

# PLANNING GUIDE

## for School Groups



Historic  
Philadelphia



# 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: group  
\$24 per student  
\$25 per adult  
\*1 free adult for every 6 students

## ★ Betsy Ross House

Tour the home of the 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Historic Philadelphia

with the American Philosophical Society

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 18<sup>th</sup> century upholster who made the first flag.

If you choose to add this on, it is an additional \$8 per student / \$9 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

Historic  
Philadelphia



Designed for Grades 4-6



## 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

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.

**Complete your itinerary:**

Betsy Ross House

Franklin Square

A Soldier's Life

Military Muster



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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)

**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!



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# Colonial Muster

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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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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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# HISTORIC MOCK TRIAL FIELD TRIP PACKAGES

GEARED TOWARDS GRADES 4-8

- Conduct a mock trial in historic Philadelphia
- Present arguments in a real courtroom before a real judge
- Students become historic figures as they assume roles in the trial

## Choose One:

### **Betsy Ross on Trial for Treason: *Patriot or Traitor in Revolutionary Philadelphia?***

Complete the mock trial experience with a tour of Betsy Ross House to see where this historic moment took place!

**Price: \$8 per Student \$9 per Adult**

### **Putting King George III on Trial: *Was the Declaration of Independence justified - or treason?***

Complete your trip with a History Maker Tour before the mock trial! Your personal History Maker will transport you back in time on a walk through America's most historic square mile.

**Price: \$400 per guide** - guide maximum is 30 people

### **The First Bank Robbery in America: *A real historical mystery in the nation's first financial capital***

Complete your trip with a History Maker Tour before the mock trial. Your personal History Maker will transport you back in time on a walk through America's most historic square mile. See Carpenter's Hall where the robbery took place

**Price: \$400 per guide** - guide maximum is 30 people

Teachers receive all trial materials in advance, allowing students to prepare roles and rehearse in class. On the day of the visit, students step into history—transforming their learning into a live courtroom reenactment connected directly to the nation's founding.

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# Betsy Ross House



## Pricing & Information

**Group Minimum: 20 people**

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

#### General Admission

April/May Group Rate: \$9 per Adult / \$8 per Student

Memorial Day to Labor Day Group Rate:

\$12 per Adult / \$11 per Student

### AUDIO TOUR\*

featuring the voice of Betsy Ross

April/May Group Rate: \$11 per Adult / \$10 per Student

Memorial Day to Labor Day Group Rate:

\$14 per Adult / \$13 per Student

*\*Only for groups of 45 or smaller*

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

**Extended hours available for groups for an additional fee.**

*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.

## Philly Mini Golf

### Pricing & Information

**Group Rate:** \$13 per adult /  
\$11 per child  
**Group Minimum:** 20 people

## Parx Liberty Carousel

### Pricing & Information

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

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

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## 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: 100 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 100 for an additional fee



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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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# 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 | L.11-12.4 | L.11-12.6 | RH.11-12.2



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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**

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### **8th Grade**

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### **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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## **Betsy Ross House**

### **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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