

10+ Things to do While in Philadelphia



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Philadelphia is the perfect destination to visit if you are up for adventure. The city of brotherly love is jammed inside and out with activities, food, history, and more. One of the best parts of Philadelphia is no matter the weather, there is always something to do. Here is a list of places to see and fun to have both inside and outside of the city; just click the link attached to each destination to learn more!

Historical Sights and Museums

[Independence Hall](#) – Independence Hall is beautiful both inside and out. If you would like to explore the birth place of the U.S. Constitution, you must book a tour. The good news, however,

is that tickets are free! An extra special event in the winter time is the [Rothman Orthopedics pop-up ice rink](#) and festival that occurs right in front of Independence Hall, at Dilworth Park, between November and January.

[Liberty Bell](#) – The Liberty Bell is now housed in the Liberty Bell Center, right by Independence Hall and is free to visit! Check out the link to learn hours and directions to the center.

[The African American Museum of Philadelphia](#) – This museum hosts three major themes of African American history and heritage, including: “the African Diaspora, the Philadelphia Story, and the Contemporary Narrative”.

[The Philadelphia Museum of Art](#) – The Philly Art Museum is especially popular because of the infamous rocky steps leading all the way to the top. As a bonus, there is even a Rocky statue at the bottom of the stairs for guests to snap a picture with.

[Philadelphia Magic Gardens](#) – The Magic Gardens, are not actually gardens at all, but they are indeed magical. PMG describes themselves as an “immersive mixed media art environment that is completely covered with mosaics” done by the hands Isaiah Zager in the early 1990’s.

Parks and Trails

[Love Park](#) – John F. Kennedy Plaza is also called Love Park, named after the iconic Love statue by Robert Indiana appropriately placed in the city of brotherly love.

[Franklin Square](#) – Franklin Square is unique not only because it was included in the original city plans, but also because of the giant fountain in the middle. During different times of the year, the fountain has differently themed light shows for spectators to enjoy. For example, in the winter months there is a light show set to Christmas music and a pop-up beer garden with cozy fire pits.

[Schuylkill River Trail](#) – Along the bank of the Schuylkill River is a paved trail for walkers, joggers, bikers, and picnickers to enjoy the view. The trail is over 60 miles long, but is only completed in sections between Philadelphia and Pottstown.

[The Devil's Pool](#) – Located at Wissahickon Valley Park, right in the middle of the city via the Orange or White trail is the Devil's Pool. This attraction draws many thrill seekers who enjoy jumping from the rocks into the deep end of the water, despite warnings from public officials. However, the pool is a beautiful sight to enjoy as well.

[Philadelphia Zoo](#) – If you are a true animal lover, then the Philly Zoo is the place for you! The zoo has a multitude of animals, even some on the endangered list, including two leopards named Kira and Emma.

Food and Entertainment

[Reading Terminal Market](#) – Reading Terminal Market is a huge indoor public market full of merchants selling all sorts of goods. In just one place you can find dozens of restaurants alongside floral shops, bakeries, and more.

[World Café Live](#) – World Café Live is a venue that hosts concerts of up and coming artists as well as various other events for cheap prices. The facility has two floors, one for cabernet style events and another with an open floor and bar. Check out the calendar on their website to see who is playing when!

Outside the City

[Valley Forge Historical Park](#) – The historical significance of Valley Forge is that it is one location of the Continental Army in the late 1700s. Today it is a preserve of fields, woodland, and historical monuments, with miles of trails through out.

[King of Prussia Mall](#) – If you love to shop, the King of Prussia Mall is a must visit while in the area. The KOP mall is the biggest commercial mall in the United States and is also surrounded by various restaurants or other activities to enjoy.