestnut Hill is a modern farmers market, home to over a dozen local vendors that offer a variety of items including fresh produce, sushi, Vietnamese cuisine, cinnamon buns, coffee, and more. At **Jansen** in Mt. Airy, Chef David Jansen strikes a perfect balance between contemporary American dishes and classical French techniques, with seasonal dishes served in an elegant setting inside a quaint, 18th-century cottage. The area is also home to two of Philadelphia's most iconic sandwiches – "the Schmitter" from **McNally's Tavern** and a classic cheesesteak from take-out only shop, **Dalessandro's Steaks and Hoagies**. Satisfy your sweet tooth with cookies, pies, pastries, and ice cream from **Brendenbeck's Bakery & Ice Cream Parlor**.

ACROSS THE RIVER

Just a short drive across the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, New Jersey features plenty of family-friendly attractions that are perfect for a day trip.

DO: Along the shores of the Delaware River in Camden, New Jersey, board the most decorated battleship in U.S. history and take an interactive tour of the **Battleship New Jersey Museum & Memorial**. Climb up and down ladders, navigate narrow passageways and signal your visit by firing the Saluting Gun.



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Nearby, visit the **Adventure Aquarium** to enter an underwater world home to over 8,500 marine animals. See more than 20 sharks swim through 550,000 gallons of water as you pass through a glass tunnel, journey to the Amazon through the interactive Piranha Falls exhibit, or spot hippos swimming in the immersive Hippo Haven.

THE COUNTRYSIDE

Take the short trip to the Countryside of Philadelphia and you'll be rewarded with rich, rolling hills, charming towns and an abundance of attractions that are a perfect addition to any Philadelphia itinerary.

DO: In the bucolic Brandywine Valley, explore the grounds of the 1,077-acre **Longwood Gardens**, complete with ethereal indoor and outdoor gardens featuring seasonal displays. Also enticing is **Chanticleer Garden**, a 48-acre botanical garden in Wayne, built around the Rosengarten estate. Explore the Mushroom Capital of the World, **Kennett Square**, to find a quaint downtown filled with local shops and restaurants. Learn about rotary-wing aircraft at the **American Helicopter Museum**, located in a 20,000 square-foot hangar in West Chester. Fans of artist Andrew Wyeth flock to the **Brandywine River Museum of Art**, located in idyllic Chadds Ford in a rehabbed 19th-century mill. The museum features the work of N.C., Andrew and Jamie Wyeth as well as other landscape painters.

Visit **Valley Forge National Historical Park**, site of the encampment of George Washington and the Continental Army during the winter of 1777- 1778. Navigate miles of multi-use trails to find memorials, monuments, reconstructed Revolutionary-era cabins and General Washington's headquarters. Shop from a collection of luxury retailers unsurpassed in the region at one of the nation's most iconic and largest shopping malls, the **King of Prussia Mall**, home to more than 450 shops and restaurants. After shopping, feel the rush of skydiving thousands of feet above but only a few feet off the ground at **iFLY Indoor Skydiving**.

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PHILADELPHIA: A CITY THAT LAUNCHED A NATION

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Situated on Independence Mall, **The President's House** marks the footprint of the residence of Presidents George Washington and John Adams while in office. A prominent display tells the story of the slaves who built and worked in the house and examines the paradox of slavery and freedom in the new nation.

Congress Hall oversaw two major presidential inaugurations starting with the swearing in of George Washington in the Senate Chamber for his second term in 1793. Four years later, John Adams took the oath of office in the House Chamber, marking the first peaceful transfer of power in U.S. history.

Site of the first Continental Congress in 1774, today **Carpenters' Hall** displays hand tools, the chairs used by Founding Fathers, and other historic artifacts.

Tour the home of reported American flag maker **Betsy Ross** and learn about her interaction with the Founding Fathers – from the famed seamstress herself.

Step back in time on carefully preserved **Elfreth's Alley** – the nation's oldest continuously inhabited street – lined with 32 Federal and Georgian-style homes.

The oldest learned society in the U.S., the **American Philosophical Society** was co-founded by Ben Franklin in 1743. Today, its museum is a treasure trove of historic items, including William Penn's 1701 Charter of Privileges, a draft of the Declaration of Independence and the chair Jefferson sat in to write it.

Founded in 1695, **Christ Church & Burial Ground** was the place of worship for numerous Founding Fathers. Benjamin Franklin's tomb can be found in the church's burial ground.

Benjamin Franklin founded the **Library Company of Philadelphia**, the country's first successful lending library, in 1731. Today, the research library focuses on U.S. society and culture from the 17th to 19th centuries and has a vast collection of rare books, manuscripts, prints and more.



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