



NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



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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

AUGUST 1

Betsy Ross House, First Friday Celebration, 5-8 p.m.: Participate in a community art project with Ministry of Awe and enjoy drinks from Triple Bottom Brewery, along with after-hours tours of the House. FREE; fee applies for tours. historicphiladelphia.org

AUGUST 2

Independence Seaport Museum, Captain's Corner: Jason Smith, 2-3 p.m.: Join author and professor Jason Smith for a talk about the Naval heroes of the Spanish-American War, among the first modern celebrities in American culture. Free with admission. phillyseaport.org

AUGUST 5

Franklin Square, WHYY Summer Storytime, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.: Join WHYY for stories, crafts and active play. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org



Carpenters' Hall, Shells of Liberty Oyster Bash, 3-7:30 p.m.: Celebrate National Oyster Day with free tours of Carpenters' Hall and oyster-themed crafts, games and

activities from 3-5 p.m. From 5:30-7:30 p.m., join an adults-only craft beverage and oyster tasting. Proceeds benefit the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary. Tickets and more information at carpentershall.org

AUGUST 7

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 28. \$50. historicphiladelphia.org

AUGUST 10

Independence Seaport Museum, Table Saw Talk, 10-11 a.m.: Come for coffee and discussion about the traditions of wooden boat building on the Delaware River. This month focuses on the work being done on a full-scale replica of the vessel that George Washington and his army used to cross the Delaware on Christmas 1776. \$10 phillyseaport.org

AUGUST 13

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and dancing and end with bubbles and fun crafts. All kids and their caretakers are welcome. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

AUGUST 14

Carpenters' Hall, Cocktails & Congress, 5:30-6:30 p.m.: See August 7 for details.

AUGUST 15

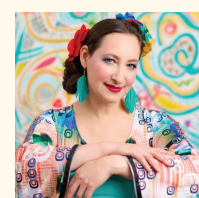
Independence Seaport Museum, Speakeasy Night on Olympia, 6-9 p.m.: Step back in time for a 1920s speakeasy and climb aboard the oldest floating steel warship in the world for games, drinks (featuring new, thematic mocktails), snacks, and the chance to learn all about what serving in the United States Navy during prohibition looked like. Thematic dress is welcome but not required. Must be 21 or older. \$35. phillyseaport.org

Pemberton Building, Pawtrot Yappy Hour, 5-6 p.m.: Socialize with pets and their owners who love Philadelphia's National Park. Enjoy activities for your pup, have them take the oath to become an official B.A.R.K. Ranger and enjoy refreshments for dogs and their humans. Meet in the Pemberton Building garden off Chestnut Street between 2nd & 3rd streets. FREE. inht.org

AUGUST 16

Second Bank of the U.S., Yoga at Independence, 9-10 a.m.: Enjoy an outdoor yoga session led by skilled facilitators to encourage alternative uses and community engagement of greenspace in Independence National Historical Park. Meet on the lawn near the Robert Morris statue. FREE. Register at support.inht.org/yoga

AUGUST 18



Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Welcome Back Concert with Rachael Sage, 7 p.m.: Ease into the season with a festive evening of drinks, light bites, and live music. Mingle and enjoy a special performance by this acclaimed singer-songwriter, known for her eclectic, soulful sound. For tickets and pricing, theweitzman.org/events

AUGUST 21

Carpenters' Hall, Cocktails & Congress, 5:30-6:30 p.m.: See August 7 for details.

AUGUST 22

Independence Mall, Movies on the Mall: National Treasure, 5:30 p.m.: The latest installment of this free outdoor movie series will feature family-friendly activities including 18th century games, crafts and more followed by the movie at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy free popcorn courtesy of the Liberty Garden beer garden. FREE. Register in advance at inht.org

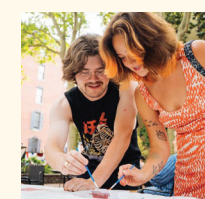
AUGUST 27

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: See August 13 for details.

AUGUST 28

Carpenters' Hall, Cocktails & Congress, 5:30-6:30 p.m.: See August 7 for details.

SEPTEMBER 5



Betsy Ross House, First Friday Celebration, 5-8 p.m.: Participate in a community art project with Ministry of Awe and enjoy drinks from Triple Bottom Brewery, along with after-hours tours of the House. FREE; fee applies for tours. historicphiladelphia.org

SEPTEMBER 7

Franklin Square, Grandparents' Day, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.: Treat the grandparents to a ride on the Parx Liberty Carousel. Buy one ticket and get one free. historicphiladelphia.org

Independence Seaport Museum, Drink the Delaware, 4-9 p.m.: Spend an evening soaking up information, sampling brewed and distilled drinks that rely on the Delaware River, and celebrating local industry. Leave with a new awareness of the importance of local environmental stewardship and the need for clean waterways. For tickets, phillyseaport.org

SEPTEMBER 10

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: See August 13 for details.

SEPTEMBER 11

Betsy Ross House, 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, 10-11 a.m.: The solemn ceremony starts with a march from the Fireman's Hall Museum and continues with remarks from the police and fire commissioners and other dignitaries, a flag folding ceremony and a bell ringing honoring the fallen. For more information, historicphiladelphia.org

SEPTEMBER 13

Franklin Square, Franklin Square Play Day, 12 - 2 p.m.: Free crafts and games, giant bubbles, music, fitness, fun and play for children with entertainer, YoYo. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

SEPTEMBER 14

Museum of the American Revolution, Relaxed Experience Morning, 9-10:30 a.m.: Experience the galleries in a calm, crowd-free environment for a sensory-friendly experience. Sensory guides will be available at the front desk and a quiet room will have sensory kits to borrow. FREE for pre-registrants amrevmuseum.org

Independence Seaport Museum, Table Saw Talks, 10-11 a.m.: See August 10 for details.



Be Sure to Visit the National Constitution Center!

Experience a world-class museum and these special events:

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*

Sensory-Friendly Day Sunday, August 17 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Join the National Constitution Center for its Sensory-Friendly Days, an accessible learning experience for people of all abilities and their families. 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. This Sensory-Friendly Day, join Averil Smith Barone for a Watercolor Workshop and learn the many different techniques of this wonderful medium including: wet-in-wet, gradation, splatter, wax and sea sponge.

Constitution Day Celebration with Free Admission Wednesday, September 17 | 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. In September 1787, the founders signed the most influential document in American history, the U.S. Constitution. Every year, the National Constitution Center hosts the best Constitution Day celebration in the country. The Center's annual Constitution Day celebration takes place on Wednesday, September 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with with **FREE admission courtesy of PECO.**

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

SEPTEMBER 19



Independence Mall, Movies on the Mall: *National Treasure 2*, 5:30 p.m.: The latest installment of this free outdoor movie series will feature family-friendly activities including 18th century games, crafts and more followed by the

movie at 7 p.m. Enjoy free popcorn courtesy of the Liberty Garden beer garden. FREE. Register in advance at inht.org

SEPTEMBER 20

Second Bank of the U.S., Yoga at Independence, 9-10 a.m.: See August 16 for details.

Independence Seaport Museum, Captain's Corner, 2-3 p.m.: Join Naval architect Tim Keyser for a conversation about exciting new ship construction projects and initiatives. Free with admission. phillyseaport.org

SEPTEMBER 24

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.: See August 13 for details.

SEPTEMBER 27

Independence Seaport Museum, Delaware River Festival, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: This annual event brings people together, featuring a day of family-friendly fun, educational activities, and water-centered learning. There's something for everyone! FREE. delawareriverfest.org

Franklin Square, Franklin Square Play Day, 12 – 2 p.m.: Free crafts and games, giant bubbles, music, fitness, fun and play for children with entertainer, YoYo. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

SEPTEMBER 29

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Jake Cohen's *Dinner Party Animal Book Release*, 7 p.m.: Jake Cohen returns to The Weitzman to introduce his newest cookbook. Be among the first to hear his stories, savor his signature Jewish flair, and celebrate this special evening with fellow food lovers. For ticket information, theweitzman.org/events

ONGOING

Betsy Ross House, Flag Raising, 10 a.m. daily through September 1: Start the day in the charming Betsy Ross House courtyard. Join Betsy for a secret ceremony raising the 13-star flag and hear why this was especially daring in 1776. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org



Betsy Ross House, Meet the Women of the 18th Century, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sat. & Sun. through August 31; Saturdays from September 6: Meet the Women of the 18th Century representing the diverse population of Colonial Philadelphia at the Betsy Ross House! Learn about their lives and the era they lived in by hearing their true, interactive stories! FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Franklin Court, Ranger Talk, daily 11:30 a.m. & 4 p.m. through August 31: 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

Historic Philadelphia, Once Upon A Nation Storytelling, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tues. – Sat. & Labor Day Weekend: Located throughout Philadelphia's Historic District, this award-winning program features specially-trained storytellers telling riveting tales of our nation's history in the places where they actually happened. Ask for a Storytelling Flag and visit all eight benches to earn a special surprise in Franklin Square. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Independence National Historical Park, Twilight Tours, 6 p.m. Daily through Sept. 1: This free walking tour hosted by Independence Historical Trust takes you along the park's cobblestone paths while knowledgeable guides share stories about the events that shaped our nation. Tours are approximately 60 minutes and leave at 6 pm from the Liberty Bell viewing window. FREE. inht.org/twilight-tours

Independence National Historical Park, Walking Tour, 9:30–10:30 a.m. daily through August 31: 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 at the east entrance of the Independence Visitor Center. phlvisitorcenter.com

Independence Square, Ranger Talk, 3 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. daily through August 31: 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 Visitor Center, Official Historic Philadelphia Walking Tour, 11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 30: Step back in time as you loop through America's most historic square

mile meeting people from the past and learning about Philadelphia's rich Colonial history. Your Colonial guide will highlight the President's House, Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and more. \$18 for adults; \$9 children 12 and under. Buy tickets at the Visitor Center or online at phlvisitorcenter.com

Richard Allen Museum, Museum Tours, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturdays & 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sundays and weekdays by appointment through 8/31; by appointment in September: Explore the rich history, artifacts and historical documents on display at the museum located at Mother Bethel AME Church, a congregation over 200 years old on the oldest continuously owned parcel of land held by African Americans in the United States. Call (215) 925-0616 to schedule tours. \$10 adults; \$5 children 12 and over; free for children 5-12. motherbethel.org/museum

HIGHLIGHTS



Don't Miss the Final Nights of Magic at the Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival! Continues 6-11 p.m. Daily through August 31

Time is running out to witness the dazzling spectacle lighting up Franklin Square! Now **through Sunday, August 31**, experience one of Philadelphia's most breathtaking summer traditions. Stroll among towering, handcrafted lanterns that glow with color and artistry, marvel at live cultural performances, savor mouthwatering food and drinks, and catch the mesmerizing **Franklin Square Fountain Show** — all part of an unforgettable evening under the stars. The festival shines nightly from **6–11 p.m. Be part of the magic before it disappears! Buy tickets and learn more at phillychineselanternfestival.org**



Hear the Stories You Won't Find in History Books! Once Upon A Nation Storytelling & History Makers 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday through August

Step into the heart of Philadelphia's Historic District and experience history like never before! Through Labor Day, **Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches and History Makers** bring the past to life—right where it happened.

Friendly, uniformed storytellers share free, three -to-five-minute tales filled with 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 a storyteller to get started). Once you've got all eight, head to Franklin Square to claim a special certificate and surprise!

Hear stories 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday in August and through Labor Day weekend. Find bench locations on the map on page 4 or visit historicphiladelphia.org



But that's not all—this summer, you'll also Meet the History Makers!

Across Independence National Historical Park and at the Independence Visitor Center, costumed interpreters portray real figures from our nation's past. Some are famous, others lesser-known, but each brings a unique perspective and powerful story to share. Meet History Makers Tuesdays through Saturdays and Labor Day Weekend, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Start each day with Betsy Ross, raising the flag in the courtyard of her house at 10 a.m. daily through September 1 and finish in the shadow of Independence Mall with readings from the Declaration of Independence at 3:45 p.m. Tuesdays to Saturdays in August and through Labor Day weekend.

Make history come alive—one story, one character, one moment at a time! For more information visit historicphiladelphia.org

PHLASH

PHLASH® Your Ride to Philly's Iconic Attractions through Labor Day

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. through September 1. Tickets, full schedule and real time tracking at RidePhillyPHLASH.com



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.

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

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 (B2)
10 N. Independence Mall, West
(215) 574-6000
philadelphiafed.org

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)
Daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Philadelphia Chinese Lantern
Festival daily 6-11 p.m. through 8/31
Daily 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. 8/19 to 9/2;
10 a.m. - 7 p.m. 9/3-9/30
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

Mother Bethel AME Church & Richard Allen Museum (C9)
419 6th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147
(215) 925-0616
Museum Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. & Sun.
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. through 8/31; then by
appointment
motherbethel.org

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
Thurs. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. through
Labor Day; Fri. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
from 9/4
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

*Independence Seaport Museum,
Speakeasy Night on Olympia, Aug. 15th*





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