

Independence Visitor center

Real Philly Real Easy

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Red October!!

- Happenings in Philly during the month of Oct
- Museums
- Concerts & Performances
- Family & Sporting Events

The Phillies in the Playoffs– Is there really anything else? Uh No– Can you World Series Champions!!

Diana- A Celebration– Our exhibit Honoring and Remembering the life and work of the Princess of Wales @ the National Constitution Center Begins Oct 2! Constitutioncenter.org

Midtown Village Fall Festival Live Music, Sumo Wrestling, Oktoberfest festivities in one of Philly's coolest neighborhoods 10/3 12pm-8pm midtownvillage.org

Philadelphia Open Studio Tours– the largest annual tour of visual artists studios in Philadelphia 10/3-10/4 10/10-10/11 philaopenstudios.com

[dios.com](http://philaopenstudios.com)

2nd Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival–Showcasing the Asian perspective both in front and behind the camera 10/9-10/11 phillyasianfilmfest.org

Bodyworlds& the Brain– Making its return to Franklin, you don't want to miss this unique journey of the human body. Opens 10/ 17 fi.edu

Cirque Du Soleil Presents Alegria @ the Liacouras Center 3 days only– 10/13-10/16 tickets at liacourascenter.com

Reading Terminal Harvest Festival– Corn Stalks, Hay Rides and even a pumpkin patch 10/17 readingterminalmarket.org

Academy of Music-Open for Tours– First tour begins– Oct 14– Free! Must call 215-790-5886 to RSVP. Space is limited!

Terror Behind the Walls @ Eastern State Penn– Can you say #1 haunted house in the nation till Nov 7 eastern-state.org

Haunted Poe– Haunted Poe– Welcome to Poe's World– 10,000 square foot of the author's best and most chilling work come to life. Till Nov 1 hauntedpoe.com

Henri David Halloween Party– #1 Halloween Party in the City Don't come as you are, but as you want to be. Halloween Night For more info -215-732-7711

Remember the Phlash ends Oct 31!!!- That is scary !! Ha

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Philadelphia Fashion Week 10/8– 10/10 3 day celebration of fashion, food and arts and culture-philadelphiafashionweek.org

Design Philadelphia 10/7-10/13 the largest celebration of its kind– spotlighting all things design! Designphiladelphia.org

18 1/2–Philadelphia International Film Festival 10/15-10/19-5 days of World Class films including Law Abiding Citizen shot right here in Philadelphia! filmadelphia.org

Independence Visitor Center Hours– Beginning 10/ 1– 8:30am-5pm

Battle of the Soft Pretzels– Who has Philly's best Soft Pretzel? Eat your way through the contenders to crown the title of Philly's Best!!! Free 10/ 9 only at the Independence Visitor Center! 12pm-2pm Free!!

1st Annual Philly Neighborhood Food Week– Enjoy three course prix-fixed meals in many of Philly's hippest hood! phillyneighborhoodfoodweek.com 10/11-10/18

3rd Annual Taste of Philly- Enjoy samplings of the finest food, wine and beer from over 40 restaurants in Philadelphia for only \$30 dollars at the beautiful Crystal Tea Room. 10/21– philadelphiaweekly.com

Museums / attractions

ART Museums

Philadelphia Museum of Art— open 10-5 Tuesday-Sun/Friday – 8:45pm 215-763-8100

PAFA— /Prices Vary Tues-Sat 10-5pm Sun 11-5pm 215-972-7600

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

SCIENCE Museums

Academy of Natural Science— 10-4:30 Weekdays 10-5 Weekends, 215-299-1000—

Philadelphia Shell Show— **10/10-10/11 see thousands of beautiful and exotic shells— Free with museum admission**

Franklin Institute— **BODY-WORLDS 2!! Oct 17—18 weeks only** Open 7 days 9:30-5pm 215-448-1200-open late for exhibits—

UPenn Museum Archaeology

Sports/ Recreation

Philadelphia Phillies

10/1— Houston 7:05
10/2— Fla 7:05
10/3— Fla 7:05
10/4— Fla 1:35
- **Time for Playoffs!!**

Philadelphia Eagles

10/11— Tampa Bay
10/18 @ Raiders
10/25 @ Redskins

Philadelphia 76ERS

10/20 Wizards 7pm
10/30 Bucks 7pm

and Anthropology— Iraq's Ancient Past— Rediscovering our 's Royal Cementery opens 10/25 Tue-Sat 10-4:30pm Sun 1-5pm-215-898-4000

-SPECIAL INTEREST-

African American Museum – Audacious Freedom— the History of African Americans in Philadelphia from 1776-1876 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 Tour \$10 for just the tower-\$5 dollars (9:30-4:30pm) call to schedule appointment— 215-686-2840

Chemical Heritage Foundation located at 315 Chestnut —Making Modernity Open 10am-4pm M-F Learn how chemistry affects our everyday lives. **Free!**

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

Eastern State Penitentiary Terror Behind the Walls- #1 Best Haunted House in the Nation now till Nov 7 215-236-3300

Independence Seaport Museum—Skin and Bones Tattoos in the Life of the American Sailor – till 2/10 -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-Gaze at the beautiful architecture inside this hidden treasure 10am - 3pm- \$8.00 T-F/ Sat-10 to 12pm

Mutter Museum-M—F 10am-5pm Sat/Sun-10am-5pm 215 -563-3737— See oddities galore and explore the darker side of human nature

National Constitution Center- M-F 9:30-5pm Sat 9:30-6pm Sun 12-5pm, **Diana— A Celebration**— The life and work of the Princess of Wales 10/2-12/31 215-409-6700

National Liberty Museum-Great Family Place Tuesday-Sunday 10-5pm Admission Sundays— donation 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 215-581-3181

Rosenbach Museum— Your first and only stop for Maurice Sendak's Where the Wild Things Are! 215-732-1600

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**

Philadelphia Flyers-

10/6— Capitals 7pm
10/8— Penguins 7pm
10/10 Ducks 7pm
10/22 Bruins 7pm
10/24 Panthers 7pm
10/25 Sharks 7pm

Regattas on the Schuylkill

10/3 Philly Dragon Boat Festival
10/10 Navy Day Regatta
10/11 Row for the Cure
10/24-10/25 Head of the Schuylkill Regatta

West River/Martin Luther King Drive— Every weekend, enjoy car free roads as you run, bike or rollerblade on the drive! Need blades or bike? Stop by Lloyd Hall @ Boathouse Row to get a pair! 215-568-6002

700 Sundays- "Billy Crystal's autobiographic journey coming to the Merriam Theater till 10/11 250 South Broad St. kimmelcenter.org
Angels in America A GAY Fantasia 10/28-11/28 @ Red Room in Society Hill Playhouse 8th Lombard bckseet.com
Boom Casual encounter changes the course of humanity 10/28-11/21 Second Stage @ Adrienne 2030 Sansom flashpointheatre.org
Brotherly Glove- Diehard sports fan?- Check out this sports parody sure to please the dedicated as well as the novice-now till 10/24 @ Doc Watsons Pub 216 South 11th St chuckleball.com
Coming Home Tale of broken dreams, painful secrets & building a new life 10/14-11/15 the Wilma Broad & Spruce wilmatheater.org
Defending the Caveman -longest running solo show in Broadway History @ Innovation Studio inside the Kimmel Center- Broad and Spruce 10/1-11/7 kimmelcenter.org
Dirty Rotten Scoundrels- 2 con men try to outdo one another while winning the heart of the soap princess to 10/25 Walnut Street Theatre 9th Walnut walnutstreettheatre.org
Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity Good vs Evil in pro wrestling? 10/23-11/22 Shakespeare Theater 2111 Sansom interacttheatre.org
First Day of School a soccer mom sex farce-really? 10/1-10/25 Plays and Players 1714 Delancey St 1812productions.org
History Boys- Follow 8 young Brits in their pursuit of sex, sports and admission into Oxford and Cambridge 9/24-11/1 @ the Arden Theatre 40 N 2nd Street ardentheatre.org
Humor Abuse- Go behind the makeup and red nose and see how it may not be the best idea to just run away to join the circus 9/25-10/25 @ the Suzanne Roberts Theater 480 S Broad Street. philadelphiaatrecompany.org
Hunter Gatherers- two couples teetering between virility and middle-aged panic. 10/25-11/22 Adrienne 2030 Sansom theatereexile.org
The Kids Left. The Dog Died Now What?- A musical for grown ups/ AARP to Divorce!! 10/14-11/22 Society Hill Playhouse 8th Lombard societyhillplayhouse.org
Mister Mister- Black comedy about murder, fame, and not so-innocent childhood. Two locations: 10/2-10/11 Studio 5 at the Walnut Street Theatre 9th Walnut 10/15-10/25 Shubin Theater 4th Bainbridge quinceproductions.com

Music in Philadelphia!

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| Electric Factory Concert 7th Willow 215-627-1332 | Tower Theater 610-352-2887 | 10/31 Dead Milkmen | Lyric Fest- Presenting artists of national and international stature- through the intimate setting of song lyricfest.org |
| 10/3 Epitaph | 10/13 R KELLY | Susquehanna Bank Center 856-365-1300 | |
| 10/4 Skillet | 10/16 Bob Weir | 10/16 Celtic Thunder | |
| 10/7 Grizzly Bear | 10/17 Bob Weir | 10.17 Breaking Southern Ground | |
| 10/14 Colbie Caillat | 10/23 Australian Pink Floyd | Wachovia Center-800-298-4200 | World Café Live-@3025 Walnut Street 215-222-1400 |
| 10/14 Tiesto | 10/27 David Gray | 10/3 Pink | |
| 10/28 The Used | 10/31 Govt Mule | 10/12 KISS | The Khyber-Between Market and Chestnut on 2nd 215-238-5888 |
| 10/30 Thievery Corp | TLA-4th South 215-922-1011 | 10/21 AC/DC | |
| | 10/2 Relient K | Wachovia Spectrum 800-298-4200 | Tin Angel- above Serrano on 2nd Market 215-928-0978 |
| Kimmel Center/Academy of Music- 215-893-1999 | 10/9 Dinosaur Jr. | 10/3 Maxwell | Chris Jazz Café-1421 Sansom Street 215-568-3131 |
| 10/1-10/3 Orchestra: Bronfman, Bartok, & Brahms | 10/10 The Bravery | 10/13 -10/14 Bruce Springsteen | Ortlieb's Jazzhaus-847 N 3rd St 215-922-1035 |
| 10/3 Paco Pena | 10/13 Five Finger Death Punch | 10/19-10/20 Bruce Springsteen | |
| 10/4-10/10 Peter Nero- Showstoppers | 10/15 Everclear | 10/22 Leonard Cohen | Painted Bride 2nd Vine 215-925-9914 www.paintedbride.org |
| 10/8-10/10 Orchestra Symphonie Fantastique | 10/17 Raveonettes | 10/23- Hall & Oates | |
| 10/9-10/18 Opera Company - Madama Butterfly | 10/22 Queensryche | 10/27-10/30 Pearl Jam | |
| 10/11 Video Games Live | 10/23-10/24 Dr. Dog | Lyric Fest | |
| 10/16-10/18- Christian McBride | 10/30 Saul Williams | The Student Recital Series Begin at the Curtis Institute of Music- 10/12-5/14 215-893-5261- Free concerts most Mon-Wed- Fridays.. | |
| 10/17 Oliver Latry | Trocadero-10th Arch 215-922-Live | | |
| 10/17 Matt Haimovitz | 10/3 Ghostface Killah | | |
| 10/17 Melody Gardot | 10/7 Psychedelic Furs | | |
| 10/19 Emerson Quartet | 10/18 Gaslight Anthem | | |
| 10/19 Steve Martin & the Steep Canyon Rangers | 10/23 White Tie Affair | | |
| 10/25- 10/26 Chamber Orchestra- Scandinavian Perspectives | | | |

Family fun

Aids Walk– Sunday Oct 18- Till it's over... aidswalkphilly.org

October is Mural Arts Month– The perfect way to celebrate 25 years of murals is to dedicate new ones!!! 3000 and counting For more info about this month long celebration—log on to muralarts.org

Happenings at Penns Landing-

15th Sipping by the River– Sun Oct 4– Wine, beer, food and Sinatra!!

- USS Wayne E Meyer

Free public tours = 10/4- 8am-5pm, 10/5– 2pm-5pm, 10/7– 8am-5pm, 10/12-8am-5pm

The Ferry has stopped for the season– If visitors need to visit the Aquarium– They can proceed to hop Patco to Broadway then transfer to the River Line

Steven Spielberg to get Liberty Medal of Honor in October!! Free tickets can be ordered via ticketmaster starting at 10am Sept 15! Consitutioncenter.org for more details.

The Next Iron Chef– Cheer on Jose Garces on the Food Network!

HALLOWEEN!!-

**Masquerade Costume Superstore 1100 South Columbus Blvd
215 952-0980 www.masqueradeadventure.com**

Terror Behind the Walls—Eastern State Pennitentiary—Voted the Best Haunted House in the Nation- www.easternstate.org runs till Nov 7

Haunted Poe– Welcome to Poe's World– 10,000 square foot of the author's best and most chilling work come to life. Ongoing to Nov 1 hauntedpoe.com

Franklin Square– Ghost, Goblins and the Great Pumpkin Patch– Get some free candy!! Historicphiladelphia.org

Christ Church Burial Ground Tales of Yellow Fever– Hear the woeful tales of the undead. Christchurchphila.org

Ghost Tour- 90 minute Haunted Walking Tour of Philadelphia– 10 Years and still going! Fridays and Saturdays @ 7:30pm 5th Chestnut (Signers Garden) ghosttour.com (Rain or Shine)

Spirits of 76 Ghost Tour– 75 minute walking ghost tour with more than 20 sites including a free glowstick! Friday and Saturday @ 7:30pm @ Cosi 4th Chestnut spiritsof76.com (Rain or Shine!)

**Philly in the Movies Tour– Take a 2/12 hour of Philadelphia to see where all your favorite scenes were filmed! Includes running up the Rocky Steps!! Toursignup.com/movie_tour
PARADES DOWN THE PARKWAY**

The Organ at Macys– Take a listen to the World's largest pipe organ M-Sat plays at 12 noon and @ 5:30 M, T, Th, Sat and @ 7:30 W and Fri—Guests are welcome to tour the console afterwards—Private tours of Macys are also available Stop by the Macy's visitor desk for more details

Art Wine & Food Festival @ the Market and Shops at Comcast Center Food & Wine Tasting -Live Music– fencing demonstrations and of course, the world's largest LED screen Oct 10 12noon-5pm

\$28.50– 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..

Parking Rates inside the Visitor Center

—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

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 Megabus.com and boltbus.com

D.C- how does \$30 dollar roundtrip sound- Only one place to catch it– Chinatown!! 2000coach.com

Happenings at the PCC

PCC EVENTS – OCT

10/3– Yu Gi Oh Philadelphia Regional Tournament
 10/4– **Philadelphia Area Knit Out & Crochet Event**
 10/5-10/6 Global Creative Economy Convergence Summit
 10/7 Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Annual Breakfast
 10/9-10/11 **Video Game Expo**
 10/11-10/14 Institute of Internal Auditors
 10/16– 10/21 American College of Rheumatology
 10/24– **Sudoku National Championship**
 10/25– 10/26 Aesthetics Expo: International Congress of Esthetics
 10/30-10/31 Infectious Disease Society of America

Breakfast with Ben-Holiday Weekends Only= Oct 10– Columbus Day Weekend

| Date | Event | Time | Location | |
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| Thursday, 10/1 | Art-Reach press conference | 10am-12pm | Ballroom | |
| Saturday, 10/3 | Darrah Ritchie & Dan O'Brien wedding | 6pm-11pm | Exhibit Space, Ballroom | |
| Monday, 10/5 | PENN Program for Stress Management class | 6pm-8:30pm | Ballroom | |
| Thursday, 10/8 | Auto Dealer's Association, NE Region dinner | TBD (evening) | Ballroom | |
| Saturday, 10/10 | Larry Frankel Memorial Service | 10:30am-12:30pm | Ballroom | |
| Saturday, 10/10 | Lauren Lopchinsky wedding | 6pm-11:30pm | Exhibit Space, Ballroom | |
| Monday, 10/12 | PENN Program for Stress Management class | 6pm-8:30pm | Ballroom | |
| Wednesday, 10/14 | Dow Chemical luncheon | 11:30am-2:30pm | Ballroom | |
| Thursday, 10/15 | Dow Chemical poster session | 11am-3pm | Ballroom | |
| Monday, 10/19 | PENN Program for Stress Management class | 6pm-8:30pm | Ballroom | |
| Wednesday, 10/21 | Mayor's Committee on Homelessness meeting | 10:30am-12pm | Ballroom | |
| Thursday, 10/22 | St. Christopher's Foundation for Children Apple Fest | 6pm-9pm | North End or Ballroom (TBD) | |
| Saturday, 10/24 | Liza Tapan wedding | 12pm-5pm | Ballroom | |
| Monday, 10/26 | PENN Program for Stress Management class | 6pm-8:30pm | Ballroom | |
| Wednesday, 10/28 | JSPAN dinner | 5pm-7:30pm | Ballroom | |
| Thursday, 10/29 | US Chamber of Commerce dinner | 6pm-9pm | Ballroom | |