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Make the most of your visit by starting at Independence Visitor Center, 6th & Market streets. Learn how to visit Independence Hall, speak with friendly staff for free trip planning advice; explore things to do on digital installations; and purchase discounted tickets for local attractions and tours. After starting here, you'll know what to do, where to go and how to get there! phlvisitorcenter.com

HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

JULY 2



Historic District, Red, White, & Blue To-Do, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.:

Experience a full day of patriotic fun at the second annual Red, White, & Blue To-Do! Philadelphia's Historic District is rolling out the red, white, and blue

entertainment, festive décor, extended museum hours, delicious dining, and activities for all ages. See the full schedule of activities in the Special Red, White, & Blue To-Do issue of the *Gazette* available at the Independence Visitor Center and participating sites or visit phlvisitorcenter.com.

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 10 – 11 a.m.: Storytime and crafts in the pavilion. Kids will enjoy books, rhymes and dancing, ending with bubbles and fun crafts. FREE. Continues July 16 & 30. historicphiladelphia.org

JULY 3



Carpenters' Hall, Cocktails & Congress, 5:30-6:30 p.m.:

Step back in time to 1774 where you'll have a front row seat to all the action at the First Continental Congress. Watch the Founders debate independence in the place where it happened and enjoy cocktails and lite bites while you do! Continues Thursdays through August. \$50. historicphiladelphia.org

JULY 4

Betsy Ross House, Patriotic Pet Fashion Show, 10:30 a.m.: Pets of all kinds decked out in their patriotic finest parade in the courtyard to celebrate Independence Day. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

JULY 4 & 5

Betsy Ross House, Meet the Women of the 18th Century, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Philadelphia in the 18th century was a diverse community in which women played many important roles. Meet colonial women from all different backgrounds during this interactive program. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

JULY 4-6

Museum of the American Revolution, Joseph Plumb Martin, 1:15 p.m. & 3:15 p.m.: Meet Martin, one of the thousands of teenaged soldiers in Gen. Washington's army. He went on to write *Memoir of a Revolutionary Soldier*, published in 1830 and is one of the best-known Revolutionary War memoirs depicting the life of an ordinary soldier. Program takes place in the Alan B. Miller Theater. Free with admission. amrevmuseum.org

JULY 5



Science History Institute, Women in Chemistry Tour, 2 p.m.:

This "drop-in" tour highlights the central role of women in shaping chemistry and the

material sciences throughout history. FREE. sciencehistory.org

JULY 10

Carpenters' Hall, Cocktails & Congress, 5:30-6:30 p.m. See July 3 for details.

JULY 11 & 12

Betsy Ross House, Meet the Women of the 18th Century, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.: See July 4 & 5 for details.

JULY 12

Franklin Square, Dog Days of Summer, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Enjoy fun, free, doggie-friendly activities. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

JULY 14

The Athenaeum, Film Screening: The Princess Diaries, 6-8 p.m.: After finding out that she is the heir apparent to the throne of Genovia, Mia Thermopolis tries to navigate through the rest of her sixteenth year. Hosted by the Athenaeum Young Friends. FREE. philaathenaeum.org

JULY 16

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 10 – 11 a.m.: See July 2 for details.

JULY 16

Science History Institute, Othmer Library Tour, 12-12:45 p.m.: Curious about the other half of the Science History Institute? Step into the Othmer Library of Chemical History, a haven for research in the history of science—but there's more to the story. FREE. Reservations required at sciencehistory.org

JULY 17

Carpenters' Hall, Cocktails & Congress, 5:30-6:30 p.m. See July 3 for details.

JULY 18 & 19

Betsy Ross House, Meet the Women of the 18th Century, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.: See July 4 & 5 for details.

JULY 23

Science History Institute, Charming Disaster: The Double, 6-8:30 p.m.: An evening of music and scientific wonder with this goth-folk duo that performs darkly whimsical songs about time travel, transformation, and the power of ritual. Reception follows the concert. \$5. Reserve at sciencehistory.org

JULY 24

Carpenters' Hall, Cocktails & Congress, 5:30-6:30 p.m. See July 3 for details.



The Athenaeum, Abandoned and Forgotten Cemeteries of Philadelphia and its Environs, 2-3 p.m.:

Author Ed Snyder will discuss recent

discoveries of abandoned and forgotten cemeteries in and around Philadelphia, their status, and the 200 unmarked burial grounds that reside under the city's streets, parking lots, and playgrounds. Book signing to follow. Tickets are \$20. philaathenaeum.org

JULY 25

Franklin Square, National Carousel Day, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Celebrate the history and majesty of the Parx Liberty Carousel with buy one, get one free spins. Tickets are \$4. historicphiladelphia.org

JULY 25 & 26

Betsy Ross House, Meet the Women of the 18th Century, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.: See July 4 & 5 for details.

JULY 26

Franklin Square, 19th Birthday Celebration, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Benjamin Franklin will be on hand to celebrate the Square's birthday with cupcakes, crafts, games, bubbles music and children's entertainer YoYo. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org



Experience a world-class museum and these special events in July:

Coming Soon to the National Constitution Center

The National Constitution Center will open two new galleries on America’s founding and the separation of powers in time for America’s 250th anniversary in 2026. Construction is currently underway, and some museum experiences may be impacted. The Center is currently offering discounted admission to visitors. Learn more at constitutioncenter.org/coming-soon

Red, White, & Blue To-Do July 2 | 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

John Adams declared that July 2 should be a day of “pomp and parade” from one end of the continent to the other. The Red, White, & Blue To-Do will take place throughout America’s most historic square mile with the Pomp & Parade, festooned decor, concerts, games, extended visitation hours at area historic attractions, restaurant specials, and much more. See details in the Historic Philadelphia Gazette Red, White, & Blue To-Do Special Edition.

Revolutionary War Encampment July 3–5 | 10 a.m.– 5 p.m.

Join Revolutionary War reenactors as you step into a re-created military encampment. Stop by the medical tent to visit the surgeon, meet 18th-century artisans and learn more about their trades, and see Continental Army soldiers march and drill on the grounds. You can even practice being with a wooden musket and find out if a soldiers’ life is for you! Presented in partnership with the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment.

Independence Day July 4 | 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Free Admission

The National Constitution Center celebrates Independence Day by offering free museum admission to all visitors on July 4, courtesy of Citizen Travelers, the nonpartisan civic engagement initiative of Travelers. Attend the interactive Independence Day show, participate in American flag history and etiquette workshops, create Colonial-era crafts, and stop by the Revolutionary War encampment on the museum’s Front Lawn.

Disability Pride Month All month long

Learn how members of the disabled community in the U.S. used the First Amendment to secure their rights. Explore the stories of disability activists, uncover the history of disability in the United States, and visit our make-and-take craft stations to learn how you, too, can fight for change!

Sensory-Friendly Day Sunday, July 20 | 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Visitors with sensory-processing challenges can experience the museum in a secure and comfortable environment that includes modified programming and emotionally safe spaces with sensory objects, comfortable seating, and cool blue lighting.

The National Constitution Center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, visit constitutioncenter.org

JULY 28

The Athenaeum, Archives 101: Preserving Family Papers & Photos, 5:30 p.m.: Learn the proper methods to organize and preserve all of your important family documents, as well as cherished photographs, slides and movies, with The Athenaeum’s archivist Kristina Wilson. Tickets are \$20 philaathenaeum.org

JULY 30

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 10 - 11 a.m.: See July 2 for details.

Science History Institute, Othmer Library Tour, 12 - 12:45 p.m.: See July 16 for details.

JULY 31

Carpenters’ Hall, Cocktails & Congress, 5:30-6:30 p.m.: See July 3 for details.

ONGOING

Historical Society of Pennsylvania Voices of the Community: Local Black Preservation, regular site hours through 9/26: Take in this exhibit which explores the history, migration and preservation of African American communities in Philadelphia and Lawnside, NJ using archival documents. FREE. portal.hsp.org

Science History Institute, Stories of Science: Summertime Science, Saturdays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Free family-friendly program that highlights the many strange and surprising stories from the history of science! The fun, interactive activities are designed for science lovers of all ages. FREE. sciencehistory.org

Franklin Court, Ranger Talk, daily 11:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.: It’s all about Ben! Join a park ranger and discuss the life and times of Philadelphia’s most famous founder—Benjamin Franklin. FREE. nps.gov/inde

Independence National Historical Park, Walking Tour, 9:30-10:30 a.m. daily: Get the inside scoop on the founding of our nation as a Park Ranger guides you through some of the most iconic city blocks in America. FREE; meet on the east side of the Liberty Bell Center. phlvisitorcenter.com

Independence Visitor Center, Official Historic Philadelphia Walking Tour, 11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. daily: A History Maker transports visitors back in time on a loop 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. Tour lasts one hour. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$9 for children. Purchase at the Visitor Center or phlvisitorcenter.com

Independence Square, Ranger Talk, 3 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. daily: Join a park ranger for a short and lively conversation about the significant events that have taken place on Independence Square. Meet behind Independence Hall after passing through security. nps.gov/inde

Independence Hall. Declaration Reading, 3:45 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday: Meet History Makers portraying real people from Philadelphia’s past and hear moving readings from the Declaration of Independence with Independence Hall as a backdrop. FREE. Meet behind the Hall. historicphiladelphia.org

Museum of the American Revolution, Banners of Liberty, regular site hours: This special exhibition features the largest gathering of rare and significant Revolutionary War flags in more than two centuries. See more than a dozen original flags that were carried in military campaigns stretching from Northern New England to South Carolina and celebrate 250 years of the armed forces. Free with admission. amrevmuseum.org



The Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival is Back!

6–11 p.m. Daily through August 31 Franklin Square

Get ready to be amazed as Franklin Square lights up the night! Stroll through a dazzling world of giant, handcrafted lanterns—some you can even interact with!

This magical outdoor event is fun for all ages and filled with vibrant Chinese culture, from live performances and mouthwatering eats to the stunning Franklin Square Fountain Show.

Perfect for date nights, family outings, or a summer evening with friends Grab your tickets and learn more at phillychineselanternfestival.com



Discover the Stories You Won’t Find in History Books!

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday Historic District

Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches bring Philadelphia’s rich past to life—right where history happened! Step into the heart of Philadelphia’s Historic District and enjoy free, 3-to-5-minute stories told by friendly, uniformed storytellers. These award-winning tales are full of fun facts, surprising twists, and unforgettable moments from America’s early days.

Visit all eight storytelling benches and become a History Hero! Collect a star at each stop using your Storytelling Flag (just ask your storyteller to get started). When you’ve collected all eight, head to Franklin Square for a special certificate and surprise!

Find all bench locations on the map on page 4 or visit historicphiladelphia.org for more info and make history come alive—one story at a time!

Pro tip: Start your day at the Betsy Ross House for a secret flag-raising at 10 a.m. and finish with a stirring reading of the Declaration at 3:45 p.m. behind Independence Hall!



PHLASH® Your Ride to Philly’s Iconic Attractions

The PHLASH is Philly’s big purple bus that takes visitors to all the city’s most iconic locations. With stops at the Independence Visitor Center, Museum of the American Revolution, and Betsy Ross House, the PHLASH takes visitors from Old City across town to the Rocky Steps and back for just \$5 a day. The PHLASH® runs daily every 15 minutes from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets, full schedule and real time tracking at RidePhillyPHLASH.com

HISTORIC SITES

Arch Street Friends Meeting House (E3)
320 Arch Street
(215) 627-2667
Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
historicismh.org

Betsy Ross House (F3)
239 Arch Street
(215) 629-4026 (x500)
Daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
historicphiladelphia.org

Carpenters’ Hall (E5)
320 Chestnut Street
(215) 925-0167
Tuesday - Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
carpentershall.org

Christ Church Philadelphia (F4)
2nd Street above Market Street
(215) 922-1695
Mon. – Sat. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sun. 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
christchurchphila.org

Christ Church Burial Ground (D3)
5th & Arch streets
(215) 922-1695
Daily 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
christchurchphila.org

Many sites will have extended hours until 7 p.m. for the RED, WHITE, & BLUE TO-DO on Wednesday, July 2. See phlvisitorcenter.com for details.

VISIT INDEPENDENCE HALL Each day at Independence Hall begins with an open house from 9 to 9:50 a.m. – no tickets required. If you prefer a guided tour, reserve a ticket at recreation.gov for times between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A \$1 ticket handling fee applies. For more information, go to nps.gov/inde.

Congress Hall (C5)
6th & Chestnut streets
(215) 597-2305
Daily 9:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Programs every 30 minutes
nps.gov/inde

Elfreth’s Alley Museum (F2)
124-126 Elfreth’s Alley
(267) 457-4159
Fri. – Sun. 12-4 p.m.
elfrethsalley.org; elfrethsalley.org/audio-tour

Federal Reserve Bank Money in Motion Exhibit (B2)
(215) 574-7123
Mon. – Fri. 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (last admission 4 p.m.)
philadelphiafed.org/education/money-in-motion

Free Quaker Meeting House (C3)
500 Arch Street, (215) 597-2305
Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
nps.gov/inde

Franklin Court Printing Office (E4)
320-322 Market Street
(215) 597-2305
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
nps.gov/inde

Franklin Square (C1)
6th & Race streets
(215) 629-4026 (x400)
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival daily 6-11 pm.; closed 7/4.
historicphiladelphia.org

Independence Hall (C5)
Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th streets
(215) 597-2305
Daily 9 a.m. – 4:20 p.m.; Tickets required after 10 a.m.
recreation.gov

Old City Hall (D5)
5th & Chestnut streets
Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(215) 597-2305
nps.gov/inde

Physick House (E8)
321 South 4th Street
(215)925-7866
Sat. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sun. 12-3 p.m. (tours on the hour)
philalandmarks.org

Powel House (E7)
244 South 3rd Street
(215) 627-0364
Sat. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sun. 12-3 p.m. (tours on the hour)
philalandmarks.org

President’s House Site (C4)
555 Market Street
(215) 597-2305
Daily 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.
nps.gov/inde

Science History Institute (E5)
315 Chestnut Street
(215) 925-2222
Wed. – Fri. 12 – 5 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
sciencehistory.org

MUSEUMS

American Philosophical Society Museum (D6)
104 South 5th Street
(215) 440-3400
Thurs. – Sun. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
amphilsoc.org

African American Museum in Philadelphia (B3)
7th & Arch streets
(215) 574-0380
Thurs. – Sun. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
aampmuseum.org

Benjamin Franklin Museum in Franklin Court (E4)
Enter from Chestnut Street between 3rd and 4th streets
(215) 597-2305
Daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
nps.gov/inde

Fireman’s Hall Museum (F2)
147 North 2nd Street
(215) 923-1438
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
firemanshallmuseum.org

Independence Seaport Museum (H6)
211 Columbus Blvd.
(215)413-8655
Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
phillyseaport.org

Liberty Bell Center (C4)
526 Market Street
(215) 597-2305
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
nps.gov/inde

Museum of the American Revolution (E5)
101 South 3rd Street
(215) 253-6731
Daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
amrevmuseum.org

Museum of Illusions (D4)
401 Market Street
(267) 703-2270
Sun-Thurs- 10 a.m. -8 p.m.; Fri- Sa. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
moiphilly.co

National Constitution Center (D3)
525 Arch Street
(215) 409-6700
Wed. – Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
constitutioncenter.org

National Liberty Museum (E5)
321 Chestnut Street
(215) 925-2800
Thurs. – Mon. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
libertymuseum.org

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History (D4)
101 South Independence Mall East
(215) 923-3811
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday
theweitzman.org

OTHER SITES

Independence Visitor Center (C4)
6th & Market streets
(800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
phlvisitorcenter.com

SquareBurger (C1)
Franklin Square, 6th & Race streets
(215) 629-4026
12 p.m. to closing of Franklin Square; see hours above
historicphiladelphia.org

U.S. Mint (D2)
151 North Independence Mall East
(215) 408-0114
Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. – 4:30
usmint.gov





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