

Plan Your Perfect Day in Historic Philadelphia

Make the most of your visit with interactive experiences happening all summer long. Start your morning with Betsy Ross raising the flag, explore the Historic District alongside costumed History Makers, and follow the story of the nation as it unfolds throughout the day.

Use the schedule below to map out your adventure—from midday discoveries and hands-on fun to an unforgettable ending with the Declaration of Independence read aloud just steps from where it was signed.

Along the way, don't miss the Once Upon A Nation storytelling benches—engaging way to add something truly authentic (and memorable) to your day in Historic Philadelphia.



LOCATION	10 A.M.	11 A.M.	NOON	1 P.M.	2 P.M.	3 P.M.	4 P.M.	5 P.M.	6 P.M.	
Betsy Ross House	Flag Raising	Meet the Women of the 18th century (Thurs-Sat from 6/18)								
	Meet Betsy Ross in her Upholstery Shop									
Carpenters' Hall		11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Colonial Kids' Quest (Fri-Sat)						5:30 p.m. Fri, Cocktails & Congress, \$		
			History Maker Pop-Up at 12:45 p.m.							
City Tavern Garden	History Maker Pop-Up at 11:45 a.m.									
Franklin Court				Meet Ben Franklin at 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. (Fri-Sat)						
Free Quaker Meeting House		Meet a Free Quaker								
Independence Hall						3:45 p.m. Declaration Reading				
Independence Visitor Center		11:30 a.m. Walking Tour (Sat), \$			2:30 p.m. Walking Tour (Sat), \$			5 p.m. Sat, Independence After Hours, \$		
12 Locations in the Historic District	Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches									
Second Bank				History Maker Pop-Up 1:45 p.m.						
Signers' Garden					2 p.m. Colonial Muster		3 p.m. Colonial Muster			



JUNE 2026



Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary

HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

JUNE

JUNE 2

The Athenaeum, When the Declaration of Independence Was News, 6 p.m.: Join author Emily Sneff to explore how the Declaration was communicated to people in the new nation and around the Atlantic world. Plus, try printing on a historic press. Pay-what-you-wish. philaathenaem.org

JUNE 3

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Stories, rhymes, and dancing explore different themes throughout the season ending with bubbles and fun crafts. All kids and their caregivers are welcome. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

JUNE 5

Science History Institute, First Friday: Game On! The Science of Sports, 5 - 7 p.m.: Learn about the curious history of turf, dirt, and gear, complete a special, themed scavenger hunt in honor of the FIFA World Cup and learn how material science has shaped performance and safety over the decades. FREE. sciencehistory.org

JUNE 5-8

Betsy Ross House, Flag Fest 2026, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Expanded for 2026, this signature event features 10 days of free programming celebrating the Stars & Stripes. See page 2 for all the details. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

JUNE 5-14

The Athenaeum, Exhibition Opening: Discourse & Discovery: Places of Gathering in Philadelphia, 5 - 7 p.m.: New exhibit explores how citizens and visitors alike have long engaged with public spaces in Philadelphia; on display through 10/17. FREE. philaathenaem.org

JUNE 8

Independence Visitor Center, Juneteenth Makers Market, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.: This craft, gift, and souvenir market features black artists and artisans working and creating in the Philadelphia region today. phivisitorcenter.com

JUNE 12

Independence Seaport Museum, Olympia After Hours: King Neptune's Bar, 6 - 9 p.m.: Step aboard the historic cruiser Olympia for a festive, adults-only evening inspired by naval "Crossing the Line" traditions. Celebrate the start of summer with themed fun, drinks, and a unique after-hours experience on the water. \$35; must be 21+. phillyseaport.org

JUNE 19

Independence Visitor Center, Movies on the Mall: Harriet, 7:30 p.m.: Don't miss this all-fresco, free movie night on Independence Mall hosted by the Independence Historic Trust, Philadelphia Visitor Center, and Wawa Welcome America. FREE. phivisitorcenter.com

JUNE 13

Independence Seaport Museum, Sensory Friendly Seaport, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Celebrate the launch of the museum's new Sensory Friendly Kits, a new, free resource to help visitors of all ages feel safe and comfortable during their visit. Educational activities, reduced noise and raffles are planned. Free with admission. phillyseaport.org

JUNE 20-21

Betsy Ross House, Philadelphia Heritage Chorale, 3 - 4 p.m.: This renowned multicultural, intergenerational choir directed by Dr. J. Donald Dumpson performs as part of Flag Fest celebrations. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

JUNE 13-14

Museum of the American Revolution, Flag Day Weekend 2026, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.: Learn about flags from the Revolutionary era with in-gallery talks and activities for the whole family. Free with admission. amrevmuseum.org

JUNE 17

Franklin Square, Storytime in the Square, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: See June 3 for details.

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JUNE 25

Independence Seaport Museum, Wawa Welcome America Free Museum Day, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Discover the history of the Philadelphia region through the lens of the Delaware River. Make sure to save time to visit the museum's largest exhibition in decades to celebrate the nation's 250th: Seeking Profit and Power: Philadelphia, China Trade, and the Making of America. FREE. phillyseaport.org

JUNE 27

Independence Seaport Museum, Pride at ISM, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Members of the LGBTQ+ communities now and in the past have always been present in maritime history. Spend an afternoon at the museum for family-friendly, community fun and connection to celebrate pride. Free with admission. phillyseaport.org

JUNE 27

Museum of the American Revolution, Sound of History Performance, 6 - 8:30 p.m.: Enjoy the premiere of original musical works bridging the worlds between 1776 and 2026 as part of Philadelphia's inaugural What Now: 2026 citywide arts festival. amrevmuseum.org

JUNE 19-21

Museum of the American Revolution, Juneteenth 2026, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.: Explore the continuing struggle for equality while celebrating the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States. Free with admission. amrevmuseum.org

JUNE 20-21

Fairmount Park Centennial District, Philly Fair 250, 2 - 9 p.m.: The Science History Institute partners with Wawa Welcome America to present two nights of dazzling fireworks displays. See a historically inspired spectacle and a modern show tracing the evolution of fireworks. Check out the museum's Flash! Bang! Boom! exhibition at their pop-up museum. FREE. sciencehistory.org

JUNE 23

Carpenters' Hall, A Brick City: History, Expression, and Construction in Philadelphia, 8:30 - 10 a.m.: Join the International Masonry Institute and Moto Designshop for a conversation about Philadelphia's masonry tradition, construction practice, and brick shapes, surface, depth, pattern, and light, and how approaches have evolved over time. \$20. carpentershall.org

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JUNE 27

Independence Seaport Museum, Kayak & Pizza Night, 4 - 7 p.m.: This meet-up for young adults ages 18-30 will feature pizza, drinks, and kayaking, as well as an environmental science fair. The event is part of the Made by Us Civic Season. Pay-what-you-wish. phillyseaport.org

JUNE 27

Independence Blue Cross RiverRink, Independence Day Weekend Fireworks and Concert, 8 - 10 p.m.: Enjoy a high-energy concert, followed by a spectacular fireworks display that will illuminate the night. FREE. riverrink.com



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WELCOME TO YOUR FIRST STOP FOR VISITING PHILADELPHIA

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! phivisitorcenter.com

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TWO NEW GALLERIES NOW OPEN AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

America's Founding takes you on a journey from the colonies' growing tensions with Great Britain through the drafting, ratification, and adoption of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Governing the Nation explores how power is divided among the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, how each branch is empowered to check the others, and how authority is shared between the national government and the states.

DON'T MISS THESE SPECIAL EVENTS IN JUNE

Sensory-Friendly Day

Sunday, June 7 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ADMISSION from 9-10 a.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.

Civic Quest Family Day

Saturday, June 13 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. FREE ADMISSION

The Center transforms into *Civic Quest*—an immersive, museum-wide takeover that turns it into an adventure. Live reenactors, hands-on missions, and interactive environments invite kids and caregivers to discover how big ideas and teamwork helped shape America. Best suited for ages 7+, but there's something for everyone in the family to enjoy.

Flag Day

Sunday, June 14 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Celebrate the birthdays of the American flag and the U.S. Army! Learn about the creation of the American flag, participate in flag raising ceremonies, speak with Army veterans, and fold our giant flag.

Juneteenth

Friday, June 19 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ADMISSION

Juneteenth marks our country's second Independence Day. Celebrate this national holiday and rejoice in the celebration of those who fought to secure freedom for all. Explore *Civil War and Reconstruction: The Battle for Freedom and Equality* and enjoy programs highlighting freedom fighters from the Reconstruction era like Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, and more.

Semi-QUIZ-centennial

Monday, June 29 | 5-8 p.m.

Kick off Independence Week with an evening of historically-themed Quizzo, with prizes for the top three teams. Entry to the trivia contest is free and open to all ages. Beginning at 5 p.m., a cash bar will be available for guests over 21.

The National Constitution Center is open seven days a week, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, constitutioncenter.org.

JUNE 29

Arch Street Meeting House, Wawa Welcome America's Free Museum Day, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Visit one of the largest and most historic Quaker meetinghouses in the world, and the museum's grounds are the final resting place of an estimated 20,000 burials. Explore ASMH's new exhibit, *The History of Quakers: A Religious Revolution*, or watch a theater performance of *A Quiet Room: The Unparalleled Lives of Bayard Rustin & Sarah Mapps Douglass*. FREE. historicasmh.org

Arch Street Meeting House, Quakerism Unmasked: From 1688 to 2026, 5 - 7 p.m.: In 1688, a group of German Quakers turned their faith into action, writing a public petition against enslavement. The original petition was lost to time and rediscovered at ASMH. This special presentation discusses the petition, on view June 29 to August 3. FREE. historicasmh.org

Arch Street Meeting House & Burial Ground, Guided Tour, 11 a.m. Fridays: Take a staff-led tour of the exhibit, *The History of Quakerism: A Religious Revolution*. Discover how early Quakers helped shape Pennsylvania and influenced the founding ideals of religious freedom. FREE. historicasmh.org

ONGOING

Arch Street Meeting House, Meet Quaker History Activity Cart, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays: Create, learn, and explore unexpected moments in Quaker history. Fun for all ages. FREE. historicasmh.org

Arch Street Meeting House, A Quiet Roar: The Unparalleled Lives of Bayard Rustin & Sarah Mapps Douglass, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Saturdays: An immersive performance bridges the stories of Bayard Rustin and Sarah Mapps Douglass, two phenomenal Black Philadelphia Quakers who walked the halls of ASMH a century apart. FREE. historicasmh.org

Franklin Square, PARK Liberty Carousel & Philly Mini Golf, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Take a spin on an eagle, a zebra, a lion or a horse on the spectacular carousel and putt through Philly-themed landmarks on the miniature golf course. Carousel tickets are \$4; golf is \$15 adults/\$12 children. historichiladelphia.org

Independence Blue Cross RiverRink, Summerfest, Thurs; 5 - 11 p.m. Fri; 1 - 11 p.m. Sat; 1 - 10 p.m. Sun.: Where Philly comes to play! Take in the boardwalk vibes, and enjoy roller skating, mini golf, rides and games, and a retro arcade. Grab some classic summer bites and a cool drink, and you have the perfect day of summer fun. Pay-as-you-go. For hours and more info, riverrink.com.

Independence National Historical Park, Walking Tour, 10 - 11 a.m.: Meet a Park Ranger on the east side of the Liberty Bell Center for a walking tour highlighting sites in the Park. FREE. nps.gov/inde

National Liberty Museum, 2076: The Future of Free Assembly, regular site hours from 6/4: This new exhibit explores what this foundational right will look like when America celebrates its Tricentennial. Included with admission. libertymuseum.org

National Liberty Museum, Tavern Tours, 6 p.m. Fridays; 4 p.m. Sat. & Sun.: Travel along the path of historic taverns where our Founding Fathers gathered to plan the Revolution. Dive into the history of pubs, taverns, and public houses which were the central gathering spaces for the men declaring independence, fighting the British, and framing our Constitution. \$28. libertymuseum.org

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, The First Salute: An Untold Story of the American Revolution, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wed. - Sun.: The road to independence ran through the Caribbean. This new exhibit explores this dramatic international moment, the global alliances, and Philadelphia's connections that changed the course of the American Revolution. \$20 adults; \$56 family; \$10 seniors/students/military. theweitzman.org



Celebrate Flag Fest at the Betsy Ross House June 5 - 14 | Celebrate America's 250th anniversary at the birthplace of the Stars and Stripes! This expanded 10-day festival brings history to life with hands-on activities, live demonstrations, and special events for all ages—in the place where the flag's story began.

DON'T MISS THESE HIGHLIGHTS:
Daily Flag Raising - 10 a.m. Begin your day with a patriotic flag-raising in Betsy Ross's courtyard.

Historic Flag Exhibit - Daily, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Explore a special display of historic flags, included with admission.

Exhibit Opening - Friday, June 5, 5 - 8 p.m. Artist Damon Belanger presents *Stars & Stripes: 250 Years, 250 Drawings*

Firstival Kickoff - Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Celebrate the first American flag with English Country dancing and interactive fun.

Wool Spinning Demonstration - Sunday, June 7, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. See how early American textiles were made with live, hands-on demonstrations.

Meet the Flag Makers - June 8-12, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Meet the women behind the stitches and learn the craft of early flag-making.

Curator's Corner - June 8-12, 3 - 4 p.m. Get a rare look at Betsy Ross's personal belongings and objects not usually on display.

Philadelphia Heritage Chorale - Saturday, June 13, 3 p.m. Enjoy a stirring live concert in the historic courtyard.

Flag Day Finale - Sunday, June 14

- 10 a.m. - Flag Raising
- 11 a.m. - Special Unveiling: Original Betsy Ross Artifact
- 1-3 p.m. - Betsy's Flag History Program
- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Hands-on flag-making crafts

The Betsy Ross House is open daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For tickets and more information, visit historichiladelphia.org.

The Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival Returns! June 5 - August 16 | 6 - 11 P.M. Daily | Franklin Square

Experience one of Philadelphia's most dazzling summer traditions as the Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival returns to light up Franklin Square! Wander through breathtaking displays of larger-than-life, handcrafted lanterns—featuring vibrant colors, intricate designs, and interactive elements that delight visitors of all ages.

Each evening, the park transforms into a glowing wonderland filled with live cultural performances, including acrobatics, dance, and music. Along the way, enjoy authentic Asian cuisine and family-friendly activities that make every visit unique.

Don't miss the stunning Franklin Square Fountain Show, illuminated and set to music, adding even more magic to your night. Whether you're planning a romantic evening, a family outing, or a memorable night with friends, the festival offers an unforgettable blend of art, culture, and entertainment. For tickets and more information, visit phillychineselanternfestival.com.



Kick Off Summer with 52 Weeks of Firsts Saturdays! 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

As summer begins, Philadelphia's yearlong celebration of innovation continues with a fresh lineup of Firstivals highlighting the city's most remarkable "firsts." Each Saturday, these free events feature live music, family-friendly activities, Once Upon a Nation storytellers, and the chance to spot the whimsical #1 sculptures marking each milestone.

June's Firstivals spotlight powerful moments in Philadelphia history—spanning the nation's founding, military beginnings, civil rights, and early industry:

• **June 6: First American Flag at the Betsy Ross House:** Discover the story behind the Stars and Stripes and the woman who helped bring it to life.

• **June 13: First U.S. Army at the Museum of the American Revolution:** Explore how Philadelphia became the birthplace of the U.S. Army and a legacy of service that continues today.

• **June 20: First Annual Reminder Demonstration at the Philly Pride Visitor Center:** Learn about the groundbreaking 1965 protest that helped spark the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement.

• **June 27: First Papermaker in America at Rittenhouse Town:** Step back to 1690 and experience the beginnings of paper-making in America.

Find the full schedule at 52firstsphilly.com and follow @52FirstSphilly for weekly highlights and updates.



Wawa Welcome America Kicks Off June 19 June 19-July 4 | Locations Across Philadelphia: Philadelphia's biggest summer celebration is back! Wawa Welcome America returns on June 19, launching 16 days of free, family-friendly events across the city in honor of freedom, culture, and community.

The festivities begin in the Historic District with a powerful Juneteenth Jubilee at the African American Museum, setting the stage for a celebration that highlights the voices, stories, and experiences that shape America.

Throughout the festival, you'll find something happening around every corner, from the lively multi-day Philly Fair, where history comes to life through food, music, and interactive experiences, to concerts spanning a wide range of genres, vibrant parades, wellness events, and more.

And of course, it all builds to an unforgettable Independence Weekend celebration, complete with spectacular fireworks and can't-miss performances.

For the full schedule and event details, visit july4thphilly.com.

PHLASH

Ride the Philly PHLASH Hop-On, Hop-Off All Day for Just \$5

The Philly PHLASH® runs daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This convenient hop-on, hop-off bus connects riders to Philadelphia's top historic sites and attractions—from Old City and the Independence Visitor Center to the Rocky Steps and the Parkway.

Ride all day for \$5, or \$15 for a family of four. Buy tickets and redeem parking discounts at the Independence Visitor Center, with up to 60% off the day rate at five nearby garages, or purchase online at ridephillyplash.com.

HISTORIC SITES

Arch Street Meeting House (E3)
320 Arch Street
(215) 413-1804
Daily, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
historicasmh.org

Athenaeum of Philadelphia (C6)
219 S. 6th Street
(215) 925-2688
Mon. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wed. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; closed 6/19
philaathenaem.org

Betsy Ross House (F3)
239 Arch Street
(215) 629-4026
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. - Thurs.; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fri. & Sat.
historichiladelphia.org

Carpenters' Hall (E5)
320 Chestnut Street
(215) 925-0167
Tues. - Sun, 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 a.m. - 10 a.m. open house; 10 a.m. - 4:40 p.m. tours every 20 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/audiotour

Federal Reserve Bank (B2)
10 N. Independence Mall, West
(215) 574-6000
Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
philadelphiefed.org

Free Quaker Meeting House (C3)
500 Arch Street, (215) 597-2305
Tues. - Sat. 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.; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 6/2; Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival 6-11 p.m. daily from 6/5
historichiladelphia.org

Independence Hall (C5)
Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th streets
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.;
Daily 9 a.m. - 4:20 p.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)
philaladmarks.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)
philaladmarks.org

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

Second Bank (D5)
420 Chestnut Street
(215) 597-2305
Daily 12 - 5 p.m.;
tours on the hour 1 - 4 p.m.
nps.gov/inde

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial (E8)
Sat. & Sun. 12 - 4 p.m.
301 Pine Street
nps.gov/thko
(215)597-2305

MUSEUMS

American Philosophical Society Museum (D6)
104 South 5th Street
(215) 440-3400
Thurs. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
amphilosc.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
Thurs. - Mon. 10 a.m. - 4:30 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



What to See & Do

From quick pop-up moments to immersive experiences, these programs bring Philadelphia's history to life in ways you won't find anywhere else. Meet the people of the past, try something new, and discover the stories behind the places you're exploring.

Take a closer look below and find a few favorites to add to your day.

Meet the History Makers

Step into the past and meet the people who shaped it. Throughout the Historic District, costumed interpreters bring real 18th-century Philadelphians to life—sharing stories, answering questions, and offering a lively, personal connection to history.

Colonial Kids' Quest

Join a playful puppet adventure where kids help solve a Revolutionary mystery—the search for a missing Declaration of Independence! Interactive, lighthearted fun for young historians and their families. *30 Minutes.*



OTHER SITES

Independence Visitor Center (C4)
6th & Market streets
(800) 537-6766
Daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
phivisitorcenter.com

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

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

For the most current hours and information about Independence National Historical Park, stop in the Independence Visitor Center or visit nps.gov/inde

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Colonial Muster

March, drill, and discover what life was like for Revolutionary soldiers. This hands-on experience invites kids (and grown-ups) to join the ranks and explore the routines of colonial military life. *30 Minutes.*

Declaration Reading

Hear the words that changed the world, read aloud just steps from where they were signed. This stirring daily performance brings the Declaration of Independence to life—then invites you to meet the presenters. *15 Minutes.*

Ben Franklin Under the Mulberry Tree

Meet Dr. Franklin in the place he once called home. In this relaxed courtyard setting, enjoy stories, wit, and wisdom from Philadelphia's most famous founding father. *30 Minutes.*

Flag Raising at the Betsy Ross House

Start your day with a special morning tradition in Betsy Ross's courtyard. Discover the story behind the first American flag and why raising it in 1776 was an act of courage. *15 Minutes*

Betsy Ross in Her Upholstery Shop

Step inside a working 18th-century upholstery shop and meet Betsy Ross at work. Watch authentic techniques in action and hear the story of her life, craft, and legacy. *Ongoing*

Free Quaker Meeting House Experience

Visit a historic house of worship and meet a History Maker who shares stories of faith, community, and life in colonial Philadelphia. *Ongoing*



Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches

Take a seat and enjoy free, short stories at 12 Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches throughout the Historic District. Trained storytellers share fascinating tales of bravery, intrigue, and the people who shaped our nation. Visit all 12 benches to earn a certificate and a special surprise in Franklin Square. There's no set route—explore at your own pace, in a day or over multiple visits. *Ongoing*

Meet the Women of the 18th Century

Encounter the diverse women of Revolutionary-era Philadelphia through engaging, first-person interpretation. These powerful stories highlight lives often left out of the history books. *Ongoing*

Official Historic Philadelphia Walking Tour

Step back in time with a costumed History Maker portraying a real figure from the past. The tour loops through America's Most Historic Square Mile with stops outside the most iconic landmarks. Along with way, meet more people from the past and hear engaging, first-person stories.

Cocktails & Congress

Step inside the room where revolution began. This one-of-a-kind evening experience at historic Carpenters' Hall brings the First Continental Congress to life through vivid, theatrical scenes and spirited debate. Watch familiar and lesser-known voices—from John Adams to members of Philadelphia's Black community—grapple with the future of the colonies, all while enjoying cocktails and light bites. Intimate, immersive, and unlike anything else in the Historic District, this is history as you've never experienced it before. *90 Minutes.*



Independence After Hours

Go beyond the ropes and behind closed doors for an unforgettable night in America's most historic space. This exclusive experience offers rare evening access to Independence Hall, where a colonial host leads you into the drama of 1776—complete with lively encounters, late-night debates, and the tension of a nation being born. The evening ends with a relaxed gathering at the Summer Garden at Historic City Tavern, featuring a cocktail or mocktail and appearances by History Makers. A truly unique opportunity to experience history without the crowds—and in a way few ever will. *90 Minutes.*

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