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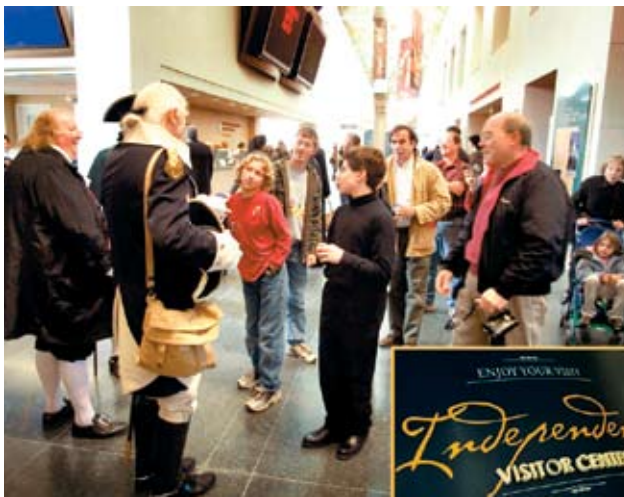
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There are hundreds of ways to describe Philadelphia. But the only way to really know about the region is to experience it yourself. Come delve into history, satisfy your inner artist, dine in a funky restaurant, shop at chic and trendy boutiques and let loose in the great outdoors.

Whether it's your first visit or you're a long-standing fan, read on to make the most of your trip. And for more on all there is to see and do, visit gophila.com.

Getting Here

Exercise your freedom of choice. Philadelphia's convenient location makes it easy for you to decide how you'll arrive—by car, train, plane or bus.

Grab the car keys and head to I-95, I-76 or the Pennsylvania or New Jersey Turnpikes. The city is less than two hours from New York City, less than three hours from Washington, DC and within an easy five-hour drive of more than 25 percent of the U.S. population.

If you don't feel like driving, just sit back and enjoy the ride. The Philadelphia-bound traveler has plenty of transportation options.

Train – hop aboard Amtrak which operates from Philadelphia's 30th Street Station with service along the Northeast corridor; Bus – let the drivers from Greyhound bring you to their Center City terminal; Plane – book one of hundreds of daily domestic and international flights into **Philadelphia International Airport**. The airport is served by most major carriers, including several discount carriers offering low-cost, convenient options. A flat-fee cab ride from the airport to Center City is a short 15-minute trip. Or, take the high-speed SEPTA train departing the airport every 30 minutes.

Getting Around

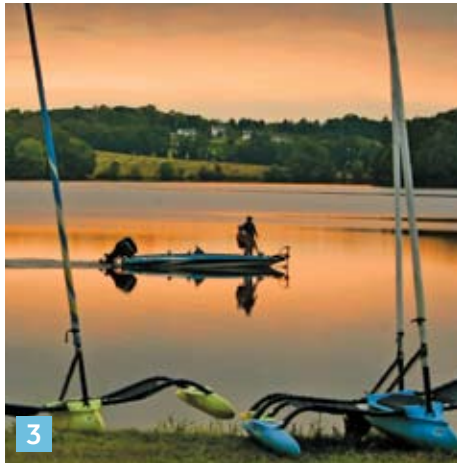
Once you're here, getting around couldn't be easier. The compact and grid-like layout makes Center City a walkable metropolis. Exploring the city's distinctive neighborhoods and the countryside's boundless attractions is a snap with SEPTA's frequent bus service, elevated trains and regional rail lines.

Need a cab? Just head to the nearest street corner and flag one down.

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“Experience.”

It's a word rich in meaning: Which sorts of *experiences* do you seek when you travel? How do you choose to *experience* your journeys? What *experience* would you like to gain on your next getaway?

Whatever your perspective, “*experience*” is a word we live by in

Philadelphia and The Countryside®.



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We've already got centuries' worth of experience leading the nation in the historic, cultural, natural and culinary attractions we offer to visitors, but now, we invite you to go deeper. Chat it up with Ben Franklin. Make your own pasta. Swim with the sharks. Our region boasts hundreds of opportunities to immerse yourself in experiences that will satisfy all of your senses.

PHILLY'S MORE FUN

With so much to do in the Philadelphia region, you'll want to stay over. Plan your trip and pick the hotel package that's right for you on gophila.com.

WAYS TO BRING THE PAST INTO THE PRESENT

You've heard the expression "living history," right? Well, in Philadelphia and The Countryside®, our nation's story truly comes alive through activities that throw you in the middle of Colonial-era debates over democracy, allow you to explore a stop on the Underground Railroad or call on you to mix the ingredients for William Penn's favorite meal.

- Discover how and why freedom started in Philadelphia, our nation's cradle of liberty. Delve into the past when you visit the newly renovated **Independence Mall**, the center of **Historic Philadelphia**. While you're there, check out one of the most famous symbols of our country's independence—the Liberty Bell.
- Join one of Once Upon A Nation's interpretive tours while you're at the Mall. Sign your kids up for the Continental Army, where "military officers" will drill them in marching and musket carrying. If espionage grabs your interest, travel from Philadelphia to **Valley Forge National Historical Park** as an American spy on a top-secret mission.
- Peel back the layers of time when you embark on a *Quest for Freedom* tour, which tells the story of Philadelphia's pivotal role in the Underground Railroad by highlighting the region's influential abolitionists and important historic sites, such as **Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church**.
- Drop a fishing line into the ponds at the **Newlin Grist Mill**, Pennsylvania's only operating 18th-century gristmill. After catching a few trout, meander along the scenic Historic Water Walk and stop to watch professional blacksmiths using a 200-year-old forge to manufacture contemporary necessities.
- Visit **Pennsbury Manor**—William Penn's recreated Bucks County estate—any time of year for hands-on workshops that wrap visitors into the life of a 17th-century homestead. Spin freshly shorn wool and fix Penn's favorite dinner before finishing the day with an old-time beer brewing lesson.

For more on history and heritage, log onto
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ONCE UPON A NATION



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CHANNELS FOR YOUR CREATIVE AND CURIOUS SIDES

When gazing at paintings in a museum makes you long for a more tangible artistic experience, delve into the rich arts and heritage scene of Philadelphia and The Countryside®. After you satisfy your aesthetic side, let your inner risk-taker enjoy hands-on adventures for all ages.

- Ride a Colonial-style trolley and meet with artists on a guided tour of some of the 2,700 murals that make up Philadelphia's **Mural Arts Program**.
- View the **Philadelphia Museum of Art's** vast collection of works painted, drawn and sculpted by the world's masters. *Art After 5* on Friday evenings turns the museum into a fun cocktail party with live music, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and guided tours.
- Bring your ears (and your kids) to *Sound All Around*, a bi-weekly presentation The Philadelphia Orchestra arranges just for the young ones at the **Academy of Music** and the **Baldwin School**. Members of the orchestra show-and-tell their instruments and perform kid-friendly musical pieces.
- Take the plunge into a shark tank at **Adventure Aquarium** on the waterfront. At this modern aquarium, you really can swim with sharks, train seals and feed stingrays.
- "Steer" and crawl around inside the world's largest collection of helicopters at the **American Helicopter Museum** in picturesque Chester County.
- Explore the **Moravian Pottery & Tile Works**, a "working history" museum in Bucks County that keeps alive the art of 19th-century tile and pottery making. Serious aficionados can make their own tiles as part of the artisanal factory's extensive three-day workshops, offered about once a month.

RECIPE FOR AN EXCITING NIGHT

These aren't your traditional restaurants and bars. Take advantage of the many different dining and entertainment options offered in Philadelphia and The Countryside®. Once the sun sets, be ready to shake and stir up your evening with a full complement of drinking, dining and nightlife options that make you the star of the show.

- Indulge all your cravings when you eat or drink at some of the region's restaurants, thanks to the indecisive diner's best pal—the tasting menu. Old City's **Red Sky** makes four eclectic cocktail carafes (try the chocolate peanut butter martini), which allows you to share and compare drinks with your table mates. For the wine enthusiast, the sommelier at **Ristorante Panorama** will arrange a tasting flight that diners can order by category and subcategory (e.g., "Aromatic Alternatives to Chardonnay" in the white wine section). Non-drinkers who prefer their liquid in condiment form will delight in trying a selection of premium imported oils at **Mercato**.
- Assist in cooking your food at West Philly's **Penne Restaurant & Wine Bar**. Chef Roberta Adamo welcomes any extra help when she rolls and cuts dough for gnocchi, ravioli and cavatelli in front of the bistro's open kitchen.
- Enjoy an unending table of sweets every Thursday at **The Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia**. Take your time: You can return frequently to choose from 25 different platters full of chocolate-covered fruit, crepes, cakes and candies.
- Sign up in advance for open mic night at **October Gallery** in Old City, where everyone's invited to read poetry, tell stories or play music to the supportive crowd at this community arts space. Or, grab your hand drum and zoom up to Sellersville to drop in on the Tuesday night jam session at **The Washington House** restaurant and bar. If you would rather play for laughs, try out your material during **Helium Comedy Club's** amateur night (Tuesdays), when the Rittenhouse Square club's manager scouts for talent to emcee future national acts.

For more on dining and nightlife,
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WHERE TO BROWSE AND BUY

Whether you're looking for upscale stores, one-of-a-kind boutiques or vintage shops, Philadelphia and The Countryside® has shopping for every style. Since all clothing is *tax-free*, you'll have enough money left over to buy yourself an extra gift. Explore different areas in the region for a variety of selections and ambiances.

- Visit West Chester for novel and chic boutiques on Gay, Market and High Streets. The independently owned shops offer everything from clothing to jewelry to crafts.
- Check out Doylestown's Main Street for antiques and artisan shops that offer an eclectic array of goods in an historic atmosphere.
- Walk Rittenhouse Square's Walnut Street for the latest and trendiest fashions or high-end designer clothing and jewelry.

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ADVENTURES IN THE BOUNDLESS OUTDOORS

The possibilities are boundless for outdoor recreation in Philadelphia and The Countryside®. Between its internationally respected gardens, strong rowing and cycling legacies and hard-to-find-elsewhere adventures, Philadelphia is the perfect place to bring the outdoors into your next vacation.

- Try a tree-canopy tour at Montgomery County's **Spring Mountain Adventures**, one of the only resorts in the world to offer this adrenaline-filled excursion. What's a tree-canopy tour? A series of heavy-duty zip lines and ropes courses that keep you high in the treetops for several exhilarating hours.
- Take a scenic hot air balloon ride with a company (**Aepex Sunrides, Balloon Excursions** or **Balloon Expeditions**) that lifts clients 2,000 feet in the air to watch the sun rise or set over the pristine pastures of Bucks, Montgomery and Chester counties.
- Work out with the Philly Runners, a group that welcomes runners of all experience levels to bi-weekly jaunts through **Fairmount Park** and beyond.
- Rent a bike, moped or Segway to explore Philadelphia's bustling streets with a guide who will clear a path through Center City and onto **Eastern State Penitentiary** and the **Philadelphia Zoo**.
- Visit the Butterfly House and Garden, located at the world-famous **Tyler Arboretum** near Media, where hundreds of butterflies will flutter around you as volunteers teach you everything you ever wanted to know about this colorful insect.
- Bring your family to nearby **Ridley Creek State Park** for an orienteering adventure. This Delaware County park has a permanent course and detailed maps for people who wish to take up orienteering, a popular activity that involves navigating plot points to find hidden treasures.



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If you want to learn about the Philadelphia region, your visit should start at the **Independence Visitor Center**. From where to go, what to see and how to get there, we've got you covered. If you are looking for the region's top historical landmarks, we will give you a list and directions. If you are looking for a little culture, we will tell you where to find it in virtually every corner of the region. If you need something that you will enjoy as much as the kids, we will give you plenty of options. Just ask us. We're here to show you the best of what the region has to offer.



Located in the heart of Independence Mall at 6th and Market Streets, the **Independence Visitor Center** serves as the official visitor center to Independence National Historical Park, the City of Philadelphia and the surrounding counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery. The visitor center is the gateway for the region's thriving tourism industry, offering free information about the region.

At the **Independence Visitor Center**, we know exactly what makes the Greater Philadelphia region one of the top historical and cultural destinations in the world, and we want to share it with you. With decades of experience in the tourism industry, our multilingual

concierge staff can tell you exactly how best to spend your time, no matter what your schedule. We will listen to your interests and expertly match them with a variety of choices, including the area's best shops, restaurants and attractions.

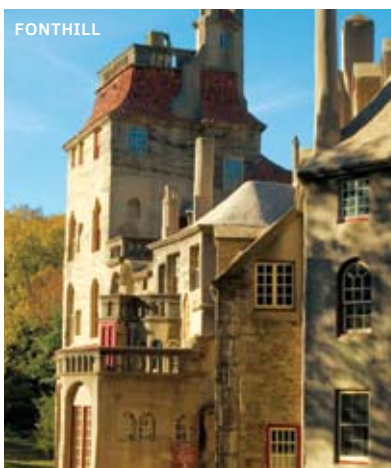
The **Independence Visitor Center** is the exclusive location to obtain free tickets to **Independence Hall**. The center also offers tickets to a variety of the region's top sites and attractions, including the **National Constitution Center**, **Philadelphia Trolley Works** and **Ride the Ducks**.

Along with free, personalized trip-planning assistance, the visitor center provides access to official guides, brochures, maps, information kiosks and a special events calendar. If your explorations are making you hungry or thirsty, the Pennsylvania General Store Café offers a variety of tantalizing regional treats. And the Independence Store is the perfect site for purchasing keepsakes for your friends or loved ones.

Whatever leads you to Philadelphia, you will want our world-class visitor facility to be your first stop. In the heart of Historic Philadelphia, the **Independence Visitor Center** welcomes millions of visitors each year and offers everything you will need to experience the very best of what the region has to offer.

Come into the **Independence Visitor Center**, and get acquainted with one of the nation's richest historical cities. Your visit starts here.

For more information, stop in and visit us, call (800) 537-7676 or click www.independencevisitorcenter.com.



FONTHILL

GET INTO BUCKS FOR EVERYTHING YOU'RE INTO

ARTS AND CULTURE: Doylestown offers music, dance and fine art studios. Interesting and famous museums in Doylestown include: the **Mercer Museum, Fonthill Museum, Moravian Pottery & Tile Works** and the **James A. Michener Art Museum**.

Voted "America's #1 Arts Destination" among small towns by *AmericanStyle Magazine*, **New Hope** is the center for

art and culture. The streets of this historic riverside town are lined with galleries, exhibitions, boutiques, restaurants, B&Bs and nightspots.

HISTORY: The **Pearl S. Buck House** was home to Buck and her international family for 38 years. Today, it is one of only 10 National Historic Landmarks open to the public in the United States. It exemplifies a woman's contribution to society through a house with an intact collection.

Washington Crossing Historic Park marks where General George Washington and his Continental Army crossed the Delaware River on Christmas night in 1776 and marched to Trenton, New Jersey, where they defeated Hessian troops.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND FAMILY FUN: Soar above the clouds in a bi-plane or glider at **Sport Aviation at Van Sant Airport** and get an aerial view of Bucks County's picturesque landscape.

Sesame Place is a kid-friendly amusement park, based on the children's television show, "Sesame Street." Come visit Big Bird, Elmo, Bert and Ernie, characters that delight children of all ages.

Cabin rentals are available at **Nockamixon State Park**, along with picnic tables and a large swimming pool. Recreational opportunities throughout the park include: bicycle, equestrian and hiking trails, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, sledding, ice fishing, ice skating, boating, and kayaking on the 1,450-acre **Lake Nockamixon**.

SHOPPING: Tired of your average, run-of-the-mill, shopping mall? Check out Bucks County's version of a mall. Unique shops, galleries and antique stores line the main streets of the towns. Take a ride up **River Road**, named one of the nation's most scenic byways, for a breathtaking drive and a remarkable shopping experience.

Seventy specialty shops throughout **Peddler's Village**, an 18th-century-style shopping village, provide gifts and services for everyone. From distinctive home décor to chic clothing, ethnic food and antiques—the offerings will fulfill every desire.

UNIQUE DINING: Bring-your-own-bottle (BYOB) establishments offer great food with an even better price. Enjoy contemporary cuisine in an intimate setting at the **Summer Kitchen**. **JustEat by BrownGold** offers a European-style bistro and an open kitchen. **Blue Sage Vegetarian Grille** was just named as one of the top BYOBs in the 2007 *Philadelphia Restaurants* guide. Beer-lovers are invited to feast on the American-Contemporary cuisine at **Triumph Brewing Company**, a micro-brewery with eclectic taste. **Mamma D's Italian Restaurant**

family-owned restaurant is joined with **Fratelli Desiato Vineyards**. When you're done eating, indulge in a wine-tasting.

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PATRIOT FOR A DAY: Fall in line and march with the Continental Army and the Indians of the Oneida Nation as they ceremonially “March Out” of Valley Forge on June 16—just as Washington’s army did back in 1778 before it went on to victory in Philadelphia. Do so along the 3,600-acre rolling hillsides of **Valley Forge National Historical Park**.

At dusk on December 15, 16 and 19 with lanterns ablaze and only stars as a compass, trek the mile-long *March In* to Valley Forge with hundreds of re-enactors from the 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment and the Oneida Indian Nation. Celebrate this extraordinary event in its 230th year.

In the many months in between, Valley Forge and Montgomery County, offer visitors a wealth of experiential activities.

LIKE A COLONIST: Try your hand at spinning and carding to understand how Colonial-period clothing was made. Discover how food was kept cool, hand-churn butter or compose with a quill pen at **Morgan Log House**, Daniel Boone’s grandfather’s home in Towamencin, on alternate weekends between April and November. With primitive replica tools, cook authentic 18th-century, Colonial-style dishes under the tutelage of a historian at **Hope Lodge** in Fort Washington one Saturday a month this spring.

YOU BE THE CHEF: Meld exotic ingredients and infuse new flavors during Tuesday evening cooking classes at **Normandy Farm Cooking School** in Blue Bell, the home of celebrity chef Jim Coleman. During these two-hour classes, he or his staff will help you create and enjoy an unforgettable four- to seven-course meal in the hotel’s beautiful Silos Ballroom.

HANDS-ON HISTORY FOR KIDS: Kids can create Colonial-inspired crafts, including bug bells, patriot necklaces and three-corner hats, at **Valley Forge National Historical Park** every Saturday. As junior rangers, hike the expansive park and investigate the soldiers’ huts to seek answers to history questions and earn a badge and certificate.

EXPRESS YOURSELF: Make a mess and express yourself at **Abington Art Center**, where art is accessible to all at this innovative studio school, gallery and sculpture garden in Jenkintown. The *Eureka! Family Workshops* on the first Saturday of every month allow families to dabble, create and explore art, cartooning, sculpture and more...together.

For more information on how you can experience Valley Forge and Montgomery County, visit www.valleyforge.org or call (888) Visit VF.

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With a mere 30-or-so days in a month, it's hard to choose from all of the fun things to do in Philadelphia and The Countryside®. Here are a few of our favorites:

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
	Philadelphia Mummers New Year's Day Parade	Philadelphia International Auto Show
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JUNE		
ODUNDE African-American Festival		
From West Philadelphia to the Schuylkill River		
	JULY	AUGUST
	Sunoco Welcome America	Philadelphia Folk Festival
	Independence Mall	Old Poole Farm
	SEPTEMBER	
	Philadelphia Live Arts Festival & Philly Fringe	
	Venues across the city	
OCTOBER		NOVEMBER
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