

Getting here to Philadelphia is easy. It is easy to get to by plane, train, bus, or automobile, so no matter where you are coming from, you won't have a hard time finding us. You can fly directly into Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), conveniently located just eight miles (13 km) away, or take a train, shuttle, or rent a car from Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) or John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) (both are two hours or less by car). It's a 20-minute ride by SEPTA (Philadelphia's public transit system) or a 25-minute drive in a taxi from Philadelphia International Airport to Center City. SEPTA's Airport Line (train) leaves in 30-minute intervals and a one-way fare costs approximately 8 USD. septa.org The taxi ride costs approximately 28.50 USD, plus gratuity. For information on other ground transportation options, call the Airport Ground Transportation Hotline at +1-215-937-6958. phl.org

Getting around in Philadelphia is easy. Not only are we perfectly situated on the East Coast, we are also one of the world's most walkable cities. In fact, there are hotels and restaurants at every price point in the heart of Center City, plus a top-rated public transit system and plenty of taxis to take you around.

Founder William Penn's smart and simple grid street design, the city center is easy to navigate. The Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers border Center City's 25 blocks on the west and east. Keep in mind that streets running east and west (south of Market Street) are named after trees while north and south streets are numbered.

Visitor centers offers information on the city and region, plus recommendations, maps, and more from any of the Independence Visitor Center locations. Personalized concierges offer trip-planning help in 12 languages.

Independence Visitor Center Corner of 6th and Market Street.

City Hall Visitor Center Broad and Market Streets, Room 121, City Hall

Fairmount Park Welcome Visitor Center, LOVE Park 16th Street and John F. Kennedy Boulevard

Sister Cities Park Café and Visitor Center 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia's convenient location and mix of top hotel brands also makes it the perfect spot to stay overnight for day-trips to Lancaster, home to the Amish and Pennsylvania Dutch, and Atlantic City in New Jersey.

Philadelphia is a city that is rich in both history and high-tech, modern ideas. Though it is most famous as the birthplace of American democracy, you'll learn much more about our tradition of freedom and innovation as you explore our diverse communities, vibrant museums, and exciting sports and cultural attractions.

We hope you enjoy your time in the City of Brotherly Love (and Sisterly Affection) and that you'll come back soon to explore more of Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau has teamed up with Brand USA, America's destination marketing organization, and National Geographic Traveler magazine to encourage travelers to discover Philadelphia, where great experiences and memories are here for the making. It's friendly, walkable, and beautiful with world-class culture, food, entertainment, and parks.

Welcome to a city where historic landmarks and cultural hot spots come together to create a vibrant tapestry of art, history, nightlife, food, and music. Here's a suggested two-day itinerary to inspire your trip to Philadelphia!

You may have your 2 day itinerary as follows.

Start your day with a leisurely jog or walk along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, finishing at the top of the Philadelphia Museum of Art steps—just like Rocky. The museum itself holds a world-renowned art collection, which you can easily spend your whole morning perusing. philamuseum.org.

Philadelphia has the country's largest public arts program, which has produced more than 3,600 works of art since its inception. Don't miss out on taking a walking, bus, or self-guided tour of the City of Murals with the City of Philadelphia's Mural Arts Program. muralarts.org.

To get better acquainted with the city's sites, take a double-decker bus tour that lets you hop on and off to explore more. Or sign up for a walking or Segway tour for a different perspective. discoverPHL.com/tours.

Next, head to Independence National Historical Park, the country's most historic square mile and home to Independence Hall, a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Liberty Bell, and much more. The best thing to do is start at the Independence Visitor Center to pick up information on all of the attractions in the area. nps.gov/inde.

For lunch, indulge in artisanal cheeses, specialty foods, and farm-fresh produce at the historic (and always bustling) Reading Terminal Market, where more than a hundred merchants sell their goods. readingterminalmarket.org.

For some retail therapy, head to Rittenhouse Row, a stretch of Walnut Street just off Rittenhouse Square that is the perfect place to enjoy Philadelphia's tax-free shopping on clothing and shoes. Or if you're more in the mood to relax, pull up a seat at one of the area's sidewalk cafés for a leisurely meal. rittenhouserow.org.

Art lovers must visit the world-famous Barnes Foundation, which houses the largest private collection of early French modern and Post-impressionist paintings in the world. View more than 600 paintings by masters such as Cézanne, Degas, Picasso, and Renoir, as well as antique furniture and African sculptures in the unique, detailed placements created by Dr. Albert Barnes. barnesfoundation.org.

Walk over to see the stunning architecture of Philadelphia's City Hall, which was the tallest occupied building in the world until 1909. Relax in Dilworth Park, just next to City Hall, and admire the more than 250 relief and freestanding sculptures, all created by Alexander Milne Calder. Or, cross the street and take your picture with another famous statue—Robert Indiana's LOVE.

Before leaving town, go “inside the walls” of the crumbling but endlessly fascinating Eastern State Penitentiary. In the century after it opened in 1829, more than 300 prisons worldwide copied its

revolutionary radial design. Gangster Al Capone's cell was lavishly decorated, but bank robber Willie Sutton's wasn't as comfortable—he notoriously busted out through a tunnel in 1945. easternstate.org.

There is enough must see and do in Philadelphia that you'll need to plan your next trip back before you even leave. Here is a list of some of the top spots not to be missed.

Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University is must see. Located on 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway Dig for dinosaur fossils, stroll among live butterflies, touch a live animal, learn the importance of watersheds, explore diorama animals from around the world, or take a behind-the-scenes tour at the Academy of Natural Sciences, the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the New World. ansp.org.

Avenue of the Arts Broad and Spruce Streets Known as the theater district of Philadelphia, the Avenue of the Arts is a stretch of Broad Street near City Hall. See the Philadelphia Orchestra at The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, or attend an opera or ballet at the Academy of Music. avenueofthearts.org.

Chinatown 10th and Arch Streets Home to the first authentic Chinese gate built in America, Philadelphia's Chinatown boasts bustling streets lined with restaurants, grocery stores, and rows of shops. chinatown-pcdc.org.

The Franklin Institute 222 North 20th Street Located in the heart of Philadelphia, The Franklin Institute has fun down to a science, with three floors of hands-on exhibits, including the iconic Giant Heart and the "Your Brain" exhibit. fi.edu.

Italian Market 919 South 9th Street The 9th Street Italian Market is the oldest and largest working outdoor market in the United States, home to a variety of indoor fishmongers, cheese purveyors, and butchers. italianmarketphilly.org.

National Constitution Center 525 Arch Street The National Constitution Center dramatically tells the story of the Constitution, from Revolutionary times to the present, through more than a hundred interactive exhibits, films, photographs, and artifacts. constitutioncenter.org.

Philadelphia Zoo 3400 West Girard Avenue The Philadelphia Zoo may be America's oldest, but it certainly keeps current. Interact with animals in a new way as fierce felines and playful primates make their way through overhead trail systems. philadelphiazoo.org.

Please Touch Museum 4231 Avenue of the Republic Located in historic Memorial Hall in Fairmount Park, the Please Touch Museum is designed for families with young children and features a host of interactive exhibits, daily activities, theater performances, and a century-old carousel! pleasetouchmuseum.org.

Rodin Museum 2154 Benjamin Franklin Parkway Home to the largest Rodin collection outside of Paris, this museum showcases casts of the artist's greatest works including "The Thinker," "The Burghers of Calais," and "The Gates of Hell." rodinmuseum.org.

SugarHouse Casino 1001 North Delaware Avenue 24-hour gaming action, great dining, entertainment, and an outdoor patio along the Delaware River make the SugarHouse Casino one of the hottest entertainment options in Philadelphia. sugarhousecasino.com

Philadelphia's renowned dining and nightlife scene is endlessly diverse, offering authentic ethnic cuisines, famed regional fare, and modern culinary creations. The city is filled with upscale restaurants, quaint bistros, and more than 250 outdoor cafés, ranging from sophisticated and grandiose chef-owned eateries to intimate cafés in historic buildings to venues with river and skyline views.

Menus offer contemporary and classic options that make for unforgettable meals. Many restaurants offer a wide selection of specialty beers, even some brewed right here in Philadelphia. If you're looking for something different, visit one of the many food trucks that head to LOVE Park and the campuses of the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University during peak hours, serving casual eats to specialty ethnic cuisine.

To eat like a local with a broad range of cultures in this metropolitan city, you can find foods from almost every country imaginable. But, if you're looking for something truly authentic, nothing says Philadelphia quite like these local favorites. For some true Philadelphia flavor, indulge in the city's official sandwich: the cheesesteak, a mouthwatering combination of melted cheese and tender pieces of chopped or sliced beef. Most establishments offer a choice of Cheez Whiz, American, or provolone cheese, plus the option to add fried or raw onions.

To eat like a local, nothing is better than better than water ice (also known as Italian ice) in summer. This cool and refreshing frozen treat is a smooth mixture of ice, fruit juice, and fresh fruit. It's available from street vendors and establishments throughout the city, and comes in traditional flavors such as cherry and lemon, as well as more exotic flavors like mango and passion fruit.

To eat like a local, one must also not miss Soft pretzels that are the ultimate comfort food for Philadelphians. Hand-twisted and baked fresh every day, these salty satisfiers are available from street vendors, local stores, or directly from the factory, and are delicious with spicy mustard.

Philadelphia's diverse neighborhood districts are waiting to be explored.

Historic District & Waterfront neighborhood: The perfect blend of old and new, this area allows you to step back into the 18th century and then explore contemporary art galleries, clothing boutiques, and bistros. Consider a moonlit carriage ride or ghost tour for a unique experience. During summer months, enjoy free movies, concerts, and multicultural festivals at Penn's Landing. If you happen to be in town on the first Friday of any month, you can join the art-loving crowds exploring the dozens of galleries that stay open late and host special events. Also be sure to visit Elfreth's Alley, between Front and 2nd Streets, America's oldest continuously inhabited residential street

Rittenhouse Square neighborhood: This posh neighborhood is filled with famous retailers, high-end boutiques, outdoor cafés, elegant restaurants, and nightlife hot spots. At its heart is a genteel park

called Rittenhouse Square, with a plaza and fountains designed to resemble a Parisian park. It's the perfect place to enjoy a latte, take a leisurely stroll, or do some alfresco people-watching.

Washington Square neighborhood: Here you will find a relaxing, green, open space surrounded by harmonious blocks of coveted residences and unique retailers. This neighborhood is home to Antique Row and Jewelers' Row, as well as Macy's, where you can enjoy tax-free shopping on clothing and shoes, plus cafés, shops, bookstores, and a lively LGBT community.

Parkway Museum District neighborhood: The Benjamin Franklin Parkway, modeled after Paris's Champs-Élysées, boasts acclaimed museums and public art. Join culture seekers at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Rodin Museum, The Franklin Institute, and Barnes Foundation. Walk, run, or bike the riverside trails in Fairmount Park, one of the world's largest urban park systems.

Convention Center District neighborhood: Across from the Pennsylvania Convention Center is the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and Lenfest Plaza, a perfect outdoor spot to enjoy lunch from nearby Reading Terminal Market. Also in this district is the third largest Chinatown in the United States, offering eclectic shopping and restaurants serving dumplings, noodles, pho, and other Asian delicacies.

University City neighborhood: Home to six colleges and universities, (there are 101 in the region), including the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University, Philadelphia's original countryside is now a diverse urban community with a young, hip energy and a range of restaurants, galleries, museums, and theaters. The neighborhood is home to the Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, the Philadelphia Zoo, and the Institute of Contemporary Art.

South Philadelphia neighborhood: Charming row homes and family-owned eateries tell its story as the landing spot for centuries of immigrants. Today, thanks to its large Italian, Irish, Asian, and Mexican populations, the neighborhood's international cultures still flourish. The corner of Passyunk Avenue and 9th Street is the place for a quintessential cheesesteak sandwich, and patio dining is popular in Passyunk Square, one of South Philadelphia's hottest areas.

Manayunk neighborhood: Derived from the Lenape Indian phrase "where we go to drink," this historic riverside mill town has been reinvented as a trendy shopping and nightlife spot. Take SEPTA's Regional Rail Line from any Center City station (Jefferson, Suburban, or 30th Street stations) to the Manayunk Station on the Manayunk/Norristown Line, then grab a seat alfresco—the area's brewery, taverns, and ethnic restaurants offer more than 900 outdoor seats.

Tax free shopping is available in Philadelphia. With more than 2,000 retailers in Center City alone, Philadelphia is a shopper's paradise. Whether you are looking for upscale goods, brand-name bargains, or that perfect vintage item, you will not be disappointed. And, with no tax on clothing and shoes, bargain hunters can save a bundle.

Explore the city's specialty retail districts, like Jewelers' Row, the nation's oldest diamond district, or Antiques Row, to pick up a piece of Americana. Or, head to Rittenhouse Row, home to exclusive boutiques and big brand-name stores along Walnut Street.

Rittenhouse Square is the perfect place to rest your feet after a long day of shopping. Brands like Anthropologie and Urban Outfitters, founded in Philadelphia, are nearby. Century 21 and Nordstrom Rack are also popular spots for shoppers looking for deals. International visitors won't want to miss Macy's Center City, in the lavish Wanamaker Building, which was home to Philadelphia's first modern department store. Show your passport at the Macy's visitor center to receive discounts

For other famous brand name stores, take a short drive outside Philadelphia to the King of Prussia Mall, featuring more than 400 stores, the Philadelphia Premium Outlets, or Philadelphia Mills, where you can find deep discounts on top brands.

Philadelphia is one of the greatest American sport cities, offering four seasons of athletic excitement.

Sport: American Football: Root for the Philadelphia Eagles at the massive, 67,594-seat Lincoln Financial Field. (September to January).

Sport: Baseball: Enjoy America's national pastime by taking in a Philadelphia Phillies baseball game at Citizens Bank Park. (April to September).

Sport: Soccer: Cheer on the Philadelphia Union at PPL Park stadium in Chester, just a 30-minute drive or train ride from Center City. (March to October).

Sport: Basketball: See the Philadelphia 76ers, known as the "Sixers," at the Wells Fargo Center. (October to April).

Sport: Ice Hockey: Watch the National Hockey League's Philadelphia Flyers at the Wells Fargo Center. (October to April).

Sporting events in Philadelphia boasts a full calendar of special sporting events, from regattas and Dragon Boat races along the Schuylkill River to running races through the streets of the city, including an annual marathon. Philadelphia is also home to the highest rated international cycling race in the United States. Check out the calendar by visiting PHLsports.com.

Philadelphia offers many outdoor recreations. Visitors looking for physical activity can explore the city's network of paths, parks, trails, and public playing fields. Fairmount Park offers 215 miles (346 km) of trails, including the paved 11.5 miles (18.5 km) of the Schuylkill River Trail. Rent bicycles or in-line skates along Boathouse Row, or take a guided bicycle or Segway tour of the park's highlights. fairmountpark.org.

Philadelphia offers calendar of events for everyone.

January 1st has New Year's Day Mummers Parade event. Reports of festive neighborhood celebrations on New Year's Day in Philadelphia date back to before the American Revolution. Since 1900, Mummers club members have donned costumes and paraded their string bands and comic skits in one of the most memorable and raucous events of the year. mummers.com.

Early February has Philadelphia Auto Show event. Get your motor revving with 650,000 square feet of wood grain, leather, and steel. Recognized by the industry as one of the top shows in the country, the Philadelphia Auto Show displays more than 700 vehicles from a variety of manufacturers. phillyautoshow.com

Early March has Philadelphia International Flower Show event. Ten acres of lush indoor gardens, lavish floral settings, and inspirational displays make this one of the world's largest and most prestigious flower shows. Each year it celebrates a new and unique theme, and visitors can enjoy live entertainment, culinary demonstrations, and gardening workshops. theflowershow.com.

April to September has Penn's Landing Multicultural Series event. Throughout the summer, visit Penn's Landing on the Delaware River for its multicultural series, highlighting the diverse heritage of the city's residents and their cultural traditions from around the globe. delawareriverwaterfront.com.

Week of July 4th has Wawa Welcome America! event. It celebrates the founding of America where it all began with the largest Fourth of July event in the United States. The free Wawa Welcome America! festival kicks off in late June and culminates on July 4 with a huge parade through historic Philadelphia and then a concert and fireworks show at the steps of the famous Philadelphia Museum of Art. welcomeamerica.com.

FringeArts Festival event takes place for 18 days every September. It takes over Philadelphia's neighborhoods as the world's most cutting-edge local, national, and international artists come together in a fun, social atmosphere. Audiences are sure to enjoy nonstop creative and cultural experiences at shows in venues and across the city, from traditional theaters to corner bars and vacant storefronts. fringearts.com.

October to May witness the Philadelphia Orchestra event. Founded in 1900, this is one of the nation's oldest and most revered symphonies. Delighting audiences with its famous "Philadelphia Sound," the orchestra performs more than a hundred concerts a year at the state-of-the-art Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, as well as outdoor summer concerts at The Mann Center for the Performing Arts. The orchestra's versatile repertoire includes everything from celebrated masterworks to children's music. philorch.org.

Throughout the year LGBT event takes place. Don't miss the Philly Pride LGBT Parade and Festival every June and the two-week-long QFEST, an international film festival dedicated to gay and lesbian films and filmmakers, every July. Equality Forum, the nation's largest gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender symposium and festival, takes place in Philadelphia every spring. The weeklong event includes panel

discussions, parties, an art exhibit, the International Equality Dinner, Sunday OUT!, and more. phillypride.org; qfest.com; equalityforum.com.

Events on APRIL 7 – 15. Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival of Greater Philadelphia subarucherryblossom.org Celebrate spring and Philadelphia's rich cultural connection to the art, music, food and beauty of Japan with this festival that culminates in Sakura Sunday at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park.

Event on APRIL 20 – 28. Philadelphia Science Festival philsciencefestival.org This family festival for all ages celebrates science with informal lectures, exhibitions and a lot of hands-on activities throughout the city.

Events on APRIL 26 - 28 The Penn Relays thepennrelays.com Watch high school, college and masters-level track stars as well as Olympic athletes compete in the oldest and largest track and field competition in the U.S. at Franklin Field on the University of Pennsylvania campus.

Events on MAY 6. 2018 Blue Cross Broad Street Run broadstreetrun.com This 10-mile race along historic Broad Street has attracted local and international athletes for more than 35 years.

Events on MAY 7 - SEPT. 30 Longwood Gardens Festival of Fountains longwoodgardens.org Daily performances at the Main Fountain Garden are set to music, with water jets shooting 175 feet into the air. Special Illuminated Fountain Performances are Thursday to Saturday evenings, and Fireworks & Fountains shows are May 26, July 1 & 21, Aug. 11 and Sept. 1 & 29.

Events on MAY 11 & 12. Aberdeen Dad Vail Regatta dadvail.org Head to the banks of the beautiful Schuylkill River for this annual collegiate regatta, which draws participants from more than 100 North American colleges and universities.

Events on MAY 17 – 19. Philadelphia International Children's Festival annenbergcenter.org Taking place at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, this children's festival includes fun theater performances, singing, dancing, crafts and more.

Events on MAY 19. Rittenhouse Row Spring Festival rittenhouserow.org This festival takes over six blocks of Walnut Street (from Broad to 19th Street) and features booths from local restaurants and shops as well as live music.

Events on MAY 19 & 20. South 9th Street Italian Market Festival italianmarketfestival.com Take part in this annual tradition where delicious Italian favorites, both sweet and savory, are available along with great music, shopping and more.

Events on MAY 24 - 28 Sail Philadelphia sailphiladelphia.com Tall ships from around the world will dock at the Independence Seaport Museum and Penn's Landing for this Memorial Day Weekend festival. Tour the ships, set sail on the Delaware River and enjoy the riverside activities.

Events on MAY 26 - OCT. 8 Morris Arboretum Summer Garden Railway morrisarboretum.org This annual model train display includes a quarter mile of track with tunnels, bridges, trestles and miniature buildings made from natural materials. Open daily through Labor Day and on weekends through Oct. 5.

Events on MAY 31 - JUNE 10 Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts kimmelcenter.org. This 11-day festival is an innovative celebration of local and international music, dance and aerial magic performances and installations. Stop by the free street fair on June 9, with performances, rides and food vendors.

Events on JUNE 1 – 3. Philadelphia Latino Film Festival phlaff.org This annual festival showcases the innovative work of emerging and established Latin American and Latino filmmakers.

Events on JUNE 1 - 10 Philly Beer Week phillybeerweek.org This festival gives you the chance to try locally made brews and participate in beer tours, prix fixe beer-pairing dinners, pub crawls and hundreds of events in restaurants and bars across America's Best Beer Drinking City™.

Events on JUNE 2 Roots Picnic rootspicnic.com Festival Pier at Penn's Landing is host to a day of diverse music and performances handpicked by Philadelphia natives The Roots.

Events on JUNE 2. Independence Dragon Boat Regatta independencedbr.com Watch teams (from novices to experienced racers) compete along the Schuylkill River to help raise money for a number of worthy charities in this spectacular annual tradition.

Events on JUNE 10. PrideDay phillygaypride.org The largest celebration of LGBT pride in the region, attracting more than 25,000 people each year to the city's Gayborhood community.

Events on JUNE 10. Odunde African American Festival odundefestival.org With live entertainment, 12 blocks of vendors along South Street, arts-and-craft booths and African, Caribbean and soul food, this huge festival celebrates the Yoruba New Year.

Events on JUNE 28 - JULY 4 Wawa Welcome America! Festival welcomeamerica.com Celebrate America's Independence with a weeklong festival featuring seven days of family-friendly fun, four free concerts with world renowned entertainers, three spectacular nights of fireworks and a patriotic parade traveling past America's most historic sites.

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THROUGHOUT JULY Philadelphia Orchestra events at The Mann manncenter.org The Philadelphia Orchestra returns to its Philadelphia summer home, the Mann Center for the Performing Arts in the heart of Fairmount Park, for special performances of classical favorites and live film scores while the movies are playing in the outdoor theater.

Events on JULY 14 Bastille Day easternstate.org. Watch a playful re-enactment of the storming of the Bastille at Eastern State Penitentiary, with Parisian icon Edith Piaf as your emcee and free Tastykakes for all thanks to the “Let them eat Tastykakes!” cries from Marie Antoinette.

Events on AUGUST 5. 2nd Street Festival 2ndstfestival.org Businesses from the diverse Northern Liberties neighborhood come together to host a block party like no other, complete with great food, music and art for sale.

Events on Labor Day Weekend. Budweiser Made in America Festival madeinamericafest.com. An exciting music festival curated by Jay-Z and featuring 60 artists on three stages on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Events on SEPT 6 – 22. 2018 Fringe Festival fringearts.com. More than 100 experimental performances take over neighborhoods throughout the city during this annual arts festival. Performances include theater, dance, comedy, visual arts, spoken word and more.

Philadelphia Marketplace is located just beyond the checkpoint inside the Philadelphia International Airport. It has more than 170 shops, eateries and services. It features local favorites that will delight your taste buds and natural brands for all your shopping needs.

NATIONAL TREASURES is among the top 5 things to experience. Philadelphia is rich in attractions that tell America’s story, all within walking distance of each other. Tour Independence Hall, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and visit the National Constitution Center’s new exhibit Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes that Shaped a Nation.

WORLD-RENOWNED ARTS SCENE is among the top 5 things to experience. Visit the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia’s Museum District, to explore the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Barnes Foundation, with the world’s finest private collections of early French-Modern and PostImpressionist paintings. Wander throughout the city to enjoy our unparalleled collection of public art (more than 4,000 murals and sculptures!).

FABULOUS FOOD is among top 5 things to experience. Philadelphia’s dining scene is exceptional thanks to our roster of renowned chefs and restaurateurs including a whole host of James Beard Award winners, a wide range of ethnic and global cuisines and a festive food truck scene. Treat yourself to an unforgettable gourmet meal, enjoy the city’s trademark cheesesteak or try something new at Reading Terminal Market.

EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS is among the top 5 things to experience. Philadelphia offers numerous outdoor adventures including cultural festivals along the Delaware River waterfront, seasonal pop-up parks and beer gardens, and hiking and biking in Fairmount Park, which spans 10,000 acres and has more than 270 miles of recreation trails.

TAX-FREE SHOPPING is among the top 5 things to experience. Clothing and shoe purchases are tax-free so get ready to shop Rittenhouse Row, the Chestnut Hill Business District, and Main Street Manayunk. Philadelphia offers the biggest name brands as well as independent boutiques.

Shockingly awesome views of Philadelphia can be enjoyed from One Liberty observation deck. A perfect place to see Philly from the top. It is located one block from the City hall with entrance on Market street between 16th and 17th streets.

Arts in Action can be enjoyed during the 11-day Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts (PIFA) presented by The Kimmel Center from May 31 to June 10. Aerial artists, a street fair and more transform the city during this time.

Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation . Upcoming exhibit at National Constitution center. Through Dec. 31. This riveting new exhibit highlights the competing ideas of Alexander Hamilton and his legendary rivals James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Aaron Burr. Examining the personalities and constitutional rivalries that shaped America—including the scope of the national government, the establishment of a standing army, the creation of a federal banking system and more—the exhibit provides insight into Hamilton’s enduring role in the constitutional and political arguments that continue to create sparks to this day. constitutioncenter.org

Woven Strands: The Art of Human Hair Work Through Sept. 16 . Upcoming exhibit at Mütter Museum. The Mütter Museum, in the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, showcases medical history and the mysteries of the human body. The museum has assembled a collection of hair art and jewelry that show Victorian-era mourning rituals that ruled 19thcentury society. muttermuseum.org

Leonard Bernstein: The Power of Music Through Sept. 2. Upcoming exhibit at National Museum of American Jewish History. The exhibition explores Bernstein’s Jewish identity and social activism in the context of his position as an American conductor and his works as a composer. It’s the first large-scale museum exhibition to illustrate Bernstein’s life, Jewish identity and activism. nmajh.org

Game Masters: The Exhibition March 31 – Sept. 4 . Upcoming exhibit at Franklin Institute. Showcasing the work of more than 30 innovative game designers, Game Masters is an interactive display of the evolution and science behind some of the most iconic video games to date. Visitors will immerse themselves in the gaming world’s transformation from the arcade era to today’s web and console games, and learn how games are made. After, enjoy the famed science museum’s many permanent exhibits, including the walk-through giant heart and climbable, two-story neural network and virtual reality stations. fi.edu

Modern Times: American Art 1910-1950 April 18 – Sept. 3 . Upcoming exhibit at Philadelphia Museum of Art. This wide-ranging exhibition on American Modernism features everything from painting and sculpture to select examples of prints, drawings, photographs, decorative arts and costumes. The exhibition highlights artists like Alfred Stieglitz, Georgia O’Keeffe, Marsden Hartley and Arthur Dove along with lesser known artists who contributed to the art of their day. philamuseum.org

Renoir: Father and Son/ Painting and Cinema May 6 – Sept. 3. Upcoming exhibit at Barnes Foundation. This exhibit examines Jean Renoir's path to becoming a prominent filmmaker by bringing together paintings, drawings, films, costumes and photos along with ceramics he made before he turned to cinema. It aims to retrace chapters of his productions through the course of a rich and fascinating dialogue between father, famed Impressionist Pierre-Auguste Renoir, and son. barnesfoundation.org

See West Fairmount Park from Great heights thanks to Treetop Quest, a new aerial adventure course. With activities for kids as young as 4 and more challenging options for teens and adults, it's an ideal outdoor activity for the whole family. The park will be open seasonally on weekends from April to November, and daily through the summer. Adrenaline-packed activities include ziplines, balance beams and complex courses that take a few hours to complete. The experience is self-guided, using a continuous safety system that is impossible to detach from the lifeline. Participants are fitted with a harness and gear when they arrive, attend a safety briefing and go through practice levels before hitting the course. In addition to the course, Treetop Quest has worked to make improvements to the park, including new hiking trails, a covered pavilion with picnic tables and nearby restrooms. Treetop Quest is located at Chamounix Drive and Ford Road. treetopquest.com

Love is in the air once again at JFK Plaza with the return of Robert Indiana's iconic sculpture. The statue has been restored to its original red, green and purple colors. LOVE Park, aka JFK Plaza, has also received a \$16.5 million facelift, adding more green space. Head to LOVE Park for one of Philadelphia's favorite selfie spots! phila.gov/parksandrecreation.

Opening on April 21, the 6000- square-foot Middle Eastern Galleries at the Penn Museum delve into life in the Mesopotamian world, from early writing and record keeping to burial practices, transportation , agriculture , cooking and the arts . Each gallery has a unique focus , and in all show case the more than 1200 piece s from the region , including the 4500 -year- old crowning jewelry of a Mesopotamian queen , one of the world 's oldest wine vessels, a baby 's rattle and more . One of the top archaeology and anthropology museums since its opening in 1887, the Penn Museum is dedicated to displaying artifacts from expeditions and digs its scientists and re searchers have conducted throughout the world , including Egypt, Greece and Italy, Africa and China. For more information, visit penn.museum.

