Suggestions for Sightseeing, Dining, and Getting Around in Philadelphia

Constitution Center – Home of ACM MIR 2010 and your gateway to the historic attractions in Philadelphia’s “Old City,” including Independence Hall and The Liberty Bell


Old City District – Look here for places to shop, dine, and explore in the city's historic area!


Nearby restaurants (close to the Constitution Center)

- Recommended for lunch (sandwich shops and the like):
  - Old City Cheese Shop - 160 N 3rd St, Philadelphia
    - International, Breakfast/Brunch and Sandwiches/Subs
  - Gianfranco Pizza Rustica - 6 N 3rd St, Philadelphia
    - Pizza and Sandwiches/Subs
  - Purple Heart Café - 213 N 4th St, Philadelphia
    - American, Diner and Sandwiches/Subs
  - Soho Pizza - 218 Market St, Philadelphia
    - Sandwiches/Subs, Pizza and Cheesesteak
  - Campo’s - 214 Market St, Philadelphia
    - Sandwiches/Subs and Cheesesteak

- Other recommendations, from UrbanSpoon.com (organized by price, popularity, and type of cuisine):

Nearby restaurants (close to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel)

- Recommended for dinner
  - 10 Arts (located inside the Ritz-Carlton Hotel)
    - Modern American and Seafood
  - The Capital Grille - 1338 Chestnut St
    - Steakhouse, American and Seafood
  - Fogo de Chão - 1337 Chestnut St
    - Latin American, Steakhouse and Brazilian
  - Marathon Grill - 1339 Chestnut St

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- American, Sandwiches/Subs and California
  - Morton's the Steakhouse- 1411 Walnut St
  - Steakhouse
  - El Vez - 121 S 13th St, Philadelphia
  - Mexican and Southwestern
  - Rick's Original Philly Steaks - 200 S Broad St, Philadelphia
  - Cheesesteak and Sandwiches/Subs
  - Naked Chocolate Café - 1317 Walnut St, Philadelphia
  - Desserts/Ice Cream

- Other recommendations, from UrbanSpoon.com (organized by price, popularity, and type of cuisine):

**Some suggested places to visit:**

**Rittenhouse Square (sort of like Philadelphia's version of Central Park)**

- General Information:
  - [http://www.ushistory.org/districts/rittenhouse/index.htm](http://www.ushistory.org/districts/rittenhouse/index.htm)

- **Walking directions from Ritz-Carlton / City Hall (~10-15 minutes)**
  - Head west on Market Street for about 3 blocks
  - Turn left and head south on S 16th Street
  - Rittenhouse Square will be located on your right after you pass Walnut Street
  - [Google maps walking directions](http://bit.ly/aU5Nk2)

**Barnes Foundation (in case you missed the group tour on the 28th)**

- Official Website: [http://www.barnesfoundation.org/](http://www.barnesfoundation.org/)

**Philadelphia Museum of Art (site of the famous “running up the steps” scene from the movie “Rocky”)**

- Official Website: [http://www.philamuseum.org/](http://www.philamuseum.org/)
- Visiting the Museum: [http://www.philamuseum.org/visit/](http://www.philamuseum.org/visit/)
- **Suggested Transportation: Car/Taxi, Bus**

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Philadelphia 76ers NBA Basketball

- The 76ers, or the “Sixers” as they are more commonly known, will be hosting the Oklahoma City Thunder on Tuesday, March 30th, at 7:00 PM at the Wachovia Center.

Philadelphia Flyers NHL Hockey

- The Flyers will be hosting the New Jersey Devils on Sunday, March 28th, at 7:00 PM at the Wachovia Center.

Macy’s Flower Show (starts March 28th):
[http://www1.macys.com/campaign/flowershow/highlights_philadelphia.jsp](http://www1.macys.com/campaign/flowershow/highlights_philadelphia.jsp)
(Also, Macy’s offers an 11% discount to international or out-of-state visitors!)

- **Transportation:** Just a few minutes walk from the Ritz Carlton to 1300 Market Street (walk ¼ of the way counter clockwise around City Hall to Market Street, then turn right and walk about one block east)

King of Prussia mall – Largest shopping mall on the East Coast, located near the intersection of I-76 and US-202, about 15 miles northwest of Center City Philadelphia.

- **Suggested transportation: Car/Taxi, Bus**
  - Example bus departure schedule from Ritz-Carlton to King of Prussia Mall: [http://airs1.septa.org/bin/query.exe/en?seqnr=1&ident=6e.0147571.1268838922&OK#focus](http://airs1.septa.org/bin/query.exe/en?seqnr=1&ident=6e.0147571.1268838922&OK#focus)

Franklin Institute and the Tuttleman IMAX Theater

- Official website: [http://www2.fi.edu/](http://www2.fi.edu/)
- **Suggested transportation: Walk from Ritz-Carlton**
  - Google maps walking directions:

Pat’s King of Steaks / Gino’s Steaks: Which of the two legendary Philly cheesesteak restaurants is better? You decide! Both are located at the intersection of 9th Street, Wharton & Passyunk Avenues in south Philadelphia.

- **Suggested transportation: Car/Taxi (Parking is a little difficult sometimes; you may have to park more than a block away. Taxi is probably your best bet if you are not familiar with the area.)**
  - Google maps driving directions from Ritz-Carlton Hotel:

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Other suggestions for finding Philadelphia area points of interest:

- [http://pennsylvania-travel.suite101.com/article.cfm/a_tourists_guide_to_philadelphia](http://pennsylvania-travel.suite101.com/article.cfm/a_tourists_guide_to_philadelphia)

**General precautions:**

*Philadelphia is a great place to visit, but like any large city there’s plenty of crime. Be on your guard, travel with someone else when possible, and don’t walk alone at night. The bus will get you to most locations in Philly, and fares are relatively cheap. Taxis are more expensive, but they are a much safer option.*

**Taxicab companies in Philadelphia:**

- PHL Taxi: [http://www.phltaxi.net/](http://www.phltaxi.net/)

**SEPTA – Regional Bus/Rail Public Transit Service**

- SEPTA Regional Rail map: [http://www.septa.org/maps/system/](http://www.septa.org/maps/system/)

**Other ways to plan your trip:**

- Google Maps: [http://maps.google.com](http://maps.google.com)