

# PLANNING GUIDE

for Corporate Groups



Historic  
Philadelphia



# Hire A History

# Maker



Are you looking to bring history to life during your dinner, conference or meeting? Hire one of History Makers to bring fun and charm to any event. History Makers range from the famous to the ordinary, bringing to life characters such as Betsy Ross, George Washington, and Ben Franklin to James Forten, Revolutionary War soldiers, and women of Philadelphia.

## Pricing & Information

Meet & Greet: \$480.00 for 1 hour

Short Speaking Appearance: \$640.00 for 1 hour

Keynote Address: \$1,600 for 1 hour  
\$240.00 for each additional hour

Please contact for more information about specific History Makers & availability



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# History Maker Tour



Your personal History Maker will transport you back in time on a walk through America's most historic square mile. All History Makers portray real people from America's past and deliver an authentic experience rich with historical content and first-person narrative.

## Pricing & Information

**Group Rate:** \$400 flat rate for 1 hour

\$500 flat rate for up to 2 hours

**Group Maximum:** 30 people per guide

(more guides can be booked to accommodate larger groups)

**Duration:** 1 - 2 hours

**Departure Location:**

Independence Visitor Center

(6th & Market Streets)

Tours may include speaking points at any of the following sites:

- Liberty Bell
- Independence Hall
- Carpenters' Hall
- City Tavern
- First Bank of the United States
- Second Bank of the United States
- Free Quaker Meeting House
- Christ Church Burial Ground
- Arch Street Meeting House
- Betsy Ross House
- Elfreth's Alley
- Christ Church

*Requests for specific sites will be accommodated as best as possible. Due to time restrictions, tours do not include entry into any sites.*

Ask about different themes available for the tour!



Ask about turning this into a Step On Tour!



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# The Amazing Chase



Are you looking for an engaging, team building, activity for your group? Our Amazing Chase is a hands-on experience taking you through the sites of Old City, Philadelphia. Gather clues, complete challenges, and race through the neighborhood to be the first group to arrive at the Pit Stop.

## Pricing & Information

**Group Rate:** Contact for Pricing

**Group Minimum:** 20 people

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Departure Location:**

**Betsy Ross House**



### Complete your itinerary:

- Betsy Ross House
- Franklin Square
- Cocktails & Congress



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# Cocktails & Congress



Is your group looking for a new, immersive, theatrical evening experience? Look no further than **Cocktail & Congress: Building Independence**. Taking place at Carpenter's Hall, learn about the First Continental Congress of 1774 in the place where it happened. Complete the experience with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres!

## Pricing & Information

**Group Rate:** Contact for Pricing

**Group Minimum:** 30 people

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Location:**

**Carpenter's Hall**



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# Founding Fathers



## Pricing & Information

**Group Rate:** \$15 per person

**Group Minimum:** 20 people

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Location:** to be determined based on availability

Meet the men and women who forged a nation! This engaging presentation will give you an exclusive look into the minds of some of the great men and women who fought for freedom and liberty for all. Learn about their personal and political lives from their own perspective. Questions and interactions are encouraged.

### Choose from:

- William Penn
- Betsy Ross
- George Washington
- Martha Washington



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# Meet the Women of the 18th Century



Step back in time and meet the women of the 18th Century! The Betsy Ross House will be transformed into an experiential learning space, giving students the opportunity to interact with first-person interpreters representing real women from our Nation's History. This program highlights the racial, religious, political, and economic diversity of women and the role they played in colonial Philadelphia. Each interpreter will have a hands-on activity to try.

## Pricing & Information

**Group Rate:** \$17 per person

**Group Minimum:** 20 people

**Group Maximum:** 80 people

**Duration:** 1 - 2 hours

**Location:** to be determined based on availability

## You could meet...

- **Betsy Ross:** An upholsterer and flag maker
- **Margaret Woodby:** A free African American cake baker
- **Susanna Cook:** An impoverished, widowed mother who worked as a washerwoman
- **Peggy Chew:** A wealthy loyalist and socialite
- **Mary Crathorne:** A chocolate and mustard manufacturer



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# Betsy Ross House



## Pricing & Information

**Group Minimum: 20 people**

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

General Admission  
Group Rate: \$8 per adult

### AUDIO TOUR\*

featuring the voice of Betsy Ross  
Group Rate: \$10 per adult

*\*Only for groups of 45 or smaller*

**Open 10:00am - 5:00pm Daily**

Extended hours available for groups

*Visit the Betsy Ross Shop on site,  
featuring gifts, crafts, flags, costumes,  
books, glassware, and more!*



**Convenient location  
available for  
bus drop-off and  
pick-up!**



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# Betsy Ross House

## Group Programs

### Colonial Chocolate Making

Meet an 18th-century chocolate maker and learn about the history of chocolate in Colonial Philadelphia. This interactive demonstration features techniques that were used in the 18th century and provides guests with the opportunity to try out their own chocolate-making skills. All programs include a sample of American Heritage® hot chocolate drink, inspired by a Colonial recipe.

*American Heritage® is a product of Mars Wrigley Confectionery.*

### Evening with Betsy

Avoid the crowds and experience a unique evening tour of the Betsy Ross House with Betsy. Betsy tells her own story, sharing little-known details about her life on your private, self-guided tour of the house, including an interactive visit in her upholstery shop, where you will learn more about Betsy's life as a working woman, upholsterer, and flag maker, and her contribution to what would later become the American Flag.

**Group Rate:** \$18 per person  
**Group Size:** 20 person min. / 55 person max.  
**Duration:** 1 - 1 ½ hours

Price includes admission for a self-guided tour of the Betsy Ross House  
*Available during and after operating hours (Additional fees may apply)*

**Group Rate:** \$18 per person  
**Group Size:** 20 person min. / 75 person max.  
**Duration:** 1 hour

Price includes admission for a self-guided tour of the Betsy Ross House  
*Only available after operating hours*



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# Franklin Square

One of Philadelphia's five original squares, award-winning Franklin Square is an outdoor amusement oasis located in the heart of the Historic District. Centered around its beautiful fountain, Franklin Square also features the Parx Liberty Carousel, the one-of-a-kind Philly Mini Golf course, and the renowned SquareBurger.

## SquareBurger

### MEAL VOUCHER

*includes entrée, fries, & soda*

Group Rate: \$19.00 + tax

### ICE CREAM VOUCHER

Group Rate: \$3.50 + tax

### MILKSHAKE VOUCHER

Group Rate: \$6.00 + tax

Group Minimum: 20 people

*Open seasonally April through*

*December*

*during park operating hours*



## Fountain Show

The 180-year-old, historic Franklin Square fountain dances along to popular music choreographed to songs by Boyz II Men, Katy Perry, Louis Armstrong, and more. Enjoy free intimate daytime and evening performances, with synchronized colored illuminations after dusk. Performances run daily April through October



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## Attractions

### Philly Mini Golf

Putt your way through Center City's only miniature golf course, featuring 18 holes designed after favorite Philly spots like Elfreth's Alley, the Ben Franklin Bridge, and the Liberty Bell.



### Parx Liberty Carousel

This classic, American-style carousel features hometown racehorse heroes Afleet Alex and Smarty Jones, along with a bald eagle, dragon, zebra, and other colorful animals.



#### Pricing & Information

**Group Rate:** \$11.50 per adult  
**Group Minimum:** 20 people

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**Group Rate:** \$3.50 per ticket  
**Group Minimum:** 20 people



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## Group Lunches

Looking for space for your group to eat lunch or dinner while visiting sites in the historic district?

Franklin Square has a convenient option just steps away!

### The Pavilion

Overlooking Franklin Square's playground and iconic Parx Liberty Carousel, the Pavilion offers an enclosed, climate-controlled space that can be used year-round. On warmer days, all of the doors can be opened to provide air flow and easy access to the playground. Chairs and tables that accommodate the group size are provided.



### Pricing & Information

Rate: \$100 per group

Capacity: 75 people

Duration: 1 hour

*\*The Pavilion is only Available Monday-Friday*

Groups must dispose of any trash before departing.

Additional space may be available if your group is larger than 75



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## Festivals



## Electrical Spectacle

Experience the magic of the holiday, dazzle in the lights of the Electrical Spectacle Light Show presented by PECO, and warm up with comfort food and hot beverages.

*Open mid-November through Late February  
Entrance into the festival is free.  
Food and beverages can be purchased on site.*

## Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival

The spectacular festival in Franklin Square is a celebration of light and culture that features magnificent steel-framed and silk-wrapped giant lighted sculptures, created by hand using traditional Chinese methods.



*Open in Summer*

*Contact Group Sales for pricing & dates.*



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