



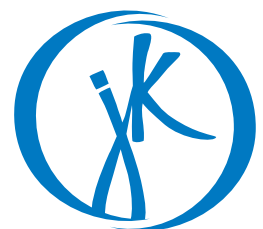
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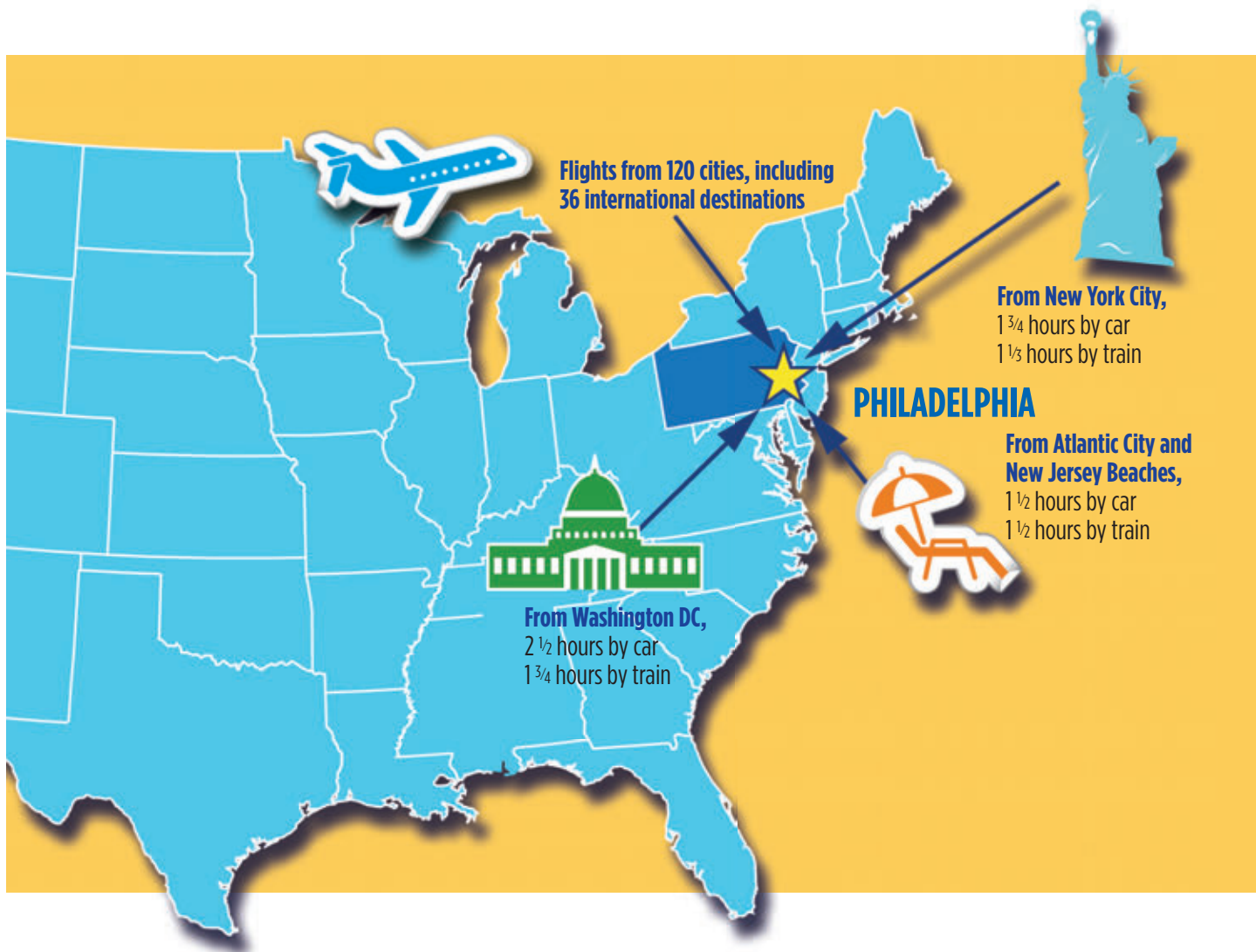


Experience Philadelphia

Come in early or stay a few days late. Either way, we highly recommend enjoying Philadelphia for a few days while your kids are at JKCP.

So, how will you spend your time here in the City of Brotherly Love? While you're in town, we invite you to take advantage of all that our historic city has to offer...but how will you ever narrow down your options in a city as richly diverse as ours?

While you can't possibly experience every attraction, we've narrowed down a few of our favorites. Armed with information about the most elite neighborhoods, hotels, restaurants, and attractions, you'll be ready to experience the city in all its modern glory. Enjoy your travels!



Getting Here

As Philadelphia is a major metropolitan city, almost all major airlines—including American, Delta, Southwest, United, Spirit, JetBlue, and Frontier—fly direct to Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). Amtrak service is also available; arriving trains drop riders at 30th Street Station in the heart of the city.

Once you arrive, you can use the JKCP weekend shuttle service, easily grab a taxi, or Uber. Once you choose a service and request a ride, Uber drivers will be there within minutes- you can even track their exact location while they're in route! Fares are straightforward- they're charged directly to your credit card, and gratuity is always included in the advertised rate.

Choosing their traditional black luxury sedan service, UberBLACK, will have you riding in style with your own private driver; for six or more passengers, choose UberSUV.

Other Uber service offerings include:

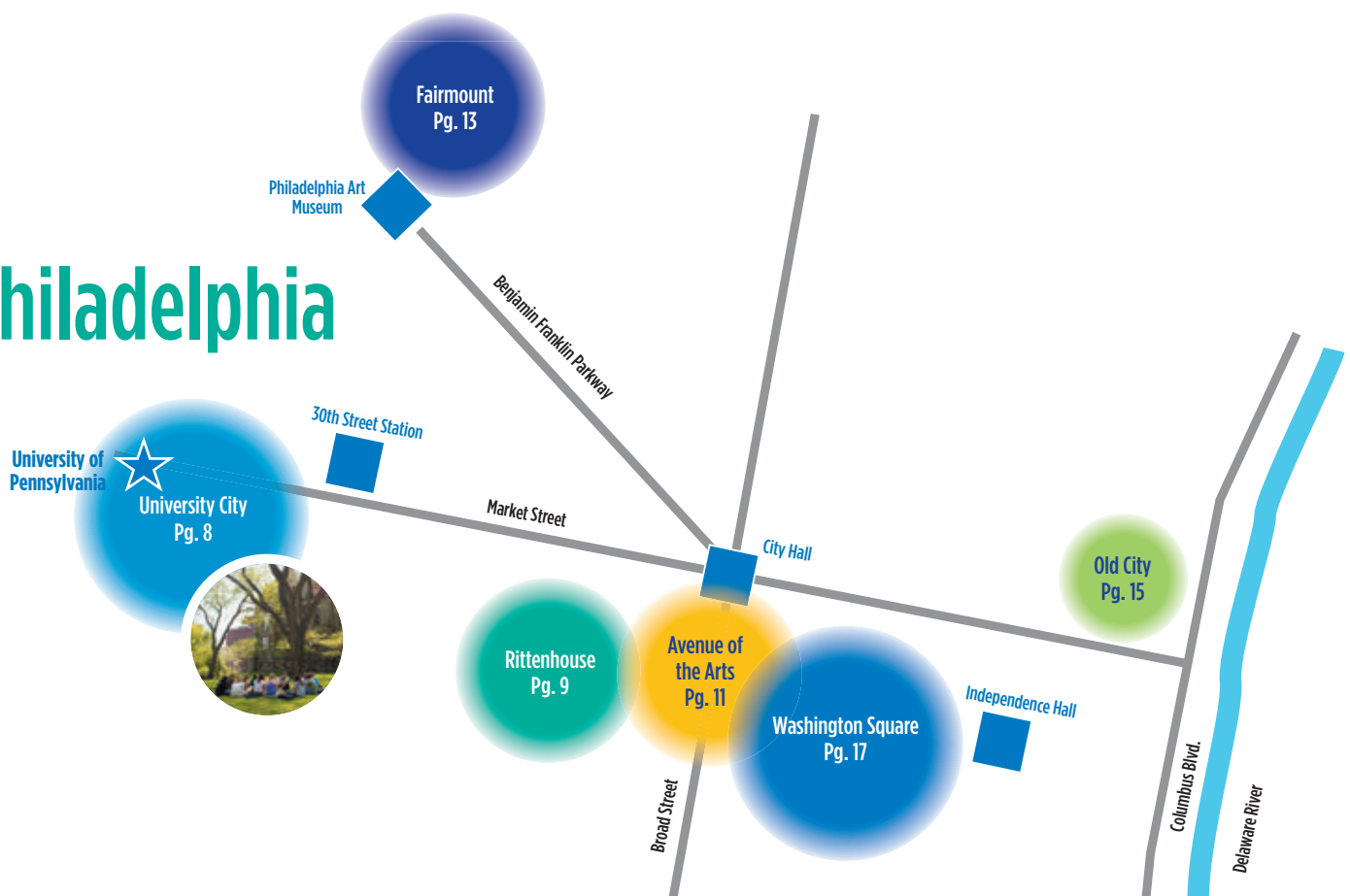
- UberWAV: For wheelchair accessible vehicles
- UberX: For reduced-fare trips across town in standard vehicles
- UberXL: For reduced-fare rides in standard vehicles that can accommodate six or more passengers

But, now that you're ready to roll, you need a worthy destination! For insider advice, check out our neighborhood-by-neighborhood breakdown of the best dining, nightlife, shopping, & sightseeing!

The Main Line Suburbs



Philadelphia





Valley Forge National Historic Park

King of Prussia Mall

The Main Line Suburbs

(Closest to Villanova University and Haverford College)

Known as the “Main Line,” the affluent, western suburbs of Philadelphia have historically been home to Philadelphia’s wealthiest families; today, this upscale demographic continues to inhabit the string of well-to-do towns running along Lancaster Avenue. Luxurious shopping, dining, and entertainments options are sprinkled throughout the area offering unmatched opportunities to bask in the glow of refinement.

As the Pennsylvania Railroad allowed connections to the heart of the city in the 19th Century, the towns were developed to accommodate an elite population of socialites. Extraordinary country estates—[like the one featured in The Philadelphia Story](#) starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant—occupy picturesque neighborhoods. Imagine brick and stone mansions on perfectly manicured grounds complete with helicopter landing pads and Range Rovers galore. When you’re here, you will be, undoubtedly, transported from the hustle of city life.

Where to Dine: [Cerise](#)

Located in Bryn Mawr, Cerise showcases an eclectic menu inspired by the finest dishes in Europe and South America. When the classically-trained French chef, Ben Thomas moved to Mexico City, he further expanded his traditional repertoire to include new ingredients and techniques of the southern hemisphere. With a resume ranging from the Rittenhouse Hotel’s LaCroix to a classic bistro in Paris, Thomas offers an ever changing, four-course prix fixe menu boasting housemade pasta, ice cream, and a refreshing array of globally-inspired dishes.

Where to Relax: Stay at the gorgeous [Radnor Hotel](#) or the [Wayne Hotel](#) where you can enjoy all the glamour of [Paramour](#) (the hotel’s in-house restaurant) or venture out to get a glimpse of the action on nearby Wayne Avenue. Ready to explore? Head to [Teresa’s Next Door](#) for the best beer selection in the Main Line plus a killer lineup of scotch, whiskey, and bourbon!



Wayne Hotel



Where to Indulge: [The King of Prussia Mall](#)

One of the largest and oldest mega-malls in the country, the King of Prussia Mall is a destination unto itself. The mall consists of 2.5 million square feet of retail space with an upcoming expansion that will add another fifty retailers to the mix!

Boasting luxury shops such as Neiman Marcus, Burberry, Gucci, Cartier, DVF, Hermes, Longchamp, Louis Vuitton, and Saint Laurent, King of Prussia welcomes locals and visitors alike for a truly unparalleled shopping experience.

While you're here enjoy their wide range of shopping and dining options including a new space which will house four of our favorites from Philadelphia's locally-based, URBN brand: Urban Outfitters, Free People, Anthropologie stores, and, their newest acquisition, Pizzeria Vetri!

Other places to refuel nearby? We recommend [Zodiac at Neiman Marcus](#), [Sullivan's Steakhouse](#), [Grand Lux Cafe](#), and [Shake Shack](#).

Where to Wander: Year-round, area attractions include:

- **[Valley Forge National Historic Park](#)**—Discover 3,500 acres of historic structures, monuments, and walking trails at the site where the Continental Army spent the winter of 1777–1778 during the American Revolutionary War!
- **[Longwood Gardens](#)**—This extraordinary botanical garden has indoor and outdoor spaces, events, performances, courses, workshops, and more! Enjoy over 1,000 acres of gardens, woodlands, and meadows in the beautiful Brandywine River Valley of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.



Photo courtesy of the University of Pennsylvania

White Dog Cafe

University City

(Closest to the University of Pennsylvania)

The site of Drexel University and the prestigious University of Pennsylvania, University City is home to Ivy League alumni, professors, and the dedicated medical staff employed at the neighborhood's world renowned institutions. Contrary to popular belief, University City isn't overrun by throngs of twenty-somethings; instead, the neighborhood caters to its eclectic mix of diverse dwellers offering an array of attractions for every traveler.

Check out an outdoor concert courtesy of [The 40th Street Summer Series](#) or [enjoy a movie](#) in Clark Park's unique open-air amphitheater. Looking for a place to stay? Don't miss [The Inn At Penn](#)—a stylish property located in the heart of the neighborhood. (Did we mention that they provide iPads in every room?)

Where to Dine:

[Marigold Kitchen:](#) Ready for a culinary adventure? Head to Marigold Kitchen for an avant-garde dining experience with a seasonal focus. You're in for a treat...and a few surprises. Their 14-course dinner lineup changes nightly- though you'll never spot a menu in this Victorian row-home-turned-BYO. Without having to make a single decision, you can simply sit back and enjoy! Expect creative dishes like their habanero gnocchi with grilled pineapple or a pumpkin bisque with cumin scented popcorn.

Where to Relax:

[White Dog Cafe:](#) With locations in Wayne and Haverford as well, White Dog Cafe brings a bit of Main Line refinement to the Center City crowd. While you might be initially enticed by the food and service, the fabulous ambiance ensures your return. Local, seasonal, and sustainable, this organic eatery is the perfect place to enjoy a farm-to-table meal or cocktail.

Where to Wander:

When in Philadelphia's scholarly mecca, do as the Romans, ahem...Ivy Leaguers do. Expand your horizons! From the Egyptian exhibits at the [Penn Museum](#) to epic ballet performances at the [Annenberg Center For Performing Arts](#), University City is home to an array of cultural events, galleries, and exhibits. Catch a show at [World Cafe Live](#) or head to the sixth floor of the Van Pelt library for a peek at [The Walter & Leonore Annenberg Rare Book and Manuscript Library](#).



Parc

Rittenhouse Square

Rittenhouse

How to describe Rittenhouse in one word? Vogue. From the neighborhood's fashionable, high-end boutiques to its world-class dining and everything in between, Rittenhouse is redefining urban luxury.

Centered around the grand Rittenhouse Square (one of the five original open-space parks planned by William Penn during the late 17th century), the area offers the best of Philadelphia within its seven-acre footprint. Grab lunch at [Parc](#) to enjoy some prime people-watching—you might even be surprised with a celebrity sighting!

If you're staying in Rittenhouse, you have your pick of the very best accommodations in the city. For a truly upscale experience, book your stay at the luxurious [Rittenhouse Hotel](#). From their immaculate guest rooms to their out-of-this-world Sunday brunch at [Lacroix](#), the Rittenhouse Hotel asserts their expertise in all things hospitality. Other very suitable area accommodations include the swanky [Westin Hotel Philadelphia](#) and the glamorous [Hotel Palomar](#)—both are centrally located; neither will disappoint.

Where to Dine: As you have your choice of some of the world's best restaurants, start making reservations well in advance.

- **[Vernick](#):** Putting their own playful twists on the classics, Vernick serves creative dishes that will delight any diner. Don't shy away from some of their more interesting plates. (Like the sea urchin with warm scrambled eggs—it's a must!) But if you're in the mood for something more classic, try their take on beef tartare or the sweet pea ravioli with braised rabbit, lavender, and mint.
- **[Abe Fisher](#):** From the owner of Dizengoff and Zahav, Abe Fisher serves small plates inspired by Jewish classics. In an interview with Philly Mag, co-owner Steve Cook explained that the menu consists of "everything from Montreal-style smoked meat and Ukrainian borscht to the American Jewish tradition of Chinese food on Christmas is fair game." While everything is incredibly delicious, just keep in mind—not all items here are kosher.
- **[Barclay Prime](#):** Steven Starr's standout steakhouse is sexy, refined, and incredibly chic. In contrast from the typical big, bold steakhouse ambience, Barclay Prime is cozy, dimly lit, and uber comfortable. More like dining in a swanky living room than a stodgy steakhouse, cushy, upholstered seating sidles up to classic white tablecloths for a truly one-of-a-kind experience.



Ranstead Room

Where to Relax: Philadelphia is home to three outstanding speakeasies—two of which are right here in Rittenhouse! Paying tribute to the days of prohibition, their under the radar names, lack of online presence, and dimly-lit interiors will have you feeling just a bit mischievous.

Ranstead Room—Located in a small alley just off of Chestnut Street, you’ll find the Ranstead Room hidden here in all its black and crimson glory. For some of the best cocktails in the most incredible ambiance, locate the black door with two simple “R’s” marking the spot. We highly recommended getting there by 6pm. It’s very hard to get in if you aren’t one of the first ones there.

Franklin Mortgage & Investment Company: Named after the largest alcohol ring in the country during the days of prohibition, this bar is certainly not what it seems. Franklin Mortgage & Investment Company is a perfect place to soak up the neighborhood’s upscale energy. They’ve received national attention as a standout speakeasy. But, get here early also, as there will likely be a line.

If you’re looking for something more traditional, head to Two Liberty Place and their magnificent bar and restaurant. Five hundred feet above the city, [R21](#) boasts some of the best views of the skyline. Take the elevator to the 37th floor to catch a perfect, city sunset.



Volvér



Avenue of the Arts

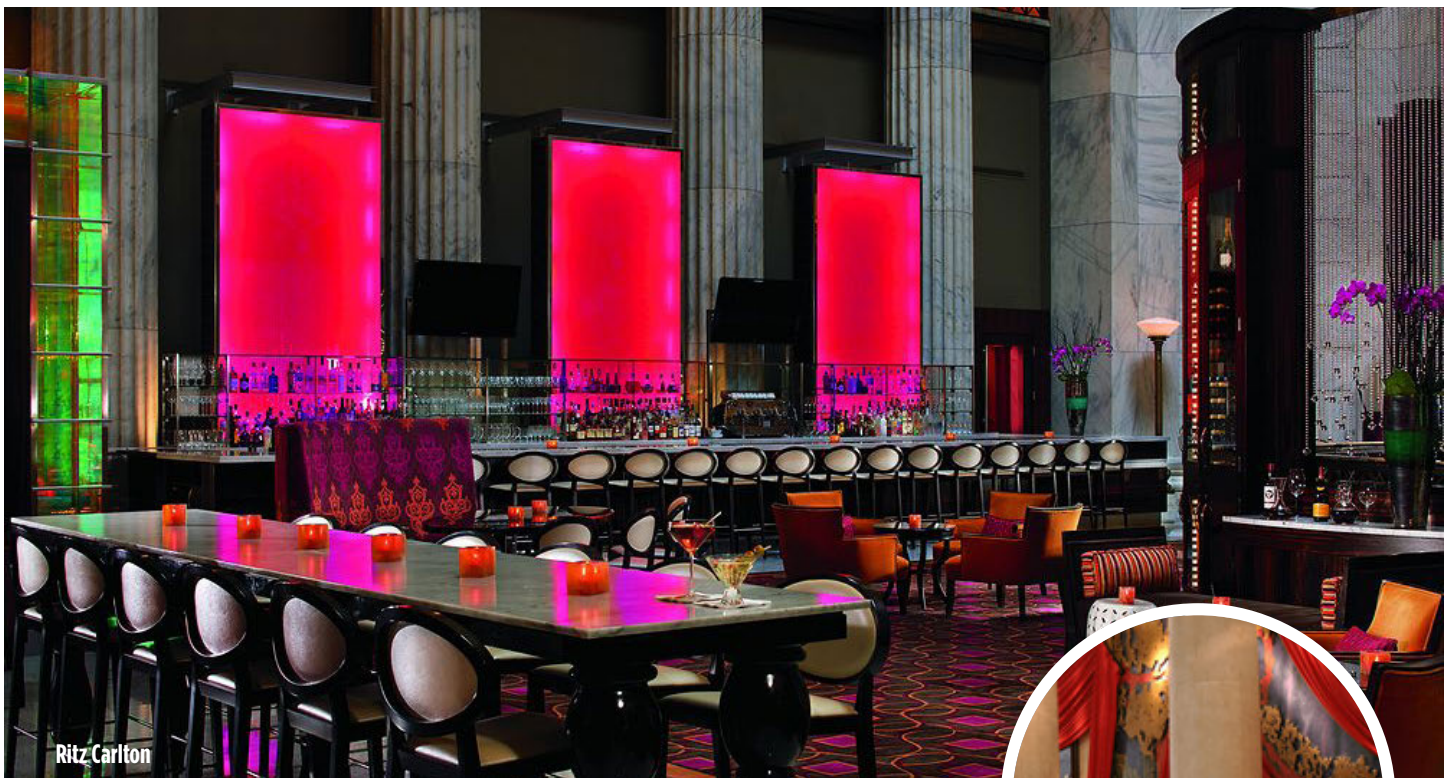
An offshoot of Rittenhouse, the Avenue of the Arts is a beautiful stretch of South Broad Street with the most magnificent views of City Hall. Snap a photo from the median for the quintessential Philadelphia shot before checking out the theater lineup in any of the Avenue's world-class venues.

Within this arts-based cultural district, you'll find the Kimmel Center, the Academy of Music, Merriam Theater, Wilma Theater, Liacouras Center, and Suzanne Roberts Theatre. Enjoy the sounds of the Philadelphia Orchestra, see an off-Broadway show, or become enchanted by the magic of the Philadelphia Ballet.

Where to Dine: **Volvér Restaurant:** Tuck into the uber-upscale dining room of Volvér to treat yourself to Jose Garces' outstanding chef's tasting menu. Your only decision: Will you be enjoying 8 or 12 courses of the Iron Chef's favorite dishes? Known to be one of the most ambitious tasting menus in town, Volvér is the perfect place to sit back, relax, and enjoy the culinary performance about to unfold. If you'd prefer a more casual evening, grab a seat in the lounge. Bar Volvér hosts live Jazz every Thursday from 8 – 10 PM.

Where to Relax: In an opulent converted bank building, **Del Frisco's** grand restaurant is a hotspot for Philadelphia's elite. Serving prime steaks and seafood, the upscale steakhouse has one of the best wine lists in the city...and a spectacular bar to boot!

Next, head over to the **Hyatt at The Bellevue**. If you're staying in the neighborhood, this is the hotel to book! While you can visit any one of their high-end shops by day, you don't want to miss the sweeping skyline views at night. On the 19th floor, **XIX's** (Nineteen's) bar and adjoining lounge provide a panoramic perspective of our magnificent city!



Ritz Carlton

Del Frisco's

Nothing says classic luxury quite like the [Ritz Carlton](#). With their five-star service and impeccable attention to detail, they provide stylish accommodations in the heart of Philadelphia. Before heading to bed, enjoy their modern lobby lounge while taking in the soaring ceilings and modern ambiance.

Where to Wander: Wander through the commercial corridor that connects this neighborhood to its even swankier next door neighbor, Rittenhouse Square. Known as the city's premier shopping destination, the [Walnut Street Shopping district](#) stretches west to 18th Street. Enjoy block after block of designer shops, eateries, and bars including BCBG Max Azria, Lush, Vince, Cole Haan, Anthropologie, Apple, Lululemon, and Lagos. If you're hoping for more independently owned shops, hop across the Avenue, and head east to explore nearby Midtown Village.



Logan Hotel Rooftop Bar

Pizzeria Vetri

Fairmount

Just past the busy stretch of the famous Benjamin Franklin Parkway is a tree-lined residential area nestled against the green space of sprawling Fairmount Park. Long considered a Philadelphia favorite, the Fairmount neighborhood—also referred to as the Art Museum area—is home to some of the area’s best attractions.

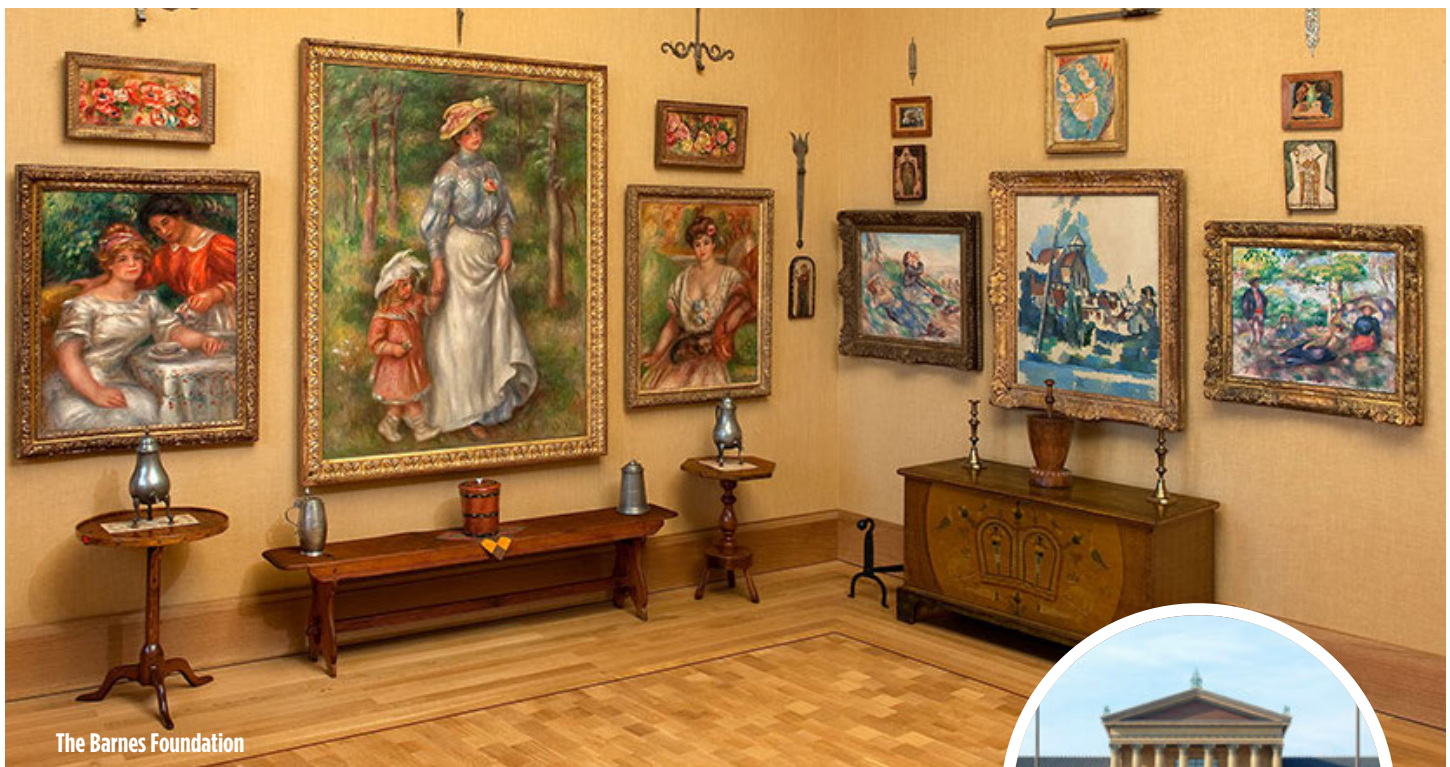
Boasting proximity to the Schuylkill River Trail, Kelly Drive, and one of the largest urban green spaces in the country, Fairmount is perfect for spending time outdoors on a sunny day. But rest assured, if the forecast calls for rain, you won’t be without plenty of other options. You’re just a few steps away from three of the best museums in the city!

Where to Dine:

We know that you came here with the intention of visiting Philadelphia, but, if you’re headed to [Pizzeria Vetri](#), prepare to be transported to “una città italiana”! Pizzeria Vetri proved to be so popular with area residents that they’re about to launch their authentic pizzeria nationwide! The budding chain got its start in this very spot, and additional locations are scheduled for other cities including Austin, Texas and Washington, DC. Don’t let the casual ambiance scare you away- these Neapolitan pies would delight even the most discerning Italian grandmother. Sit at the counter to get a glimpse of the wood-burning oven, or get to know the neighbors at one of their welcoming communal tables.

Where to Relax:

Now that Philadelphia’s Four Seasons has relocated to the new-but-yet-to-be-completed Comcast building, [The Logan Hotel](#) took up residence in the landmark building on the iconic Logan Circle. After six months and a multimillion-dollar renovation, the hotel opened its doors in December 2015. With an amazing view of the Swann Memorial Fountain and the buzzing Benjamin Franklin Parkway, The Logan Hotel has quickly become known for their design-forward ambiance in one of Philly’s most traditional venues. Need a place to stay? Check out their luxurious guest rooms with an interesting blend of modern and traditional style. Enjoy the hip bar at [Urban Farmer](#), or head upstairs to their swanky, [new rooftop bar](#) complete with mixologist-crafted cocktails and some of the best views in the city.



Philadelphia Museum of Art



Where to Wander: Take your pick. Within a walkable radius exists some of Philadelphia's most beloved attractions:

- **The Philadelphia Museum of Art:** Grab a picture with the Rocky statue, stride up the famous stairs, and enjoy the world class exhibits that await.
- **The Rodin Museum:** Named after the famous French Impressionist, The Rodin Museum boasts the largest Rodin collection outside of France. Don't miss the gorgeous reflecting pool as you take a stroll in one of Philadelphia's most magnificent gardens.
- **The Barnes Foundation:** Dr. Albert C. Barnes' personal collection resided in his personal residence until 2012. After his death in 1951, the trust he established maintained *that every single picture remained in precisely the position Barnes had placed it*. Recently, in a controversial court order, the foundation relocated the collection to downtown Philadelphia on the basis that the galleries would duplicate the configurations and proportions of Barnes' home. Displaying works by masters such as Matisse, Cézanne, Renoir, and Picasso, The Barnes building itself is a stunning example of modern architecture. Inside, enjoy 12,000-square-feet of gallery space that even **Vanity Fair** calls "soulful, self-assured, and soaked with light."



Old City

Liberty Bell Center

Old City

With a name like Old City, it wouldn't come as any surprise that this neighborhood boasts charming storefronts, historic architecture, and cobblestone streets. But, beneath the area's old world appeal, there's a modern energy rippling just below the surface. Home to some of the most popular tourist attractions in Philadelphia, you might be inclined to spend your whole trip here.

Grab a hammock at [Spruce Street Harbor Park](#) while you chill out on the waterfront. If you want to snap a photo of the Liberty Bell, hear a concert on Penn's Landing, or enjoy the most magnificent view of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, Old City will not disappoint.

Where to Dine:

After long days spent sightseeing, it's good to know that Old City is home to a few of Philadelphia's finest restaurants.

- **Fork:** It isn't surprising that Chef Eli Kulp's Old City restaurant was named one of the top 3 best restaurants in Philadelphia by Philly Mag. Their house-baked breads, unusual butters, and array of cheeses are just the tip of the iceberg. Choose from their interesting raw bar selections, decadent handmade pastas, or any one of their masterfully creative dishes.
- **Zahav:** Michael Solomonov defined modern Israeli cuisine in his critically-acclaimed Philadelphia restaurant nestled on a quiet side street near the waterfront. Translated from Hebrew, Zahav means gold; if you're dining here, you've struck it rich.

Where to Relax:

Not only is the [Hotel Monaco](#) your best bet for upscale accommodations in the area, but the rooftop bar is the perfect place to relax and grab a drink—no matter the weather. Adjacent to the Independence National Historical Park, Hotel Monaco is centrally located within the historic district, and its chic, glamorous rooms offer guests solitude from the busy street below. Eleven stories up, [Stratus Lounge](#) hosts Philadelphia's scenesters



Spruce Street Harbor Park

Independence Visitor Center

and visitors alike in a handsomely appointed atmosphere that encourages you to let your worries fade into the starry night above.

If you're searching for something a bit more mellow, head down to Jose Garces' oyster saloon on 2nd and Walnut. Within the historic Old Original Bookbinder's building, you'll find [The Olde Bar](#) complete with dark wood paneling.

Where to Splurge: Commonly referred to as N3rd (Nerd) Street by locals, there's nothing awkward or unrefined about North Third Street's bustling shopping district. North 3rd is home to independent boutiques chock full of vintage treasures and one-of-a-kind finds. For women's clothing and accessories, don't miss [Vagabond's](#) mix of couture vintage and cutting-edge designer inventory.

Where to Wander: Between Independence Hall, The Liberty Bell Center, the National Museum of Jewish American History, the National Constitution Center, and the Philadelphia History Museum, you'll need more than a few days to exhaust all of your options. Start at the [Independence Visitor Center](#) first to help you get started!

Where to Indulge: Next door to Fork, Chef Eli Kulp's casual eatery is best known for their artisan breads baked in-house every day by the incredible Alex Bois. Named the second "Best New Restaurant in 2014" by Bon Appétit Magazine, [High Street on Market](#) is the perfect place to stop for a mid-morning snack. Try the ricotta fritter with citrus cream, the pecan snickerdoodle, or one of their delicious housemade bagels!



Washington Square

Washington Square actually consists of three incredibly distinct, small neighborhoods: Washington Square West, Midtown Village, and the Gayborhood. Truly inclusive of all, this neighborhood is a veritable melting pot that just so happens to be home to some of the best vegan and vegetarian restaurants in the country!

As a premier foodie destination and nightlife hotspot, the streets are lined with independent shops, restaurants, cafes, and bars. Stop into anyone of Marcie Turney's eateries on 13th Street (Barbuzzo, Lolita, Jamonera, Grocery, Open House, Little Nonna's, Verde, and Bud & Marilyn's), and you'll see why exactly how this Top Chef managed to lure diners away from Center City while invigorating a once-desolate section of town.

Where to Dine:

Vetri: With a longstanding reputation as being "one of the most respected and influential Italian restaurants in the country," Marc Vetri's eponymous eatery serves only a nightly tasting menu consisting of an antipasti, secondi, pasta, and dolce. The 30-seat dining room is one of the most coveted reservations in the city, so be sure to plan ahead. On the second floor of the Vetri townhouse, the master chef also offers **small classes** if you're searching for a truly unique culinary experience!

Vedge: Touted as one of the best vegan restaurant in the US, Vedge has become a destination for foodies of all dietary preferences. Meat lovers will be shocked at how the husband and wife team, Richard Landau & Kate Jacoby, have transformed the simple veggie. Their inventive small plates come from a completely animal-product-free kitchen housed within the historic Tiger Building. Come for the elegant dining experience and leave with a whole, new perspective on meat-free dining!

Where to Relax:

By day, grab a table on the square at **Talula's Garden**. Within their perfect patio, you'll be surrounded by greenery and transported far away from the busy city streets. Serving American cuisine, the farm-inspired hot spot is always packed during the spring and summer. If you're pressed for time, **Talula's Daily** (located next door) might be a better bet. Whether you want to dine-in or grab-and-go, they offer fair-trade coffees, craft beers, wines, fresh cheeses, sandwiches, and platters.

Where to Wander:

Pack a picnic or read a novel in beautiful Washington Square Park. Treat yourself to something sparkly on **Jeweler's Row**. Check out the kitschy home decor goods in **Open House**. Grab a bite to eat at the iconic **Reading Terminal Market**. With so much to do, you might never want to leave. It's easy to forget that you're a tourist when you're here, so feel free to spend your days pretending you're a local.



We can't wait to hear about your Philadelphia experience!

The places listed in this guide attract locals and visitors *from around the world*. Early planning and advance reservations are your best bet so, here's a bit of parting advice.

- In Philadelphia, the best (and easiest) way to make a dining reservation is through [OpenTable.com](https://www.opentable.com).
- Need to run some quick errands? Whether you're looking for a salon, a local gym, or a nearby dry cleaner, use [Yelp](https://www.yelp.com) to vet local businesses in Philadelphia.
- If you'd like to conduct some research of your own, trust our resident food critic, [Craig LaBan](#), for his forthright reviews and expert perspective.
- When in doubt, consult [Philly Mag's 50 Best Restaurants](#) for an ever-evolving list of the very best dining experiences.

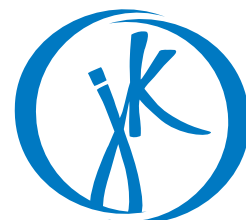
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