



20TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

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HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA, INC. TOURS FACT SHEET 2014 *TIPPLER’S TOUR and INDEPENDENCE AFTER HOURS*

INDEPENDENCE AFTER HOURS:

Independence After Hours Tour is an evening walking tour visiting some of the landmarks of Philadelphia’s Historic District and immersing the visitor with Colonial characters who bring history to life right in the place where it happened. In this exclusive opportunity to visit inside Independence Hall at night after public hours, tour-takers experience what those late nights of the summer of 1776 were like for the Founding Fathers. The evening begins with a delicious three-course meal at the Historic City Tavern where Colonial townspeople entertain guests. The three course meal includes: a Country Salad, your choice of either the Colonial Turkey Pot Pie, Beef Pie, or Paillard of Salmon, or Cornmeal Crusted Chicken Tenders for the Children, and finally City Tavern’s dessert du jour. The Colonial host then “sneaks” everyone into the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall), once he talks his way past the vigilant night watchman. Inside the Hall, visitors witness several Founding Fathers deep in discussion over the creation of the Declaration of Independence.



The History Makers who visitors meet on the tour are the following real people from Colonial Philadelphia:

- **John Dunlap** – the host who guides the group on the tour. He was the printer of the first copies of the Declaration of Independence and one of the most successful American printers of his era.
- **Margaret McKiven** – the kitchen maid at the City Tavern that guests meet while dining. Margaret was an Irish indentured servant who arrived in Philadelphia in the early 1770s.
- **William Hurrie** – the night watchman at the Pennsylvania State House (today known as Independence Hall), who sneaks the guests into the building, allowing them a glimpse behind the scenes.
- **Thomas Jefferson** – the principal author of the Declaration of Independence and third President of the United States. Visitors encounter him deep in discussion with John Adams about his draft of the Declaration.
- **John Adams** – the first vice president of the United States, and its second president. He was a statesman, diplomat, and a leading advocate of American independence from Great Britain.
- **Benjamin Franklin** – one of the premiere Founding Fathers of the United States, and represented Pennsylvania at the Second Continental Congress, which passed the Declaration of Independence. A man of innumerable inventions, writings, and talents, he worked on the committee with Adams and Jefferson to create the Declaration. Visitors witness him making suggestions to Jefferson.

TIPPLER’S TOUR:

On the **Tippler’s Tour**, Historic Philadelphia, Inc.’s weekly tavern tour of three modern day watering holes and a historic tavern, a Colonial host shares authentic stories and drinking traditions with fun and lighthearted songs and toasts of the era. With drinks and snacks at each of four stops – Salon 401 at Omni Hotel, National Mechanics or Lucha Cartel, Victoria Freehouse, and the historical City Tavern – the tour guide entertains guests with songs and stories of the drinking traditions from Colonial times, and shares some of Benjamin Franklin’s most fun phrases for someone who is drunk, including “nimptopsical” and “tipsicum grave.” Hear tales about how taverns were used as recruiting stations (getting people inebriated sometimes helped convince them) and how news of the day was discussed in the taverns.



The first stop is Salon 401 at the Omni Hotel. There guests will sample sesame chicken skewers and Yards Pale Ale. The second stop is National Mechanics for Strongbow Cider & tri-color tortilla and plantain chips with salsa. An alternate second stop for some tours is Lucha Cartel for Dos Equis Amber or Negra Modelo Lager accompanied by roasted corn pico de gallo, guacamole, and chips. The third stop is Victoria Freehouse for Welsh Rarebit and Newcastle Werewolf Ale. And finally, guests will have a charming visit to the garden at City Tavern for Thomas Jefferson's sweet potato biscuits along with a refreshing colonial cocktail that blends fruit vinegar, champagne, cognac and rum, called a "shrub." In the fall and winter seasons, the tastings change along with the theme and the temperature.



The History Makers who rotate leading the Tippler's Tour are one of the following real people from Colonial Philadelphia:

- **Trooper Robert Hare** (Bill McIlhenny) of the First City Troop, was a brewer. Washington was a customer of Trooper Hare's before his Presidency.
- **Major Samuel Nicholas** (Doug Thomas) was the First Commandant of the US Marines, recruited in the famed Tun Tavern. His family owned and operated the Conestoga Tavern.
- **Daniel Morgan** (John Lopes) was a gifted battlefield technician of the Revolutionary War and enjoyed strong drink.

DETAILS: Arrive 30 minutes in advance to pick up tickets and see *Liberty 360 3D Show* in the PECO Theater!

INDEPENDENCE AFTER HOURS:

May 23 – June 7: 5:30 pm, Fridays and Saturdays

June 10 – August 16: 5:30 pm, Tuesdays - Saturdays

August 22 – October 25: 5:30 pm, Fridays and Saturdays

Departs from the Historic Philadelphia Center, 6th & Chestnut Streets

\$85 adults, \$55 children 12 & under, \$80 senior/military/student (dining gratuity included)

Duration: 2 ½ hours. Wear comfortable shoes. Recommended for children 10 and older.

TIPPLER'S TOUR FOUR SEASONAL VERSIONS:

*May 22 – July 3: **Tippler's Tour: Ben's Kites & Flights:** 5:30 pm, Thursdays – New for 2014!*

Toast with Dr. Benjamin Franklin as he joins part of the tour and hear stories and talk with the Founding Father.

*July 10 – September 18: **Tippler's Tour: Colonial Tales & Ales:** 5:30 pm, Thursdays*

Wind through the streets of Old City, imbibing drinks and a little sip of history at Colonial and modern-day watering holes.

*September 25 – November 6: **Tippler's Tour: Ghosts & Toasts:** 5:30 pm, Thursdays*

Historic Philadelphia's Colonial pub crawl gets *spiked* with seasonal beers and tales that will give you goosebumps! Cheers to the *spirits* of '76! NOTE this tour departs from the *Betsy Ross House, 239 Arch Street.*

*November 13 – December 18: **Tippler's Tour: Yuletide Cheers & Beers:** 5:30 pm, Thursdays (except Nov. 27)*

It's the most wonderful time... for a beer! Raise a glass of cheer on Once Upon A Nation's Colonial pub crawl through Historic Philadelphia. It is 1777 and the British are occupying Philadelphia...will there be holiday celebrations during this tumultuous time? Step with us into the holiday season in charming Old City, circa 1777, whilst enjoying winter brews and festive libations.

Departs from the Historic Philadelphia Center, 6th & Chestnut Streets

\$40 adults, \$35 senior/military/student. (tastings & gratuity included, 21 & over with valid I.D.) Duration: 2 hrs.

Historic Philadelphia, Inc.'s programs include the Betsy Ross House, Once Upon A Nation storytelling and immersive walking tours, Franklin Square, and the *Liberty 360 3D Show* in the PECO Theater. For all Historic Philadelphia, Inc. event information, call 215-629-4026, 877-462-1776, or visit www.historicphiladelphia.org to buy tickets online. Tickets available in person at the Historic Philadelphia Center, 6th & Chestnut Streets. Follow HPI at twitter.com/HistoricPhilly and twitter.com/FranklinSqr, on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/HistoricPhila> or <http://on.fb.me/FranklinSquare>, or on Instagram [instagram.com/historicphilly](https://www.instagram.com/historicphilly).

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