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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Mr. Philadelphia's Concierge Quick Guide

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The Independence Visitor Center is open daily from 8:30 a.m.– 6:00 p.m. We are the exclusive location for tickets to Independence Hall and sell tickets to more than 50 attractions in the Greater Philadelphia region. Visit us at 6th & Market Sts.



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- Happenings in Philadelphia during the month of January
- Concerts and Performances
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SPECIAL EVENTS

NHL Winter Classic at Citizens Bank Park (January 2): The Flyers meet the NY Rangers at the Bank! NHL.com

Zoe Strauss at the Philadelphia Museum of Art (January 14th – April 22): Explore the work of this Philadelphia-based artist who changed the landscape of public art in this city. Philamuseum.org

Center City District Restaurant Week (January 22-27; January 29 - February 3): Enjoy a three course dinner for only \$35.

Centercitydistrict.org

Chinese New Year Celebration (January 23 – February 12): Celebrate the Year of the Dragon in Chinatown. Every Sunday, enjoy fire-works, parades and dragons!

Last chance to see the following exhibits !

“Bugs Outside the Box” at the Academy of Natural Sciences
Ends January 16th. Ansp.org

“CSI: The Experience” at the Franklin Institute
Ends January 2nd. Fi.edu

U.S. Mint will close for tours beginning January 2nd and reopen July 2012. usmint.gov

Fighting for Democracy (Ends January 16th) and Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs (Ends January 8th) at the National Constitution Center constitutioncenter.org

What's Happening on the Mall

The Independence Visitor Center is now open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. everyday.

Beginning January 1st, no tickets are needed to tour Independence Hall. Timed tickets will resume on March 1, 2012.

Philadelphia History This Way is the ultimate interactive mobile app that introduces you to all of Philadelphia's historic treasures. As your own personal tour guide, it will steer your steps through Philadelphia's historic square mile, down the same streets walked by our founding fathers, showing you the rich history and details of the landmarks you pass along the way.

Try it out for free at PhiladelphiaHistoryThisWay.com
Available on iPhone, iPad and Android.

Tickets are now on sale at the Independence Visitor Center for **“the Life and Music of Bruce Springsteen”** at the National Constitution Center. Created by the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, it is making its only East Coast stop here in Philadelphia. **February 17 - September 3.** constitutioncenter.org

Have you taken advantage of the **CityPass Winter Special** now through February 29, 2012)? Save 48% off general admission prices to six of Philadelphia's top attractions for one-time admission. The CityPass is on sale at the Visitor Center. citypass.com

Attractions

ART MUSEUMS

Philadelphia Museum of Art
Open Tuesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Open Fridays until 8:45 p.m. 215-763-8100 philamuseum.org

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 215-972-7600 pafa.org

Institute of Contemporary Art
Open Wednesday - Friday, 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Free!** 215-898-7108 icaphila.org

SCIENCE MUSEUMS

Academy of Natural Science
Open Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 215-299-1000 ansp.org

Franklin Institute Open Monday - Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 215-448-1200 fi.edu

SPECIAL INTEREST

UPenn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology Open Tuesday- Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Sundays, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 215-898-4000 penn.museum

African American Museum
Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sundays, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 215-574-0380 aampmuseum.org

City Hall Tours offered Monday- Friday at 12:30 p.m. The tour is only \$10 and includes access to City Hall Tower. It is \$5.00 for a tower tour only. Available 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. 215-686-2840 independencevisitorcenter.com

Chemical Heritage Foundation
Open Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 215-925-2222 chemheritage.org

Eastern State Penitentiary
Open Monday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 215-236-3300 easternstate.org

Independence Seaport Museum Open Monday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 215-413-8655 phillyseaport.org

Kimmel Center -Building and Theater Tour Open Tuesday - Sunday, 1:00 p.m. 215-790-5886 kimmelcenter.org

Masonic Temple Tours are offered Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.00. 215-988-1900 pagrandlodge.org

Mutter Museum
Open Monday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 215-563-3737 collyphil.org

National Constitution Center Open Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Sundays, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 215-409-6700 constitutioncenter.org

National Liberty Museum Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sundays, Noon-6:00 p.m. 215-925-2800 libertymuseum.org

National Museum of American Jewish History Open Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. 215-923-3811 nmajh.org

Please Touch Museum Open Monday- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 215-581-3181 pleasetouchmuseum.org

Rosenbach Museum Open Tuesday - Friday, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday & Thursday, 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sundays, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 215-732-1600

Sports/ Recreation

Philadelphia Eagles
philadelphiaeagles.com
1/1 Redskins, 1:00 p.m.

Philadelphia Flyers
flyers.nhl.com
1/1 Rangers, 3:00 p.m.
1/5 Blackhawks, 7:00 p.m.
1/7 Senators, 1:00 p.m.
1/17 Wild, 7:00 p.m.
1/19 Islanders, 7:00 p.m.
1/22 Bruins, 3:00 p.m.
1/31 Jets, 7:00 p.m.

Philadelphia 76ers
sixers.com
1/6 Detroit, 7:00 p.m.
1/7 Toronto, 8:00 p.m.
1/9 Indiana, 7:00 p.m.
1/10 Sacramento, 7:00 p.m.
1/13 Washington, 7:00 p.m.
1/16 Milwaukee, 2:00 p.m.
1/18 Denver, 7:00 p.m.
1/20 Atlanta, 7:00 p.m.
1/23 Washington, 7:00 p.m.
1/25 New Jersey, 7:00 p.m.
1/27 Charlotte, 7:00 p.m.
1/28 Detroit, 7:00 p.m.
1/30 Orlando, 7:00 p.m.

Philadelphia Wings
winglax.com
1/14 Rochester, 7:00 p.m.
1/21 Washington, 7:00 p.m.

Performances / Theater

Body Awareness (1/4-2/5): A comedic tale of what happens when three housemates take a closer look at each other. Wilma Theater, 265 S. Broad St. wilmatheater.org. 215.546.7824

Charlotte's Web (Ends 1/29): Enjoy this classic children's tale of a special friendship between a lovable pig and everyone's favorite spider. Arden Theater, 40. N 2nd St. ardentheatre.org. 215-922-8900

Hair (1/3-1/8): A group of young America's searching for peace and love in a turbulent time. Kimmel Center, Broad & Spruce Sts. kimmelcenter.org. 215-893-1999

Jersey Boys (Ends 1/14): The musical journey of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons! Forrest Theatre. 1114 Walnut St. kimmelcenter.org. 215-893-1999

The King and I (Ends 1/8): The classic love story of a British governess who falls in love with the King of Siam. Walnut Street Theatre, 9th & Walnut Sts. walnutstreettheatre.org. 215-574-3550

Memphis (1/17-1/22): Inspired by actual events, the story of a white radio DJ and a black club singer ready for her big break. Academy of Music, Broad & Locust Sts. Kimmelcenter.org. 215-893-1999

The Mousetrap (1/17-3/4): When a group of strangers are trapped together during a snowstorm, they find out one of them is a murderer, but who is it? Walnut Street Theatre, 9th & Walnut Sts. walnutstreettheatre.org 215-574-3550

The Scottsboro Boys (1/20-2/19): A musical exploring the infamous 1930's "Scottsboro Case" that ultimately sparked the Civil Rights movement. Philadelphia Theater Company, Broad & Pine Sts. philadelphiatheatrecompany.org 215-985-0420

Music in Philadelphia

The Electric Factory, 7th & Willow Streets, 215-627-1332
1/14 Rebelution

Kimmel Center, Broad & Spruce Streets, 215-893-1999

1/1 New Year's Day Celebration
1/6-1/8 Beethoven's Fifth
1/6-1/8 Shen Yun
1/9 Jeff Siegel
1/11 Vladimir Feltsman
1/12-1/14 Sibelius Second Symphony
1/12-1/29 Ludwig Live!
1/14 Jerry Seinfeld
1/18-1/21 Beethoven by Blonstedt
1/24 PCMS
1/26-1/27 OBERTO in Concert
1/26-1/27 Bach to Mahler
1/28 Philly Fest 7
1/28 Jerry Blavat
1/28 Orchestra 155th Anniversary Concert

TLA, 4th & South Streets, 215-922-1011

1/5 Steel Panther
1/14 OCD
1/15 Dial Up Tour
1/19 Big Head Todd
1/20 Where's the Band
1/21 Collie Buddz
1/24 The Wanted
1/27 Falling in Reverse
1/28 Jaimoe's Jassz

Trocadero, 10th & Arch Street, 215-922-Live

1/7 Brotherly Breakdown Fest
1/14 Jim Brewer
1/15 In Flames
1/21 The Legwarmers
1/25 D.R.U.G.S.
1/26 Lamb of God
1/31 Dark Funeral

Family Fun

Target First Wednesdays! at the Please Touch Museum (January 4):

Enjoy a \$2 admission from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. every first Wednesday of every month. Pleasetouchmuseum.org

Night Skies in the Observatory at the Franklin Institute (January 11): The Joel N. Bloom Observatory opens to the public for stargazing through 5 different telescopes. Who knows what you might uncover? Fi.edu

MLK Day of Service (January 16): Learn how to volunteer and help make Philadelphia to live, work and play! Mlkdayofservice.org

Edgar Allan Poe Birthday Celebration at the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site (January 19): In honor of Poe's 203rd birthday, take a special candlelight tour of his house focusing on the famous stories he wrote here in Philadelphia and also see how Hollywood interpreted some of his most famous stories with an all-day film festival. Nps.gov/edal

The Blue Cross River Rink at Penn's Landing (Ongoing): Now in it's 18th year, enjoy this wintertime tradition as you skate across this outdoor rink on the beautiful Philadelphia waterfront. riverrink.com

The Student Recital Series at the Curtis Institute of Music (Ongoing): The Curtis Student Recital Series offers more than one hundred free public performances each season. Take a listen! Curtis.edu

Wells Fargo History Museum (Now open): This new interactive museum will spotlight the history and contributions of Wells Fargo in Philadelphia as well as U.S. banking history. Ride in a stagecoach, have your picture taken on a 5 dollar bill and much more. Wellsfargohistory.com

Taxis

\$28.50 FLAT RATE TO AIRPORT FROM CENTER CITY— a dollar will be added for each additional guest and there is an extra 1 dollar surcharge for gas.

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= \$15.00
-up to 10hrs= \$16.25
-up to 24hrs= \$18.00

Motorcoach & RV Parking

The standard drop off for buses is behind the National Constitution Center at 6th & Race Streets.

To park the motorcoach and/or RV requires stopping at the Callowhill Bus Center on 2nd & Callowhill Streets. 215-925-3706
Overnight Parking is available.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Please feel free to call or email

Pennsylvania Convention Center Event Calendar

paconvention.com

1/1 Mummers Fancy Brigade Finale
1/12-1/15 National Field Hockey Coaches Association
1/13-1/14 U.S. Lacrosse
1/14-1/22 Philadelphia Home Show
1/28-2/5 PA Auto Show



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