



Real Philly Real Easy

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

Philadelphia Flower Show- Spring always comes early in the largest indoor flower show in the world! - Only in Philadelphia till **3/7 theflower-show.com**

Cherry Blossom Festival- The Sakuras are coming into full bloom and we have a bevy of fun activities to follow! **3/5-4/17 jasgp.org cherryblossom-festival/**

St. Patrick's Day Parade- Over 20,000 Participants, over 200 Marching bands- Everyone is green on St Patts! **3/14 philadelphiapatsparade.com**

The Lion King- After 4 years, the Lion King coming roaring back to Philadelphia! @ **the Academy of Music Begins 3/23 kimmelcenter.org**

Free Water Ice for the First Day of Spring- Stop by any Ritas for your free cup of Wudder Ice! **3/20 ritasice.com**

Shut Up & Dance- Forget the routines, the costumes and just watch the PA Ballet just shut up and dance! Benefits **MANNA** -One night only **Saturday Mar 20 mannapa.org**

Openings / Closings

-Eastern State Penitentiary Winter Adventure Tours end **3/14 3/15- Free Admission**
-Ride the Ducks- Quack! Quack! The Ducks are back in season! **3/1 phillyducks.com**
-Looking at Animals- new photography exhibit @ the Academy of Natural Science **3/13**

-It Sprang from the River- new exhibit at the Independence Seaport Museum **3/26**
-Franklin Square Franklin Square reopens for the season! Time to ride the carousel and play some mini golf! **3/26**
-Philadelphia Ghost Tour now every Fri and Saturday night! @ **7:30 ghosttour.com**

River Rink closes Mar 14!

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Independence Hall Tours- Tickets are again required to view the Hall! Beginning @ 8:30 am, first come, first served tickets are given out at the Center. Tickets are free but to reserve in advance costs \$1.50- recreation.gov or 1-877- 444-6777

Happenings at the Center

The Independence Visitor Center is now open till 6pm everyday! Beginning March 1, our hours are 8:30 am to 6pm.

Breakfast with Ben- Now happening every Saturday! Enjoy a breakfast buffet with our most famous founding father as he shares stories about his kite experiment one stormy night and so much more! Includes a take home photo with the inventor himself **breakfastwithben.com**

GPS Ranger Tours- Totally Revolutionary! Let Ben Franklin be your guide on this tour of Historic Philadelphia. Available in French, German, Italian, Spanish and American Sign Language

Museums / attractions

ART Museums

Philadelphia Museum of Art—Picasso and the Avant-Garde –till 4/25 open 10-5 Tuesday-Sun/ Friday –8:45pm 215-763-8100

PAFA— Philagrafika 2010 the Graphic Unconscious— till 4/11 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! 215-898-7108

SCIENCE Museums

Academy of Natural Science— Looking at Animals –begins 3/13 10-4:30 Weekdays 10-5 Weekends, 215-299-1000—
Franklin Institute— BODY-WORLDS 2!! Till 4/18 Open 7 days 4/18 9:30-5pm 215-448-1200-open late for exhibits—

UPenn Museum Archaeology— Fulfilling a Prophecy— The Past and Present of the Lenape in

PA 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 Spring 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!**

Eastern State Penitentiary - Winter Adventure Tours! No Heat which makes it an adventure! 215-236-3300

Independence Seaport Museum— It Sprang from the River- 3/26 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-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- Ancient Rome & America— till 8/1 M-F 9:30-5pm Sat 9:30-6pm Sun 12-5pm, 215-409-6700

National Liberty Museum-Great Family Place Tuesday-Sunday 10-5pm Admission Sundays— donation 215-925-2800

Please Touch Museum—Exploring Trees Inside and Out till 5/2 open M-Sat— 9 to 5pm Sun 11 am-5pm Children and Adults 15 dollars 215-581-3181

Rosenbach Museum— Friend or Faux Imitation and Invention, from Innocent to Fraudulent till 7/11 Tues & Fri 12-5pm Wed— Thur 12-8pm Sat & Sun 12-6pm 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

Sports/ Recreation

Philadelphia 76ERS @ the WAC

- 3/1 Orlando 7pm
- 3/5 Boston 7pm
- 3/10 Charlotte 7pm
- 3/12 Cleveland 7pm
- 3/15 New York 7pm
- 3/17 New Jersey 7pm
- 3/20 Chicago 7pm
- 3/26 Atlanta 7pm
- 3/30 Oklahoma City 7pm

Philadelphia Kixx @ the Liacouras Cntr

- 3/7 La Ra Za 4:05pm
- 3/14 Rampage 4:05pm
- 3/21 Blast 4:05pm

Philadelphia Wings @ the Wac

- 3/13 Minnesota 7pm
- 3/27 Boston 7pm

Philadelphia Flyers-

- 3/7 Maple Leafs—7pm
- 3/9 Islanders 7pm
- 3/11 Bruins 7pm
- 3/13 Blackhawks 7pm
- 3/21 Thrashers 7pm
- 3/25 Wild 7pm
- 3/28 Devils 7pm

A Coupla of White Chicks sitting around talking– Yes, a comedy! -3/7 Adrienne Theater 2020 Sansom Street newcitystage.org
Blue Door– Window into man’s journey of where to begin after wife leaves him. -3/21 @ The Arden 40 N 2nd ardentheatre.org
Elliot– A Soldier Fugue– Young Philadelphia receives purple heart– has to decide on second tour of Iraq 3/14 Walnut Street Theater 9th Walnut walnutstreettheater.org
The Eclectic Society– Celebrating the spirit of young men and the mischief behind them – 3/7 Walnut Street Theater
Fallen Angels– Two ladies of high society share everything but what about a former lover? 3/16-/5/2 Walnut Street Theater
Happily Ever After- Hilarious new cabaret about the lives of aging princesses 3/4-3/28 Adrienne 2030 Sansom 1812productions.org
The Lion King– After 4 long years, it’s back!!! 3/23-4/24 Academy of Music Broad and Locust kimmelcenter.org
Macbeth– Nuff said. 3/19-5/8 Shakespeare Theater 21st Sansom phillyshakespeare.org
Red Hot Patriot– The Kick Ass Wit of Molly Ivins- 2 words, Kathleen Turner 3/19-4/18 Suzanne Roberts Theater Broad and Pine philadelphiaheatercompany.org
Respect– A Musical Journey of Women A hilarious look thru the lives of women as told thru your favorite top 40 songs. - 4/18 Society Hill Playhouse 8th Lombard societyhillplayhouse.org
Some Assembly Required! What is dream/ reality in this one act musical. 3/26-4/17 Society Hill Playhouse 8th Lombard bckseet.com
Take me Out What happens when a star baseball player comes out of the closet? 3/11-3/27 Plays and Players 1714 Delancy Place playsandplayers.org

Music in Philadelphia!

Electric Factory Concert 7th Willow 215-627-1332

3/1 Jack’s Mannequin
 3/8 Five for Fighting
 3/18 Welcome Air
 3/19 Ingrid Michaelson
 3/20 Insane Clown Posse
 3/26 HIM

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

3/4-3/13 PA Ballet Program II
 3/4 An evening with Schumann
 3/6 Cameron Carpenter
 3/9-3/14 Groovaloo
3/8 Voices for Haiti
 3/10 Chamber Music Society
 3/11-3/16 Vanska conducts Sibelius
 3/13 Paddy Moloney with Chieftains
 3/14 Artemis Quartet
 3/17-3/21 Curtis Opera presents Antony & Cleopatra
 3/25-3/27 Mozart & Elgar

TLA-4th South 215-922-1011

3/5 Copeland
 3/6 Omarion
 3/8-3/9 Puscifer
 3/10 Company of Thieves
 3/11 Scythian
 3/12 Mike Gordon
 3/13 Harvey Holiday Superbowl of Acapella

3/20 Quizzo Bowl
 3/25 Mike Snow
 3/27 Emily Osment
 3./28 RX Bandits
 3/31 The Big Pink

Trocadero-10th Arch 215-922-Live

3/4 Kreator
 3/5 Man Man
 3/6 The Legwarmers
 3/9 Hammerfall
 3/10 Not Just Cheeseteaks
 3/11 Alkaline Trio– SOLD OUT
 3/13 Ruder than You
 3/16 US, from Outside
 3/19 The Black Dahila Murder
 3/20 The Goodnight Anthem
 3/26 Jello Biafra

Wachovia Center 800-298-4200

3/2 Muse
 3/3 Black Eyed Peas
 3/16 Michael Buble
 3/18-3/19 Taylor Swift
 3/23-3/24 Bon Jovi

The Student Recital Series at the Curtis Institute of Music- 215-893-5261- Free concerts most Mon-Wed– Fridays..

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

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

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

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

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

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

Family fun

**The River Rink is open!!! Admission \$8 dollars, Rentals \$3 dollars
Open 7 days! Riverrink.com CLOSES- March 14th**

Franklin Square reopens for the season!! Enjoy mini golf, a ride on the carousel and burger & fries ! Reopens 3/26 historicphiladelphia.org

Philadelphia Ghost Tour- Come if you dare on a 75 minute walk through the historic haunts of Old City. Every Friday and Saturday night beginning at 7:30. Starts at 5th Chestnut ghosttour.com

Mad Tea Party @ the Rosenbach Museum 3/3- 6pm-8pm Yes, we are talking about Alice in Wonderland!! Enjoy some tea and of course Alice in Wonderland! Rosenbach.org

**American Theater Arts for Youth @ the Kimmel Center
3/1-3/2 The Little Mermaid!**

Tour the Academy of Music- Home of the Ballet, Opera and Broadway, the oldest surviving European Opera House in the Country now offers free tours!! 215-790-5886- Mar 8th and Mar 10th @ 11:30am

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

The Organ at Macys- Take a listen to the World's largest pipe organ M-Sat plays at 12 noon and @ at 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

Not sure how to entertain a 10 year old? Perfect website for you!!! Kidsincentercity.com

\$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

PA CONVENTION CENTER (March)

3/1-3/7 Philadelphia Flower Show
 3/3-3/8 BET Sunday Best
 3/9-3/10 Girls, Inc of Greater Philadelphia & South Jersey
 3/12-3/14 Black History Showcase
 3/13-3/17 Philadelphia Academies
 3/18-3/22 National Science Teachers Assn
 3/23-3/24 National Multiple Sclerosis Society
 3/24-3/25 Assoc of Energy Engineers Globalcon 2010
 3/26-3/27 Amerikick Internationals
 3/30-3/31 National Council on Education for Ceramic Arts

IVCC EVENTS – March 2010

Date	Event	Time	Location	# Guests
Monday, 3/1	PENN Program for Stress Management	6pm-8:30pm	Ballroom	15
Thursday, 3/4	PSA Meeting	6pm-7:30pm	Ballroom	30
Monday, 3/8	PENN Program for Stress Management	6pm-8:30pm	Ballroom	15
Wednesday, 3/10	President's House Committee Meeting	3:30pm-5pm	Ballroom	15
Monday, 3/15	PENN Program for Stress Management	6pm-8:30pm	Ballroom	15
Tuesday, 3/16	Taylor Publishing Company	9am-3pm	Ballroom	50
Thursday, 3/18	Art Institute of Philadelphia	3pm-9pm	Ballroom	150
Wednesday, 3/24	Mayor's Committee on Homelessness	10:30am-12pm	Ballroom	30
Thursday, 3/25	Franklin Court Meeting	2:30pm-4:30pm	Ballroom	12
Thursday, 3/25	PSA Meeting	6pm-7:30pm	Ballroom	30
Friday, 3/26	NPS Retirement Party	5pm-8pm	Ballroom	??
Tuesday, 3/30	Legacy Foodservice Alliance	6pm-9pm	Ballroom	100