

WELCOME TO THE GAYBORHOOD

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CITY HALL
[just a few blocks North, look for the LOVE statue across the way in JFK Plaza]

OLD CITY/HISTORIC DISTRICT
[just a quick cab ride away]

WASHINGTON SQUARE
[just a few blocks East]

PASSYUNK/ITALIAN MARKET
[just a few blocks South]

WEST

EAST

NORTH

SOUTH

Woody's: Paris has the Eiffel Tower, and London, Big Ben, and the Gayborhood has Woody's, a neighborhood landmark since 1980. No visit to the area would be complete without a stop at this entertainment mecca featuring two bars, a cocktail lounge, dance floor and even a coffeebar.

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE
[just a few blocks West]

William Way Community Center: A cornerstone of the neighborhood since 1974, the center offers community services and cultural, educational, social and recreational programs. It's named after Bill Way, a former gay activist and city employee who dedicated his life to building affordable housing.

Giovanni's Room: In the age of Borders and Amazon.com, this niche bookstore is a gem. The oldest gay and lesbian bookstore in the country, it boasts an extensive collection of LGBT and feminist books and frequently welcomes highly regarded authors.

Go to visitphilly.com/gay for more suggested places to visit.

12th STREET GYM
12th Street Gym: Offering day memberships, this sprawling 60,000-square-foot coed gym is certainly where all the fit boys are (and boys who like looking at fit boys while pretending to work out). The gym offers an array of classes, top-of-the line equipment, pool, spa and roof deck—as well as access to Soleil, for those who need to tan on the go.

Knock: You'll find creative New American cuisine (as well as many movers and shakers from the LGBT community) at this hot spot. While the mahogany décor and grand piano give off a serious, sophisticated vibe, you're just as likely to find regulars casually hanging out at the bar.

Alexander Inn: This newly renovated boutique inn is modern yet quaint, with charming Art Deco-styled rooms. In addition to being conveniently located, the inn also offers a free breakfast buffet and well-equipped gym.

SHOPPING

1	Absolute Abstract	215-733-0190	absoluteabstractart.com
2	Modern Eye	215-922-3300	modern-eye.com
3	Open House	215-922-1415	openhouseliving.com
4	PHAG	215-627-0461	thephagshop.com
5	Spruce Street Video on 12th	215-54-MOVIE	
6	Moda Botanica	215-906-0275	modabotanica.com
7	Doggie Style	215-545-4100	doggiestyle2.com
8	Happily Ever After	215-627-5790	happily.com
9	Provenance Inc	215-733-9338	
10	Show of Hands	215-592-4010	
11	Hello Home	215-545-7060	shophelloworld.com
12	Giovanni's Room	215-923-2960	giovannisroom.com
13	Duross & Langel	215-592-7627	durossandlangel.com

RESTAURANTS

14	Bindi Restaurant	215-922-6061	bindibyob.com
15	Brew Ha Ha	215-893-5680	brewhaha.com
16	Capogiro Gelato Artisans	215-351-0900	capogirogelato.com
17	El Vez	215-928-9800	elvezrestaurant.com
18	Knock	215-925-1166	knockphilly.com
19	Lolita	215-546-7100	lolitabyob.com
20	Mercato	215-985-2962	mercatoibyob.com
21	Raw Sushi & Sake Lounge	215-238-1903	rawlounge.net
22	More Than Just Ice Cream	215-574-0586	
23	Mixto	215-592-0363	tierramixtophilly.com
24	Valanni	215-790-9494	valanni.com
25	Naked Chocolate Café	215-735-7310	nakedchocolatecafe.com
26	Terra	215-545-0900	tavernoncamac.com
27	Joe Pesce	215-829-4400	joepescerestaurant.com

BAR/CLUBS

28	Sisters Restaurant/Nightclub	215-735-0735	sistersnightclub.com
29	The Bike Stop	215-627-1662	thebikestop.com
30	Woody's	215-545-1893	woodysbars.com
31	12th Air Command	215-545-8088	12thair.com
32	Tavern on Camac	215-545-0900	tavernoncamac.com
33	Q Lounge	215-732-1800	qphilly.com
34	Westbury	215-546-5170	westburybarandrestaurant.com
35	Voyeur Nightclub	215-735-5772	voyeurnightclub.com
36	Uncle's Upstairs	215-546-6660	
37	Venture	215-545-8731	vipphilly.com
38	JR's Lounge		

STYLE/FITNESS

39	Groom	215-545-2626	groomphilly.com
40	12th Street Gym	215-985-4092	12streetgym.com
41	Fusion: Heart.Muscle.Mind	215-733-0633	fusioncrosstraining.com
42	Lion's Mane	215-925-0366	
43	Charlie Salon	215-923-3123	
44	Cut	215-545-3930	cuthairsalon.com
45	Salon K	215-545-1880	
46	Andre Richard Salon	215-735-1590	andrerichardsalon.com

STAY/SLEEP

47	Alexander Inn	215-923-3535	alexanderinn.com
48	The Independent Hotel	215-772-1440	theindependenthotel.com

GLBT SERVICES

49	William Way Community Center	215-732-2220	waygay.org
50	Mazzoni Center	215-563-0652	mazzonicenter.org



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In addition, the PGC and the *Philadelphia Gay News* have provided many of the gay-owned or gay-friendly merchants in the Gayborhood and beyond with distinctive Liberty Bell rainbow “Welcome” decals to place in their windows. Again, if you see these stickers, you’ll be assured that the participating businesses are delighted that you have visited Philadelphia and are patronizing their establishments. If you have any comments about these or any other retailers, as well as any aspect of your experience as a gay visitor to Philadelphia, please let us know. Post a comment at *philadelphiagaytourism.com.*

Signs marking the streets in the Gayborhood feature the distinctive LGBT rainbow-striped colors as part of their design. Look for these beacons and you’ll know you are home!

Look to the Rainbow

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On behalf of the Philadelphia Gay Tourism Caucus (PGTC), welcome to our town. We’re thrilled you’ve chosen to visit the “City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection.” This map of our Gayborhood is a great starting point for your exploration of a truly amazing city. Detailed information about gay-friendly restaurants, stores, hotels, attractions and more can be found on both the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation (GPTMC) and Center City District (CCD) websites: *visitphilly.com* and *centercityphila.org*. The GPTMC also has a great blog, *uwishunu.com*, packed with insider tips and information about what’s hot in Philadelphia.

Welcome to Philadelphia



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The best way to experience the real Philadelphia is through its neighborhoods, a collection of streets with their own distinctive charm and personality. Here is a quick snapshot of what Center City has to offer.

Rittenhouse Square

If people-watching, alfresco dining and overpriced cocktails are your thing, then a stopover in Rittenhouse is a must. At the center of this exclusive neighborhood is Rittenhouse Square, where the pretty people go to laze away a warm day. For a front-row view of the action, grab a seat at one of the many outdoor restaurants lining the square, followed by shopping at the many high-end boutiques and shops throughout the neighborhood.

Shop: *Barney’s Co-op (130 S. 18th St.); Boyds Philadelphia (1818 Chestnut St.)* **Eat:** *Parc (227 S. 18th St.); Rouge (205 S. 18th St.)* **Drink:** *Pub + Kitchen (1946 Lombard St.); Village Whiskey (118 S. 20th St.)* **Don’t Miss:** *XIX at the Hyatt at the Bellevue – views and balcony dining, so gay chic.*

Washington Square West/Gayborhood

Once overshadowed by neighbors Old City and Rittenhouse Square, Washington Square West now sparkles with its share of trendy shops, spas, bars and restaurants (not to mention the Gayborhood, which falls within its borders). Relax outdoors on a sunny day in laid-back Washington Square Park, or stroll in and out of the specialty shops and boutiques lining the streets.

Shop: *Open House (107 S. 13th St.); Duross & Langel (117 S. 13th St.)* **Eat:** *Chifa (707 Chestnut St.); Jones (700 Chestnut St.)* **Drink:** *APO Bar + Lounge (102 S. 13th St.); Tria (1137 Spruce St.)* **Don’t Miss:** *Shopping along famous Antique Row on Pine Street.*

Queen Village/Bella Vista/South Street

Eclectic is the only word to

describe this area of the city, where you’ll find shaggy-haired hipsters in skinny jeans, granola moms on their way to Whole Foods and bar-hopping locals—all on the same block. Sure, the cars still roll down the street with their stereos blaring on a Saturday night, but South Street is now also home to many hip bars and restaurants, as are the neighboring (and quieter) residential enclaves of Queen Village and Bella Vista.

Shop: *Bus Stop Boutique (750 S. 4th St.); Decades Vintage (615 Bainbridge St.)* **Eat:** *Dmitri’s (795 S. 3rd St.); James (824 S. 8th St.)* **Drink:** *Chick’s Café & Wine Bar (614 S. 7th St.); L’Etagé (624 S. 6th St.)* **Don’t Miss:** *Chocolate chip cookies from Famous 4th Street Delicatessen.*

Historic Philadelphia

Historic Philadelphia, bounded by Vine Street to Pine Street and the Waterfront to 7th Street, is where you’ll find loft-style living, art galleries and bustling nightlife, and the latter by its cobblestone streets and historic homes. If you’re in the mood to play tourist in the city, head to Independence Mall, where you’ll find the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and even Ben Franklin. Stay into the evening and enjoy dinner outdoors at one of the many neighborhood restaurants and bars. Connecting Society Hill with South Street is Headhouse Square, known for its farmers’ market in warmer months.

Shop: *Foster’s Homeware (33 N. 3rd St.); Matthew Izzo (151 N. 3rd St.)* **Eat:** *Zahav (237 St. James Place); Amada (217 Chestnut St.)* **Drink:** *Cuba Libre (10 S. 2nd St.); Continental (138 Market St.)* **Don’t Miss:** *Predating Stonewall, where the first gay rights protests took place on the corner of 6th and Chestnut streets. Be sure to take your picture at the gay history marker.*

Northern Liberties/Fishtown

Touted by the *The New York Times* as the up-and-coming neighborhood, Northern Liberties has arrived and is now spilling into Fishtown, a traditional neighbor-

hood attracting both artists and young professionals. From most spots in the city, you’ll need to cab it to this neighborhood, but the fare is worth it if you’re looking to grab a beer and a bite to eat away from other tourists.

Shop: *Art Star (623 N. 2nd St.); Very Bad Horse (1050 N. Hancock St.)* **Eat:** *Bar Ferdinand (1030 N. 2nd St.); Honey’s Sit ‘n Eat (800 N. 4th St.)* **Drink:** *Johnny Brenda’s (1201 Frankford Ave.); Silk City (435 Spring Garden St.)* **Don’t Miss:** *Head a little further North to Port Richmond for Tacconelli’s Pizza, arguably the best in the city—just be sure to reserve your dough in advance.*

Art Museum/Fairmount

After a visit to the Art Museum and a sprint up the “Rocky Steps,” head to the neighborhood just North of the Ben Franklin Parkway known as Fairmount, a mix of quaint corner bars and restaurants alongside major tourist attractions and traditional brick row homes. The city’s biggest museums line the Parkway—including The Franklin Institute, where you can release your inner science geek. You’ll find most of the activity off the Parkway along Fairmount Avenue, but smaller side streets offer plenty of hidden gems.

Shop: *Philadelphia Museum of Art Store (26th St. and the Parkway)* **Eat:** *Rembrandt’s (741 N. 23rd St.); Water Works Restaurant (1 Boathouse Row)* **Drink:** *North Star Bar (Poplar St. & N. 27th St.); London Grill (2301 Fairmount Ave.)* **Don’t Miss:** *The notorious Eastern State Penitentiary and its year-round programming.*

South Philadelphia

Forget what you saw in *Rocky*. South Philly today is a vibrant neighborhood that mixes the modern with the traditional. You’ll find some of the best old-school Italian restaurants alongside modern wine bars and brew pubs. Foodies will love exploring the 10 blocks of the open-air Italian Market, where fresh produce, meats, seafood and gourmet shops abound. Bordering

Broad Street to the East is East Passyunk, a burgeoning section of South Philly that is being touted as the new Gayborhood, as many new gay-owned shops and restaurants continue to pop up.

Shop: *JimmyStyle (1820 E. Passyunk Ave.); DiBruno Bros. (930 S. 9th St.)* **Eat:** *Izumi (1601 E. Passyunk Ave.); Slice (1180 S. 10th St.)* **Drink:** *Cantina Los Caballitos (1651 E. Passyunk Ave.); Pub on Passyunk East (1501 E. Passyunk Ave.)* **Don’t Miss:** *Yes it’s cliché, but waiting in line at Geno’s or Pat’s at 3 a.m. is a worthwhile escapade—the people-watching is the true gem of this experience.*

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