

# Historic Philadelphia *GAZETTE*

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## WELCOME TO AMERICA'S MOST HISTORIC SQUARE MILE

The holiday season is a wonderful time to visit Historic Philadelphia! You have a busy day ahead of you ... there's so much to see and do here! The map inside will help you find the area's many museums and historic attractions. Before you get started, here are a few suggestions ...

Begin your visit at the Independence Visitor Center, 6th & Market streets. Get acquainted with the area and plan your day with the help of the IVC's experienced staff.

Walk in the hallowed footsteps of our Founding Fathers who gave birth to a nation on these streets.

Don't miss Carpenters' Hall, site of the First Continental Congress, Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were signed and, our most recognizable symbol of freedom, the Liberty Bell.

Step back in time and into the homes of some of the founders. Philadelphia has over 2,000 surviving colonial houses, many of which are open for tours. Visit the famous Betsy Ross House, Elfreth's Alley, Powel House and the Physick House.

Enter the places where America's founders worshipped, including

historic St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Episcopal parishes of Christ Church and St. Peter's, Mother Bethel AME Church, the National Museum of American Jewish History, Old Pine Presbyterian Church and the Arch Street Quaker Meeting.

Explore the city streets. Information on a variety of walking tours is available at the Visitor Center. Or, simply pick up a map and guide book and wander at your leisure.

Plan to come back ... it's impossible to discover all of Philadelphia's treasures in just one day. Our unique museums,

shops, restaurants and entertainment spots will make you want to visit William Penn's city again and again.

Enjoy your visit to Historic Philadelphia ... the place that loves you back to 1776!



## IT'S BUSY AT BETSY'S!

During your visit to Historic Philadelphia, don't miss the Betsy Ross House, 239 Arch Street. The house is alive with activity during the month of December!

After your self-guided tour of the historic home of America's most famous seamstress, check out Historic Philadelphia, Inc.'s colonial craftspeople and entertainers showing off their skills.

- Every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., a crafter will demonstrate whitesmithing, creating objects from pewter and tin.
- On Fridays and Saturdays, you'll be entertained by the rousing sounds of our colonial fiddler from 10 a.m. to Noon and see the traditional art of spinning demonstrated from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The fiddler returns 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sundays.

And, don't forget to visit the house's gift shop for a variety of unique holiday gift ideas!

The Betsy Ross House is open Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 215-686-1252.



## Celebrate the Season... Philadelphia Style!

Philadelphia celebrates the holiday season in grand style with the 2nd annual Philadelphia Holiday Festival. The month-long celebration takes place throughout the city, featuring Mummers performances, street and tree lightings, retail promotions, neighborhood programs, hotel packages, holiday exhibits and other events designed to get our residents and visitors in the holiday spirit.

Don't miss the Market Street East Holiday Parade with Santa Claus and the Mummers, Wednesday, December 4 beginning at 5:45 p.m. You'll see dazzling decorations and a festive procession featuring the jolly old elf himself and the famous Philadelphia string bands. At 9th Street, Santa makes his annual climb up a fire ladder to the Magic Window at The Gallery at Market East. Trumpeters, stilt-walkers and more bring Market Street East alive with holiday music and entertainment.

For more information about the Holiday Parade and a complete schedule of December events, pick up a Philadelphia Holiday Festival brochure at the Independence Visitor Center, or visit [www.gophila.com](http://www.gophila.com).





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PENNSYLVANIA memories last a lifetime

*SOCIETY HILL* is one of America's oldest neighborhoods, with outstanding colonial and early nineteenth-century buildings.

*OLD CITY* was home to many of the colonial city's artisans. Some of their homes are now preserved as museums in Philadelphia's premier cultural and restaurant area.

*SOUTH STREET - HEADHOUSE*, the onetime southern border of the city, is a brief walk to some of Philadelphia's liveliest restaurants, shops, and bars.

*PENN'S LANDING*: this riverside park is the site of many concerts, festivals, and historic ships.

<i>HISTORIC SITE (Map Location)</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA 7th & Arch Streets • 215-574-0380 (B3)	CLOSED	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	12 PM - 5 PM
AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY 104 South 5th Street • 215-440-3400	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12 PM - 5 PM	12 PM - 5 PM	12 PM - 5 PM	12 PM - 5 PM
ARCH STREET FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE 4th & Arch Streets • 215-627-2631 (E3)	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	CLOSED
THE ATHENAEUM OF PHILADELPHIA 219 South 6th Street • 215-925-2688	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
ATWATER KENT MUSEUM 15 SOUTH 7TH STREET • 215-685-4830 (B5)	10 AM - 5 PM	CLOSED	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM
BETSY ROSS HOUSE 239 Arch Street • 215-686-1252 (F3)	CLOSED	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 AM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM
BISHOP WHITE HOUSE 309 WALNUT STREET (E6)	CLOSED						
CARPENTERS' HALL 320 Chestnut Street • 215-925-0167 (E5)	CLOSED	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM
CHRIST CHURCH PHILADELPHIA 2nd Street <i>above</i> Market Street • 215-922-1695 (F4)	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	1 PM - 5 PM
CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL 44 North 4th Street • 215-922-5446 (D4)	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 3 PM	CLOSED	12 PM - 5 PM
CONGRESS HALL 6th & Chestnut Streets (C5)	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM
DECLARATION (GRAFF) HOUSE 7th & Market Streets (B4)	10 AM - 1 PM	10 AM - 1 PM	10 AM - 1 PM	10 AM - 1 PM	10 AM - 1 PM	10 AM - 1 PM	10 AM - 1 PM
ELFRETH'S ALLEY 124-126 Elfreth's Alley • 215-574-0560 (F2)	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	12 PM - 5 PM
FIREMAN'S HALL MUSEUM 147 North 2nd Street • 215-923-1438 (F2)	CLOSED	9 AM - 4:30 PM	9 AM - 4:30 PM	9 AM - 4:30 PM	9 AM - 4:30 PM	9 AM - 4:30 PM	CLOSED
FRANKLIN COURT UNDERGROUND MUSEUM 314-322 Market Street (E4)	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM
INDEPENDENCE HALL Chestnut Street <i>between</i> 5th & 6th Streets (C5 & D6)	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM
INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM 211 Columbus Boulevard • 215-925-5439 (H6)	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM
INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER 6th & Market Street • 800-537-7676	8:30 AM - 5 PM	8:30 AM - 5 PM	8:30 AM - 5 PM	8:30 AM - 5 PM	8:30 AM - 5 PM	8:30 AM - 5 PM	8:30 AM - 5 PM
KOSCIUSZKO HOUSE 3rd & Pine Streets • 215-597-9618 (E8)	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM
LIBERTY BELL Market Street <i>between</i> 5th & 6th Streets (C4)	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM
MIKVEH ISRAEL CEMETERY 8th & Spruce Streets • 215-922-5446 (A7)	TOURS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY						
MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH 419 South 6th Street • 215-925-0616 (C9)	CLOSED	10 AM - 3 PM	10 AM - 3 PM	10 AM - 3 PM	10 AM - 3 PM	10 AM - 3 PM	OPEN FOR SERVICES
NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM 321 Chestnut Street • 215-925-2800 (E5)	CLOSED	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY 55 North 5th Street • 215-923-3812 (D4)	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 3 PM	CLOSED	12 PM - 5 PM
NEW HALL MILITARY MUSEUM Chestnut Street <i>between</i> 3rd & 4th Streets (E5)	2 PM - 4 PM	2 PM - 4 PM	2 PM - 4 PM	2 PM - 4 PM	2 PM - 4 PM	2 PM - 4 PM	2 PM - 4 PM
OLD CITY HALL Fifth & Chestnut Streets (D5)	2 PM - 5 PM	2 PM - 5 PM	2 PM - 5 PM	2 PM - 5 PM	2 PM - 5 PM	2 PM - 5 PM	2 PM - 5 PM
OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH 4th & Race Streets • 215-922-4566 (E1)	TOURS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY						
OLD PINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 412 Pine Street • 215-925-8051 (D8)	8 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	BY APPOINTMENT	OPEN FOR SERVICES
OLD ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH 4th Street <i>at the</i> Ben Franklin Bridge • 215-627-1838 (D1)	TOURS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY						
OLD ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE 321 Willings Alley • 215-923-1733 (E6)	TOURS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY						
OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH 248 South 4th Street • 215-923-7930 (D7)	9 AM - 4:30 PM	9 AM - 4:30 PM	9 AM - 4:30 PM	9 AM - 4:30 PM	9 AM - 4:30 PM	9 AM - 4:30 PM	OPEN FOR SERVICES
PEMBERTON HOUSE MUSEUM SHOP 325 Chestnut Street • 215-597-8974 (E5)	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 5 PM
PHYSICK HOUSE 321 South 4th Street • 215-925-7866 (E8)	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	11 AM - 2 PM	11 AM - 2 PM	11 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED
POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER MUSEUM 308 WALNUT STREET • 215-922-1700 (E6)	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM	CLOSED
POWEL HOUSE 244 South 3rd Street C 215-627-0364 (E7)	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12 PM - 4 PM	12 PM - 4 PM	12 PM - 4 PM	1 PM - 4 PM
RIVERRINK Penn's Landing • 215-925-RINK (H4)	6 PM - 9 PM	6 PM - 9 PM	6 PM - 9 PM	6 PM - 9 PM	12 PM - 1 AM	12 PM - 1 AM	12:30 PM - 9 PM
SECOND BANK OF THE UNITED STATES PORTRAIT GALLERY 420 Chestnut Street • 215-597-8974 (D5)	CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS						
ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 3rd & Pine Streets • 215-925-5968 (E8)	8 AM - 4 PM	8 AM - 4 PM	8 AM - 4 PM	8 AM - 4 PM	8 AM - 4 PM	8 AM - 3 PM	OPEN FOR SERVICES
TODD HOUSE 4th & Walnut Streets (E6)	OPEN DAILY FOR TOURS; GET TICKETS AT THE INHP VISITOR CENTER						
UNITED STATES MINT 5th & Arch Streets • 215-408-0114 (D2-3)	GIFT SHOP OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 AM-4PM (Call 215-408-0114 for information on arranging tours)					CLOSED	CLOSED

Hours of Independence National Historical Park attractions subject to change. Please call (800) 537-7676 for up-to-date information.

# PICK UP Stars, Stripes & Savings Today!

The place that loves you back pays you back with Stars, Stripes & Savings. This coupon book, full of discounts to historic district shops, restaurants, tours and museums — is available at the Independence Visitor Center, regional hotels and attractions. So pick one up today and start saving at:

- ★ Betsy Ross House
- ★ Elfrehth's Alley
- ★ Independence Visitor Center's Old Capital Coffee
- ★ National Museum of American Jewish History
- ★ African American Museum in Philadelphia
- ★ Atwater Kent Museum
- ★ Benny's Place
- ★ Independence Seaport Museum
- ★ National Liberty Museum
- ★ Lights of Liberty Show
- ★ The Bagel Factory
- ★ Powel House
- ★ Physick House
- ★ Philadelphia Trolley Works
- ★ Ghost Tour
- ★ Carpenters' Hall
- ★ RiverLink Ferry
- ★ Willie & Duffy's Philly Grill
- ★ Benton's Bar & Grille at the Holiday Inn Historic District
- ★ Making History at the Bourse



If you would like to book our colonial characters for your school or special event, or make a donation to our non-profit organization, call us at 215-629-5801 or toll free 800-76 HISTORY.



Break out those PJs!

It's sleepover time again in Philadelphia and Its Countryside.

★ **The Philly Overnight™ Hotel Package** is back, offering visitors the opportunity to stay one night and get the second night free, plus free hotel parking both nights. Available for check-in any Friday or Saturday now through March 30, 2003, at more than 60 hotels in the city and countryside, the package includes a gift upon check-in and a Philly Overnight™ Card, good for two-for-ones at Bucks County Coffee, Philadelphia Trolley Works and AudioWalk & Tour of historic Philadelphia. Rates for the two-night package start at \$129.

The package offers guests an ideal way to enjoy the region's special holiday events and happenings including: Winter Mummerland (November 29-December 28, 2002), Mummers Fest (December 28-31, 2002), New Year's Eve Fireworks along the Delaware River (December 31, 2003), the Mummers Parade and Mummers Fancy Brigade Finale (January 1, 2003).

★ An **Incredible One-Night Rate** (minus the parking, tour amenities and gift upon check-in) is also available any night of the week, based upon availability. To reserve the hotel package or rate, visitors can call their favorite hotel or visit [www.gophila.com](http://www.gophila.com).

## Check This Out!

### BLUE CROSS RIVER RINK

Strap on your skates for a visit to this outdoor winter wonderland where the centerpiece is an Olympic-size rink surrounded by a heated pavilion, the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, and the Delaware River. The River Rink is located at Festival Pier, Columbus Blvd. at Spring Garden Street. For more information, visit [www.riverrink.com](http://www.riverrink.com) or call (215) 925-RINK.

### DECK THE ALLEY

A Philadelphia holiday favorite returns December 13 from 6-9 p.m. when Elfrehth's Alley hosts its annual Deck the Alley event. Tour nearly 20 beautifully decorated residences along the nation's oldest residential street during this popular holiday celebration. Events feature musical holiday entertainment, warm cider, and demonstrations. Tickets are available by calling (215) 574-0560; for more information, visit [www.elfrethsalley.org](http://www.elfrethsalley.org).

### BEING JEWISH AT CHRISTMAS

The National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 N. 5th Street, hosts this annual family fun day, December 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It includes music, refreshments, children's activities, and special theatrical performances. For information, visit [www.nmajh.org](http://www.nmajh.org) or call (215) 923-3811.

### KWANZAA FESTIVAL

The African American Museum in Philadelphia, 701 Arch Street, presents a one-day festival, December 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., which celebrates the ways African Americans and world cultures celebrate the holiday season. Kwanzaa event features lively performances, storytelling, and fun. For details, call (215) 574-0380 or visit [www.aamp.org](http://www.aamp.org).

