



**Philadelphia**, the fifth largest city in the U.S., is conveniently located between New York City and Washington, D.C. (only 1.5 hours from New York City and two hours from Washington, D.C.). Known for its history, arts and culture, vibrant street life, world-class restaurants and outdoor life, Philadelphia offers a budget-friendly metropolitan experience for all travelers. Discover Philadelphia, a modern renaissance city where history meets innovation and culture.

## Snapshot of Things to Do

### [History](#)



Known as the birthplace of America, Philadelphia offers a vast array of historic activities. Starting with a guided tour of [Independence National Historical Park](#) - America's most historic square mile - you will learn about where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were drafted, debated and adopted, and where the nation's first executive mansion, [Independence Hall](#), a UNESCO World Heritage Listed Site stood. Before you leave, be sure to snap a photo and also learn about the [Liberty Bell](#), a globally recognized symbol of freedom and visit [Betsy Ross](#)

[House](#), this historic house commemorates the life and accomplishments of Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia patriot believed to have made the first American flag.

### [Arts and Culture](#)



From ballet to theatre to the orchestra and beyond, it's no wonder Philadelphia was ranked America's No. 1 city for culture by *Travel + Leisure* magazine. Explore Museum Mile on Benjamin Franklin Parkway, home to some of the most iconic museums and institutions.

Marvel over 200,000 examples of art spanning more than 2,000 years in history at the [Philadelphia Museum of Art](#), which is also home to the "Rocky Steps" and Rocky statue featured in the Academy Award-winning film *Rocky*. The [Rodin Museum](#) is home to the largest Rodin collection outside of Paris and is where iconic statue "The Thinker" remains. The impressive [Barnes Foundation](#) is where you will see one of the finest collections of post-Impressionist and early Modern paintings with extensive works by Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso.

While in Philadelphia, you can also experience the world's largest outdoor art museum and one of the U.S.'s most innovative art programs, the [City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program](#). Philadelphia is the Mural Capital of the World and boasts almost 4,000 murals as well as outdoor sculptures.

## Outdoor Parks



With the largest city-owned urban park system in the world, Philadelphia is one of the greenest cities in America. Fairmount Park offers a 9,000 acre park system with 215 miles of recreation trails. Endless adventure trails, riverfronts, bicycling trails and walking/running paths are woven through the city unlike anywhere in the U.S. Named “one of the world’s 10 best cities for parks” by *Frommer’s*, Philadelphia offers a wide range of outdoor activities and urban adventures.

## Dining & Nightlife



World-class cuisine prepared by celebrity and award-winning chefs can be found throughout the many diverse neighborhoods that make up the downtown Philadelphia area. Options abound as PHL is home to more than 2,500 restaurants, 250 outdoor cafes and over 200 BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle) style restaurants. James Beard-winning Chefs Michael Solomonov and Jeff Michaud along with Iron Chefs Morimoto and Jose Garces serve up culinary masterpieces for visitors from across the globe. Home to nationally recognized breweries and festivals, and historical brewpubs and

tours, it comes with no surprise that Philadelphia is named among the best beer drinking cities and late night capitals in the U.S.

## Shopping in Philadelphia



Dubbed the #2 shopping city in the world by *Condé Nast Traveler*, Philadelphia is a shopping haven for visitors. From high-end boutiques in [Rittenhouse Row](#) to discount outlets at [Philadelphia Premium Outlets](#), shoppers can indulge in Philadelphia’s tax-free shopping on all clothes and shoes. With the largest shopping mall (retail space) in the U.S., [King of Prussia Mall](#), globally-recognized [Macy’s](#), and trendy local shops, Philadelphia is a shopping mecca for all.

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