



Beyond the Philadelphia Gateway



Discover *Philadelphia*

With its rich historical heritage, Philadelphia is one of the United States' most visited cities.

A trip to this charming city promises ornate architecture, stately public squares like Rittenhouse and Logan, and plenty of modern-day music, food and art. Beyond Independence Hall, which went down in history as the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence, and the Liberty Bell, there are plenty of things to do in Old City, Centre City, and beyond. History buffs will enjoy a visit to the Eastern State Penitentiary, a prison-turned-museum where Al Capone was locked up.

Yet the city is far from being stuck in its glorious past. The Philly of today is filled with notable museums, a bumping nightlife, beloved sports teams and a thriving restaurant scene that encompasses more than just the ubiquitous cheesesteak.

It's a city that caters to daytime and night-time activities. You can spend the day visiting the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rodin Museum and the Barnes Foundation, which has a remarkable collection of Renoirs. Then sample a cheesesteak, shop at the Italian Market, check out the funky scene along South Street, the culinary offerings at the huge Reading Terminal Market or visit one of Philadelphia's many fine restaurants. Then end the evening at one of the city's jazz bars or clubs.



Top Reasons to Explore Philadelphia

Experience the Birthplace of the United States of America

Philadelphia is steeped in historical significance: In 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed at Philadelphia's Independence Hall. After the end of the American Revolutionary War, the same room provided the backdrop for the signing of the Constitution.

Visit One of America's Greatest Sporting Cities

Philadelphia is a city of sports fanatics, and it's the kind of place where you can watch elite NFL (the Eagles), NBA (the 76ers), NHL (the Flyers), or Major League Baseball (the Phillies).

Mouth-watering Cheesesteaks and a Galaxy of Craft Breweries

Wherever you walk in Philadelphia, you'll encounter delicious smells, from the sizzling cheese and beef of a perfectly made cheesesteak to the rich buttery aroma of freshly baked pretzels. Head to legendary restaurants like Geno's or Pat's for the best cheesesteaks, then wash them down with local brews from craft breweries like Yards Brewing Company.

Mix Art and Cinema at the Museum of Art

Philadelphia's Museum of Art isn't just one of the finest galleries in the world, it's also an iconic cinema backdrop, immortalised by Sylvester Stallone in Rocky. See masterpieces like Rodin's "Thinker" before posing for a shot atop the Rocky Steps.

A City Centre with History Around Every Corner

In Philadelphia, beautiful 18th-century homes, historic churches, and narrow, cobbled streets appear as if from nowhere, making it a great city to explore by foot. Center City and the Old City are compact and easy to get around, while the Metro puts most suburbs within easy reach.

Fabulous Food

Philadelphia's dining scene is exceptional thanks to its roster of renowned chefs and restaurateurs, a wide range of ethnic and global cuisines and a festive food truck scene. Treat yourself to an unforgettable gourmet meal or try something new at Reading Terminal Market.

Explore the Outdoors

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

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.





Discover *The Countryside of Philadelphia*

Brandywine Valley & Valley Forge

The Brandywine Valley and Valley Forge are located in the heart of the Countryside of Philadelphia, an area filled with rich, rolling hills, charming towns and an abundance of attractions. Travel through this eclectic region and experience shops, galleries and restaurants; explore the flora and fauna at Longwood Gardens, a world-renowned horticultural showplace, in Chester County; and make the trek to Montgomery County for the country's largest retail complex, King of Prussia Mall. Cozy Bed & Breakfasts and luxury hotels beckon at each destination, as well as dining for all tastes and budget.

A Shared History

Both Brandywine and Valley Forge played noteworthy roles in the Revolutionary War: The former saw victory go to British General Howe, in the largest engagement of the Revolution, while the latter was the site of the 1777–1778 winter encampment of the Continental Army; from here emerged a spirited and rededicated fighting force. Living history villages include a revolutionary war hospital and soldier's orphan school. Sites welcome visitors to experience stories brought to life in lively and informative ways, including historical interpreters, hands-on demonstrations and multimedia presentations.

The Culinary Landscape

Tempting palates and satisfying cravings is a specialty in the Countryside of Philadelphia. Expert chefs transform the freshest local ingredients into the most delicious creations from haute cuisine to simple plates. Brandywine Valley's Kennett Square is affectionately called "The Mushroom Capital of the World," as over 60% of the nation's crop hails from the region. The rich terroir also produces many award-winning wines and the brewery scene is not to be missed. Valley Forge boasts over 600 restaurants and counting, satisfying many tastes and budgets. The countryside's ready access to locally sourced ingredients fuels the culinary fire that guests relish.

A Garden Paradise – Longwood Gardens

The greater Philadelphia region abounds in horticultural assets, earning the moniker "America's Garden Capital." Brandywine's world-renowned Longwood Gardens combines the best of Italian, French, and English traditions to create one of America's most memorable gardens. Longwood encompasses 1,050 acres, offering 40 indoor/outdoor gardens and a breathtaking conservatory. Longwood is also home to the most significant fountain collection in North America. The crown jewel of that collection, the Main Fountain Garden, now features over 1700 jets soaring as high as 175 feet, with amazing illuminated fountain shows seasonally.



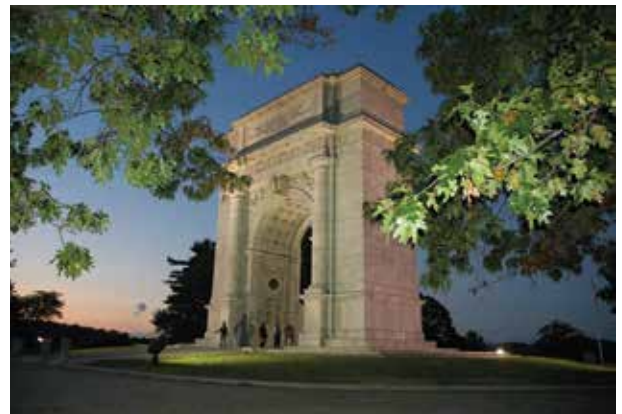
A Shopping Haven

Bargains are just as plentiful as blooms, as fabulous shopping can be found throughout the countryside. King of Prussia Mall—the largest retail complex on the U.S. East Coast—features over 400 stores that include Neiman Marcus, Lord & Taylor, Bloomingdales and Macy's and an impressive collection of luxury retailers (Cartier, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, and Williams-Sonoma, for example). Nearby Philadelphia Premium Outlets additionally offers 150 name brand outlet stores offering 25–65 percent savings everyday from brands including Ann Taylor, Coach, Abercrombie and Fitch, Brooks Brothers and Nike. Boutiques and galleries can be found along the small towns and villages throughout the Countryside of Philadelphia. An added bonus – tax free shopping on clothing and shoes!

World-Class Museums

The Brandywine Valley & Valley Forge have museums to appeal to all tastes; from high art to lowbrow comedy. The Brandywine River Museum of Art displays an unparalleled collection of illustrations, still lifes and landscapes by three generations of the famed Wyeth

family. The Wharton Esherick Museum celebrates the “Dean of American Craftsman” and his unique and fanciful woodcarvings. The John James Audubon Center contains a copy of his *Birds of America*, printed and hand colored from copper plate engravings. At the other end of the spectrum, The Stoogeum stands as tribute to the comic artistry of The Three Stooges. Inside, a steady stream of their shorts plays out in an 85-seat theater, where visitors are free to sit back and giggle after viewing some 3,000 pieces of Stooge memorabilia.



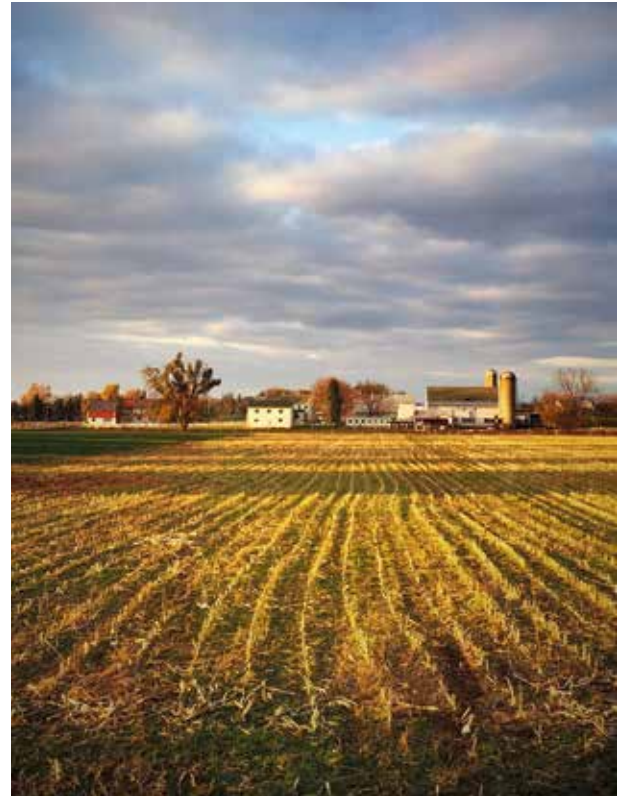


Discover *Lancaster County*

Explore the many unique regions to be found throughout Lancaster County. Each of these regions have their own character, from downtown Lancaster to Amish and PA Dutch Countryside. You can drive to any point within Lancaster County in about an hour or less. The county is 46 miles wide at its widest point and 43 miles long at its longest point.

Lancaster County has more than 2,500 miles of winding country roads connecting small towns and villages with their inviting main streets, quirky B&Bs and charming boutiques and galleries. Lose yourself along these back roads as you're transported to another time, among breathtakingly scenic farmlands, romantic covered bridges and Amish life.

Lancaster County is home to America's oldest Amish settlement, where thousands still live a centuries-old "plain" lifestyle. It's a place where visitors can step back in time to enjoy a slower, more peaceful pace – where the horse and buggy remains a primary form of transportation, and where windmills dot the landscape, providing a nature-harnessed power source.





Discover *Hershey & Harrisburg*

Hershey is the perfect place for sweet family fun. Harrisburg is the capital city with a small-town feel. It's one town, one city, and everything in between that makes this destination unique and gives everyone something to enjoy.

Harrisburg

The capital of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg is a historic community adorned with 18th- and 19th-century buildings, picturesque views of the Susquehanna River, and a holiday's worth of things to do. See the architectural and artistic features of the Pennsylvania State Capitol building. Guided tours through this "Palace of Art" feature its famous collection of stained glass windows, indoor and outdoor sculptures and impressive murals and paintings. Get a unique perspective of Harrisburg from the Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat, one of only six authentic paddlewheel riverboats in the United States. Float along the mighty Susquehanna River while enjoying music, a handcrafted cocktail, or a sunset dinner cruise. Check out Harrisburg's Craft Beer Culture scene! With hundreds of ales, lagers, and stouts to try, the Region is speckled with small batch craft beer startups who are following their dream and creating trendy, welcoming spaces for beer lovers to appreciate their favorite draughts. From Troegs Independent Brewing, one of the most recognized craft beer names in the Mid Atlantic Region, to the dozen more breweries throughout the region, there is plenty of craft culture to explore. If wine is more to your liking, there are 20 vineyards and wineries that invite guests to go beyond tasting, to learn about the process behind each winery's whites, reds, blends, ciders, and seasonal selections. Or take

a swig of handcrafted spirits and sample a moonshine cocktail at one of the budding distilleries that are popping up around the region. Harrisburg's downtown is a great escape for food with menus filled with seasonal selections made with just-harvested ingredients from surrounding farms. Restaurants buzz on warm nights when outdoor, riverfront and rooftop dining are the spots to be.

Hershey

Take the short drive from Harrisburg to Hershey, Chocolate Town USASM, for a day or two to make sweet memories with a unique blend of fun, learning and a little chocolate of course. Hersheypark[®] is the marquee attraction that hosts millions of amusement park lovers each year. Experience over 70 rides, including 14 roller coasts, an 11 acre water park, live entertainment and a zoo making it the perfect setting for those endless summer days. With the scent of chocolate filling the air, you'll want to make sure to include a stop at Hershey's Chocolate World Attraction where you can unwrap one-of-a-kind experiences like creating your own candy bar, taking the free Chocolate Tour ride, or stocking up on your favorite Hershey brand confections in the World's Largest HERSHEY'S Candy Store. After you fill your bag of goodies, discover something new about America's sweetest town with a Hershey Trolley Works tour including the Hershey's Kiss-topped street lights and the inspiring entrepreneurial story of Milton Hershey. Top off your stay by melting into the ultimate luxury with a chocolate inspired spa treatment at the Chocolate Spa at the Hotel Hershey[®] or MeltSpa by Hershey[®] - both offering elegant, unique and classic treatments with the unmistakable touch of Hershey.





Itinerary

Philadelphia, the Countryside of Philadelphia, Hershey and Lancaster Country

10 Nights Self-Drive Tour

Day 1 Welcome to Philadelphia

Fly from the UK to Philadelphia. Transfer from the airport to the City Centre via SEPTA or private transfer. Start exploring the city with your Philadelphia Pass. You have 35+ Attractions to select from.

Accommodation – Kimpton Hotel Palomar Philadelphia (3 Nights)

Day 2 Philadelphia

Today, jump on the Big Bus Hop-on Hop-Off Tour to explore the city. Discover Philadelphia from the One Liberty Observation Deck, visit the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Day 3 Philadelphia

Continue exploring the city with the Italian Market, the Museum of the American Revolution, the National Constitution Centre and stroll down Elfreth's Alley.

Day 4 Philadelphia to Valley Forge (25 miles)

This morning pick-up your rent-a-car and make your way to Valley Forge.

After your arrival, discover the vibrant art scene of Valley Forge and enjoy a beer at one of the micro-breweries.

Accommodation – DoubleTree by Hilton King of Prussia/Valley Forge (2 Nights)

Day 5 Valley Forge

Enjoy a walk in the Valley Forge National Historical Park. This afternoon, time for a bit of shopping therapy at the King of Prussia Mall.



Day 6 Valley Forge – Harrisburg & Hershey (75 miles)

This morning enjoy your 90 minute drive to Harrisburg & Hershey. On arrival, enjoy one of the historic sites or Harrisburg. In the evening, have a craft beer and some farm-to-table food.

Accommodation – Hotel Indigo Harrisburg (2 Nights)

Day 7 Harrisburg & Hershey

Today, why not visit Hershey park and experience Hershey's Chocolate World Attraction.

Day 8 Harrisburg/Hershey – Lancaster (29 miles)

Make your way to Lancaster, exploring the many unique towns and villages to be found through Lancaster County. Each of these towns has their own character, from downtown Lancaster to its neighbouring villages.

Accommodation – Lancaster Arts Hotel (2 nights)

Day 9 Lancaster County

Time to discover one or several Lancaster County's unique Amish attractions. Take a scooter or a bus tour through the countryside past Amish farms. Of course, you can even take an Amish buggy ride.

Day 10 Lancaster County – Brandywine Valley (36 miles)

Today enjoy the lush countryside and rambling rivers on your way to Brandywine Valley.

Accommodation – The Inn at Whitewing Farm (2 nights)

Day 11 Brandywine Valley

Today, march the fields that witnessed the American Revolution, chat with Colonial reenactors, and browse museums that preserve a simpler way of life from hundreds of years ago.

Day 12 Brandywine Valley – UK

Enjoy your last day in the area. Return your rent-a-car and take your flight home





Discover *Atlantic City*

Since the 1800s, world-famous "City by the Sea", Atlantic City, and its legendary Boardwalk have been the epicentre of entertainment and people watching.

Beach and Boardwalk

Atlantic City has an abundance of free activities starting with their world-famous beach. Dig your toes into more than five miles of white sandy beach and let the sun and salt air soothe your soul. Follow this up with a stroll on the world-famous historic Atlantic City Boardwalk; recently rated one of the best beach boardwalks in the nation. It's also where you'll find the Steel Pier an East Coast favourite featuring a new 228ft observation wheel that soars over the Atlantic Ocean. It lights up the skyline of Atlantic City and is open year-round.

That's Entertainment

Atlantic City is the East Coast's capital of entertainment, from headline concerts to Broadway shows, comedy clubs and magic shows to rodeos, festivals and beach concerts. It's also home to nine luxurious casinos, featuring 24 hour gaming, top restaurants, world-class spas and captivating nightclubs, all located in unique upscale settings.

Raise a Glass

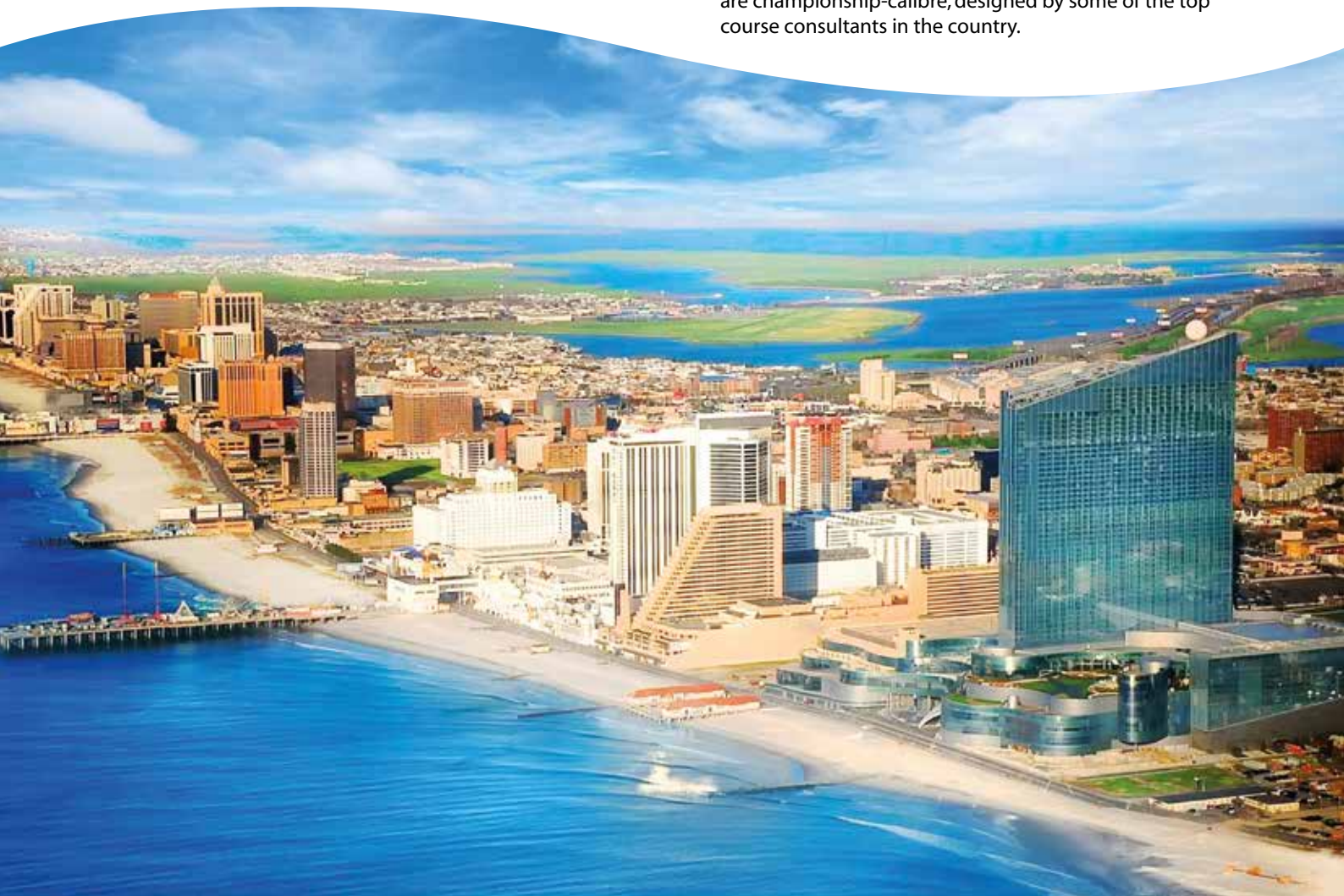
In the past few years, it seems like breweries, wineries and distilleries have been popping up all over New Jersey, with a new wine & ale trail you can follow the route or create your own. Featuring 5 breweries, 7 wineries and 2 distilleries in and around Atlantic City, we say raise a glass to checking out the new, eclectic, and delicious South Jersey breweries, wineries and distilleries!

Oceangoing Adventures

For those of you who didn't know, Atlantic City is actually on an island. That means there are boatloads of oceangoing adventures where you can earn your sea legs. Hop aboard the Cruisin' One, the flagship boat of Atlantic City Cruises located in Historic Gardner's Basin, for dolphin watching, sightseeing or an easy, breezy happy hour cruise. Try your hand at fishing on a pontoon boat or if you crave adventure, charter a boat for a deep sea fishing excursion on the beautiful Atlantic Ocean.

Fore!

Come on, you know you can fit in a game, especially with more than 30 golf courses within 30 miles of Atlantic City. In fact, the area is fast becoming a new golf mecca, with high-quality courses covering the breadth of golfing capabilities, from novice to pro. Many of their courses are championship-calibre, designed by some of the top course consultants in the country.





Itinerary *Atlantic City*

Discover Philadelphia and Atlantic City

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Day 2 Philadelphia

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Day 3 Philadelphia

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Day 4 Philadelphia to Atlantic City by Train (1h40)

Today enjoy your train ride from Philadelphia to Atlantic City in New Jersey.

Accommodation – Caesars Atlantic City (3 Nights)

Day 5-6 Atlantic City

Everything you could possibly want is right here within walking distance from shops to five-star restaurants to casinos, attractions and great shows. What better way to cap a day of shopping, shows and dining than a pleasant sunset walk along the shore or people watching from the World-Famous Boardwalk.

Day 7 Atlantic City – UK

Today it is time to leave the great city of Atlantic City. Take the train from Atlantic City back to Philadelphia and take the flight back home.



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