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The Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival is Underway

Blockbuster event illuminates Franklin Square through June 30

Historic Philadelphia is just heating up as the sun goes down evenings through June 30, when the **Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival** lights up Franklin Square from 6-11 p.m. nightly. Philadelphia's favorite Square glows at night with 29 all new, larger-than-life illuminated displays of plants, animals and mythical creatures, including a towering phoenix, all created using traditional Chinese methods with thousands of LED lights in brilliant colors.

In addition to the lanterns, the Festival features traditional entertainment from Chinese acrobats, dancers and the crowd-favorite face changers.



Folk artists will demonstrate their ancient expertise in papermaking, palm leaf weaving and much more and, of course, a wide variety of delicious food will be available.

Weekday tickets are \$18 for adults; \$16 for seniors/students/military; and \$12 for children 3-12. Weekend pricing is \$20 for adults; \$18 for seniors/students/military; and \$12 for children 3-12. Timed tickets are required on Friday and Saturday nights. Purchase tickets at Franklin Square or online at historicphiladelphia.org/chineselanternfestival.

For more information, call (215) 629-4026 or visit historicphiladelphia.org.

Ride the Philly PHLASH®

The Philly PHLASH® Downtown Loop resumes daily service on **Wednesday, May 1, 2019**.

The PHLASH is the most convenient and affordable way for visitors to navigate Philadelphia, with stops located near museums, attractions, and historic institutions.

Service runs every 15 minutes from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Prices are \$2 per ride, or \$5 for an all-day pass. Senior citizens, children 4 and



under, and SEPTA Keyholders always ride free. Purchase a PHLASH pass onboard vehicles with exact change only; online; or at any Visitor Center location.

On Tuesday, May 7, 2019, PHLASH will offer free rides for the day to support National Travel & Tourism Week's Travel Matters Day.

For more information, visit RidePhillyPHLASH.com or call (800) 537-7676.

History Comes to Life Memorial Day Weekend

Historic Philadelphia's famous, free programming returns for the season Memorial Day Weekend.

- Start your day by **raising the flag with Betsy Ross** and her colonial counterparts at 10 a.m. May 25-27 at the Betsy Ross House.
- From 11 a.m.-4 p.m. May 25-27, stop at one of the **13 Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches** scattered throughout the Historic District (see map on p. 4) to hear riveting stories from our nation's past.
- The Continental Army is looking for a few good kids. Learn about

marching and musket etiquette during the **Military Muster**, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. May 25-27 at the Signers' Garden.

- Greet the History Makers, favorite characters from the Once Upon A Nation stories come to life, and hear moving **readings from the Declaration of Independence** at 3:45 p.m. May 25-27 behind Independence Hall.

Historic Philadelphia, Inc.'s programming continues through Labor Day. See historicphiladelphia.org or call (215) 629-4026 for more details and a complete schedule.

HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

MAY

MAY 11

Independence Seaport Museum, 2-4 p.m.: Mother's Day in the MakerSpace – Create a custom laser-cut wood picture frame, complete with your own spring-time design and make sure to snap a picture that can be printed out before you leave. Guess what complements that newly created spring-themed picture frame? Your very own "Thanks for Helping Me Grow" planter; it's sure to be a mom-pleaser! \$24 includes admission for one child and activity. (215) 41308655, phillyseaport.org/calendar

MAY 12

Betsy Ross House, 1 a.m.-4 p.m.: Colonial Chocolate Making & Mother's Day Celebration – In celebration of Betsy Ross and all colonial mothers, meet three female entrepreneurs and learn how women and mothers played an active role during the American Revolution—from making important military supplies, like flags and musket cartridges, to choosing "patriotic" beverages like chocolate and coffee, rather than tea. Sample the hot chocolate drink that colonists enjoyed.

Sponsored by Mars Wrigley Confectionery. **One FREE admission for all women who identify as mothers with the purchase of a child's ticket.** (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

Second Bank of the US, 3-3:30 p.m.: Honoring the Founding Mothers – Did you know that Mother's Day was founded by Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia? Join a park ranger for a program and hear the stories about the "Founding Mothers" who inspire us with their courage and determination. *Free.* (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

MAY 18

Edgar Allan Poe NHS, 1:30-2:30 p.m.: This Home of Horror Haunted: Edgar Allan Poe and the Monsters of the 19th Century – Celebrate Poe's 210th birthday by joining Edward G. Pettit the "Philly Poe Guy" as he explores Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, Bram Stoker's Dracula, and Poe's horrors that have continued to haunt our psyches. Following Pettit's presentation, there will be a Ranger led tour of Poe's house. *Free.* (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

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MAY 23-31

Independence Visitor Center, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.: Meet the History Makers – Don't forget your camera and questions for Philadelphia's colonial townsfolk! Learn about traditional crafts, including quill pen calligraphy, "sawdust dolls," watercolor art, and more. Free. (800) 537-7676, phlvisitorcenter.com

MAY 24-26

Independence Visitor Center, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.: – Dulcimer Player Performance – Enjoy music played by award-winning hammered dulcimer player, John Lionarons, which was popular in Colonial Philadelphia. Free. (800) 537-7676, phlvisitorcenter.com

MAY 25-27

Benjamin Franklin Museum, 2-3 p.m. (1-2 p.m. 5/27): Quizzo – Test your knowledge of American history with this family-friendly trivia game. Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

MAY 25

Second Bank of the US, 11:30-11:50 a.m.: Military Service Animals and their Soldiers; Stories of Sacrifice – Join a Park Ranger for a gallery tour and learn about the stories of friendship, sacrifice, and skill of our nation's military service animals and their handlers. Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

Second Bank of the US, 12:30-1 p.m.: Nathan Hale and the Sacrifice of American Soldier Spies – Learn about the life of this Revolutionary-era patriot, captured during the Battle of New York and later executed as one of America's first spies famously saying, "I regret that I only have one life to give for my Country." Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

MAY 26

Second Bank of the US, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.: Duty, Honor, Country: An Unknown Soldier The U.S. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is in Arlington Cemetery. While most Americans know that, how did this come to be? Honoring the Unknowns dates to WWI, but is not limited to those lost in world wars. At least 54 countries, honor those who have served and have made the ultimate sacrifice. Find out how in this slide program. Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

Second Bank of the US, 12:30-12:50 p.m. Casualties of the American Revolution – "Freedom is a light for which many have died in darkness." Learn about some of the many individuals who gave the ultimate sacrifice in America's fight for Independence. Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

MAY 27

Independence Seaport Museum, 10-11 a.m.: Memorial Day Ceremony Gather aboard Cruiser Olympia for a

special ceremony honoring fallen soldiers and veterans. Free. (215) 413-8655, phillyseaport.org/calendar

ONGOING

Betsy Ross House, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. & Sun.: Meet Betsy Ross – Meet America's most famous flagmaker as she practices her trade in the country's only working 18th-century upholstery shop. This is the only site in Historic Philadelphia to meet an historical interpreter daily! Free with admission. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

Betsy Ross House, 12-5 p.m. Sat. & Sun.: Meet Phillis – Learn the fascinating story of this free African American woman who was born into slavery in colonial Philadelphia. Free with admission. (215) 529-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

City Tavern, 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. daily: The Ales of the Revolution – Sample ale recipes by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Hamilton. Colonial shrub is available for the children. (215) 413-1443, citytavern.com

Independence Seaport Museum, 3 p.m. -dusk Mon.-Fri.; 12 p.m.-dusk Sat. & Sun. from 5/3: Paddle Penn's Landing – Paddle your way around the Penn's Landing basin in a kayak, rowboat, swan or dragon for the perfect outdoor recreational activity. Located near Spruce Street Harbor Park and the Hilton Penn's Landing. \$8 per person. (215) 413-8655, phillyseaport.org/paddle

Independence National Historical Park



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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



FEATURED EXHIBITION

Civil War and Reconstruction

Exhibit Opening & Opening Weekend May 9-12

On May 9, the National Constitution Center will open the new permanent exhibit *Civil War and Reconstruction: The Battle for Freedom and Equality*. Opening weekend programming will include "Artifact Spotlight Talks," a Civil War reenactment, meet-and-greets with historic figures, and more. *Civil War and Reconstruction* is America's first exhibit devoted to exploring the constitutional debates from the Civil War and Reconstruction and will allow visitors of all ages to learn how the equality promised in the Declaration of Independence was finally inscribed in the Constitution by the Reconstruction Amendments. Free with admission.

525 Arch Street (One block past the Independence Visitor Center and one block before Franklin Square)
See p. 3 for hours of operation. For more information, please visit constitutioncenter.org

FEATURED PROGRAMMING

Memorial Day Weekend – May 25-27

The Center will honor America's fallen military heroes over Memorial Day weekend. Learn about how the Memorial Day holiday originated as "Decoration Day," an occasion to honor soldiers who gave their lives during the American Civil War. Family-friendly programs and activities will include programming exploring the life of Civil War soldiers, flag etiquette and flag folding workshops, Thank-A-Vet postcards, arts and craft activities, and interactive shows. Free with admission.

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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



CIVIL WAR &
RECONSTRUCTION
THE BATTLE FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY

Courtesy National Constitution Center

HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

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Historic Philadelphia, Inc. is dedicated to making our nation's history relevant and real through interpretation, interaction and education, strengthening Greater Philadelphia's role as the destination to experience American history. Historic Philadelphia, Inc. oversees the Once Upon A Nation initiative, Betsy Ross House, and Franklin Square.

For more information about HPI, or to make a tax-deductible donation, call (215) 629-4026 or visit historicphiladelphia.org.



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Coupon must be presented at time of order.

*Discount will be determined as the least expensive entrée.

HISTORIC SITES

- ARCH STREET FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** E3
320 Arch Street - (215) 627-2667
Closed
- THE ATHENAEUM OF PHILADELPHIA** C7
219 South 6th Street - (215) 925-2688
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE
- BETSY ROSS HOUSE** F3
239 Arch Street - (215) 629-4026
Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Ad. \$5; Ch./Sr./Stud./Mil. \$4; Audio Guide (incl. admission): Ad. \$7; Ch./Sr./Stud./Mil. \$6
- CARPENTERS' HALL** E5
320 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-0167
Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- CHRIST CHURCH PHILADELPHIA** F4
2nd Street above Market Street
(215) 922-1695
Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m.;
Info available in 20 languages.
Sugg. Don.: Ad. \$3; Stud. \$2 &
- CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND** D3
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 922-1695
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 12-4 p.m.
- CITY TAVERN** F6
138 South 2nd Street - (215) 413-1443
Lunch from 11:30 a.m. Tues.-Sun.; Dinner
from 4 p.m. Tues.-Sat. & 3 p.m. Sun.; open
holiday Mondays ☒
- CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL** D4
44 North 4th Street - (215) 922-5446
mikvehisrael.org for worship schedule
FREE &
- CONGRESS HALL** C5
6th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Entrance at 5th and
Chestnut, through security FREE &
- DECLARATION HOUSE** B4
599 S 7th Street - (215) 965-7676
Daily 12-5 p.m. from 5/25



Declaration House

- DESHLER-MORRIS HOUSE (GERMANTOWN WHITE HOUSE)** (OFF MAP)
5442 Germantown Avenue - (215) 965-2305
10 a.m.-5 p.m. 5/25 ONLY
- EDGAR ALLAN POE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE** C4
532 North 7th Street - (215) 597-8780
Fri.-Sun. 9 a.m.-Noon & 1-5 p.m.
- ELFRETH'S ALLEY** F2
124-126 Elfreth's Alley - (215) 574-0560
Fri.-Sun. 12-5 p.m.
- FRANKLIN COURT** E4
314-322 Market Street - (800) 537-7676
Fragments of Franklin Court 12-5 p.m. from
5/25 &
U.S. Post Office: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Printing Office: Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Benjamin Franklin Museum:
(fee); 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; last entrance is at 4:45 p.m.

- FRANKLIN SQUARE** C1
6th & Race Streets
10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily; Philadelphia Chinese
Lantern Festival 6-11 p.m. daily
- FREE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE** C3
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 629-4026
Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- GLORIA DEI "OLD SWEDES" CHURCH**
916 South Swanson Street (215) 389-1513
Tues.-Sun. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; FREE &
- GREAT ESSENTIALS EXHIBIT** C5
West Wing of Independence Hall
(800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Entrance at 5th and
Chestnut, through security FREE &
- INDEPENDENCE HALL** C5
Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th Streets
(800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tickets required; pick up
free tickets at the Independence Visitor Center.
9 a.m.-7 p.m. from 5/25. No tickets needed
after 5 p.m. Tours offered every 20
minutes. Please note: security screening closes
15 minutes before the building closes for the
evening. FREE. &
- MIKVEH ISRAEL CEMETERY** A7
823 Spruce Street - (215) 922-5446
By appt. only
- MOTHER BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH** C9
419 South 6th Street - (215) 925-0616
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. open for services.
Donation suggested. Tours by appt.
- OLD CITY HALL** D5
5th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
FREE
- OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH** E1
4th & Race Streets - (215) 922-4566
Tours by appt. FREE &
- OLD PINE STREET CHURCH & HISTORIC GRAVEYARD** D8
412 Pine Street - (215) 925-8051
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. open for
Services; Closed daily 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Tours by reservation; Open to walk through
FREE &
- OLD ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH** D1
4th Street at the Ben Franklin Bridge
(215) 627-1838
Tours by appt. FREE &
- OLD ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE** E6
321 Willings Alley - (215) 923-1733
Call for hours & tours. FREE
- OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH** D7
252 South 4th Street - (215) 923-7930
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Open for Services or
by appt. FREE
- PHYSICK HOUSE** E8
321 South 4th Street - (215) 925-7866
Thurs.-Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. 12-3 p.m.;
Ad. \$8; Stud./Sr. \$6; Family \$20
- PORTRAIT GALLERY AT THE SECOND BANK** D5
420 Chestnut Street - (800) 537-7676
Wed.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- POWEL HOUSE** E7
244 South 3rd Street - (215) 627-0364
Thurs.-Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. 12-3 p.m.;
Ad. \$8; Sr./Stud. \$6; Family \$20 &

- ST. GEORGE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** E1
235 North 4th Street - (215) 925-7788
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.;
Groups by appt. only FREE
- ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** E8
3rd & Pine Streets - (215) 925-5968
Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. open until 3 p.m.
after services FREE &
- THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE SITE** E8
555 Market Street
Daily 7 a.m.-10 p.m. FREE

MUSEUMS

- AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY (APS) MUSEUM** D6
104 South 5th Street - (215)-440-3442
Thurs.-Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. from mid-April
- AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA** B3
7th & Arch Streets - (215) 574-0380
Thur.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 12-5 p.m.;
Ad. \$14; Ch. 4-12 \$10; Stud. (w/I.D.) \$10;
Sr. \$10; Members FREE &
- FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA** C2
6th & Arch Streets - (866) 574-3727
Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE &
- FIREMAN'S HALL MUSEUM** F2
147 North 2nd Street - (215) 923-1438
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE &
- INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM** H6
211 Columbus Blvd. - (215) 413-8655
Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Olympia & Becuna open
10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Ad. \$16; Ch./Sr./Stud. \$12;
Child. 2 and under & members FREE &
- LIBERTY BELL CENTER** C4
526 Market Street - (800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. from 5/25;
Please note: security screening closes 5 minutes
before the building closes for the evening. FREE &
- MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** E5
101 S. 3rd Street - (215) 253-6731
Daily 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ad. \$19; Stud. \$17;
Ch. 6-18 \$12; under 6 FREE &
- NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER** D3
525 Arch Street - (215) 409-6700
Mon.-Sat. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 12-5 p.m.;
Ad. \$14.50; Sr. (65+)/Col. Stud. (w/ID) \$13;
Youth (6-18) \$11; Child. (under 6) FREE & ☒



National Constitution Center

- NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM** E5
321 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2800
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 12-6 p.m. Sun.
Ad. \$14.50; Sr. (65+) & Coll. Stud. (w/I.D.)
\$13; Youth (6-18) \$11; Ch. (under 6)
FREE & ☒

- NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY** D4
101 South Independence Mall East
(215) 923-3811
Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.;
Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.;
Ad. \$12; Sr./Stud. \$11;
Active Mil. with ID/Ch. under 12 FREE
- NEW HALL MILITARY MUSEUM** E5
320 Chestnut Street - (215) 965-2305
Daily 12-5 p.m. from 5/25
- POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER MUSEUM** E6
308 Walnut Street - (215) 922-1700
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE
- SCIENCE HISTORY INSTITUTE** E5
315 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2222
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE
- THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL MEMORIAL** E8
305 Pine St, Philadelphia - (800) 537-7676
Sat. & Sun. 12-4 p.m.

OTHER SITES

- INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER** C4
Corner of 6th and Market Streets across
from the Liberty Bell - (800) 537-7676
Daily, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. from
5/24 FREE & ☒
- SQUAREBURGER** C1
6th & Race Streets
Opens daily at 11:30 a.m.
- U.S. MINT** D2
151 N. Independence Mall East
(215) 408-0114,
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



SERVICES

Language Services Park maps are available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian and Spanish. The Visitor Center concierge staff is fluent in nine languages including Spanish, French, German and Italian. Information about the Liberty Bell and other park sites is available in multiple languages. See a NPS Ranger or the Visitor Center staff if you have a specific request.

Accessibility for the hearing impaired, a portable loop system is available inside the Visitor Center, compatible with all telecoil equipped hearing aids, cochlear implants, and induction loop receivers. A receiver with headphones is also available if a hearing aid is not compatible. Curb cuts are at corners on perimeter sidewalks. All major sites have ramps. Photo albums with pictures of 2nd floor exhibits are available. Audio description of exhibits & AV are at Poe and Kosciuszko Houses, NPS Rangers describe exhibits elsewhere. All films are open captioned, with audio description and assisted listening. To arrange for American Sign Language services, please contact us at least two weeks in advance. Use the relay service (800-654-5984-TTY) to call (215-597-7130).





KEY

	Independence National Historical Park (INHP)
	Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Bench
	Places to visit
	Walkways
	Parking
	ATM
	Franklin Square Parking
	Restrooms
	Currency exchange
	PHLASH Stop