

PLANNING GUIDE

for School Groups



Historic
Philadelphia

Betsy Ross
HOUSE

FRANKLIN SQUARE

Once
Upon A
Nation™



Full Day Field Trip Experience

Historic Philadelphia

Build your own Field Trip to Philadelphia's Historic District! All field trips include a tour of the Betsy Ross House and a Once Upon A Nation program. You can choose your lunch location and possible afternoon activities. All field trips come with Field Trip Facilitators who assist your group on their tour. Field Trip includes each activity from each box below.

Price: \$22 per student
\$24 per adult
*1 free adult for every 6 students

★ Betsy Ross House

Tour the home of the 18th century upholster who made the first flag.

★ Once Upon a Nation Program

(choose one):

-*Story Stroll (Grades 4-6)*

Embark on an interactive walking-tour where students play a part in bringing the past to life!

-*Bloodletting & Burials (Grades 6-10)*

Stroll the cobblestones and uncover true, macabre tales about bloodletting, small pox, yellow fever, and other gross experiences.

-*Soldier's Life (Grades 4-12)*

Join a Revolutionary War era soldier as he discusses the daily lifestyle of a typical infantryman.

-*Founding Fathers (Grades 4-12)*

Meet the men and women who forged a nation!

*Group Minimum is 20 Students

★ Lunch Locations

(choose one):

Independence Mall (Outside) - Free
Pavilion at Franklin Square (Inside) -
\$2 per person

*Arch Street Meeting House** -
\$4 per person

*outside weather permitting. Includes a program about Quakers.

★ Afternoon Add-Ons

(optional):

- Liberty Bell
- U.S Mint
- Independence Hall
- Benjamin Franklin Museum*
- Museum of the American Revolution*
- National Constitution Center *
- African American Museum in Philadelphia*
- Mini Golf & Carousel at Franklin Square*

*additional fees may apply

Choose one or
more to complete
your trip!

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Full Day Field Trip Experience

with the American Philosophical Society

Historic
Philadelphia

THIS FIELD TRIP IS GEARED TOWARDS GRADES 7-12.

GROUP MIN:20 GROUP MAX:50

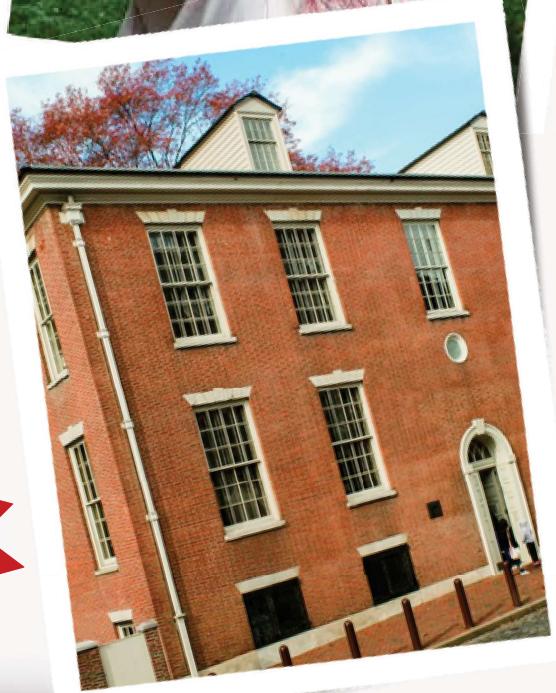
★ **Bloodletting & Burials**

Travel back to 1760 Philadelphia and learn about the city's gruesome history of infection and inoculation. Stroll the cobblestones and uncover true, macabre tales about bloodletting, small pox, yellow fever, and other gross experiences. Along the way, meet figures who lived through the ghastly 18th century and discover why Philadelphia was an infectious place to be!



★ **American Philosophical Society**

Dive deeper into the stories and events happening in Philadelphia at the time of the Revolutionary War. Learn about what life was like in this revolutionary city



★ **Betsy Ross House (OPTIONAL)**

Tour the home of the 18th century upholster who made the first flag. If you choose to add this on, it is an additional \$6 per student / \$8 per adult

★ **Lunch (CHOOSE ONE OPTION)**

Independence Mall (outside) - Free
Pavilion at Franklin Square (inside) - \$2 per person

Base Price:
\$20 per person



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Story Stroll

Designed for Grades 4-6



How do you get from the 1680s to today in just three city blocks? Join the living timeline and find out as our award-winning Storytellers take you on a journey through Historic Philadelphia. Students will learn about religious tolerance, patriotism, equality, and standing up for what you believe in through interactive, educational stories about revolutionary figures like William Penn, James Forten, Caroline LeCount, and Susan B. Anthony. During your stroll, historic sites come to life as students become part of the stories in the places where history was made.

Pricing & Information

Group Rate: \$16 per person

Group Minimum: 20 people

Duration: 1 hour

Departure Location:

Museum of the American Revolution

101 S 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

NEW FOR 2026!

A new version called Declaration Story Stroll focused on what was happening in Philadelphia during 1776.

available upon request

*suitable for older grades



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Bloodletting & Burials



Designed for Grades 6-10

Travel back to 1760 Philadelphia and learn about the city's gruesome history of infection and inoculation. Stroll the cobblestones and uncover true, macabre tales about bloodletting, small pox, yellow fever, and other gross experiences. Along the way, meet figures who lived through the ghastly 18th century and discover why Philadelphia was an infectious place to be!

Pricing & Information

Group Rate: \$16 per person
Group Minimum: 20 people

Duration: 1 hour

Departure Location:

Museum of the American
Revolution

101 S 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Complete your itinerary:

- Betsy Ross House
- Franklin Square
- A Soldier's Life
- Military Muster



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History Maker Tour



Designed for Grades 7-12

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)

Ask about
different themes
available for the
tour!

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.*



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Colonial Muster

Designed for Grades 4-6



America is looking for a few good recruits for drills in the art of marching and musket etiquette. Do you have what it takes to serve in the Continental or Union army? Find out by enlisting in this highly interactive and entertaining program.

Pricing & Information

Group Rate: \$500 flat rate

Group Maximum: 50 students

Duration: 1 hour

Location: to be determined based on availability

Complete your itinerary:

- Betsy Ross House
- Franklin Square
- Story Stroll
- A Soldier's Life



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Soldier's Life

Designed for Grades 4-12



Join a Revolutionary War era soldier as he discusses the daily lifestyle of a typical infantryman. During this highly interactive program, students will have the opportunity to be fitted with garb and gear, assist in daily chores and activities, and will receive the proper training to become a soldier in the Continental Army.

Pricing & Information

Group Rate: \$16 per person

Group Minimum: 20 students

Duration: 1 hour

Location: to be determined based on availability

Groups larger than 75 are subject to a site rental fee

NEW FOR 2026!

We have a Deborah Sampson version. Hear the story of a woman who disguised herself to fight in the Revolutionary War.

**available upon request*



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Founding Fathers

Designed for Grades 4-12



Pricing & Information

Group Rate: \$16 per person

Group Minimum: 20 students

Duration: 1 hour

Location: to be determined based on availability

Groups larger than 75 are subject to a site rental fee

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:

- John Adams
- Benjamin Franklin
- Thomas Jefferson
- Abraham Lincoln
- William Penn
- Betsy Ross
- George Washington
- Martha Washington



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Meet the Women of the 18th Century



Designed for Grades 4-8



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 for students to try.

Pricing & Information

Group Rate: \$18 per person

Group Minimum: 20 students

Group Maximum: 80 Students

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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Cheesesteaks & Congress



Designed for Grades 6-12



Experience scenes from the First Continental Congress in the same building it happened, Carpenter's Hall.

This immersive program allows the students to see history beyond the textbook and have it come to life! Enjoy the Philly classic, cheesesteaks, during the program. Cheesesteaks are provided by Campo's.

Cheesesteaks & Congress is an afterhours program. The earliest it can be done is 5:00 PM. It can be done earlier if not done at Carpenter's Hall.

Pricing & Information

Group Rate: \$30 per person

(does not include the cost of cheesesteaks)

Group Minimum: 20 students

Group Maximum: 80 Students

Location: Carpenter's Hall

320 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19106



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Betsy Ross House



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Pricing & Information

Group Minimum: 20 people

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

General Admission

Group Rate: \$8 per Adult / \$6 per Student

AUDIO TOUR*

featuring the voice of Betsy Ross

Group Rate: \$10 per Adult / \$8 per Student

**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.

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)*

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. / 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

ICE CREAM VOUCHER

Group Rate: \$3.50 + tax

Group Minimum: 20 people
Open seasonally April through December

during park operating hours



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

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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Franklin Square

Attractions

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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.



Pricing & Information

Group Rate: \$11.50 per adult /
\$9.50 per child

Group Minimum: 20 people

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: \$3.50 per ticket
Group Minimum: 20 people



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Franklin Square

Group Lunches



Looking for space for your group to eat lunch 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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Franklin Square

Festivals

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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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Curricular Standards



All Historic Philadelphia, Inc. tours and programs are designed to reflect the themes identified by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) as the organizing strands for social studies curriculum. We aim to meet these standards in all thematic areas, most significantly:

- 1) Culture
- 2) Time, Continuity, and Change
- 4) Individual Development and Identity
- 5) Individuals, Groups, and Institutions
- 9) Global Connections
- 10) Civics Ideals and Practices

History Maker Tour

7th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.7.1 | SL.7.3 | SL.7.6 | L.7.1 | L.7.4 | L.7.6 | RH.6-8.2

8th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.8.1 | SL.8.2 | SL.8.3 | SL.8.6 | L.8.1 | L.8.4 | L.8.6 | RH.6-8.2

9th & 10th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.9-10.1 | SL.9-10.3 | SL.9-10.4 | SL.9-10.6 | L.9-10.1 | L.9-10.4 | L.9-10.6 | RH.9-10.2

11th & 12th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.11-12.1 | SL.11-12.3 | SL.11-12.4 | SL.11-12.6 | L.11-12.1
L.11-12.4 | L.11-12.6 | RH.11-12.2

Founding Fathers & Mothers

7th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.7.1 | SL.7.3 | SL.7.6 | L.7.1 | L.7.4 | L.7.6 | RH.6-8.2

8th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.8.1 | SL.8.2 | SL.8.3 | SL.8.6 | L.8.1 | L.8.4 | L.8.6 | RH.6-8.2

9th & 10th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.9-10.1 | SL.9-10.3 | SL.9-10.4 | SL.9-10.6 | L.9-10.1 | L.9-10.4 | L.9-10.6 | RH.9-10.2

11th & 12th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.11-12.1 | SL.11-12.3 | SL.11-12.4 | SL.11-12.6 | L.11-12.1
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Colonial Muster

4th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.4.1 | SL.4.6 | L.4.1 | L.4.4 | L.4.6

5th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.5.1 | SL.5.6 | L.5.1 | L.5.4 | L.5.6

6th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.6.1 | SL.6.6 | L.6.1 | L.6.4 | L.6.6

A Soldier's Life

4th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.4.1 | SL.4.6 | L.4.1 | L.4.4 | L.4.6

5th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.5.1 | SL.5.6 | L.5.1 | L.5.4 | L.5.6

6th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.6.1 | SL.6.6 | L.6.1 | L.6.4 | L.6.6

7th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.7.1 | SL.7.3 | SL.7.4 | SL.7.6 | L.7.1 | L.7.4 | L.7.6

8th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.8.1 | SL.8.3 | SL.8.4 | SL.8.6 | L.8.1 | L.8.4 | L.8.6

9th & 10th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.9-10.1 | SL.9-10.3 | SL.9-10.4 | SL.9-10.6 | L.9-10.1 | L.9-10.4 | L.9-10.6

11th & 12th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.11-12.1 | SL.11-12.3 | SL.11-12.4 | SL.11-12.6 | L.11-12.1 | L.11-12.4 | L.11-12.6



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Kindergarten

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.K.1 | SL.K.2 | SL.K.3 | SL.K.4 | SL.K.6 | L.K.1 | RI.K.1 | RI.K.2 | RI.K.3 | RI.K.4

1st Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.1.1 | SL.1.2 | SL.1.3 | SL.1.4 | SL.1.6 | L.1.1 | L.1.4 | L.1.5 | L.1.6 | RI.1.1 | RI.1.2 | RI.1.3 | RI.1.4 | RI.1.5

2nd Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.2.1 | SL.2.2 | SL.2.3 | SL.2.4 | SL.2.6 | L.2.1 | L.2.4 | L.2.5 | L.2.6 | RI.2.1 | RI.2.2 | RI.2.3 | RI.2.4 | RI.2.5 | RI.2.6 | RI.2.7

3rd Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.3.1 | SL.3.2 | SL.3.3 | SL.3.4 | SL.3.6 | L.3.1 | L.3.4 | L.3.5 | L.3.6 | RI.3.1 | RI.3.2 | RI.3.3 | RI.3.4 | RI.3.5 | RI.3.8

4th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.4.1 | SL.4.3 | SL.4.4 | SL.4.6 | L.4.1 | L.4.4 | L.4.6 | RI.4.1 | RI.4.2 | RI.4.3 | RI.4.4 | RI.4.5 | RI.4.6

5th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.5.1 | SL.5.3 | SL.5.4 | SL.5.6 | L.5.1 | L.5.4 | L.5.6 | RI.5.1 | RI.5.2 | RI.5.3 | RI.5.4 | RI.5.5 | RI.5.6

6th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.6.1 | SL.6.2 | SL.6.6 | L.6.1 | L.6.4 | L.6.5 | L.6.6 | RI.6.2 | RI.6.3 | RI.6.4 | RI.6.8

RH.6-8.4 | RH.6-8.7 | RH.6-8.8

7th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.7.1 | SL.7.2 | SL.7.6 | L.7.1 | L.7.4 | L.7.5 | L.7.6 | RI.7.2 | RI.7.3 | RI.7.4 | RI.7.8 | RH.6-8.4 | RH.6-8.7 | RH.6-8.8

8th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.8.1 | SL.8.2 | SL.8.6 | L.8.1 | L.8.4 | L.8.5 | L.8.6 | RI.8.2 | RI.8.3 | RI.8.4 | RI.8.8

RH.6-8.4 | RH.6-8.7 | RH.6-8.8

9th & 10th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.9-10.1 | SL.9-10.3 | SL.9-10.4 | SL.9-10.6 | L.9-10.1 | L.9-10.4 | L.9-10.6 | RH.9-10.2 | RH.9-10.3 | RH.9-10.4 | RH.9-10.5

11th & 12th Grade

Common Core ELA-Literacy: SL.11-12.1 | SL.11-12.3 | SL.11-12.4 | SL.11-12.6 | L.11-12.1 | L.11-12.4 | L.11-12.6 | RH.11-12.2 | RH.11-12.3 | RH.11-12.4 | RH.11-12.7 | RH.11-12.8



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