OPIA’s Guide to Affordable Housing, Transportation, Food, and Fun in Major Cities for HLS Students Spending a Summer Working in the Public Interest

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Philadelphia
Congratulations! You’ve gotten a great public interest internship. You’re ready for the challenges and rewards of your job, but are you ready to move to, navigate, and enjoy a new city on a modest salary?

It can be difficult to live cheaply in some of the world’s most expensive (and exciting) cities, so OPIA and the 1L Public Interest Section Representatives have put together a guide to give you a few tips on how to get by (and have fun) on a public interest salary. We’ll tell you how to find safe, inexpensive housing, get around in the city, eat out or in, hang out, and explore the city’s cultural offerings.

In compiling these guides, we relied on numerous sources: our own experiences, law school career service offices, newspapers, the Internet, and especially Harvard Law School students. The information in Cheap Living is meant to be helpful, not authoritative. No doubt, we have missed some stellar bargains. By listing a feature in the guide, we do not mean to endorse it, other than to say that a student like you has mentioned it as a great deal. Cheap Living remains a work in progress. Restaurants and attractions continuously open and close.

A very special thanks to all of the 1L Section Reps who researched and wrote this year’s Cheap Living Guides. Even in the midst of exams, the Auction, Ames, and everything else that consumes 1L year, they made time to make sure that their classmates get the most out of their public interest summer internship experience. Have a wonderful summer!

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WELCOME

Welcome to the City of Brotherly Love, the birthplace of our nation, the mythical home of Rocky Balboa! This large, diverse city boasts a metropolitan area population of over four million people, an abundance of cultural and performing arts, several universities and colleges, four major league professional sports teams, a lower cost of living than its big-city neighbor to the north, and the best “Philly” cheesesteaks in the world!

The city underwent a rejuvenating transformation in recent years under the leadership of former Mayor Ed Rendell. In fact, the mayor’s exploits are the subject of a book by Pulitzer Prize winning author Buzz Bissinger entitled A Prayer for the City, a must-read for anyone looking for the inside scoop in Philly (now in paperback). A summer visitor to Philadelphia will benefit from some of the fruits of Rendell’s labors: cleaner streets, the “Make it a Night” Wednesday-night shopping and dining campaign, an influx of stores in the downtown area, and renovation projects including the Avenue of the Arts, and the Reading Terminal Market.

This guide focuses on several main areas of Philadelphia, particularly Center City and West Philadelphia (mainly University City, the area surrounding University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University, which extends West to approximately 42nd Street). If you’re feeling adventurous, you may want to explore other parts of the city and suburbs as well.

But before you do anything else, stop by the Philadelphia Visitors Center (1525 JFK Blvd., at the intersection with 16th St.) and pick up a free Philadelphia Visitor’s Guide and the Philadelphia Quarterly Calendar of Events, as well as tokens for SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority), the local subway system.

For more information, try surfing the web. Here are some sites that may prove helpful:

For general reference, restaurants, entertainment, events, and links to other guides, visit http://www.visitphilly.com/.


If you’re looking for user reviews and comments about Philly favorites and cheap stuff, you’ll find it at http://philadelphia.citysearch.com or http://www.yelp.com/philadelphia.

For official information from the city, try www.phila.gov, and click on “visitors.”
HOUSING

A few preliminary caveats: as with any city, Philadelphia has its good and bad parts, but in Philly, these parts can be very close together. Try to base your housing decision on proximity to your job, safety of the neighborhood, and whether or not you need to be near the public transit system. Basic street smarts (e.g., walking on well-lighted streets) and common sense should be used at all times. An effort to get to know neighbors and local business-owners could make a visiting student feel more comfortable and secure. For more information about places to live in Philadelphia, check out:

- www.4wallsinphilly.com/
- http://tenant.com/search/browse/r/hood/USA/PA/Philadelphia/
- www.campusphilly.org
- http://philadelphia.about.com/cs/neighborhoods/a/neighborhoods.htm
- http://www.business-services.upenn.edu/offcampusservices/
- http://philadelphia.craigslist.org/

The first decision to make is whether you want to live in Philadelphia or its outskirts. The University City Area and surrounding neighborhoods in West Philadelphia and Center City are two good options in the city, especially if you won’t have a car, but other areas, like North Philadelphia, or a close suburb may offer cheaper housing options. Philadelphia is an extremely diverse city, which, although largely integrated, maintains distinct ethnic and cultural communities. It is certainly worth exploring beyond the somewhat homogenous bounds of Center City to seek out the rich character of the Philadelphia area. Most areas of the city are accessible by public transportation, though commute times can vary greatly. Buses take longer than trolleys, which take longer than subways. Commuter rail lines extend to the neighboring suburbs.

Daily newspapers are a good source of housing listings. The daily Philadelphia Inquirer and the free weeklies Philadelphia Weekly and the City Paper all carry fairly extensive listings. See the www.philly.com classified section for listings. University of Pennsylvania’s Pennsylvania Gazette also contains listings geared towards students and is a good source for sublet opportunities. Also check the kiosks around university and college campuses (Penn, Temple, Drexel, and many more!)—many students post subletting ads on these, and a late-spring trip to Philly could turn up some great opportunities to find apartments.

The websites above will give you a sense of the ten or so distinct areas of the city. Only a few of these areas are described below, so please research further if this information seems insufficient.

PLACES TO LIVE AND TO EXPLORE

As a young person in Philadelphia, Center City, the University City neighborhood of West Philadelphia, and Northern Liberties/Fishtown, Belle Vista/Queens Village, and Old City are some of the best options in terms of a peer group and opportunities for socializing.
Abington and Cheltenham: Just north of the city, this attractive suburb offers relatively inexpensive apartments that are close to the city and close to SEPTA regional rail trains. Two popular places to live in Cheltenham (Elkins Park) are the Melrose Station Apartments and Lynnewood Gardens, an apartment complex where many students from Temple’s Tyler School of Art live.


However keep in mind that these suburbs are far from center city Philadelphia and will require more commute time.

Center City: Center City is a more professional and cosmopolitan area than West Philadelphia, but, accordingly, is also more expensive. Center City West (generally above 18th St. and west of City Hall) is the less expensive half of Center City, and is within walking distance to both University City and Center City East. It is very convenient to live in Center City; many residents walk to work and finding a cab is easy and inexpensive. Buses and subway lines are convenient to get to. Caution: those who live in center city have a harder time finding places to park, but having a car is not necessary if you live and work in the vicinity. You may need a car if you want to hit up most of the malls or get to some of the more interesting parts of the city. Rents are still lower compared to Boston, New York and Washington, DC, and a studio can be found for $800/mo if you look hard. If you are working west of Broad Street, consider apartments in the Rittenhouse Square area (between 15th and 23rd Streets, and Walnut and South Streets). Many Penn graduate students live in this neighborhood, so a summer sublet might be easier to find here. If you work east of Broad Street, look for apartments in Old City (between Front and 4th Streets, and Chestnut and Race Streets) or Society Hill (between Front and 8th Streets, and Walnut and South Streets). These neighborhoods are somewhat more residential, but they also tend to be more expensive. The Philadelphia Art Museum is excellent, and pay-what-you-want on the first Sunday of each month. The legendary Barnes Foundation art collection, formerly located on the Main Line just outside of Philadelphia, is now located on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, along with a host of other museums.

Chestnut Hill. This northwest section of the city may feel more like a suburb, but, to the Philadelphia wage-tax-paying chagrin of its residents, it is within the city limits. Germantown Avenue is home to many quaint shops and restaurants, and provides that smaller-town feel when the city gets to be a bit much. For more on the neighborhood, visit www.chestnuthillpa.com.

Chinatown. This compact neighborhood does not approach the size of the better-known Chinese communities in New York or San Francisco, but the transition from the surrounding area feels like entering another world. The neighborhood runs from 9th to 12th Street and stretches from Vine to Arch Streets.

Society Hill. This cobble-stoned neighborhood between Chestnut and South and Front and 8th Streets, contains some of the oldest and most beautiful (and expensive) houses in the city, many in the traditional rowhouse style. Make sure not to miss the little blue “Something important happened here” signs, and watch out for the horse-drawn carriages.
Main Line. Straddling Route 30 (aka Lancaster Ave.) just outside the western boundary of Philadelphia proper, the Main Line is home to a number of picturesque colleges and universities. There are several reasons to visit: the smattering of Frank Lloyd Wright homes, and Charles Barkley at the local bars. The Main Line can be reached by Septa’s R5 (stopping anywhere from Narberth to Bryn Mawr) or by driving.

Manayunk. If you’re between the ages of twenty and forty, Manayunk is an obligatory social experience. Essentially, Manayunk is an experiment in highly accelerated gentrification, and this little borough, until very recently a solidly blue-collar burb, is now overrun with quaint shops, fun cafes, chic restaurants, modern theaters, nightclubs etc. It even has its own website at www.manayunk.com. Manayunk is a good living choice, accessible by train to Center City and a lively atmosphere.

North Philadelphia. North Philadelphia is becoming a more attractive place for young people due to the large presence of students, cheaper housing options than other places in the city, entertainment, and tasty, inexpensive food. Where Temple University is located much of the area has been called "depressed," and although it has been turning around, it can still be somewhat sketchy. There are perks to living near the campus, too, such as proximity to many inexpensive restaurants and food trucks. Also, don’t forget to check out the Liacouras Center, a popular place to find sporting events and concerts, and the internationally known Freedom Theater.

The Fairmount/Spring Garden and Art Museum areas, between North Philadelphia and Center City, are currently attractive to young people. These areas are highly residential, but they are close to Center City area and offer nice apartments, night life (though, a bit more low key), and access to other great neighborhoods.

Northern Liberties/Fishtown. Northern Liberties is a favorite place for grad students to live! Between Girard Ave. and Spring Garden, it’s close to many restaurants, live entertainment (jazz!), and the rents are not very expensive. It is known as Philly’s SoHo. Its restaurants are largely centered on 2nd St. The neighborhood also has an adorable park in which a yearly summer festival and other events are held. Visit: www.northernliberties.org/. Fishtown is located just northeast of NoLibs, and they tend to blend into one another. NoLibs, formerly a hipster haven, is now more of a yuppie/young family neighborhood, and the younger, more eclectic scene has moved up to Fishtown. A lot of great bars and small music venues.

Olde City. Located between the Delaware River west to 6th Street, Olde City is part of Philly’s Historic District with 100-year-old buildings that now serve as loft apartments. Many of apartments offer views of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and the Delaware River. (Home to the Philly Real World House). These apartments can be on the more expensive side.

South Philadelphia/Queen Village. Don’t expect to see Sylvester Stallone running through the streets shadow-boxing, but be on the lookout for close-knit communities. The rowhouse architecture is prevalent in the city, and sets the stage for lots of stoop hanging out and socializing. Make sure to visit the Italian Market on 9th Street and the adjacent shops, bakeries, and restaurants. The area around Passyunk (especially east of Broad St.) has become home to a vibrant scene of young people, with plenty of cool bars and restaurants.
South Street. Known locally as Philadelphia's hip strip and trendy melting pot. The Street is a many-splendored promenade along with boutiques, eccentric shops, singular restaurants, bars, nightclubs and cafes, and people watching to rival that in SoHo. The main drag runs along South Street between 1st and 9th Streets. The galleries are concentrated between 12th and 16th Streets, and any art-seekers would do well to peek down side streets and alleys for those hidden gems. Definitely check out the Magic Gardens (between 10th and 11th), an incredible mosaic art installation/landscape that takes up the entire plot. Don’t forget to get Philadelphia’s famous Water Ice on those hot summer days.

West Philadelphia. West Philadelphia extends from the Schuylkill River out to the westernmost border of the city, and the University of Pennsylvania campus is located in a several-square-mile area bordering the river. The area is also home to Drexel University. Living near a large university has its perks (museums, cafes, free stuff, etc.), and students will be happy to find a lower cost of living than in Boston, although the process of “Penntrification” has been driving up neighborhood prices the past few years. Students can expect to pay about $800/month for a one-room studio, and less if sharing an apartment or house with roommates. As a general rule, the housing closer to campus is safer, but also more expensive. The Penn Campus is located at 36th Street and the area extends to about 42nd St. You will find many of the housing, hangouts, restaurants and bars between these numbered streets as well as on Spruce, Walnut and Chestnut Streets. There’s also lots of cool stuff as you head down Baltimore Avenue: check out Clark Park, which has weekly farmers markets, at Baltimore and 43rd, and Dock Street Brewery, which has great beer and great pizza.

TRANSPORTATION

SEPTA
Philadelphia’s public transportation system, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), runs frequently and is very reliable. Your go-to source of information about public transportation in the metro-Philadelphia area is www.septa.org.

SEPTA has several subdivisions; these extend to the far suburbs via the Regional Rail Division (RRD), to the closer suburbs via the Suburban Transit Division (STD), and within the city via the City Transit Division (CTD). While the website is more convenient and reliable, you can also call (215) 580-7800 for 24-hour information, staffed Mon. - Fri. 6am - 8pm, Sat.- Sun. 8am - 4:30pm. SEPTA offers a price per ride, a price per day, a price per week and a price per month, giving you several options to choose from.

Check out the Septa fare brochure: http://www.septa.org/fares/new/fare-brochure-2010.pdf

Key Fares (subject to change):
Base Fare: $2.00 cash or 1 token for buses, subways, and trolleys. Prices vary for Regional Rail.

Tokens: $1.55 each.

Transfers: $1.00.
Various other types of fare instruments are available, including TrailPasses, Train Tickets, and Cross County Monthly Passes. See [www.septa.org/fares.html](http://www.septa.org/fares.html) for more specific information.

**Public Transit Routes**
Several of the lines will likely be of interest to students. The system is generally safe, but cautious students may want to avoid the subway after dark. Above-ground routes and bus lines tend to be safer.

**Broad Street Line:** Runs north-south under Broad Street. Access to City Hall, Avenue of the Arts, the sports complex including the Spectrum, the CoreStates Center, and Veteran’s Stadium.

**Market/Frankford Line:** Runs east-west under Market Street downtown, comes above ground, becoming the “el” in West Philly. It’s the fastest way to get from West Philly to Center City, especially if you’re on an express train.

**Subway-Surface Lines:** These trolleys run underground below Center City, but come above ground at 40th Street in West Philly (like the Green Line in Boston). The 34 route runs along Baltimore Avenue and is a convenient way to get to and from the Penn Campus.

**Regional Rail Lines:** These lines run from the three major Center City stations (Market East, Suburban Station, and 30th Street) out to the surrounding suburbs including the college towns of Swarthmore, Haverford, Bryn Mawr and Villanova. Fares vary according to the zone. Avoid surcharges by buying your tickets at a ticket window rather than on the train.

**Bus Lines:** Buses run along the east-west streets connecting West Philly and Center City. Between West Philly and Center City try the 21 bus for a direct journey, or the 42 for a more scenic route.

**Taxis**
In Center City cabs are easy to hail on the street. In West Philly (west of University City) you might need a phonebook. Try Yellow Cab (215) 333-3333, Quaker City Cab (215) 728-6000, Penn Cab Company (215) 438-8888, or United Cab (215) 423-8000.

**Cars/Bikes/etc.**
If you work and live in Philadelphia, there’s no need to have a car. Philly is a pedestrian-friendly city – with tourist and resident friendly walking maps at most intersections (just look up!) – and many people live within walking distance of work. Biking has become extremely popular, and some streets have fairly generous bike lanes. Given the dearth of parking spaces and the enthusiastic efforts of the Parking Authority, having a car will likely prove to be a headache. If you do bring a car with you and you’re living downtown, “the Club” or some other suitable anti-theft device should be on your shopping list. Unfortunately, carjacking is an issue in Philadelphia, especially at night, so be aware of your surroundings when parking or getting into your car. If you bring a bike or some other type of motor vehicle, expect to deal with the same sort of concerns about theft prevention as you would in Cambridge.
LEAVING TOWN?
Philadelphia sits on the west bank of the Delaware River in southeastern Pennsylvania across from New Jersey's western border. New York City is a two hour bus ride north. The Jersey Shore and Atlantic City are an hour drive southeast. DC is a two hour train ride south.

By Bus
Many bus options are available from Philadelphia.

Of particular interest might be Megabus (www.megabus.com), which offers direct bus service from Boston South Station to Philadelphia’s 30th Street Station, in addition to Philly-New York and Philly-DC lines.

Boltbus (www.boltbus.com) also provides service to New York from outside of 30th Street Station.

Greyhound (www.greyhound.com) offers service to many more destinations, including New York City, Newark, Atlantic City, Washington DC and even San Francisco (an excruciating 27-hour ride). Buses leave from the station at 10th and Filbert St., one block north of Market East Station (10th and Market St.), in Center City. The bus station hours are 7 am to 1 am.

Other Buses
The Chinatown Bus phenomenon exists in Philadelphia as well. You can take Dragon Coach from 1041 Race St. to New York City’s Chinatown for $12 each way or $20 round trip. See www.gotobus.com/philadelphia/ or www.staticleap.com/chinatownbus/ for schedules.

By Train
If you prefer to take a train, Philadelphia is on Amtrak's Northeast Corridor route which runs between Richmond, Virginia, and Boston, Massachusetts, via Washington DC and New York City. There are also trains west to Lancaster, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Chicago and south to Florida. Amtrak departures leave from the beautifully restored 30th Street Station at 30th and Market Streets. One-way fares, subject to change and peak-time charges are approximately $48 - $93 to New York City, $92-$160 to Boston, and $50 - $109 to D.C. depending on day and time of departure.

For a better bargain to New York consider taking Septa Regional Rail to Trenton (Trenton Line) and from there New Jersey Transit to New York Penn Station ($26.50 off-peak round trip). It may take a little longer than Amtrak, but it gets you there much cheaper.

The Delaware River Port Authority (PATCO) line takes passengers between Center City and the New Jersey suburbs, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all year long. Call (856) 772-6900 or visit http://www.ridepatco.org/.

NJ Transit also has a frequent rail service between Philadelphia and Atlantic City. Check out www.njtransit.com for fares and departure times.
By Car
Several highways lead through and around Philadelphia, making it easy to come and go by car. From the north and south, the Delaware Expressway (I-95) follows the eastern edge of the city beside the Delaware River. The Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276) runs east across the north of the city and over the river to connect with the New Jersey Turnpike. Ferries operate on the Delaware River between Penn's Landing in Philadelphia and Camden, New Jersey.

By Air
Philadelphia International Airport is 5 miles (8km) southwest of Center City and is most easily reached by I-95. It is served by several major carriers, but US Airways operates a hub here and offers an abundance of direct flight choices. Taxi fares to Center City are subject to a flat rate of $25 and the trip takes less than 30 minutes in normal traffic. The Regional Rail also provides direct airport service on the Airport Line, which runs every 30 minutes between 6am and midnight, departing from all three Center City Stations for a one-way fare of $5.50. The train literally pulls right into the airport terminal. See [http://www.septa.org/schedules/rail/index.html](http://www.septa.org/schedules/rail/index.html) for schedules.

FOOD
While Philly is the home of many artery-clogging delicacies, such as “Philly” cheesesteaks, soft-pretzels, cheese fries, Tastykakes, and a local concoction of fried pork parts called scrapple, Philadelphia also offers shopping and dining options for the more health and flavor conscious.

Another great Philly dining trait is BYOB restaurants. Because of the liquor laws in Pennsylvania, many restaurants do not have liquor licenses, but they’re more than happy to open the bottles that you bring and serve it to you. Most restaurants do not charge an uncorking fee. Avoiding the mark up and being able to choose your own inexpensive wine on the way to the restaurant saves a ton of money.

SUPERMARKETS AND CONVENIENCE STORES
Supermarkets are scarce in the city, but try these sources for stocking up and saving cents.

In West Philly…
**Fresh Grocer:** On 40th St. between Walnut and Spruce, this shiny new (opened in 2001) supermarket is a cross between a regular supermarket and Fresh Fields (see below). Big and close to Penn’s campus.

**Thriftway:** Located in W. Philly at 44th and Walnut Streets. Good bulk and international foods selection. Expect crowds on weekday evenings after five, and on weekends. Try weekday mornings to avoid frustrating lines.

**Pathmark:** Located at 3021 Greys Ferry Avenue. Huge, clean, bright, double coupons. A bit out of the way, but walkable from both West Philly and Center City. Check for convenient SEPTA bus lines, but you might not want to go after dark without a car.
WaWa (38th & Spruce Street; 36th & Chestnut Street) or 7-11 (38th and Walnut Street; 43rd & Walnut Street): Surely the last and most expensive bet for provision-starved students. It is more of a convenience store, but still, who can argue with Big Gulps?

**In Center City and South Philly…**

**SuperFresh:** Locations at 1001 South Street, 309 S. 5th Street, and 1501 N. Broad Street. Known for its great produce and selection, this chain will cost a bit more, but is well worth it.

**Whole Foods:** 2001 Pennsylvania Avenue, and 929 South St. Part of the Whole Foods empire: like an old-fashioned neighborhood grocery store, an organic farmer’s market, a European bakery, a New York Deli, and a supermarket all rolled into one. The prices are higher but the selection and atmosphere are unsurpassed. Makes the chore of shopping for groceries more like recreation.

**Trader Joe’s:** Located at 21st and Market.

**Great Scott’s Rittenhouse Market:** Located at S. 18th and Spruce Streets. Small neighborhood grocery store with surprisingly large selection. Offers convenience to those living in the Rittenhouse Square area, but more expensive than Superfresh.

**Italian Market:** Located at Washington Avenue between 9th and 11th. An experience not to be missed – part of the great Italian-American tradition of South Philadelphia, wonderful collection of stalls, shops, and atmosphere. Hours of operation limited, closed Sundays. Check [http://www.phillyitalianmarket.com/](http://www.phillyitalianmarket.com/).

**Reading Terminal Market:** (Pronounced “Redding.”) On the square block between 11th and 12th and Filbert and Arch Streets. This converted train shed is the heart of Center City Philadelphia. Part farmer’s market, part food court, the market is a source of major civic pride. In terms of shopping, the produce, poultry, fish, meat and dairy are the freshest around, brought in from the farms of New Jersey and Amish country every morning. Open Monday-Saturday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Sundays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The market has frequent festivals and events; check at [www.readingterminalmarket.org](http://www.readingterminalmarket.org). The Amish baked goods are to die for; try a famous apple dumpling, although keep in mind that Amish vendors are only open Wednesday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Thursday-Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**WaWa:** With over 40 locations in Philly, this convenience store would be hard to miss. For starters, here are some suggestions: 1600 Walnut Street, 1500 Locust Street, 2001 Chestnut Street, 226 W. Rittenhouse Sq., and 518 S. 2nd Street. A great place for a late-night hoagie craving. A tip to the wise: ATMs located within WaWa stores do not have surcharge fees.

**Thriftway:** The basic supermarket. 23rd and South Sts.
EATING OUT

In West Philly… Generally try the 40th St. Corridor between Chestnut and Spruce, Spruce between 37th and 38th, and Sansom between 34th and 36th for a wide variety of food options around Penn’s campus, only some of which are included below.

Food Trucks: The easiest way to get all types of food on a tight budget. There are many around the Penn Campus in West Philly: Spruce Street between 34th and 38th and on 38th and 40th Streets between Walnut and Spruce. You can find all sorts of ethnic cuisine and special foods in these trucks: Chinese, Mexican, breakfast, fruit, vegetarian, etc. You will find that the food is actually quite good and very affordable; a Chinese food truck can supply you with a serviceable lunch for $4. Top picks include Bui’s, Don Memo’s (Mexican), and Magic Carpet (vegetarian). Also take advantage of the fresh and cheap produce on wheels throughout the city.

Moravian Café Food Court: Located at 34th and Walnut Street, here you’ll find a pizza stall, yogurts/sandwiches, an A&W, and a Taco Bell Express, all attached to a CVS and adjacent to an Auntie Anne’s and half a block from a Dunkin Donuts.

Allegro’s: Standard Italian and pizza. Also sells beer. 40th and Spruce Street. See www.allegropizza.com, (215) 382-8158.

Bucks County Coffee Company: 3430 Sansom Street; 40th and Locust. Serves up some of the best lattes in the city and other assorted munchies. Another location inside 30th Street Station. See www.buckscountycoffee.com.

Cosi: The chain offers a great selection of inexpensive sandwiches, salads, s’mores platters, coffees, teas, beer, wine, etc. for either take out or sit down. Open for breakfast, lunch dinner, and late night. Located all over Philadelphia, including at 140 South 36th St. at Penn. See www.getcosi.com.

Greek Lady: Food cart institution turned restaurant. Cheap and popular with students. 40th St. between Locust and Walnut. (214) 382-2600.

Koch’s Take-Out Shop: Even New Yorkers have to give it up for Koch’s, a deli located at 43rd and Locust Streets. Not too expensive and worth the wait (they give out free samples!). A Penn institution that shouldn’t be missed. See www.kochsdeli.com, (215) 222-8662.

Le Petit Creperie: A food truck-turned installation in Penn’s Student Union (Houston Hall, 34th and Walnut), the crepes are good, relatively cheap and served up with a smile. (215) 222-6500.

Mad Mex: 3401 Walnut Street. BIG margaritas, wings, and nachos are your best bet at the crowded happy hours nightly from 4:30 to 6:30. See www.madmex.com.


New Delhi: 4004 Chestnut Street. Vegan and vegetarian options, closed on Monday. Features lunch ($8.95) and dinner ($11.95) buffet. See www.newdelhiweb.com, (215) 386-1941.
**White Dog Café**: 3420 Sansom Street. Follows an inventive American cuisine menu. A great place to take visiting family and friends. Located in three adjacent Victorian homes, the dinner menu is expensive, but the lunch menu is more affordable. Vegan and vegetarian options are available. Sponsors cultural events and celebrations, including a wild Bastille Day (July 14th) street party. See [www.whitedog.com](http://www.whitedog.com), (215) 386-9224.

**In Center City and South Philly…**

**Food Trucks and Fast Food**: You'll find a food truck on every corner, especially between JFK Blvd. and Sansom St., Broad and 19th St., especially during the workday. In addition, Center City has its share of fast food chains, including McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy’s, Roy Rogers, and Sbarro.

**Food Courts**: The **Gallery Mall** food court at 11th & Market Streets probably has the most traditional selection. The **Bourse** at 11 S. 5th Street (across from the Liberty Bell) offers a healthier selection (check out “Everything on a Pita”). For the more discerning palette, the most upscale food court this side of Macy’s is located **Downstairs at the Bellevue** (Walnut & Broad Streets). For the best variety and selection at affordable prices you must visit the **Reading Terminal Market**. All of Philadelphia meets at this century-old market across from the Pennsylvania Convention Center to eat lunch and buy dinner groceries. Some favorites: Sang Kee Peking Duck House (Chinese); Bassett's Ice Cream; Delilah's (soul food); Famous 4th Street Cookies; Fisher's (soft pretzels); Jill's Vorspeise (vegetarian); 12th Street Cantina (Mexican). Open 8 am-6 pm Mon-Sat.

**Au Bon Pain**: For those in a Cambridge frame of mind, fear not. ABP has broached these shores. Major branches located at 30th Street Station, 841 Chestnut St., and 30 S. 15th St.; Liberty Place; Market Place East. Also inside Penn’s Wharton School. See [www.aubonpain.com](http://www.aubonpain.com).

**Cacia's Bakery**: 1526 W. Ritner Street. Classic Philly tomato pies, as well as rolls and baked goods. The closest Philly comes to its own pizza-style. [www.caciabakery.com](http://www.caciabakery.com/)


**Cedar's Restaurant**: 616 S. 2nd Street. Traditional Middle Eastern fare including falafel with hummus and shish kebob. Eat in or takeout from this family-owned operation. See [www.cedarsrestaurant.com](http://www.cedarsrestaurant.com), (215) 925-4950.

**Cherry Street Chinese Vegetable Restaurant**: 1010 Cherry Street Monday – Thursday, 3 pm–11 pm; Friday and Saturday, 11:30 am – 11 pm; Sunday 1 pm – 10 pm Serves gourmet vegan/vegetarian entrées with a Chinese twist. Extensive “mock meat” selection. Kosher. Bring your own wine & beer. (215) 922-8957.

Those looking for Chinese mock meat should also check out the favorite **Harmony Vegetarian Restaurant**, 135 N Ninth St. (215) 627-4520.
**Federal Donuts**: 1219 S. 2nd St and 1632 Sansom St. Fried Chicken and donuts in one convenient location. Depending on the time of day, the line can get pretty long, so you might want to aim for a random hour. [www.federaldonuts.com](http://www.federaldonuts.com).


**Geno’s**: 1219 S. 9th St., catty-corner (and we do mean catty) to its rival, Pat’s. Arguably the best cheesesteaks in town. See [www.genosteaks.com](http://www.genosteaks.com), (215) 389-0659.

**Jim’s Steaks**: 400 South Street. Its aroma permeates the neighborhood, wafting fried-onion fumes down the block and luring the hungry behind its black-and-white-tile façade for an essential taste of Philly: the classic cheesesteak in all its greasy, drippy glory. Great for late night. Sit-down gourmands dine upstairs, overlooking the action on South Street. Entrees $4 to $6. See [www.jimssteaks.com](http://www.jimssteaks.com), (215) 333-5467.

**La Colombe Torrefaction**: 130 S. 19th St. Arguably the best café in the city – consequently, not the cheapest. See [www.lacolombe.com](http://www.lacolombe.com), (215) 563-0860.

**Le Bus Bakery and Café**: 135 South 18th St. This restaurant, which started life as a food truck, offers delicious sandwiches, soups, salads and bakery items. See [www.lebusbakery.com](http://www.lebusbakery.com), (215) 569-8299.

**Lolita**: 13th and Chestnut. A BYOT (bring your own tequila) Mexican fusion joint with margarita mixers that are delicious on their own, and even better with a bottle of tequila. See [www.lolitabyob.com](http://www.lolitabyob.com), (215) 546-7100.

**Lorenzo and Sons Pizza**: 3rd and South. Lorenzo’s is hands down the best pizza in Philly. The price is right and the slices are huge. At 3rd and South it is located in one of the hottest areas in Philadelphia and open late. Watch out for a line after 2am when all of the nearby bars empty out! See [www.lorenzoandsons.com](http://www.lorenzoandsons.com), (215) 800-1942.

**The Marathon Grill**: 1617 JFK Blvd. (564-GRIL); 1839 Spruce Street (731-0800); 1818 Market St. (561-1818); 16th & Sansom St. (569-FAST); Broad & Chestnut (561-4460). Also a Penn-area location at 40th and Walnut. This six-time Best of Philly winner targets time-pressed office workers and Center City residents. Specialties include soups, grilled chicken Caesar salad, wraps, pasta salad, and hamburgers. The new, sleeker Marathon on Spruce Street keeps marathon hours: 7 am- 2 am See [www.eatmarathon.com](http://www.eatmarathon.com), (215) 561-0500.

**Metropolitan Bakery**: Purveyors of the best bread in the city and great breakfast treats. Branches located at 262 S. 19th Street, 1114 Pine Street, and the Reading Terminal Market outpost. See [www.metropolitanbakery.com](http://www.metropolitanbakery.com).
Monk’s Café and Beer Emporium: 264 S. 16th Street. Belgian cuisine with a twist. Specialties include mussels, french fries served with special mayonnaise, and the best burgers in Center City. Recently named one of America’s finest beer bars, Monk’s also boasts an amazing selection of Belgian beers in bottles and on tap. Although not super cheap, it’s a place to check out. Time it wisely as this place can be crowded. See www.monkscafe.com, (215) 545-7005.


Nodding Head: 1516 Sansom Street, 2nd Floor. Award-winning homemade beer, great burgers, and a few vegetarian dishes at moderate prices. See www.ripsneakers.com/nodding, (215) 569-9525.


Primos Hoagies: With five Philadelphia locations, Primos is a chain that has a wide variety of hoagies to choose from and offers both quality and quantity. A regular size will be enough for both lunch and dinner. For locations and more see www.primohoagies.com.


Serrano: 20 S. 2nd Street. A casual, friendly neighborhood restaurant in Old City, featuring an international menu with exotic specialties. Tofu may be substituted for any of the meat entrees, and some organic ingredients are used. Also has a great coffee house upstairs with live music from 7pm-midnight. Check out the hottest singer-songwriter acts upstairs at the Tin Angel. See www.tinangel.com, (215) 928-0770.

Shake Shack: 2000 Sansom St. at 20th St. This New York-based chain just came to Philly in May 2012. Great burgers and concretes (i.e. fancy McFlurry’s). www.shakeshack.com/location/philadelphia.

Tuscany Café: 222 W. Rittenhouse at Locust Street. Delicious salads, sandwiches and homemade bakery items. Take out lunch here and enjoy a beautiful summer day in Rittenhouse Square. (215) 772-0605.


In North Philly…

Draught Horse at Temple U: 1431 Cecil B Moore Ave (19121). Delicious, America-style food that is reasonably priced. It also has good drink specials, low cover, and a nice sports bar atmosphere. See www.draughthorse.com, (215) 235-1010.

The Food Trucks: Around Temple University, on 12th and 13th Streets, there are more food trucks than you can find around any other college campus in the city. They serve delicious and inexpensive food. For example, the Chinese trucks provide a full lunch for $3.50 and other trucks provide a grilled chicken breast sandwich for $3.00. There are many types of food to choose from: Chinese, Middle Eastern, Thai and Vietnamese, American/Italian…The list goes on and on!

Kabobeesh: Located at 1420 Cecil B. Moore Ave (zip code 19121), Kabobeesh serves good Middle Eastern, Indian, and Sri Lankan food at low prices. The decor leaves much to be desired, but the food is superb. See www.kabobeesh.com, (215) 235-0999.

The Standard Tap: 901 N. 2nd St. This hip Northern Liberties pub has great scaled-up bar food and specializes in local brews. See www.standardtap.com, (215) 238-0630.

ENTERTAINMENT

The diversions at hand in Philly can be overwhelming – just go with it! This city has a storied past and a vibrant present, and the visitor is the true winner in the entertainment tug-of-war. Check out Philly’s museums, monuments, parks, music, and much more. Be on the look out for all the outdoor art and murals. Ans if you can stand the crowds, Philadelphia comes alive with patriotic frenzy and fireworks every 4th of July (Independence Day).

MONUMENTS AND MUSEUMS

Philadelphia has a rich heritage that extends far back to colonial days. Start with the Independence National Historical Park Visitor Center for maps and tourist information (6th and Market Street, (215) 965-7676, open daily 8:30am-5pm). You can also find their information online (http://www.independencevisitorcenter.com/).

Academy of Natural Sciences: The oldest scientific research and educational institution in the Western hemisphere (it's got dinosaurs too) . . . enough said! 1900 Ben Franklin Parkway; M-F, 10am-4:30pm, S-S, 10am-5pm; (215) 299-1000; General admission is $15 ($13 with college student ID); special exhibits can cost extra. Web: www.ansp.org.

The Barnes Foundation: Houses one of the finest private collections of early French modern and post-impressionist paintings in the world. An extraordinary number of masterpieces by Renoir (181), Cezanne (69), and Matisse (59), as well as numerous works by Picasso, Seurat, Rousseau, Modigliani, Soutine, Monet, Manet, Degas and others. Art from every corner of the globe is grouped with fine examples of antique furniture, ceramics, and hand-wrought iron objects. The collection recently moved to a newly built facility on 2025 Benjamin Franklin Parkway. The museum’s hours are Wed.-Mon., 9:30am-6 pm. Reservations are not required, but are highly recommended. General admission is $18 ($15 for full-time students with ID). Reserve online or call for tickets by choosing option 5 on the museum general line: (610) 667-0290; www.barnesfoundation.org.

Betsy Ross House: Home of this country’s most famous seamstress. Get the scoop on the Stars and Stripes; 239 Arch Street (between 2nd and 3rd); April-October, the museum is open 10am-5pm every day; Closed Mondays, November-March; Closed Mondays and Tuesdays, January-February; general admission is $5; $4 for students; (215) 686-1252; www.betsyrosshouse.org.

Congress Hall: Home of Congress from 1790-1800, this is where George Washington took the oath for his second term and where John Adams succeeded him four years later. The U.S. Mint and Department of the Navy were founded here. Near the corner of 6th and Chestnut Streets; Open seven days a week, 9am – 5pm; Free; (215) 965-2305; www.nps.gov/inde/congress-hall.htm.

National Constitution Center: 1525 Arch Street, Independence Mall. Recently built, the Constitution Center is now the best place to learn about the U.S. Constitution in the city where it was signed. The museum is multi-media, with historical memorabilia and a rotating gallery exhibit. Hours: M-F 9:30am-5pm; Sa 9:30am-6pm; Su 12-5pm. General admission is $14.50; students with ID, $13; www.constitutioncenter.org.

Eastern State Penitentiary: Now a historic landmark, this “model” early American prison pioneered the concept of changing prisoners’ behavior through a combination of physical labor and solitary confinement. The radial floor plan was revered as an efficient solution to staffing, and was widely copied. One of the most powerful and thought-provoking museum experiences anywhere. 2027 Fairmount Avenue; Open Daily, 10am-5pm, with last entry at 4pm; General admission is $14; $10 for students; (215) 236.3300; www.easternstate.org.
First Fridays: Every first Friday of the month, from 5pm to 9pm, the 35-plus art galleries in Old City open their doors to the public. On these nights, Old City goes from a fairly sleepy place to a beach town atmosphere. It’s a lot of fun. Some galleries provide beer and wine for a donation. Take public transportation because parking is impossible. A great event! Not to be missed.

Franklin Court: As of May 2013, the Underground Museum at Franklin Court is closed for renovations, and is scheduled to re-open in late summer 2013. Check website below for most updated information. The site of Ben Franklin's home and workplace, which is no longer standing. An underground museum displays Franklin’s various inventions, including a heat-efficient stove to warm houses. On Market Street between 3rd and 4th Streets, near Independence Hall. W-Sun. Noon-5pm, though the website warns that hours vary by season without giving specifics; Free; (215) 965-2305; [www.nps.gov/inde/franklin-court.htm](http://www.nps.gov/inde/franklin-court.htm).

Franklin Institute Science Museum: Geared mostly toward kids, this museum features interactive science exhibits and an IMAX theater. North 20th Street & Ben Franklin Parkway; 9:30am-5:00pm daily; IMAX hours vary; $15.50-$23, depending on what you see; (215) 488-1200; [www2.fi.edu](http://www2.fi.edu).

Free Library of Philadelphia: Borrowing collections include popular reading, videos, and books-on-tape. Permanent collection includes a vast and diverse selection of rare books. Check the weekly papers for information on special readings and lectures. Central branch at 1901 Vine Street, with 54 branches elsewhere; (215) 686-5322; [www.freelibrary.org](http://www.freelibrary.org).

Independence Hall: The birthplace of the U.S. government. The Declaration of Independence was adopted here in 1776, and the Constitution was drafted here eleven years later. Tickets are free: pick them up at Independence Visitor’s Center starting at 8:30am every day. You can also reserve tickets online ($1.50 processing fee). 6th and Market Streets; daily, 9am-5pm, tours every 15 minutes; Free; (215) 965-2305; [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde).

Independence Seaport Museum: This is more than history, this is war! Commodore Dewey’s flagship from the Spanish-American War, the U.S.S. Olympia, along with the World War II submarine U.S.S. Becuna, are docked here and awaiting your inspection. Walnut Street crossing to Penn’s Landing; Daily, 10am-5pm; $10 for students with valid ID, Free Sundays 10am-12pm; (215) 925-5439; [www.phillyseaport.org](http://www.phillyseaport.org).

Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA): A “Best of Philly” winner for “Most Under-appreciated Museum.” Buck that trend and check out the funky exhibits and exhibition space. 118 S. 36th Street, on the Penn campus; Wed 11-8, Th-Fri 11-6, Sa-Su 11-5; Free; (215) 898-7108; [www.icaphila.org](http://www.icaphila.org).

Liberty Bell Pavilion: The Liberty Bell is housed here. It hung in Independence Hall until Jan. 1, 1976, when it was moved to its present location. Between 5th & 6th on Market Street; daily, 9am-5pm, though the website warns that hours vary by season without giving specifics; Free; (215) 965-2305; [www.nps.gov/inde/liberty-bell-center.htm](http://www.nps.gov/inde/liberty-bell-center.htm).
Murals and Sculptures
All over the City! Historical, cultural, artistic, beautiful and totally FREE. See the City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program website for mural locations and information: http://muralarts.org/.

Mütter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia: A collection of the truly bizarre. Pickled body parts, exhibits on true freaks of nature and more. 19 South 22nd Street; daily, 10-5; $10 with valid student ID; (215) 563-3737, Ext. 211; www.collegeofphysicians.org/mutter-museum/

National Museum of American Jewish History: Home of a permanent collection and special exhibits, with over 10,000 artifacts documenting the Jewish American experience. 55 North 5th Street (a stone’s throw from the Liberty Bell); Tu-Fri 10-5, Sa-Su 10-5:30; In recognition of Shabbat, you must purchase Saturday tickets in advance online or in person; $12 adults; (215) 923-3812; www.nmajh.org.

Second Bank of the United States: This magnificent example of Greek Revival architecture was the home of the Second Bank of the United States until 1836, when Andrew Jackson’s veto pen took the institution out of existence. The building now houses a gallery with nearly 200 paintings. On Chestnut Street between 4th and 5th Streets; W-Sun., 11am-4pm; Free; (215) 965-2305; www.nps.gov/inde/second-bank.htm.

Philadelphia Museum of Art: One of the best fine arts museums in the country. Renowned for its Asian art wing and 20th Century collection. Look out for special exhibits and special Wednesday evening events combining film/music/food/art. 26th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway; Tu.-Sun., 10am-5pm, F until 8:45pm; $12 with student ID, First Sundays are “pay what you wish”; (215) 763-8100; www.philamuseum.org.

Rodin Museum: Administered by the Philadelphia Museum of Art, this small wonder boasts a collection of originals and reproductions by its namesake. It is the largest collection of Rodin’s sculptures outside of Paris. Beautiful garden! 22nd Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway; Tu.-Sun., 10am-5pm; $5 suggested contribution; (215) 763-8100; www.rodinmuseum.org.

University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology: For those humid summer days when, really, only an Egyptian tomb will do the trick. 3260 South Street; Tu-Sun 10-5, open until 8pm on Wed; $6 for students with ID; (215) 898-4000; www.penn.museum.

GREEN SPACES AND WALKS
Independence National Historic Park Visitor Center: Can provide maps and tourist information for the park, which weaves its way in and around beautiful Society Hill. For more information on specific sites within the park, see the ‘Monuments and Museums” section above. 6th and Market Streets; open daily, 8:30am - 5pm, but may be open later during certain parts of the summer; Free; (215) 965-2305; www.independencevisitorcenter.com.
Bartram's Garden: The nation’s first botanical garden, which also features the historic Bartram House. 54th Street and Lindbergh Boulevard; Daily, 10am-5pm; the Garden is free, while 45-minute tours of the House, which begin at 10 min. past the hour, are $4 for students; (215) 729-5281; www.bartramsgarden.org.

Boathouse Row: Philadelphia vies with Boston for the title of “Capital of Rowing in the East,” and the dedication of the city to this sport is hard to miss. Eleven unique 19th Century buildings house 13 rowing clubs along this stretch of the Schuylkill River. At night they’re lit with lights, and visible from West River Drive. The boathouses extend along the Row behind the Museum of Art, and are a gathering point for runners, rollerbladers, bikers, and weekend-walkers throughout the year. The path/park extends from the Row up to East Falls and is delightful for a stroll or a picnic. Located at Kelly Drive, immediately behind the Museum of Art; open all the time, but bring a friend if you’re going after dark.

Fairmount Park: The largest park within any city in the world! 8,700 acres and three million trees await you. Spend a day touring its many historic and beautiful mansions and other attractions. Philadelphia has more outdoor art than any other city in North America. You’ll find works by Remington, Rodin, and other artists throughout the Park. The Fairmount Park Trolley bus stops at all the important sights and offers unlimited on-and-off privileges with the purchase of a day pass. Catch the Trolley at the Art Museum. Later you can relax along the banks of the Schuylkill River; (215) 683-0200.

Morris Arboretum: Penn's plant-land is a real treasure. Tucked away in Chestnut Hill, it’s a can’t-miss destination for a warm and sunny day. Take some time to explore the shops and houses (mansions, that is) of Chestnut Hill while you're at it. 100 Northwestern Avenue, between Germantown & Stenton Avenues; April through October, hours are M-F, 10am-4pm, and Sat.-Sun.10am-5pm; November through March, hours are daily 10am-4pm; in June, July, and August, the arboretum is open until 8:30pm on Thursdays; guided tours at 2pm on Sat. and Sun.; $10; non student ID discounts available, check the website http://www.business-services.upenn.edu/arboretum/index.shtml.

Philadelphia Zoo: The oldest zoo in the U.S., housing over 1800 exotic birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians all living peacefully together on 42 Victorian Garden acres. 3400 W. Girard Avenue; open daily 9:30am-5pm; $18 general admission “in-season” (March 1-November 30); $14 the rest of the year; additional $15 if you want to go skyward in the Zooballoon; parking is $10 but you can take public transportation or a healthy walk from the art museum area; (215) 243-1100; http://www.philadelphiazoo.org/.

Rittenhouse Square Park: Between 18th and 19th street and Walnut and Spruce. People watch, read the paper, play with your dog, attend an arts fair, listen to live music, plan your trip to nearby shops or restaurant row, or just relax on a blanket, in one of Philly’s most famous parks.

Schuylkill River Cruises: Hour-long water tour through Center City. Tickets from $22 check www.phillybyboat.com for schedule.

Sculpture Park: Small sculpture park on the waterfront, below Old City.
University of Pennsylvania Campus: Strolling the campus, you’d never know you were in the middle of a bustling city. There are grassy lawns to relax on, flowers to smell and admire, and plenty of pedestrians and loungers. The architecture on the ivy-covered buildings is amazing. Look up at the gargoyles peering down from the Fine Arts Library. Stop inside and look around as well. Check out several outdoor sculptures including the giant button in front of the library.

Woodlands Cemetery: A den of tranquility (in more ways than one) amidst the hustle and bustle of the Penn campus and the nearby hospital complexes. 4000 Woodland Avenue; (215) 386-2181; call for hours.

Yards Brewing Company: “The oldest and only surviving brewery within city limits,” this facility provides free tours – and generous samples – on Saturdays, Noon-3pm and Fridays, by appointment from 12:30-4pm. It can be tricky to find: see the website for directions. 2439 Amber St.; (215) 634-2600; www.yardsbrewing.com.

The Barnes Foundation Arboretum: 300 North Latch Lane, Merion. Found in Merion, a Philadelphia suburb located on the main line, and easily accessible by the R5 regional rail line this garden serves as the home to many species of plants, and also has an herbarium containing 10,000 specimens. Contact information and hours are the same as for the Gallery. April-June and September-October, Arboretum tours are available F, Sat., and Sun. at 11:15am. In July and August, tours are available at 11:15am on W, Th., and F. As with the Gallery, you need advance reservations to tour the Arboretum. Get tickets by calling (610) 667-0290, Option 5, at least 30 days in advance of your planned visit.

PERFORMANCES
Philly is home to a wealth of theater and music. One of the great things about living in this city is that you can actually afford to go to shows. The Avenue of the Arts, a stretch of Broad St. from City Hall to South St., has many performing arts options including The Wilma, The Philly Opera, the Academy of Music, and the new Kimmel Center. You’ll want to expand your horizons, however. The following is a list of places both on and off the Avenue you might like to check out for theater, music, or both.

Arden Theatre Company: 40 N. 2nd St.; (215) 922-1122; www.ardentheatre.org

Freedom Theater: 1346 N. Broad St.; (215) 765-2793; www.freedomtheatre.org

InterAct Theatre Company: 2030 Sansom St; (215) 568-8079; www.interacttheatre.org

Philadelphia Theatre Company: 1714 Delancey St.; (215) 985-0420; www.phillytheatreco.com

The Prince Music Theater: 1412 Chestnut St.; (215) 569-9700; www.princemusictheater.org


Walnut Street Theatre: 825 Walnut St.; (215) 574-3550; www.walnutstreettheatre.org.

For live music, consider these venues:

**R5 Productions: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** With a variety of venues around the city, these guys have singlehandedly turned Philadelphia into an independent music Mecca. Bigger shows at the Union Transfer in Northern Liberties, small sweaty/intimate shows at the First Unitarian Church, as well as countless other places throughout the city. Tickets remain remarkably cheap for most of their shows. [http://www.r5productions.com/](http://www.r5productions.com/)

**Temple University's Liacouras Center:** 1776 N. Broad Street; (215) 204-2400; [www.liacourascenter.com](http://www.liacourascenter.com) (Note: cash only if purchasing tickets through the Liacouras Box Office.)

**The Trocadero:** 1003 Arch Street (10th and Arch); (215) 922-6888; [www.thetroc.com](http://www.thetroc.com)

**The Theater of Living Arts (TLA):** 334 South St.; (215) 922-1011; [www.theateroflivingarts.net](http://www.theateroflivingarts.net)

**The Khyber:** 56 S. 2nd St.; (215) 238-5888; over 100 types of beer; [www.khyberpasspub.com](http://www.khyberpasspub.com)

**The Tin Angel:** 20 S. 2nd St.; (215) 928-0770; [www.tinangel.com](http://www.tinangel.com)

**HMV** (1510 Walnut St.) and **Tower Records** (610 South St.) often provide free coupons for reduced admission to clubs and musical performances.

**Wachovia Center** (large venue): 3601 S. Broad Street (off the Broad St. exit on I-95); (215) 336-3600; [www.comcast-spectacor.com](http://www.comcast-spectacor.com); Tickets available through the box office in person, or through Ticketmaster by calling (215) 336-2000 or visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Warmdaddy's:** A well-known jazz club that serves classic southern food. A little pricey, but you'll be sure to have an excellent time! 1400 S Columbus Blvd; (215) 462-2000; [www.warmdaddys.com](http://www.warmdaddys.com)

**World Café Live:** Penn’s new live music venue. 3025 Walnut St., (215) 222-1400. Amazing, funky, huge space. [philly.worldcafelive.com](http://philly.worldcafelive.com). Has good (moderately priced) food and live music ranging from free to somewhat pricey, depending on the artist. They frequently have free shows. Listen to WXPN, 88.5 for info (and acoustic/folk-rock/blues)!

The above is just a sampling of the many opportunities Philly affords to the person looking to entertain him or herself. As always, check the listings in the Friday Weekend section of the Inquirer, Philadelphia Weekly and City Paper for ideas. Below is a grab bag of other places to check out when you’re figuring out what’s going on around town:

**Performing Arts Hotline:** Call (215) 573-ARTS, for up-to-the-minute performance schedules for all of the performing arts, including classical and alternative music, theater, ballet, modern dance, and art.

**Ticketmaster:** (215) 336-2000; [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**Philadelphia Ticket Office:** 1500 Locust St. (15th and Locust); (215) 735-1903
UpStages sells tickets to events at over 40 performing and cultural organizations; 601 S. Broad St.; (215) 735-0631

Liberty Place Ticket Booth: Offers half-price tickets on the day of performance. At 17th and Chestnut Streets, the Shops at Liberty Place; (215) 851-9000

Annenberg Theater: Penn's theater complex, home to a wide variety of performance genres and troupes. Innovative programming and lots of tie-in lectures, demonstrations, etc.; between 36th and 37th on Walnut Street; (215) 898-3900; www.pennpresents.org. The Annenberg theater festival comes to Philadelphia every summer and is worth checking out.

Comcast Center at the Waterfront: The big venue that gets the big gigs (The Killers, Gwen Stefani, etc.). Across the river in Camden, but easily accessible via public transit or a quick car ride. They can still hear the music on the Philly side, but it's not quite the same as being there! 1 Harbour Blvd., on the Camden, NJ, waterfront; tickets through Ticketmaster by calling (215) 336-2000 or visiting http://www.ticketmaster.com/.

Penn's Landing: Outdoor amphitheater overlooking the Delaware River. Home to the New Orleans-inspired Jambalaya Jam over Memorial Day weekend, a Blues Festival in July, and various other free performances, musicals, dances, and ethnic celebrations. Prime viewing spot for the July 4th fireworks over the river. At Penn's Landing (between Vine and South Streets along the Delaware River).

Mann Music Center: Host to al fresco summertime jazz, classical, and popular music performances. Classical music fans can check out the Philadelphia Orchestra casual-style, and pick up free tickets to the concerts at the Visitors' Center (16th and JFK Blvd.) on the day of the performance. Great opportunity to mix those senses up with a picnic and some music. George's Hill, near 52nd Street and Parkside Avenue; (215) 893-1999; www.manncenter.org.

Painted Bride Art Center: Non-profit organization offering ground-breaking dance, jazz, theater, poetry, and performance work. You win some, you lose some, but the fun is in the risk. 230 Vine Street; (215) 925-9914; www.paintedbride.org.

Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts: Providing legal services to artists. 251 S. 18th Street; (215) 545-3385; http://www.artsandbusinessphila.org/pvla/

Dell Music Center: Another outdoor venue with some free summertime classical music concerts and a variety of other performances. Great way to explore the largest urban park in the United States. Ridge Ave. and Huntingdon Dr.; (215) 685-9717; Box Office (215) 685-9560; http://2012.mydelleast.com/.

MOVIES
Check moviefone.com for show times and theaters near you.

Theaters:
Film@International House: Film festivals, foreign films, student discounts. 3701 Chestnut St.; (215) 895-6542.
**IMAX Theater:** With take-your-breath-away special effects, the Tuttleman IMAX Theater is located at the Franklin Institute. 222 N. 20th St. (North 20th St. and Ben Franklin Parkway); (215) 448-1200.

**Ritz at the Bourse:** Check for student discounts; good foreign and independent film selection. 400 Ramstead St.; (215) 925-7900.

**Ritz East:** 204 Walnut St.; (215) 925-7900

**Ritz 5:** 214 Walnut Street; (215) 925-7900

**Roxy:** 2023 Sansom Street, (215) 923-6699

**United Artists Riverview Plaza Stadium 17:** 1400 S. Columbus Blvd.; (215) 755-2353; a huge multiplex within walking distance of South Street.

**SHOPPING**

Probably not a priority for those on a budget, but some bargains are to be found and window-shopping and bookstore lingering are free as can be!

**In Center City:**

**Barnes and Noble Books:** Opened in 1997 to try to burst Border's monopoly bubble. Consumers benefit from ensuing price wars and author readings. Cafe run by Starbucks. Located on Walnut, west of 18th Street (1805 Walnut Street).

**The Bourse:** 21 S. 5th Street. This onetime stock exchange is now a combination office and shopping complex. The Bourse is a stone's throw from the Liberty Bell and has a convenient food court to remedy sightseeing-induced low blood sugar. Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm, Sun.,11am-6pm.

**The Gallery:** Center City mall anchored by some lower-priced department stores. Located on Market Street between 11th and 9th.

**Gap Outlet:** Skip the full-price version on Walnut, and snap up T-shirts, shorts, tops, etc., for less than $10. On Chestnut, between 16th and 15th.

**H & M:** 15th and Chestnut. A great place for finding reasonably priced clothes that are appropriate for work and for going out.

**The Shops at Liberty Place:** The first building to reach higher than Billy Penn's cap atop City Hall, sparking a revolution in the Philadelphia skyline, contains shopping and food court on its lower two floors. Check out shops ranging from Coach and Nine West to Express, the Body Shop, and J. Crew. Located on Chestnut between 16th and 17th.

**Outside Philadelphia:**

**Reading Outlets:** Get ye' to Reading for bargains aplenty! Located about 90 minutes northwest of the city and accessible by car or bus (less than $20 round trip, departures from the 11th and
Filbert bus depot. Outlets include: Donna Karan, J. Crew, Coach, Gap, Benetton, Polo Ralph Lauren, Timberland, Burberry's, Vanity Fair, Calvin Klein, Laura Ashley, Joan & David, and more.

King of Prussia Mall: King of Prussia, PA. Not too far outside of the city lies an enormous mall with over 400 shops. If you take the SEPTA bus #133, window shop, and eat at the food court, you’ll have a cheap shopping day!

SPORTS, SPORTS, SPORTS
Philadelphians take a great deal of civic pride in their four major league sports, especially when the teams are doing badly (reasoning along the lines of, “Look at us — our teams suck, they make us suffer more than most fans could bear, and we’re still loyal! Beat that Chicago, New York or Boston.”). The Phillies and the Bulldogs play over the summer.

Philadelphia Phillies: The summer is baseball season, so going to a Phillies game should be a priority. Their brand new stadium, Citizen's Bank Park, offers brilliant views at even the cheapest seats. The much-maligned National League team still draws a crowd. There is a wildly popular McFaddens bar and grill conveniently located in the stadium. Citizens Bank Park is located in South Philly, adjacent to a brand new Lincoln Financial Field, home of the Eagles and steps away from the Wachovia center, home of both the 76ers and Flyers. Not a bad way to spend a balmy evening, and nosebleed bleacher seats or standing room can be had for as little as $5. You can also get there cheaply on the subway. For tickets and information call (215) 463-1000. Box Office open 9-5 Mon. – Fri and 10-4 on Sat. and Sun.

Manayunk Sport and Social: If you pride yourself on being more than a spectator and want to include athletics into your summer stay in Philadelphia, the Manayunk Sport and Social Club offers coed sporting leagues from football to darts. League fees are cheap and it’s not just about sports. Other activities, including day trips and evening events are sponsored as well. More information can be found at www.manayunksportandsocial.com.

Etc., keep your eyes open for one-time events, including U.S. National team soccer dates, track and field meets, rowing regattas, and so on. The Weekend section of the Inquirer has good listings of what's on tap and participation opportunities.

BARS AND NIGHTLIFE
Philly’s bar scene is excellent. The places listed below are a good start, but the litany is hardly comprehensive. You’ll want to poke around, check out different parts of the city, and be willing to take a cab or drive some place that sounds cool.

Bob and Barbara’s: 1509 South Street. A true dive bar made famous for their dirt cheap drink specials and eclectic vintage collection of PBR’s décor. B&B’s hosts daily theme nights including ping-pong tournaments, drag queen shows and a brilliant jazz trio.

Continental Midtown: 18th and Chestnut. A newer version of the old city classic, Continental Midtown is a great place for drinks in the summer with a rooftop bar and drinks in fancy glasses.
Johnny Brenda's: Right off the Girard stop of the Market-Frankford Line. (Frankford St. and Girard Ave.) In addition to having a great beer selection, a pool table, a jukebox, and great food, they get some of the best concerts in the city in their upstairs area. Sort of (but not exclusively) hipster-ish, and an easy walk to the Barbary, Standard Tap, Kung Fu Necktie, the El Bar, etc., if you’re the type that likes to wander and/or you want to find a place to dance.

Resurrection Ale House: 2425 Grays Ferry Ave. A great beer bar in the Graduate Hospital neighborhood, it has an amazing selection of beers you won’t find on tap many other places. It’s a bit quieter than your average bar, and the crowd is probably a little bit older. Make sure you leave early enough to get some delicious French fries at the nearby Grace Tavern, 2229 Grays Ferry Ave, before it closes,

Memphis Tap Room: 2331 E Cumberland St. A little bit out of the way – it’s technically located in Kensington, one of the sketchier neighborhoods of Philly, though the immediate vicinity is fine – the Memphis Tap Room is one of the bright lights of the Philadelphia beer scene. Definitely check it out during beer week for some incredible selections.

Kung Fu Necktie: 1250 N Front St. Located under the El in the Northern Liberties/Fishtown area, Kung Fu Necktie is great for cheap drinks, weird dance parties, and concerts. A divey, hipster pair with the El Bar (1356 N Front St.) just a couple blocks away.

The Grey Lodge Pub: 6235 Frankford Avenue, (215) 624-2696. Off the beaten path in North Philly, but has excellent beer and cheap thin-crust pizzas.

Irish Pub (there are two: 11th and Walnut; 20th and Walnut): While no comparison to Boston, Philly has a thriving Irish population, many of whom come early and stay late all days of the week.

Millcreek Tavern: (4200 Chester Ave. Philadelphia, PA) near Penn’s campus. On Monday night they have cheap wings, cheap beer, and karaoke.

Fergie’s Pub (12th and Sansom): Think you’re the biggest geek you know? Trust me, you’re not. Come (early) Tuesdays or Thursdays to play Quizo (the upstairs bar), a trivia game played in teams. Loads of fun, even when you lose, which is basically always. (215) 928-8118.

L’Etage: 6th and Bainbridge. Dance the night away at this new South Street lounge after filling your belly with crepes from Beau Monde downstairs.

Monk’s (16th and Spruce) – 264 S. 16th St.: Monk’s has one of the finest collections of Belgian beers in the United States. Or at least that’s what this Belgian beer importer I met randomly in Minneapolis told me. They have really good fries too (and painfully spicy hot wings). That’s personal experience.

Dirty Frank’s (13th and Pine) – 347 S. 13th St.: DF’s draw? Good darts. Oh, and it’s a pretty fun crowd, too. The last time I checked there was no sign on the door, which in my opinion is always a good sign. (215) 732-5010.

Silk City Diner Bar & Lounge (5th and Spring Garden) – 435 Spring Garden Street: Silk City is both a good club and a very good diner. There’s also a wealth of accessible parking in the area, and that alone makes it an attractive place. Often there’s something a little unusual going on there, but in those cases the covers are usually a little steep. (215) 592-8838.

Strikes Bowling: 4040 Locust Street. Locating in the heart of University City, this new bowling alley covers more than just 10 pin. The neo-bowling atmosphere offers bright lights, fun music, and great food and drinks. Ping-pong tables are readily available at no cost, simply leave your driving license at the counter.

Ortlieb’s Lounge (3rd and Poplar) – 847 North 3rd St.: Ortlieb’s is a fantastic jazz house/restaurant/bar. You’ll probably only be able to afford to go once, because it is a little pricey. It’s also in a kind of sketchy part of town, though in some ways that only adds to the mystique. Still, if you want to impress yourself or someone else with how hip you are, you should definitely make it there. Arrive early, however, if you’re interested in a seat. (215) 922-1035.

Nodding Head: Amazing beer selection, great restaurant. 1516 Sansom Street, 2nd Floor, (215) 569-9525.


Penn’s campus features several student-friendly bars including Smokey Joe’s (a Penn Institution for decades; 40th and Locust corridor), New Deck (34th and Sansom – also a great place for burgers), and Cavanaugh’s (39th and Sansom)… and if you drunkenly feel like the munchies at odd hours, the 24/7 Philly Diner (39th and Walnut) is your place.

Lounges and Nightclubs
In addition to the pubs and lovable dive bars, there are many upscale bars/lounges (more expensive though) in Philadelphia, including:

Noche, a bar/lounge located upstairs at 1901 Chestnut St. (usually no cover).

Bleu Martini in Olde City. 22 S 2nd St., Old-school drinks for the Old City crowd. Kind of ritzy--a nice treat every now and then!

Glam, 52 S 2nd St. Costs a little more but if you’re craving some glam, check this place out.

Many of the nightclubs are concentrated along the waterfront of the Delaware. Be aware that Christopher Columbus Blvd., where many of the clubs are situated, is confusingly also called North Delaware Rd. For listings, check Friday's weekend magazine section in the Philadelphia
Inquirer, the City Paper, and the Philadelphia Weekly, distributed on Wednesdays. Au Courant and PGN are gay and lesbian weekly newspapers that list and advertise events throughout the Delaware Valley region.

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