



Official Visitor Center for the Greater Philadelphia Region

Real Philly Real Easy

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

Philly Phlash is Back!!- See all of Philadelphia for only \$2.00! New for this year, stops at the Philadelphia Zoo and the Please Touch Museum! What a perfect way to start the month of May!!

Phillyplash.com

Riverlink Ferry! Why settle for this side of river when you can venture out on the Delaware to see the Aquarium, Battleship and more! Why drive when you can ride? Riverlinkferry.com

Broad Street Run! 10 Miles on our famed 14th street.. Come out and Support or join in the race! 5/2 broadstreetrun.com

Mother's Day started in Philadelphia— So take part in Race for the Cure!! Komenphiladelphia.org

Equality Forum-The Largest national and international GLBT civil rights forum right here in Philadelphia -5/2 equalityforum.com

Dad Vail Regatta— Catch the oldest collegiate regatta in the country every Mother's Day Weekend on the famed Boat-house Row 5/7-5/8 dadvail.org

Rittenhouse Row Spring Festival— From Street cafés to Fashion Shows, enjoy some fun in the sun in most prominent area of the city! 5/1 12-5pm rittenhouserow.org

Italian Market Festival – Enjoy the flavors of Italy along with a halfball tournament 5/15-5/16 9thstreetitalianmarketfestival.com

Old City Stroll- Explore the shops, restaurants and galleries that make historic Philadelphia much more than just a Bell! 5/15-5/16 discoveroldcity.org

Devon Horse Show-Come see the oldest and largest horse show in the country! 5/27-6/6 thedevonhorseshow.com

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Storytelling benches are back! 13 benches throughout historic Philly— grab a storytelling flag and hear a story—collect all 13 for a prize. Best of all, it's free Begins Sat May 29! Historicphiladelphia.org

The Waterfront Connection is back! Picking up right outside the Visitor Center. Take this shuttle directly to the Adventure Aquarium and the Battleship NJ. Begins May 29!

Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell will again have extended hours on **weekends** in May. Open House for Indy Hall is 5 to 5:45 pm. No tickets required. To visit the Bell, simply be in line by 5:45 p.m.

Every Saturday from 9:30 am to 11am is Breakfast with Ben. Join us here at the center for a breakfast buffet and a huge side of history with our most famous and beloved founding father Ben Franklin. For more details = check out breakfastwithben.com

Museums / attractions

ART Museums

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

PAFA— Prices Vary Tues-Sat 10-5pm Sun11-5pm 215-972-7600- "109th Student Exhibition "
5/15-6/6

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 –Cleopatra! Opens in June 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

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 2011for 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—Don't miss their Alumni Reunion 5/22 215-236-3300

Independence Seaport Museum— It Sprang from the River— ends 1/3/11 Open7 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

-SPECIAL INTEREST-

Sports/ Recreation

Philadelphia Phillies@ the Bank!

- 5/1 Mets 3:10 pm
- 5/2 Mets 8:05 pm
- 5/3 Cardinals 7:05 pm
- 5/4 Cardinals 7:05 pm
- 5/5 Cardinals 7:05 pm
- 5/6 Cardinals 1:05 pm
- 5/7 Braves 7:05 pm
- 5/8 Braves 3:10 pm
- 5/9 Braves 1:35 pm
- 5/17 Pirates 7:05 pm
- 5/18 Pirates 7:05 pm
- 5/20 Cubs 1:05 pm
- 5/21 Red Sox 7:05 pm
- 5/22 Red Sox 7:10 pm
- 5/23 Red Sox 1:35 pm

The Flyers vs Boston!!!!

Philadelphia Union
5/15- FC Dallas @ the Linc 4pm

MLK Drive open for recreational activities
Need a bicycle or rollerblades. Stop by Lloyd Hall 215-685-3936

#Walks/ Runs
5/2 MS Walk
5/29 Odyssey Half Marathon

Regattas on the Schuylkill
5/2– Philadelphia City Championships
5/7 & 5/8 - Aberdeen Dad Vail Regatta
5/9– Dr. White Regatta
5/14– 5/15 Stotesbury Cup Regatta - the largest high school regatta in the world.

American Mud- A political fable about the world's first cloned women to run for president to 5/9 Society Hill Playhouse 8th Lombard-strawflower.org

Black Pearl Sings– journey of 2 women, white & black dependent on each other to gain acceptance in society. 5/28– 6/27 Adrienne Theater 2020 Sansom St. interacttheater.org

Carousel– What more do you need to say? It's a “classic” 5/27-6/12 Plays and Players 1714 Delancey Place playsandplayers.org

Crumble(Lay me down Justin Timberlake) -a 11yr old believes JT is the key to bringing her family back 5/8 Adrienne flashpointtheatre.org

An evening without Woody Allen- A real treat for nebbisles, yentas and bubbalas. 4/29-5/16 Plays and Players 1812productions.org

Fiddler on the Roof– the one and only. 5/18-7/18 Walnut Street Theater 9th Walnut walnutstreettheatre.org

Leaving– Chancellor struggles with his family & functionaries over questions of truth and power. 5/19-6/20 Wilma 265 S. Broad St. wilmatheater.org

Macbeth– Nuff said. -5/8 Shakespeare Theater 21st Sansom phillyshakespeare.org

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom Ma Rainey explores issues of art, religion, and race delving deeply into racism 5/21-6/20 Suzanne Roberts 230 S Broad St philadelphiaattheatercompany.org

A Mid Summer Night's Dream– Nuff said. 4/14-5/9 Shakespeare Theater phillyshakespeare.org

Sick– a dark comedy about one's family attempt to keep out the “sickness” 4/18-5/8 Walnut Street lunatheater.org

Sunday in the Park with George– Stephen Sondheim's Pulitzer prize winning musical 5/27-6/4 Arden 40 N 2nd ardentheater.org

The Musical of Musicals– Sometimes, one version of a musical just isn't enough. 5/4-6/27 @ the Walnut walnutstreettheatre.org

The Next Reunion– what happens when high reunion doesn't go exactly as planned– 5/13-6/20 Society Hill societyhillplayhouse.org

The Screwtape letters tale of a demon's letters to his nephew on how to corrupt the human soul. Sounds like a comedy. 5/19-6/20 St. Stephens Theater 10th Ludlow laterntheater.org

Music in Philadelphia!

Electric Factory Concert 7th Willow 215-627-1332

5/1 Gogol Bordello

5/3 Jonsi

5/5 Sublime

5/7 Angels & Airwaves

5/13 Dr. Dog

5/19 Insane Clown Posse

5/20 Dark Star Orchestra

5/21-5/22 Coheed & Cambria

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

until 5/23 Girls Night: the Musical

5/1 Denise King & Venissa Santi

5/2 Sinfonia Concert

5/2 Johnny Mathis

5/4 Chamber Music Society

5/5 PA Ballet Program IV

5/5 Chamber Music Society

5/7-5/16 Opera Company Presents “La Traviata”

5/7 Sweet Honey in the Rock

5/8 Senior America's Got Talent– Free

5/8 Princess Katie and Racer Steve

5/8 Paul Jacobs, organ

5/9 Thien Vien Minh Dang

Quang– Vietnamese concert

5/9 Chamber Music Society

5/12-5/16 Peter Nero “Winding around the 60's and 70's with Maureen McGovern

5/14 Aspen Santa Fe Ballet

5/14-5/16 Lord of the Dance

5/16 Phila Youth Orchestra

5/19 LA Philharmonic

5/19 Lizz Wright

5/19 Groove Lily

5/20 Wizard of Oz

5/22 Daniel O" Donnell

5/22 Legends of Doo Wop

5/22 Samuel Berber Centennial

5/27– 5/21 Mozart & Rachmaninoff

5/28-5/29 The Savoy Company

5/29 Carnival of the Animals

TLA-4th South 215-922-1011

5/1 Corinne Bailey Rae

5/2 Sia with Girl in a Coma

5/3 Ok Go

5/5 We the Kings

5/7 Josh Ritter

5/8 Ratt

5/12 Dierks Bentley

5/13 the Saw Doctors

5/14 Little Brother

5/15 Toy Soldiers

5/16 Mumford & Sons

5/21 Animal Liberation Orchestra

5/22 Alexis on Fire

5/29 of Montreal

Trocadero-10th Arch 215-922-Live

5/5 Yeasayer

5/6 Minus the Bear

5/7 Lucha Vavoom

5/8 Aqua Teen Hunger Force

5/11 Dommin

5/13 Dark Tranquility

5/14 Buzzcocks

5/15 Exposure

5/20 Steel Pulse

5/22 Philly Bloco

5/24 Flobots

Tower Theatre –69th Ludlow 610-352-2887

5/7 Mark Knopfler

5/26 Erykah Badu

5/27 Imogen Heap

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

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

Family fun

Have you seen our Liberty Bellie statue? I'm of course talking about the Phanatic, the Philly Phanatic! There are 20 statues all around town and we have our very own. To see all of the statues, pick up a special map here at the center and we'll show you how to visit all of them!!

The U.S. Mint is open Mon-Friday from 9am to 4:30pm Last entry is 4pm. You can bring cameras but no pictures!!

Movies @ Franklin Square. On the First Friday of every month starting @ 8:30pm. First movie- The Princess and the Frog!!

5/8 Mother's Day Tea Party with Betsy Ross - Enjoy an 18th Century Tea Party with gourmet fare by City Tavern For reservations calls 215-686-1252

Franklin Square 5/8-5/9 Mother's Day Celebration Make and take crafts on the lawn Free! Historicphiladelphia.org

National Constitution Center- Mother's Day Celebration—learn about the women of ancient Rome and their counterparts in America constitutioncenter.org

Franklin Square Lighting Bolt Express
- Ride this kiddie train around the Square. 5/29-5/30
historicphiladelphia.org

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 Chestnutdrexelmed.edu/cc](http://16thChestnutdrexelmed.edu/cc)

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 (May)

5/1-5/2 Paradise City Fine Arts Festival
5/1-5/5 American Assoc of Neurological Surgeons
5/4 The InDesign Seminar
5/8-5/9 Magic the Gathering
5/10 Al Dia Newspaper- Job Fair
5/12 Action Coach "Business is Booming" 2010 Tour
5/12-5/14 Construct 2010
5/13-5/14 Philadelphia Academies Inc
5/17-5/20 Bentley Systems 2010 BE Conference
5/23 Music & Entertainment Conference 2010
5/24-5/26 Daimler Trucks/ Western Star May Training Meeting
5/25 Social Media Plus- a web 2.0 Summit
5/29 Philadelphia Black Doll Show and Sale

Happenings at Penns Landing
5/15- Art Star Craft Bazaar
5/23- Israel Independence Day
5/25- Replicas of the Nina and Pinta
5/30 Portuguese 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= \$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

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