



Official Visitor Center for the Greater Philadelphia Region

What's Going On in Philadelphia

A L E E @ I N D E P E N D E N C E V I S I T O R C E N T E R . C O M

SPRING TIME!!!

- Happenings at the IVCC during the month of Mar
- Museums
- Concerts & Performances
- Family & Sporting Events

Philadelphia Flower Show-

Mar 1-8 Come enjoy the World's Largest Indoor Flower Show in the World only at the PA Convention Center—theflowershow.com

Cezanne and Beyond comes to the Philadelphia Museum of Art— includes 40 paintings and 20 watercolors and drawings by the famous impressionist. Philamuseum.org

Philly Beer Week— Enjoy a toast at America's favorite drinking city Mar 6-15. Over 655 events all throughout Philadelphia! Phillybeer-week.org

Cherry Blossom Festival of Greater Philadelphia 3/ 6-

4/7 As the beautiful blossoms come into bloom, enjoy sake tasting, sushi tasting and

Cinefest 2009 Mar 26- Apr 6 Over 250 films from 45 different countries including narrative, experimental and documentary films! Come watch— phillycinefest.com

St. Patty's Day Parade- Mar 15- Over 20,000 Participants, over 200 Marching bands— Celebrate! Philadelphiast-patsparade.com

Shut Up & Dance— Forget the routines, the costumes and just watch PA Ballet let loose and dance! Benefits MANNA - One night only! Mar 28 @ the Forest Theatre - mannapa.org

Fun Things in March

Backseat Film Festival-Giant Killer Robots, Ninjas and Big-foot! Did I mention free beer with every screening? 3/6-3/15 backseatfilmfestival.com

Scrapplefest— What is Scrapple? Hmm Good question but it sure tastes good! Learn how we enjoy this Philly Favorite Mar 21 @ Reading Terminal

Free Water Ice on First Day of Spring— visit any participating Ritas on Friday Mar 20 for a free refreshing cup of WUD- DER ICE! from 12- 10pm

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Springs means Tours!!

Ride the Ducks— See Philly on Land and Water Quack! Quack!— Starts Mar 4! Phillyducks.com

Philadelphia Ghost Tour— 90 minute candlelight tour of Historic Philadelphia. Who knows what you might find along the way? Ghostour.com

Constitution Walking Tour/ Ye Old Walking Tour— Take a 75 or 90 minute walking Tour all along the historical district— phillywalk.com yeoldhistorytours.com

Visitor Center Now OPEN—8:30-6pm 7 days

Tickets are again required to visit Independence Hall- Free for pickup at the NPS Desk. First Come First Served. To reserve in advance for \$1.50 call 1-877-444-6777

Meet Annie Oakley Mar 13- 11am-1pm In celebration of Women's History Month, come enjoy the gun slinging and storytelling of this legendary cow-girl!

GPS Ranger- Learn all about the historic area in your own pace with your own audio/video pocket guide- \$15.95 buy one get one free Comes in English, Spanish, Italian, German, French and ASL

MUSEUMS / ATTRACTIONS

ART Museums

**Philadelphia Museum of Art-
Cezanne and Beyond 2/26-
5/17** open 10-5 Tuesday-Sun/
Friday -8:45pm 215-763-8100

PAFA- /Prices Vary Tues-Sat 10-
5pm Sun11-5pm 215-972-7600

Institute of Contemporary Art -
Changing Exhibits W-F 12-8pm
Sat-Sun 11-5pm Free! (Sun) 11-1
215-898-7108

SCIENCE Museums

Academy of Natural Science-
10-4:30 Weekdays 10-5 Week-
ends, 215-299-1000 **Hadro-
saurus Foulki-Dinosaur exhibit
see the first dinosaur ever
discovered!**

**Franklin Institute- Chronicles
of Narnia-the Exhibition-Book/
Movie/Exhibition to 4/19.**
Open 7 days 9:30-5pm 215-

448-1200-open late for Narnia

**UPenn Museum Archaeology
and Anthropology-Surviving the
Body of Evidence** Tue-Sat 10-
4:30pm Sun 1-5pm-215-898-
4000

-SPECIAL INTEREST-

African American Museum First
African Museum in the Country
Tues-Sat 10-5pm Sun 12-5pm
215-574-0380

**Atwater Kent Museum- Closes
till 2010 for renovations**

**City Hall- Tour including
Tower** M-F @12:30pm Just
Tower- \$5 dollars (9:30-
4:30pm) call to schedule
appointment- 215-686-
2840

**Chemical Heritage Founda-
tion** located at 315 Chestnut
-Making Modernity Open
10am-4pm M-F Learn how
chemistry affects our every-
day lives. **Free!**

3/6 Ok Go

3/7 Jealousy Curve

3/14 Less than Jake

3/20 Raphael Saadiq

3/22 Kottonmouth Kings

3/28 Gomez

The Trocadero-10th Arch 215-922-Live

3/6 Bleeding Through

3/20 Slick Rick & Doug E Fresh

3/26 Primal Scream

3/28 Gaslight Anthem

3/31 The Devil Wears Prada

Wachovia Center-

3/9 -Nickleback

Electric Factory Concert 7th Willow 215-627-1332

3/6 Rockstar-Taste of Chaos

3/8 Dropkick Murphys

3/14 Modest Mouse

3/21 Bloc Party

Comcast Center-Stands at
975 feet tall with 57stories -
view the Comcast Experi-
ence—the largest LED screen
in the world!

**Eastern State Penitentiary
Winter Adventure Tours**—One
hour Tour with no heat and a
cup of hot chocolate! That is
an adventure eastern-
state.org open 7 days

**Independence Seaport Mu-
seum -Black Hands, Blue Sea**—
till Open 7 days 10am-5pm
Free between 10-12noon on
Sundays

**Kimmel Center-Building and
Theater Tour**- Leaves at 1pm
from Lobby- 1hr tour Tues-
Sun **Free!**

Masonic Temple-Still open
even through construction
11, 2, and 3pm- \$8.00 M-F/
Sat-10,11am

**Mutter Museum-M-Th/ 10-5PM Fri-
10am-9pm Sat/Sun 10-5pm 215-
563-3737**- Free admission on
your birthday- just show your ID
\$\$ for everyone else

**National Constitution Center- M-F
9:30-5pm Sat 9:30-6pm Sun 12-
5pm, 215-409-6700 **America I AM-
5/3- Wonderful exhibit on black
history****

National Liberty Museum-Great
Family Place Tuesday-Sunday 10-
5pm Admission Sundays- Free for
all 215-925-2800

Please Touch Museum! Now open
at Memorial Hall- open M-Sat- 9
to 5pm Sun 11am-5pm Children
and Adults 15 dollars

**Rosenbach Museum- Sendak on
Sendak** Exhibit on the famed chil-
dren's author of "Where the Wild
Things Are!" T-Sun 10-5pm \$

Simeone Foundation-fancy sports
cars? Or rather model sport cars?-
Take a trip right off the airport to
fuel your love of cars For more info
log on to simeonefoundation.org

LIVE MUSIC / DANCE

**Kimmel Center/Academy of
Music- 215-893-1999**

3/1 Mariza

3/4 Hilary Hahn / Violin

3/5-3/10 Jurowski Conducts
Mahler

3/7 Jane Parker-Smith

3/9 Phila Chamber Music Society

3/12-3/14 New Worlds

3/15 Paddy Moloney

3/19-3/24 The Firebird

3/20—Jazz at Lincoln Center
Orchestra

3/22 **Morrissey**

TLA-4th South 215-922-1011

3/4 Saints & Sinners Tour

3/5 Missy Higgins

Other Music Venues

Entertainment Nightly

Tin Angel- above Serrano on 2nd Market
215-928-0978

World Café Live-@3025 Walnut Street 215-
222-1400

The Khyber-Between Market and Chestnut
on 2nd 215-238-5888

Chris Jazz Café-1421 Samsom Street 215-
568-3131

Ortlieb's Jazzhaus-847 N 3rd St 215-922-
1035

Cascamorto Piano Bar 1939 Arch Street
215-563-4704 (Free cab ride from any-
where in the city)

Painted Bride 2nd Vine 215-925-9914
www.paintedbride.org

SPORTS IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia Flyers– Wac Center

3/5– Calgary @ 7pm
 3/7– Nashville @ 7pm
 3/10– Buffalo @ 7pm
 3/12– Washington @ 7pm
 3/14– NY @ 1pm
 3/23– NJ @ 7pm
 3/26 Florida @ 7pm
 3/29 Boston @ 7pm

Philadelphia 76ers-Wac Center

3/2– New Orleans @ 7pm
 3/11– Toronto @ 7pm
 3/13– Chicago @ 7pm
 3/15– Miami @ 1pm
 3/25– Minnesota @ 7pm
 3/27– Charlotte @ 7pm
 3/31– Atlanta @ 7pm

Philadelphia Kixx– Spectrum

3/1– Rockford @ 4:05pm
 3/14– Baltimore @ 7:05pm
 3/22 – Mass. @ 4:05pm

Philadelphia Phantoms-Spectrum

3/4– Norfolk @ 7:05 pm
 3/11–Scranton @ 7:05pm
 3/15 –Norfolk @ 5:05pm
 3/20– Scranton @ 7:05pm
 3/21 –Binghamton @ 7:05pm
 3/27– Toronto @ 7:05pm
 3/28 Grand Rapids @ 7:05pm

Philadelphia Wings

3/14– Minnesota @ 7:30pm
 3/28– Colorado @ 7:30pm

**Transportation to the Aquarium–
 The Ferry is over for the season.
 Guests must take the PATCO
 Line to Broadway (Round trip is
 \$2.50) then follow signs for the
 Riverline– Purchase a one way for
 \$1.35/ validate it then get off at
 the Aquarium. There is a shuttle
 service from there to the Battle-
 ship!**

Community Details**Celebrate the Murals**

Take a free guided Mural Tour courtesy of Bank of America. To reserve a spot on Mar 28– call 215-685-0754

Please Touch Museum– Extended hours on the first Wed of every month 5-7pm only \$2 dollar admission for everyone

Franklin– free admission every third Wed from 5-8pm

One Book One Philadelphia Closing Event– the Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra will play select pieces from the Soloist! Free to the public but please bring donated books 3/18-7:30pm PA Convention Room 114 215-418-4726

THEATER

- **Hugging the Shoulder**-Young man kidnaps his brother on a road trip to hopefully conquer his heroin addiction “Philadelphia Premiere”- Studio 5 at the Walnut Street Theatre 9th Walnut 2/18-3/8 represented.org
- **Born Yesterday**– to help him lobby special interest, Harry’s finance Billie gets a crash course on politics, history and love! Walnut Street Theatre 9th Walnut 3/10-4/26 walnutstreettheatre.org
- **Happy Days**- Join the Fonz, Ralph Malph, and of course Richie as they try to save what else, Arnolds Academy of Music Broad & Locust 3/24/-3/29 kimmelcenter.org
- **A Year with Frog and Toad**-Unlikely friendship between a cheerful frog and a grumpy toad and the life lessons they learn throughout the four seasons in one year. Arden Theater 2nd between Arch and Race 3/4-4/19 . Ardentheatre.org
- **Honor and the River**- Teenage boy confronts his fear of the water and his drowned father-Walnut Street Theatre 9th Walnut walnutstreettheatre.org Runs till 3/15
- **The Irish and How they got that Way**– hilarious history of the Irish in America. Kimmel Innovation Studio Broad and Spruce 3/5-3/29 kimmelcenter.org
- **My name is Asher Lev**– Drama about a young Hassidic who is torn between his art work and his family at the Arden Theatre 2nd between Race and Arch runs till 3/15 ardentheatre.org
- **The Karma Cookie**– 2 brothers globetrot across the world while being guided not by maps but by the fortunes they receive inside fortune cookies. the Adrienne 20th Sansom 3/5-3/29 1812Productions.org
- **The Lesson**- Comical and Terribly dramatic story of a pupil meeting with her professor. Written by celebrated author Eugene Ionesco @ L’Etage Cabaret above Beau Monde 6th Bainbridge 2/22-3/15 idiopathicridiculopathyconsortium.org
- **Scorched**– Drama after the death of their mother, two twins fulfill her request to bring letters to a father whom they thought was dead and a brother they never knew existed. Wilma Theater Broad & Spruce 2/25-3/29 wilmatheater.org
- **William Shakespeare Land of the Dead**– Shakespeare’s fights Zombies. To eat or not to eat brains. That is the question! Plays and Players 1714 Delancey Place playsandplayers.org

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
MAR EVENTS AT THE INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER

Breakfast with Ben– Grab a seat and listen as Ben Franklin shares childhood stories about his time in Boston and his fateful trip to Philadelphia. Enjoy a full breakfast buffet complete with fresh fruit and danishes along with eggs, toast and a bit of ham. Leave with not only a full stomach but a framed picture of you and the man himself.

- Get your tickets now. Adults \$25 Children (3-10) \$15 Breakfastwithben.com

3/1– IVCC Compliance Training 12-2pm
 3/2– Penn Program for Stress Management 6-9pm
 3/6– Ride the Ducks Auditions 9am-5pm
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 3/9– Penn Program for Stress Management 6-9pm
 3/11– Mayor’s Committee on Homelessness 10:30am-12pm
 3/13 Holiday Inn Staff Meeting 12:30pm-6:30pm
 3/17 IVCC Board Meeting 8am– 10:30am
 3/19 Art Institute 6pm-9pm
 3/20 Likeable Layer 8:30am-5pm
 3/23 Penn Program for Stress Management 6pm-9pm
 3/24 Ride the Ducks Orientation 8:30am-2:30pm
 3/25 Marketing Committee meeting 9am-10am
 3/27 The Clay Studio 7pm-9pm
 3/31 Concierge Association Reception 5pm-8pm
 - All events in the Independence Ballroom*

PA Convention Center

3/1-3/8 Philadelphia Flower Show
 3/3-3/4 Girls, Inc of Greater Philadelphia
 3/12-3/14 Go Green Expo
 3/12-3/13 PA BAR Institute: Health Law
 3/13-3/15 NY Dance Alliance
 3/17 March of Dimes
 3/18 **One Book, One Philadelphia Closing Event**
 3/22-3/25 Sungard Higher Education
 3/31 Questex Media Group AIIM on Demand

Megabus/ Boltbus- Dirt cheap transportation to NY. Can only be purchased online From \$1 to \$14. with >50 cent surcharge/ Make sure you go to 30th Street D.C- how does \$30 dollar roundtrip sound-Only one place to catch it– Chinatown!!

Dutch Umbrellas!- Let’s say it rains and you don’t seem to have an umbrella. The easy solution is to go and look for a Dutch Umbrella. From Old City to University City– storefronts, restaurants, etc each have an umbrella stand– just grab and go.. For more info– dutchumbrella.com

New CAB RATES

\$28.50– NEW FLAT RATE TO AIRPORT FROM CENTER CITY– ADD 1 dollar to each additional guest! \$3. 20 for one person the minute you get in. Add two people and the party of three has to pay 5.20 before you even leave the cab..

New Parking Rates inside the Visitor Center Starting July 1—The height is “6’ 6”

-up to 1/2= \$4.25
 -up to 1hr= \$8.00
 -up to 1/12hr= \$11.00
 -up to 2hrs= \$14.75
 -up to 10hrs= \$16.25
 -up to 24hrs= \$17.75

For Parking Needs– The Old City Parkominium has 12hour parking for only \$7.00... Must present rack card which we have—2nd Race
 215-238-1334