

## Getting Around Philadelphia

There are many ways to travel around the city--taxi, municipal bus, light rail (the SEPTA system)--and many interesting neighborhoods and sights are within walking distance of the hotel. The Philly

Phlash, an above-ground bus system, is also a good (and inexpensive) way to get around the City Center and tourist attractions. To plan your Phlash route go to: <http://www.gophila.com>



To plan your trip using any combination of bus, rail and walking, use SEPTA's step-by-step electronic planner: <http://airs1.septa.org/bin/query.exe/en>

Taxis can be hailed from any urban street, or you may call for a pick-up from a fixed address:

All City Taxi (215) 467-6666

City Cab (800) 829-4222

PHL Taxi (215) 789-9361 (215) 789-9361

Yellow Cab (215) 333-3333

Municipal Taxi Fares: First 1/10 mile (flag drop) or fraction thereof: \$2.70  
Each additional 1/10 mile or fraction thereof: \$0.23

### Going to New York City?

NYC takes less than 90 minutes via Amtrak or in approximately two hours using the SEPTA system and switching trains in Trenton, New Jersey to take the New Jersey Transit Northeast Corridor line: <http://www.njtransit.com>. Caution for first-timers: do not disembark Newark Penn Station; your stop is New York's Penn Station, the last stop on the Northeast Corridor line.

Eastern State Penitentiary  
<http://www.easternstate.org/>

22nd Street and Fairmount Avenue, five blocks from the Philadelphia Museum of Art  
(215) 236-3300

Eastern State Penitentiary, constructed in 1829, quickly became one of the most expensive and most copied buildings in the United States, then was abandoned in 1971. The impressive (yet crumbling) compound housed some of America's most dangerous criminals in a gothic structure that must be seen to be believed. Every Day: 10am-5pm



Terror Behind the Walls! The prison hosts what has been called the "scariest haunted house in America" in honor of the Halloween season. Visit the website for variable ticket prices and hours.

The Philadelphia Zoo  
[www.philadelphiazoo.org](http://www.philadelphiazoo.org)

3400 West Girard Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 243-1100  
Daily: 9:30am-5pm

Adventure Aquarium  
[www.adventureaquarium.com](http://www.adventureaquarium.com)

1 Riverside Drive Camden, NJ 08103  
(856)-365-3300

This world-class aquarium is located across the river on the New Jersey side. Visit their website for information on parking and convenient water shuttles.

## Safety & Health

As with any large American city, Philadelphia has its share of challenges. Visitors need to use common sense and avoid behaviors that may put them at greater risk. Be sensible about displaying expensive jewelry, and if you carry a purse, do so in a manner that doesn't present an easy snatch and/or pickpocket target. Leave valuable documents such as passports and plane tickets in the hotel room safe and avoid carrying around large amounts of cash on your person.

City Center and nearby historic and cultural sites are safe and a joy to explore on foot during daylight hours (and fairly safe at night). Use common sense and if you feel uncomfortable call for a taxi or go to the nearest train station, where uniformed SEPTA and Philadelphia police officers have a constant presence.

### Police Contacts

Philadelphia Police Department: (215) 686-1776

911 in an emergency

SEPTA Transit Police Emergency: (215) 580-8111

Non-emergency (215) 580-4487

### Nearby Hospitals with Emergency Care

Hahnemann University Hospital (215) 762-7000

Temple University Hospital (215) 707-2000



Rite-Aid Pharmacy

(walking directions from the Sheraton): Walk north on Dock Street toward South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and turn right at South 2<sup>nd</sup>. Take a left at Chestnut, the store will be on the left.  
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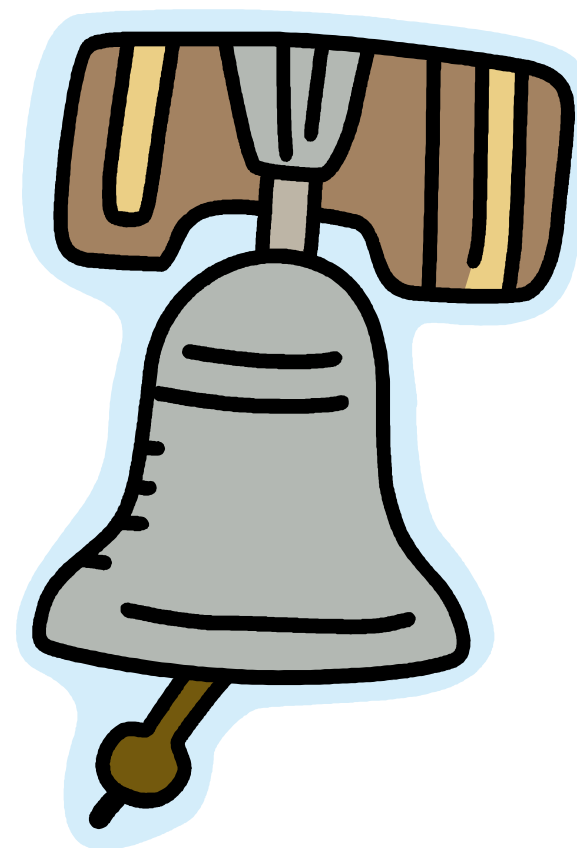


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## More Independence Park Attractions

<a href="#">America's National Park Museum Shop</a>	Open 7 days	9am - 5pm
B. Free Franklin Post Office	Mon. - Sat.	9am - 5pm
<a href="#">City Tavern</a>	Open 7 days	Opens at 11:30am
<a href="#">Congress Hall</a>	Open 7 days	9am - 5pm
<a href="#">Edgar Allan Poe NHS</a>	Wed. - Sun.	9am - 5pm
<a href="#">Great Essentials Exhibit (West Wing)</a>	Open 7 days	9am - 5pm
<a href="#">Independence Living History Center</a>	Mon. - Fri.	9am - 5pm
<a href="#">Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM</a>	Wed. - Sun.	Noon - 4pm

### African-American Museum

<http://www.aampmuseum.org/>

701 Arch St Philadelphia, PA 19106-1504

(215) 574-0380

The Museum has an amazing collection of cultural, folk, historical artifacts and educational exhibits.

Tuesday - Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM; Sunday: 12 Noon- 5 PM

### National Museum of American Jewish History

<http://www.nmajh.org/>

Independence Mall East, 55 North 5th Street

Philadelphia, PA 19106-2197

(215) 923-3811

Of great interest is the museum's new exhibit: "Shaping Space, Making Meaning," which offers visitors the opportunity "to learn how a museum creates a major exhibition and at the same time have input into developing the show prior to opening."

Monday – Thursday: 10am-5pm; Friday: 10am-3pm.

Closed Saturday.



### The Rosenbach Museum

<http://www.rosenbach.org/home/home.html>

2008-2010 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 732-1600

The Rosenbach features collections of rare manuscripts, including Joyce, Dickens and Conrad and items associated with important authors. The Museum's eclectic collection also includes 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-century furniture and a re-creation of Marianne Moore's New York living room.

Tuesday & Friday: 12-5pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 12-8pm

Saturday & Sunday: 12-6pm

### The Mutter Museum

<http://www.collphyphil.org/mutter.asp>

19 South 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-3097

(215) 563-3737

A paradise for fans of medical history and macabre oddities, the Mutter is a "must see" for its one-of-a-kind items, including the preserved body of the "Soap Lady," a plaster cast of the famous Siamese twins Chang and Eng and the massive collection of 2,000 foreign objects retrieved from human bodies.

Monday-Friday: 10am-5pm

Saturday & Sunday: 10am-5pm

### The Philadelphia Museum of Art

<http://www.philamuseum.org/visit/12-270.html>

Main building: 26th Street and the Benjamin

Franklin Parkway

Perelman building: Fairmount and

Pennsylvania Avenues Philadelphia, PA 19130

(215) 763-8100

Tuesday- Sunday: 10am–5:00pm

Friday evenings: 10am-8:45pm

Closed Mondays



The Art Museum has comprehensive and well-curated collections, including American, Asian, and European art; arms and armor; and Dutch ceramics and folk furniture. The Museum is also famed for both its architecture (“The Parthenon on the Parkway”) and its steps, ascended by Rocky Balboa in the Rocky film; bring your camera to record your own “Rocky Moment.”

The Perelman Building is currently featuring a Henri Matisse exhibit; costumes and textiles; and a collection of 20<sup>th</sup>-century chairs, among other arts and crafts items.

Rodin Museum

<http://www.rodinmuseum.org/284-237.html>

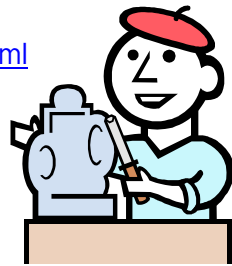
Benjamin Franklin Parkway at 22nd Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19101-7646

(215) 568-6026

Tuesday -Sunday: 10am–5pm

Closed Mondays

The Museum houses the largest collection of Auguste Rodin’s work outside of Paris. The collection includes bronze castings, plaster studies, drawings, prints, letters, and books.



## Diversions & Off-Beat Philly

The South Street district (South Street between South 22<sup>nd</sup> and South Broad) is a vibrant area packed with fun restaurants, eclectic stores, street performances, and public art installations. The area really comes to life at night and draws the hip crowd.

Reading Terminal Market (51 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street) Enjoy everything from sushi to the famous Philly cheesesteak at the Market’s hundreds of food stalls and hand-crafts stores. Don’t miss the Amish dairy products and meats!



Monday- Saturday: 8am–6pm (some markets close at 4pm)

Sunday: 9am-5pm (most Amish stores not open on Sunday)

## Historical & Cultural Attractions

It’s probably not possible to over-exaggerate the amazing historical and cultural sites to explore in Philadelphia. The following information presents “The Biggies”; if this is your first visit to the City, you might consider taking in Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Constitution Center, and other Independence Park features. If you’re a returning visitor, consider touring a museum or visiting some of the less well-known sites.

Independence National Historical Park

500 Chestnut Street

Walking directions from the Sheraton: head southeast on Dock Street and take the first left to stay on Dock. Proceed left onto South Front Street, then take the first left onto Walnut Street. Turn right at South 7<sup>th</sup> Street and right at Chestnut. Approximate distance is one mile.



The National Park Service is the conservator of attractions and sites that encompass more than 20 city blocks. A good starting place is Independence Hall or the Liberty Bell for which tickets are required for entrance! Tickets are free and may be picked up on site or ordered online or by phone: [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) There is a (\$1.50 per ticket online surcharge) or call 1-877-444-6777

Independence Hall	Daily	9am - 5pm
Independence Hall	Sat. - Sun.	9am - 6pm
Liberty Bell Center	Daily	9am - 5pm
Liberty Bell Center	Sat. - Sun.	9am - 6pm
Independence Visitors Center	Daily	8:30am - 6pm