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The City of Philadelphia was founded in 1682 by Englishman William Penn as a "greene countrie towne" based on the principles of equality and freedom of expression. More than 300 years later, this magnificent metropolis continues to welcome residents and visitors from around the globe and prides itself as one of the premier destinations for gay and lesbian travelers.

Famous as the birthplace of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, Philadelphia offers much more than cobblestone streets and historic landmarks. The city has emerged as a vibrant center of culture, cuisine, creativity and community. From shopping and dining along Rittenhouse Row, to theater and music on the Avenue of the Arts, to the revered history of Old City, there is something for everyone here, and too much to do it all in one day.

The heart of activity, gay and otherwise, is Center City – the local term for downtown, which stretches between the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers, north to Fairmount Avenue and south to

Washington Avenue. But to fully enjoy the local charm and flavor of this residential city, explore neighborhoods such as Northern Liberties, Queen Village, University City and other areas where architectural surprises, delicious BYOBs and one-of-a-kind boutiques pop up around every corner. And the city is just part of the experience. Build time into your itinerary to enjoy the wineries, historical sites, Main Streets, retail complexes and natural beauty of the surrounding countryside. A short train ride from Center City can transport you to endless memorable destinations.

Whether your stay in Philadelphia is for leisure, a convention, business or a family visit, one thing is for sure. You will be amazed at how much there is to do in the Philadelphia region, and will wish you had a couple of extra days here. For these reasons and so many more, Philadelphia continues to enjoy popularity as a travel destination, especially for lesbians and gay men who find Mr. Penn's "city of brotherly love" well named.

ANNUAL EVENTS

New Year's Mummers Parade January

This uniquely Philadelphian tradition and the oldest folk parade in the United States features 10,000 musicians and performers dressed head-to-toe in sequins and feathers. Revered by gay and straight Philadelphians, this century-old parade started in 1900 and is not to be missed.

gophila.com

Philadelphia Flower Show March

The largest indoor flower show in the world showcases 33 acres of lush gardens, lavish floral settings and inspirational displays as well as speakers, exhibitions, culinary events and an on-site marketplace.

theflowershow.com

Gay Black Pride April

Philadelphia Black Gay Pride promotes unity among African Americans and people of African descent who are sexual minorities during this annual weekend celebration of educational workshops, social events, parties, and spiritual brunch.

phillyblackpride.org

Equality Forum 2007 April/May

The largest national and international LGBT civil rights forum, Equality Forum boasts more than 60 programs, parties and special events that attract visitors from around the world. Highlights include the International Business Dinner, films and concerts, and SundayOUT!, an enormous block party.

equalityforum.com

Blue Ball May

Blue Ball weekend, a series of dance event fund raisers hosted at multiple venues over the course of a weekend, attracts a diverse cross section of the local and national LGBT community. Held the same weekend as Equality Forum, Blue Ball presents some of the largest and most extravagant gay and lesbian parties of the year.

blueballphilly.com

Somewhere Over the Rainbow:

New Hope Celebrates May

This weekend celebration welcomes the world to New Hope, a scenic riverfront gay village north of Philadelphia. Enjoy live national entertainment, shopping,

and dining discounts, scenic tours, educational events, DJ dance parties, Pride Parade and more.

gaybuckscounty.com

Philadelphia Gay & Lesbian

Theatre Festival June

Live performances celebrating the LGBT experience dominate this multi-venue festival, including premieres of works by LGBT playwrights and nationally-recognized artists. Tickets are available for individual productions or as multi-packs.

philagaylesbiantheatrefest.org

Sunoco Welcome America July

Celebrate America's birthday in America's birthplace with the oldest and largest Independence Day celebration in the U.S. Enjoy neighborhood festivals, live performances, historic reenactment and two larger-than-life fireworks displays.

AmericasBirthplace.org

Philadelphia International

Gay & Lesbian Film Festival July

Dubbed the "sexiest film festival in the nation" by OutTraveler, Philadelphia hosts the largest event of its kind in the Northeast. More than 125 features, documentaries and shorts by, for, and about the LGBT community are screened.

phillyfests.com

Pride Day –

LGBT Pride Parade & Festival June

Philly Pride Presents produces the region's premier Pride Parade and Festival for thousands of participants and spectators. The parade of floats, drill teams, community groups and music kicks off in the Gayborhood and proceeds to the festival site where the celebration continues with live entertainment, food and games.

phillypride.org

Outfest October

Philadelphia's National Coming Out Day block party is the biggest Coming Out Day event in the world. Full day-long festival attracts throngs to the Gayborhood for a day of music, entertainment, vendors, food and community.

phillypride.org

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Philadelphia is known around the world as the birthplace of American independence and democracy, but the city boasts a long gay civil rights history as well. Some of the nation's first gay rights protests took place here in 1965, predating the landmark Stonewall Riots. The "Annual Reminders" were staged in front of Independence Hall through 1969 with increasing numbers. These pioneers chose the symbolism of Philadelphia as the site to stage what is now recognized as the beginning of the U.S. and international gay civil rights movement.



On July 4, 1965, forty courageous activists peacefully demonstrated in front of Independence Hall calling for equal rights for gays and lesbians.

Courageous Philadelphians continued to advance the causes for the LGBT community into the 1970s and 80s. Activist Mark Segal founded Philadelphia Gay News in 1976, one of the first gay and lesbian newspapers in the country. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and other national organizations trace their roots back to Philadelphia.

Today, the Philadelphia LGBT community is active and influential in business, politics and social circles. The community is represented in city and state government, corporate boardrooms and civic organizations. Gay-owned businesses thrive not only in the Gayborhood but also throughout the city and region. Various professional, social and recreational groups foster a strong and healthy network that makes Philadelphia a great place to live for LGBT individuals and families.

Philadelphia has also become recognized as a leader in gay meetings and tourism. National associations including the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association, and the National Gay & Lesbian Law Foundation have met in Philadelphia. The Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation's award-winning "Get Your History Straight and Your Nightlife Gay[®]" campaign and the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau's international tourism campaigns continue to attract visitors from around the world to experience gay-friendly Philadelphia for themselves.



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Stroll the Gayborhood and enjoy a cappuccino at one of the many coffee shops; visit Giovanni's Room, one of the oldest LGBT bookstores in the nation; stop into the many new shops and galleries along 13th Street; and explore the treasures of Antique Row along Pine Street.

GAY BARS & CLUBS

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thebikestop.com

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13th & Locust streets
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bumpplounge.com

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thepostbar.com

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purephilly.com

Sisters

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sistersnightclub.com

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12thair.com

Uncles

1220 Locust Street
215-546-6660

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unclesphilly.com

Venture Inn

255 S. Camac Street
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viphilly.com

Woody's

13th & Walnut streets
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woodysbars.com



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William Way Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center

1315 Spruce Street, 215-732-2220;
www.waygay.org

William Way is the focal point of Philadelphia's LGBT community. Open seven days a week, the center provides meeting space for more than 70 groups and hosts a variety of events and art exhibitions throughout the year. Visit William Way for information about social events and support resources. In 2005, the cross street in front of the center was renamed "Elton's Way" in recognition of Sir Elton John's contributions to the City of Philadelphia.

Pride and Progress Mural

Juniper Street at Spruce Street

Dedicated in 2003 on the west wall of the William Way Community Center, this 7,500-square-foot, four-story mural pays tribute to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people. The colorful mural depicts a composite of 1960s gay civil rights marches, a pride festival and Independence Hall. Stretching almost an entire block long, the mural is one of the largest in the city's Mural Arts Program, which has created more than 2,700 murals—the largest collection of outdoor murals in any city in the world.

Walt Whitman House

328 Mickle Boulevard,
Camden, New Jersey
856-964-5383

Located two blocks east of the Camden waterfront, this National Historic Landmark provides an intimate glimpse

into the life of the poet, attracting visitors from around the world. Whitman's original letters, personal belongings, the bed in which he died, and the death notice that was nailed to the front door have all been preserved, as well as a collection of rare 19th-century photographs, including the earliest known image of Whitman.

Barbara Gittings Gay & Lesbian Collection at the Free Library of Philadelphia

Independence Branch,
18 S. Seventh Street
215-685-1633

Named for a lifelong Philadelphia activist who fought for the inclusion of gay and lesbian materials in public libraries, this is the second-largest public library collection of LGBT-themed books, movies and magazines in the country.

Independence Hall

Chestnut Street
between Fifth & Sixth streets

Built in 1756 as the Pennsylvania State House, Independence Hall is one of the most historically significant buildings in the United States. The place where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and the U.S. Constitution was written, Independence Hall was also the site of the nation's first gay rights protests from 1965 to 1969. A Pennsylvania Historical Marker commemorates the pioneering gay activists at Sixth and Chestnut streets.



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By Plane: Philadelphia International Airport, rated one of the best airports in the nation by The Wall Street Journal, is served by all major domestic carriers. Direct service is available from Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Brussels, Cancun, Dublin, Frankfurt, Glasgow, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Milan, Manchester, Munich, Paris, Rome, Shannon, Stockholm and Venice via US Airways. For arrival or departure information, call 1-800-PHL-GATE or visit www.phl.org.

The airport is located just eight miles from Center City. A taxi between the airport and Center City locations costs a flat rate of \$26.25 and takes 15-25 minutes. For travelers on a budget, the SEPTA R1 regional rail line makes stops at all airport terminals, 30th Street Station, Suburban Station near City Hall, and Market East Station attached to the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

A one-way ticket costs \$5.50. For SEPTA information, call 215-580-7800 or visit www.septa.org.

By Train: Amtrak operates trains to Philadelphia's 30th Street Station from the Northeast Corridor (Boston, New York City, Baltimore, Washington, D.C.) and cities across the U.S.

By Car: Philadelphia is easily accessible by interstates 95 and 76 and the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Turnpikes. Parking is plentiful.

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| Atlantic City | 1 hr. car |
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| Provincetown | 2 hrs. air/7 hrs. car |
| Rehoboth Beach | 2 hrs. 30 min. car |
| Chicago | 2 hrs. air |
| Pittsburgh | 1 hr. air/5 hrs. car/8 hrs. train |
| Toronto | 1 hr. 30 min. air/10 hrs. car/12 hrs. train |
| Montreal | 1 hr. 40 min. air/9 hrs. car/10 hrs. train |
| Atlanta | 2 hrs. 30 min. air |
| Miami | 3 hrs. air |
| San Francisco | 6 hrs. air |
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Philadelphia is home to more American history than any other U.S. city. Many important historical treasures can be found in Independence National Historical Park, America's most historic square mile.

The Liberty Bell Center, the new home of the international symbol for freedom, presents dozens of images and interpretive panels to explain the rich history of the bell and how it became one of the nation's sacred relics.

Visitors can tour Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and the U.S. Constitution was written, and Carpenters' Hall, where the First Continental Congress met in 1774. Dozens more historical sites, including the

Second Bank of the United States, Franklin Court and Christ Church, document the birth of the nation.

The monumental National Constitution Center demonstrates the relevance of the U.S. Constitution 200 years ago and today. Through a wealth of interactive exhibits, the Center offers visitors the opportunity to take the Presidential Oath of Office, add their signature to the Constitution, and review important Supreme Court decisions.

From April through October, the Lights of Liberty Show, Philadelphia's one-of-a-kind sound and light show, tells the story of the events leading up to the American Revolution at many of the sites where history was made.

Outside of the city, Valley Forge National Historical Park honors Colonial soldiers and their winter encampment of 1777-78, and Washington's Crossing State Park marks the historical site where George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River for the important Battle of Trenton. Brandywine Battlefield Park brings to life the largest engagement of the Revolutionary War between Washington's Continental Army and the British forces.

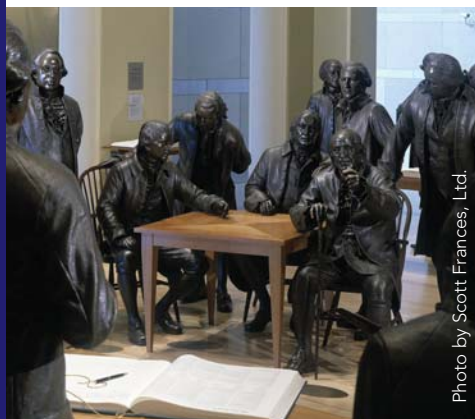


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While homes and artifacts share a bit of

Philadelphia's Colonial tale, the stories of the everyday people who created the nation share the love, anguish, conflict and joy that often go untold. During the summer, *Once Upon A Nation* shares the lives and secrets of America's most famous and not-so-famous heroes through storytelling sites around Independence National Historical Park. At night, the storytellers captivate visitors with detailed narratives at the area's historical buildings. Visit Edgar Allan Poe in Christ Church Burial Ground by candlelight. Listen in on 18th-century gossip by costumed characters. Or, sneak into Independence Hall after closing with the architects of the American Revolution. For an evening of history and music, join in the fun at Interactive 1776 The Movie-Musical with props and sing-a-longs.



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Independence Visitor Center

6th and Market streets

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Philadelphia's friendly atmosphere and beautiful surroundings are enhanced by its diverse neighborhoods. Around every corner you can find a new enclave of residential streets, one-of-a-kind shops and hidden treasures. The nation's first commercial district sprouted in Old City. Historic storefronts and narrow streets echo 17th-century trade where sidewalk cafes and bustling galleries now populate this thriving arts community. "First Friday" is a monthly open house of studios, galleries and theaters.

Encircling the Historic District, Society Hill is filled with rows of restored brick homes and cobblestone alleys whispering tales of centuries past. Stroll down Delancey Street for a glimpse of Benjamin Franklin's Philadelphia. The "hippest street in Philadelphia," South Street is famous for its eclectic shops, diverse restaurants and electric nightlife. An epicenter for diversity, South Street brings "hippy" and "hip-hop" together and provides the best people watching in the city.

Along Market Street East, historic department stores pay tribute to the retail giants of the past alongside The Gallery at Market East, the largest downtown shopping complex in the nation and a symbol of modern shopping. The Friendship Gate at 10th and Arch streets, welcomes you to Chinatown, a center for fine art, culture and the very best in Asian culinary delights.

History may be Philadelphia's claim to fame, but its culture gives the city its life. There is no brighter concentration of stars than on the Avenue of the Arts, stretching along Broad Street and including the venerable Academy of Music, Freedom Theatre and The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. An equally impressive hub of artistry stretches west along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. This grand boulevard, reminiscent of European landscapes, boasts an enviable row of museums and public art.

Some of the finest shopping and dining is concentrated around Rittenhouse Square, one of the city's most popular retreats and most prestigious addresses. Across the Schuylkill River to the west, a thriving community of education, culture, medicine and technology coexists with historic neighborhoods steeped in structures of architectural significance in University City.

The stately homes and tree-lined streets of Chestnut Hill outline one of the city's beautiful residential and retail districts. Heading south down cobblestoned Germantown Avenue, Germantown chronicles Philadelphia's 300 years of living history, including the American Revolution and Underground Railroad. Nestled along the banks of the Schuylkill River, Manayunk's Main Street contrasts the 19th-century mill town with a contemporary shopping, dining and recreational experience.

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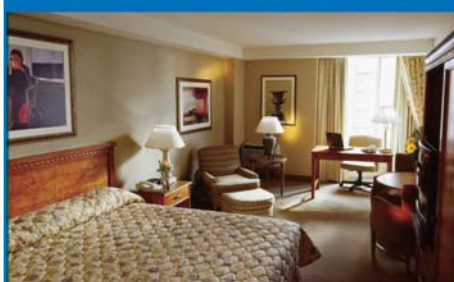


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If you love to explore museums, this is the place for you. Philadelphia's museums and cultural repositories comprise one of the finest art collections in the country. The city also has one of the largest concentrations of outdoor and mural art in the world, as well as a variety of galleries in which to browse and shop.

Discover renowned American artists at the **Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts**, the nation's first art museum and school. Opened in 1876 to celebrate the country's centennial, the museum houses a collection of American masters spanning four centuries. Showcasing 2,000 years of human creativity, the **Philadelphia Museum of Art** (above) is home to one of the most important collections in the U.S., including masterpieces of painting, sculpture and decorative arts from Europe, Asia and the Americas. More than 225,000 works of art are displayed in 200 captivating galleries, including striking Renaissance master paintings, elaborately carved stone altar pieces, and entire period rooms and architectural settings from

around the world—including a Medieval cloister from southwestern France, a thatched, ceremonial Japanese teahouse in its garden refuge, and an evocative 16th-century Indian temple hall dedicated to a Hindu god.

The largest collection of Rodin sculptures and drawings outside of Paris, including "The Thinker" and the "Gates of Hell", can be examined at **The Rodin Museum**. **The African American Museum** in Philadelphia displays historical and contemporary materials and art from African American culture.

More than 100 contemporary works of art by world-renowned artists fill the galleries of the **National Liberty Museum**. Nearly every exhibit includes a work in glass illustrating the beauty and fragility of freedom, including the "Flame of Liberty" (above), a dramatic 20-foot crimson glass sculpture by world-renowned artist Dale Chihuly. **The Barnes Foundation**, located in nearby Merion, houses one of the world's finest private collections of early French

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A diverse array of media and influences can be found throughout the region at the **Institute of Contemporary Art**, **Brandywine River Museum**, **Woodmere Art Museum**, **James A. Michener Art Museum**, **Mercer Museum**, **Fabric Workshop and Museum**, and many others. The beautiful landscapes of the Brandywine Valley and Bucks County provide backdrops for many fine collections and inspiration for new generations of artists.

Philadelphia's world-famous **Mural Arts Program** (right) is credited for making Philadelphia the "City of Murals" with more than 2,700 multi-story, colorful masterpieces adorning buildings throughout the city. Take a Mural Arts Tour for an in-depth look at the murals, and the neighborhoods and artists that created them.

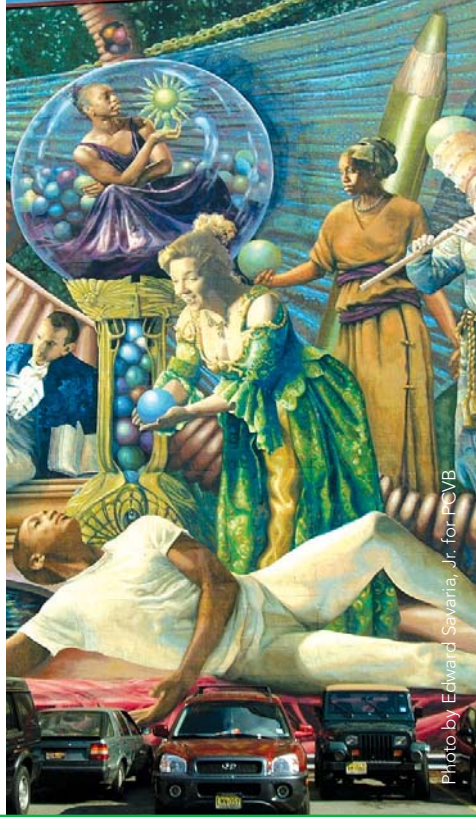
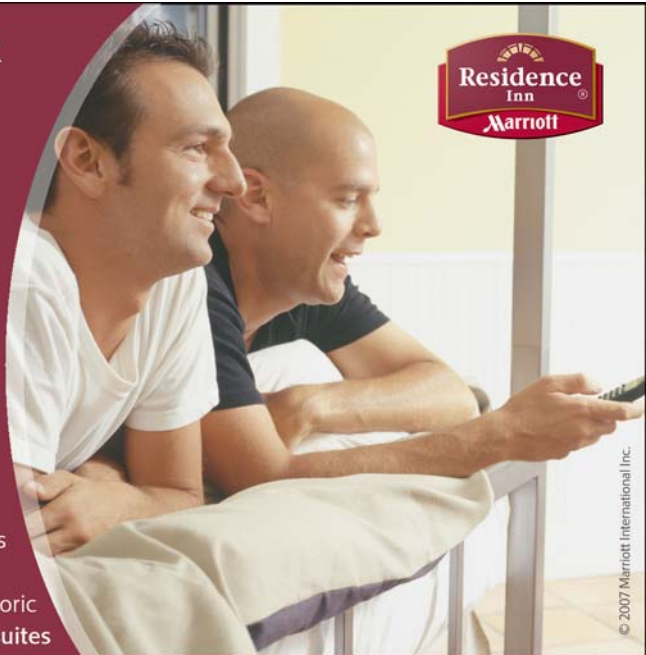


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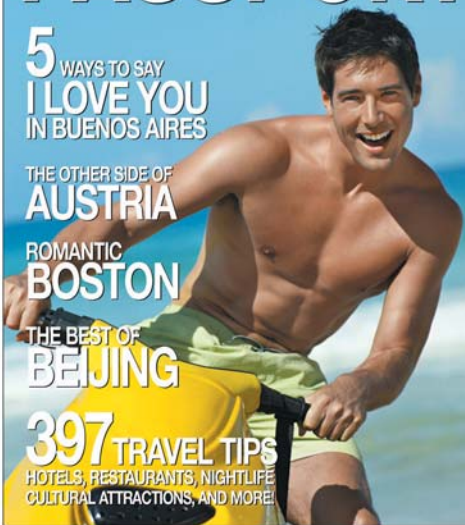
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Shopping is a full-time obsession in Philadelphia. With a wonderful mix of urban shopping districts, some of the nation's largest retail centers and tax-free shopping on clothing and shoes, you will need an extra suitcase to bring everything home. Philadelphia witnessed the birth of the first department store in the nation (John Wanamaker's at 13th & Market streets, now Macy's) and was home to retail giants such as Strawbridge & Clothier and Lit Brothers.

Today, Philadelphia's retail legacy includes Anthropologie, Urban Outfitters, AND1, Lagos, Jones Apparel, Motherhood Maternity and other companies based in the region. Television's QVC makes its home in West Chester, where shopping pilgrims can be part of a live studio audience and, of course, shop. Shopping districts and complexes are plentiful in the city and region. Big names such as Polo Ralph Lauren, Williams-Sonoma, Talbots and Diesel line Rittenhouse Row, the city's premier shopping strip along Walnut Street east of Broad Street. The country's oldest diamond district, Jewelers' Row (8th & Sansom streets) offers incredible selection and prices on all 'bling' things. Visit the eclectic galleries of Old City (N. 2ND & 3RD streets) for contemporary art and crafts, or stroll the charming blocks of Antique Row (12TH & Pine streets) for exquisite treasures and expert advice. Unique shops with

one-of-a-kind finds abound in the Chestnut Hill, University Square and Manayunk neighborhoods, and a cornucopia of Main Street shopping can be found in nearby towns such as West Chester, Media and Doylestown. If you prefer modern malls, The Gallery at Market East is the largest urban mall in America, and the 400 stores in King of Prussia Mall make it the largest retail complex in the nation and well worth the trip. Bargain lovers will never want to leave Franklin Mills Mall's 200 brand-name discount stores, Penn's Purchase Factory Outlet Stores or the VF Outlet Village.



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Everything you've heard is true. Philadelphia is one of the premier dining cities in the United States. And, with more restaurants per capita than any other American city, your choices are endless. Pack your appetites for a culinary joy ride full of flavors and innovative cuisine.

Le Bec-Fin, The Fountain and Susanna Foo may be familiar names to gourmet foodies who have their eye on the finest dining experiences. Philadelphia's menu of fine dining and outstanding cuisine is a long list of acclaimed favorites, relative new comers and creative innovators. Chef-owned restaurants are plentiful, offering new fusion concepts and surprising flair to traditional dishes.

You'll find century-old Italian restaurants serving Old World ambiance and authentic recipes. Top-grade steak and seafood houses feature fresh cuts and tastes. Cuban, Spanish and South American flavors are abundant throughout the city. With so many ethnic and international options available, Philadelphia represents a global infusion of cuisine. Chinese, Moroccan, Japanese, Indian, Irish, Thai and French are just the first course. Delicious regional American and Philadelphia-style cuisine, such as soft pretzels, hoagies and famous

cheesesteaks, is also plentiful. But the food is only part of the region's dining experiences. Have dinner in architecturally significant buildings, historic rowhomes or country inns. Enjoy a meal at a sidewalk cafe or overlooking the waterfront. Dine amidst creative and innovative decor that is as tantalizing as the main course. From Colonial taverns to conveyor belt sushi bars, Philadelphia's dining offers something to please every palate.

A growing crop of intimate BYOBs and sidewalk cafes add to the local dining adventure. Ask your hotel or visitors center concierge for a recommendation. You won't be disappointed.



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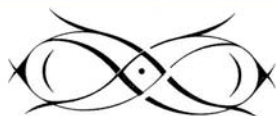


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For those who prefer to take part in the action, the region offers endless outdoor possibilities. The 8,900 acres of Fairmount Park, which extends along the Schuylkill River and Wissahickon Creek, provide an urban oasis of trails and athletic fields. The popular 8.4-mile River Drive Recreation Loop guides walkers, bikers, in-line skaters and joggers along beautiful Boathouse Row, riverside vistas and outdoor sculpture. Forbidden Drive is a challenging mountain bike and pedestrian trail extending the length of the Wissahickon Valley. Each May, the Schuylkill is also home to one of the finest rowing traditions and some of the

top regattas in the nation, including the Dad Vail, the largest intercollegiate regatta in the world.

Mix health and history with a walking or biking tour of Valley Forge National Historical Park. Enjoy a quiet afternoon rafting, canoeing or tubing down the Delaware River. Or tackle rock climbing—indoor or out. There's no shortage of scenic walking paths and rural hiking trails to explore. Philadelphia's sporting calendar also includes the Penn Relays in April, Radnor Hunt Races and Devon Horse Show in May, Philadelphia Cycling Championships in June, Philadelphia Marathon in November and the Army/Navy Game in December.

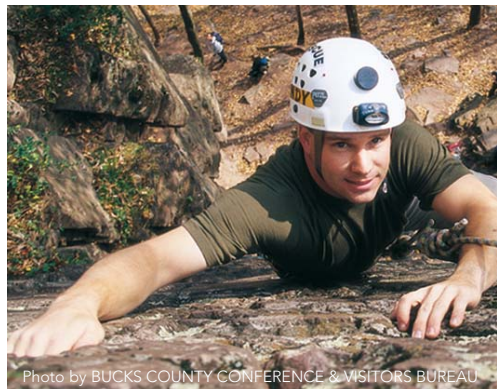


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Delaware County's Brandywine Valley is a diverse region full of world-class shopping, historical sites and outstanding lodging and dining. Museum lovers can follow the legacy of N.C., Andrew and Jamie Wyeth at the **Brandywine River Museum**. The great American country estate of **Winterthur** showcases a magnificent collection of American antiques and a 60-acre garden. **The Media Theatre** and **Hedgerow Theater** present a wide range of musical and dramatic performances. Brandywine is the perfect location for botanical brilliance, including the magnificent colors of **Chanticleer Gardens**, **Tyler Arboretum** and the **Newlin Grist Mill**, an active 1704 water-powered mill surrounded by hiking, trout fishing, picnicking, and nature trails. And George Washington's headquarters and the campsites of his troops take visitors back to the nation's earliest days at **Brandywine Battlefield**.

Just a half-hour from Center City sits the beautiful and historical landscapes of Montgomery County and **Valley Forge National Historical Park**, where George

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Longwood Gardens



N.C. Wyeth, illustration for *Treasure Island*

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Nearby, take a tempting tour of a fourth-generation candy company at **Asher's Chocolate Factory**. In Merion, **The Barnes Foundation** houses one of the finest collections of French early Modern and Post-Impressionist paintings in the world. (Advance reservations are needed.)

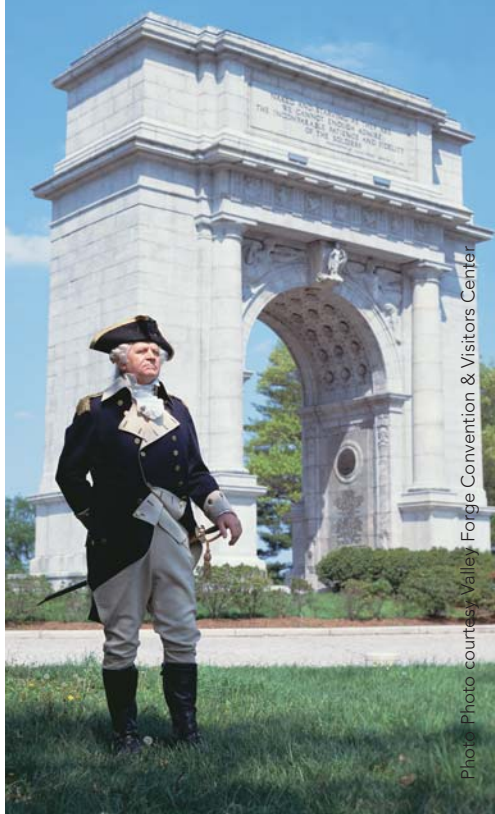


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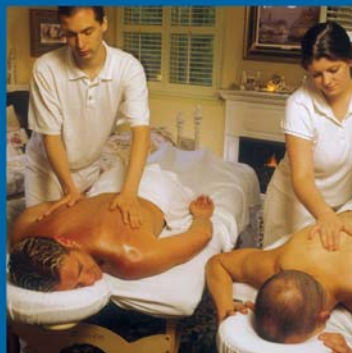
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Nestled in-between Philadelphia and New York City, Bucks County is home to dozens of perfect getaways and historic destinations. The country cousin of the big city lifestyle, Bucks County offers a diverse spectrum of experiences that can be enjoyed at a quieter and more leisurely pace than its urban neighbors. Visitors can tour wineries, ride an old-fashioned steam locomotive, scout out romantic covered bridges, take in the outdoors, and explore the galleries of local art museums.

Plan your itinerary around some of the quaint towns and villages that once peppered the countryside along train and horse routes. From Doylestown to Quakertown to New Hope, tour historic homes and buildings and hear stories of America's past beyond the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall.

Visit the home of Nobel Prize winner Pearl S. Buck. Stroll the grounds and tour the manor house of William Penn, visit the sailing sloop in which he traveled to and from Philadelphia. Stop at the home, museum and tile works of 20th-century "Renaissance Man" Henry Chapman Mercer and enjoy a living history tour.

Bucks County is blessed with an array of museums, galleries and art fairs. Wander the narrow streets of New Hope, a unique river town and famous artists' colony packed with art galleries and shops. Tour the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown or their satellite location in Union Square, New Hope to see fine examples of Pennsylvania Impressionism.

Be sure to pack your outdoors clothes to take part in the country experiences that only Bucks County can offer. Discover Bucks County's 12 covered bridges. Visit the top of Bowman's Hill Tower for the view of the wild and scenic Delaware River. Relax and enjoy Delaware Canal State Park. Hike, camp, bike, golf, tube, kayak and canoe the Great Outdoors of Bucks County. Ride a steam-powered train through the countryside. Float above it all in a hot air balloon.

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Art galleries and antique shops are plentiful in New Hope and across the bridge in Lambertville, New Jersey. The famed Bucks County Playhouse has been home to bright stars and popular stage productions since 1939. Famous actors from stage and screen such as Kitty Carlisle, Robert Redford, Grace Kelly, Walter Matthau and Roddy McDowell have appeared at the Playhouse over the decades.

New Hope's community gathering place is The Raven (www.theravenresort.com), which attracts people from around the world. The complex includes a first-class restaurant, gay bar, outdoor pool and small inn.



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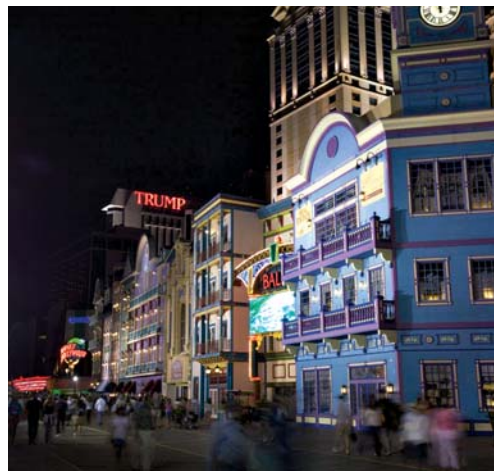
Just across the scenic Delaware River from Philadelphia, South Jersey features a surprising mixture of activity. Go canoeing, boating, hiking or fishing in the Pine Barrens or antiquing along historic Main Streets. Play a round of golf or follow the trail of the American Revolution. Go birding, visit a winery or farm market, or enjoy an evening of arts and theater. One of the region's leading tourist destinations, the Camden Waterfront is conveniently located just a mile from Philadelphia's historic district. Touting a number of fun attractions, including the Battleship New Jersey Memorial and Museum, Camden Children's Garden, Adventure Aquarium, Tweeter Center, and Whitman's House the Camden Waterfront offers 11 attractions within a one-mile stretch.

For those who enjoy sand, surf, shows and slots, the lights and excitement of Atlantic City casinos and beaches are an hour drive from Philadelphia. Atlantic City offers a complete package of excitement, including casino gaming, star-struck entertainment, non-stop nightclubs, designer dining, shop-till-you-drop retail, the beach and famous Boardwalk.

Sign up for some serious retail therapy at the elegant new Pier Shops at Caesars featuring famous restaurants and even

more famous retailers with spectacular ocean views providing the backdrop. For an Old Havana feel, the shops, restaurants and nightclubs of The Quarter at Tropicana heat things up with a spicy salsa-style atmosphere. The House of Blues complex at Showboat provides an enticing blend of music, Southern-inspired food and exotic atmosphere, while the bar scene throughout town ranges from cool martini spots to elegant, intimate lounges and edgy watering holes.

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|  Visitor Center |  Broad Street Line | |
|  PATCO |  Subway / Surface Line | |



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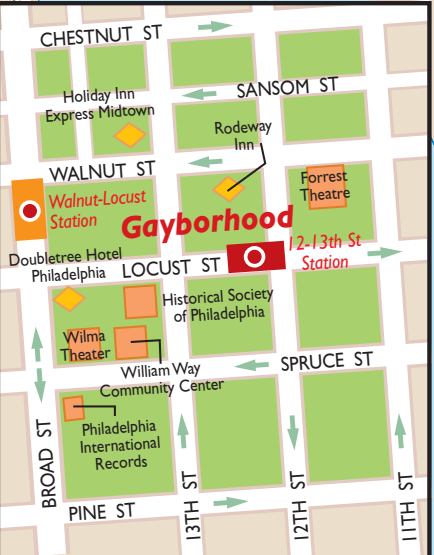
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