DISCOVERING DIVERSITY
Your guide to Philadelphia

PHL DIVERSITY
Come for the Convention. Stay for the Culture.
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 Harriet 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.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
African-American Chamber of Commerce, PA, NJ, DE
aacchamber.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
Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia
Philamchamber-greaterphila.com

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.
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.

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
philadelphialegacies.org

Philly Experiences, Black Culture Tours
phillyphillyexperiences.com

Philly Gayborhood Tour
beyondthebelltours.com/tours/philly-gayborhood-and-lgbtq-tour

Philly Touch Tours
phillytouchtours.com

StrEats of Philly Food Tour
streatsofphillyfoodtours.com

William Way Gayborhood Tour
wagayu.org
DIVERSITY IS A FACT. INCLUSION IS AN ACTION. EQUITY IS A PRACTICE.

BELONGING IS A FEELING.

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