



## *What Everyone Should Know about Philly*

Downtown Philadelphia, called “Center City” by natives, is very easy to navigate because it is arranged in a grid. Numbered streets run north/south, with Broad (which would be Fourteenth) as the main north/south artery. The major east/west street is Market. At the intersection of Broad and Market sits City Hall, a remarkable historic building still in use today.

“Old City,” the eastern section of Center City bordering the Delaware River, is aptly named for it is the site of the original city of Philadelphia founded in 1701. Old City is rich in heritage and full of historic sites, both established attractions and unofficial treasures such as **Elfreth’s Alley**, the oldest residential street in the country, dating back to 1702. Many art galleries are located in old buildings on the narrow streets of Old City, striking a contrast between the “old-time” atmosphere and trendy new locales. Taking a leisurely stroll through the cobblestone streets of “Old City” Philadelphia is a great way to experience the city.

Interested in Ben Franklin—probably Philadelphia’s most famous citizen? There’s quite a bit to see. **Franklin’s Print Shop** is a re-creation of an eighteenth century print shop on the site where Franklin published *The Pennsylvania Gazette*. A few blocks away is the **Christ Church Burial Ground**, where Franklin is buried. Visitors often leave a penny here—a nod to Franklin’s motto “a penny saved is a penny earned.” Christ Church itself (built in 1724) is where founding fathers Franklin and George Washington worshipped.

The city of Philadelphia and cinema are linked. Scenes from *National Treasure*, starring Nicolas Cage, were filmed throughout Center City. You may have noticed some Philadelphia row houses in *Rocky*, *Witness*, and *The Sixth Sense*. Many film icons (such as Will Smith, Bill Cosby, and Bruce Willis) call Philadelphia home.

**Franklin Square** is one of the five original open-space parks planned by William Penn during the late 17th century in central Philadelphia. Complete with the Philadelphia Park Liberty Carousel, Philly Miniature Golf, new playgrounds and a restored 19th-century fountain, Franklin Square is now touted as an entertainment destination near Independence National Historical Park.

A site to see is the **Eastern State Penitentiary**, opened in 1829. Its massive, forbidding walls still stand, even though it has not been used as a prison since 1971. This Quaker-inspired penitentiary was designed not simply to punish, but to move criminals toward spiritual reflection and change through penance. A fascinating tour is offered at this landmark facility, where mob boss Al Capone and bank robber Willie Sutton did time. [www.easternstate.org](http://www.easternstate.org)

In the northwestern part of Center City adjacent to the Schuylkill River, you can enjoy spectacular river views along Boat House Row and visit the world-class **Philadelphia Museum of Art**—the museum whose steps were conquered by Sylvester Stallone in *Rocky*. Go **bike riding** along the paved path that borders the edge of the Schuylkill River. The 8.4-mile journey

begins behind the Art Museum and offers some spectacular views. The nearby Bike Line bicycle shop rents bikes to those who want to explore. [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org)

The **Please Touch Museum** is the nation's premier children's museum and is located in **Memorial Hall**—a National Historic Landmark built in 1876 for the Centennial Exhibition. Just outside the museum, kids and adults will also delight in riding the meticulously restored 1924 Dentzel Carousel, built in Philadelphia for a now-defunct amusement park 10 blocks from **Memorial Hall**. [www.pleasetouchmuseum.org](http://www.pleasetouchmuseum.org)

Philadelphia is a foodie's dream. Don't forget to grab a Philly cheese steak or hoagie while you're visiting. Across the street from the Convention Center, the old Reading Railroad station has been converted into a food emporium called the **Reading Terminal** with many vendors offering cheese steaks and hoagies on their menus. And if you're not particularly carnivorous, there are always Philly soft pretzels, water ice, a bagel with Philly cream cheese, and all the **Tastykakes** your heart desires.

## *Restaurant Recommendations from Philly Insiders*

### **City Tavern** (Colonial)

138 South 2nd Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106-2897  
(215) 413-1443  
<http://www.citytavern.com/menu.php>

### **Dark Horse** (European American)

421 South 2nd Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19147  
(215) 928-9307  
<http://www.darkhorsepub.com/>

### **Distrito** (Modern Mexican)

3945 Chestnut Street (Entrance on 40<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 222-1657  
<http://www.districtorestaurant.com/>  
Reserve early at [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com)

### **La Viola** (Italian)

253 South 16th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
(215) 735-8630  
BYOB

### **Monk's Café** (Belgian, including beer)

264 South 16th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
(215) 545-7005  
<http://www.monkscafe.com/>

### **Rose Tattoo Café** (American)

19th and Callowhill Streets  
Philadelphia, PA 19130  
(215) 569-8939  
<http://www.rosattoo cafe.com>  
Reserve early at [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com)

## *For the Sports Fans:*

- Flyers vs. Blues, 11/7/09, 7 p.m. face-off
- Eagles vs. Cowboys, 11/8/09, 8:20 p.m. kick-off
- Sixers vs. Suns, 11/9/09, 7 p.m. tip-off

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