



Official Visitor Center for the Greater Philadelphia Region

Real Philly Real Easy

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

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

.Phillies Home Opener!! The open their Season against the Nationals at the Bank **4/12 @ 3:05**. How sweet it is!
Phillies.com

Easter Promenade on South Street! Put on your Sunday Best— Time for the Annual Stroll – 1pm @ the Headhouse 4/4/ south-street.com

The 49th Annual Philadelphia Antiques Show comes to the Navy Yard for 4 glorious days— Go antiquing! 4/17-4/20 philaan-tiques.com

The 115th Annual Penn Re-lays— The Oldest Track Relays in the Country Held at the historic Franklin Field @ the University of Pennsylvania 4/22-4/24 thepennsrelays.com

Cherry Blossom Festival of Greater Philadelphia until 4/17
As the beautiful blossoms come into bloom, enjoy sake tasting, sushi tasting and so much more!
Phillycherryblossom.org

We have Soccer!!
Our very own men's pro soccer team— **Union** play at home @ the Linc April 10 at 6pm against DC UNITED. Philadelphiaunion.com

Our women's pro soccer team **Independence** play at their new home @ West Chester University Apr 11 against the Atlanta Beat wpsphillyindependence.com

Equality Forum—The Largest national and international GLBT civil rights forum right here in Philadelphia **4/26-5/2** equalityfo-rum.com

Dining Out for Life— Thurs 4/29— Over 200 restaurants will donate 33% of your bill to fight AIDS. diningoutforlife.com/ philadelphia

Tours— All leave from the Visitor Center

#Mural Art Tours— See our City of Murals on a guided trolley **muralarts.org**

#Philadelphia Movie Sites Tour— Begins Apr 10— 64 movie clips/ 40 movie sites moviesite-stour.com

#Philadelphia Urban Adventures - the essence of South Philly, Society Hill or all of Philly 3hr– 7 hr tours. philadelphiaurba-nadventures.com

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#Tippler's Tour— Colonial Pub Crawl!! Begins 4/15 **historicphiladelphia.org**

#Independence After Hours— Enjoy 3 course meal @ City Tavern, meet with the Founding Fathers and much more! 4/17

#Bodyworlds 2- 4/ 18 @ the Franklin

#Picasso and the Avant -Garde— 4/25 @ the Phila Museum of Art

The Riverlink Ferry resumes 5/1

And so does the Phlash! 5/1

Happenings at the Center

#Extended Hours for the Bell and Hall! Every weekend in April,- the Liberty Bell and Indy Hall will be open an extra hour 5pm-6pm. No tickets needed for the Hall then. Last entry– 5:45pm

#The Independence Visitor Center is now open till 6pm everyday! 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**

Museums / attractions

ART Museums

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

PAFA— Philagrafika 2010 the Graphic Unconscious— ends 4/11 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— Looking at Animals –ends 5/16 10-4:30 Weekdays 10-5 Weekends, 215-299-1000—
Franklin Institute— BODY-WORLDS 2!! ends 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 2011 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 - Guided Tours—Tower Cam and Prison & in a Prison Tour— debuting Apr 10th-11th 215-236-3300

Independence Seaport Museum— It Sprang from the River— ends 1/3/11 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— ends 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 ends 5/2 open M-Sat— 9 to 5pm Sun 11am-5pm Children and Adults 15 dollars 215-581-3181

Rosenbach Museum— Friend or Faux Imitation and Invention, from Innocent to Fraudulent ends 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 Phillies@ the Bank!
4/12– Nationals 3:05– Home Opener!
4/14-Nationals 7:05
4/15- Nationals 7:05
4/16– Marlins 7:05
4/17– Marlins 7:05
4/18– Marlins 1:35
4/30– Mets 7:05

Philadelphia 76ERS @ the WAC
4/3 Toronto 1pm
4/6 Detroit 7pm
4/9 Milwaukee 7pm
4/12 Miami 7pm
No playoffs this year!

Philadelphia Flyers @ the WAC
4/2 Montreal 7pm
4/4 Detroit 3pm
4/11 New York 3pm
-Playoffs?

The Penn Relays
Apr 22nd– 24th
The oldest track relay in the country in the legendary Franklin Field.
Thepennrelays.com

MLK Drive open for recreational activities
Need a bicycle or rollerblades. Stop by Lloyd Hall
215-685-3936
#Walks
Apr 10– Walk against Hunger
Apr 17– Clean Air Council 5k
Apr 18– Dash for Organ Donor Awareness
Apr 24– Miles for Myeloma Walk
Apr 25– March for Babies

American Mud- A political fable about the world's first cloned women to run for president 4/22-5/9 Society Hill strawflower.org
August: Osage County- Call it a family reunion, Oklahoma style 4/27-5/2 Forest Theater 1114 Walnut St. kimmelcenter.org
Crumble(Lay me down Justin Timberlake) -a 11yr old believes JT is the key to bringing her family back 4/15-5/8 Adrienne Theater 2020 Sansom St. flashpointtheatre.org
An evening without Woody Allen- A real treat for nebbisles, yentas and bubbalas. 4/29-5/16 Plays and Players 1714 Delancey Place 1812productions.org
Fallen Angels- Two ladies of high society share everything but what about a former lover? -5/2 Walnut Street Theater
The Lion King- After 4 long years, it's back!!! -4/24 Academy of Music Broad and Locust kimmelcenter.org
Macbeth- Nuff said. -5/8 Shakespeare Theater 21st Sansom phillyshakespeare.org
A Mid Summer Night's Dream- Nuff said. 4/14-5/9 Shakespeare Theater phillyshakespeare.org
Nerve- What can and will go wrong on a first date. 4-8-5/2 Latvian Society 7th Spring Garden azukatheatre.org
Red Hot Patriot- The Kick Ass Wit of Molly Ivins- 2 words, Kathleen Turner -4/25 Suzanne Roberts Theater Broad and Pine philadelphia-theatercompany.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
Shining City- Set in Dublin, two men find redemption in the most unlikely places 4/7-4/25 Plays and Players theatreexile.org
Sick- a dark comedy about one's family attempt to keep out the "sickness" 4/18-5/8 Walnut Street lunatheater.org
Some Assembly Required! What is dream/ reality in this one act musical. 4/17 Society Hill Playhouse 8th Lombard bckseet.com

Music in Philadelphia!

Electric Factory Concert 7th Willow 215-627-1332

4/2 Vampire Weekend
 4/3 Drive by Truckers
 4/7 A Day to Remember
 4/9 Cinderella
 4/10 Wilco
 4/16 Badfish
 4/24 Thirty Seconds to Mars
 4/25 Owl City

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

4/2 Brahms Requiem Ana Deus Ensemble
 4/6 **Marian Anderson Award Concert**
 4/7 Astral Artists: Rising Stars
 4/7 Chanticleer
 4/8 Orchestra: Beyond the Score: Rite or Wrong
 4/9-4/11 Orchestra: Rite of Spring!
 4/9 Chamber Music Society
 4/8-4/10 International Wharton Cultural Show
 4/11 Philly Youth Orchestra
 4/15-4/18 Philadanco 40th Anniversary
 4/15-4/18 Ax plays Beethoven
 4/19 Chopin and the Future
 4/21-4/25 Peter Nero "Great American Tenor"
 4/22 Chamber Music Society

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 4/30 Organ Jam

TLA-4th South 215-922-1011

4/2 Pretty Lights
 4/3 The Temper Trap
 4/5 Florence and the Machine
 4/6 Black Rebel Motorcycle
 4/9 Blue October
 4/10 Midlake
 4/16 Gandalf Murphy
 4/22 Honor Society
 4/24 Transatlantic
 4/25 Hot Chip
 4/27 Janeane Garofalo
 4/28 Kaki King
 4/29 Amon Amarth
 4/30 Halestorm

Trocadero-10th Arch 215-922-Live

4/1 Overkill
 4/2 Sonata Arctica
 4/3 Manchester Orchestra
 4/6 K'Nann & Wale
 4/7 Finntroll
 4/10 Bo Burnham
 4/12- The Lion Sleeps Tonight- Action Aids benefit featuring the cast of the Lion King!
 4/17 A tribute to Ozzy

4/23 Screeching Weasel
 4/24 The New Deal
 4/25 Echo & the Bunnymen
 4/30 Converge

Tower Theatre -69th Ludlow 610-352-2887

4/3 Norah Jones
 4/7 Trans- Siberian
 4/15 Hilsong United
 4/17 Chelsa Handler

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 Samsom 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

Philly Roller Girls Debut!!

Time for another season in a new home! The Class of '23 Arena 3130 Walnut Street on the University of Penn's Campus. Their home opener is Saturday April 10th against the London Roller Girls at 6pm.

Phillyrollergirls.com

Visiting and you get sick? Someone need to see a doctor?

No appointments necessary. Walk-ins welcome. 7am-7pm \$65 for a visit. Drexel Convenient Care Center @ The Shops at Liberty Place- 215-399-5890 16th Chestnut drexelmed.edu/cc

Easter Fun

Apr 4- 12 to 1pm @ Franklin Square historicphiladelphia.org

Speaking of Franklin Square, they are open!!! Mini Golf, Carousel and Square Burger!! Get excited!!

Earth Day Celebrations

Apr 17th-18th Academy of Natural Sciences ansp.org

Apr 22- National Constitution Center constitutioncenter.org

Apr 22- Franklin Institute fi.edu

World Pillow Fight Day- Sat April 3 @ Love Park pillowfightday.com

Macys Flower Show- Spring is in the Air until Sunday April 11

Macys.com/flowershow

Betsy Ross House- Apr 28

New exhibit: Heavens to Betsy! A Celebration

Betsyrosshouse.org

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

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

PA CONVENTION CENTER (April)

4/1-4/3 National Council on Education for Ceramic Arts

4/9-4/10 DVAEYC- Early Childhood Education Conference

4/9-4/10 World Spirit Federation

4/11-4/13 Lifesavers

4/14- MAC Hospitality Education Day

4/17- Pokemeon Regional Championship

4/20-4/23 AIIM/ ON DEMAND 2010

4/23-4/25 World of Warcraft

4/30 Paradise City Fine Art Festival

\$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= \$18.00

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

The Megabus now goes to D.C. as well!!