

**Best of Philly: Staff Recommendations**

**Libraries**

* **Free Library of Philadelphia**, 1901 Vine St., [freelibrary.org](http://www.freelibrary.org/)
* **The Rosenbach**, 2008–2010 Delancey Pl., [rosenbach.org](https://rosenbach.org/)
* **The Library Company of Philadelphia**, 1314 Locust St., [librarycompany.org](http://librarycompany.org/)
* **The Athenaeum of Philadelphia**, 219 S. 6th St., [philaathenaeum.org](http://www.philaathenaeum.org/)
* **Science History Institute**, 315 Chestnut St., [sciencehistory.org](https://www.sciencehistory.org/about-us)
* **American Philosophical Society**, 105 S. 5th St., [amphilsoc.org](https://www.amphilsoc.org/)
* **Historical Society of Pennsylvania**, 1300 Locust St., [hsp.org](http://hsp.org/)
* **The Philadelphia City Archives**,548 Spring Garden St.,phila.gov/phils/carchive.htm

**Museums**

* **Philadelphia Museum of Art**, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, [philamuseum.org](https://www.philamuseum.org/)
* **Barnes Foundation**, 2025 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, barnesfoundation.org
* **Mütter Museum**, 19 S. 22nd St., [muttermuseum.org](http://muttermuseum.org)
* **Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts**, 118–128 N. Broad St., [pafa.org](https://www.pafa.org/)
* **Museum of the American Revolution**, 101 S. 3rd St., [amrevmuseum.org](https://www.amrevmuseum.org)
* **The African American Museum in Philadelphia**, 701 Arch St., [aampmuseum.org](http://www.aampmuseum.org/)
* **National Museum of American Jewish History**, 101 S. Independence Mall East, [nmajh.org](http://www.nmajh.org)
* **National Constitution Center**, 525 Arch St., [constitutioncenter.org](https://constitutioncenter.org)
* **Masonic Temple in Philadelphia**, 1 N. Broad St., pamasonictemple.org/temple
* **Edgar Allan Poe House**, 532 N. 7th St., nps.gov/edal

**Sightseeing**

* **Boathouse Row**, 1 Boathouse Row (accessible from Kelly Drive), visitphilly.com/things-to-do/attractions/boathouse-row
* **Philadelphia’s Magic Gardens**, 1020 South St., [phillymagicgardens.org](https://www.phillymagicgardens.org/)
* **Italian Market**, S. 9th St. (between Wharton and Fitzwater Sts.), [italianmarketphilly.org](https://italianmarketphilly.org/)
* **Independence Mall**, bounded by 5th and 6th Sts./Arch and Walnut Sts., [nps.gov/inde](https://www.nps.gov/inde/index.htm)
* **Rittenhouse Square**, S. 18th and Walnut Sts., [visitphilly.com/museums-attractions/philadelphia/rittenhouse-square-park](http://www.visitphilly.com/museums-attractions/philadelphia/rittenhouse-square-park/)
* **Chinatown**, bounded by N. 7th and N. Broad Sts./Vine and Arch Sts., visitphilly.com/areas/philadelphia-neighborhoods/chinatown
* **Elfreth’s Alley**, 124–126 Elfreth’s Alley, [elfrethsalley.org](http://www.elfrethsalley.org/)
* **Mural Arts Tours**, 128 N. Broad St., purchase tickets for guided tours at muralarts.org
* **Kawaii Kitty Cafe**, 759 S. 4th St., [kawaiikittycafe.com](https://www.kawaiikittycafe.com/)
* **City Hall Tower and Observation Deck**, 1 S. Penn Sq., [visitphilly.com/history/philadelphia/city-hall](http://www.visitphilly.com/history/philadelphia/city-hall/)

**Bookstores**

* **Joseph Fox Bookshop**, 1724 Sansom St., foxbookshop.com
* **Book Corner**, 311 N. 20th St., facebook.com/bookcornerphilly
* **Philly AIDS Thrift @ Giovanni’s Room** (oldest LGBTQ bookstore in the country), 345 S. 12th St., queerbooks.com
* **Brickbat Books**, 709 S. 4th St., brickbatbooks.blogspot.com
* **The Book Trader**, 7 N. 2nd St., phillybooktrader.com
* **Shakespeare & Co.**, 1632 Walnut St., [shakeandco.com/shake\_trade/location.php](https://shakeandco.com/shake_trade/location.php)
* **A Novel Idea**, 1726 E. Passyunk Ave., anovelideaphilly.com

**Shopping**

* **Midtown Village** (cute shops and good restaurants),13th St. between Chestnut and Walnut Sts., [visitphilly.com/areas/philadelphia-neighborhoods/midtown-village](https://www.visitphilly.com/areas/philadelphia-neighborhoods/midtown-village/)
* **Walnut Street and Rittenhouse Square** (high-end retail district), Walnut St. betweenBroad and 19th Streets
* **Old City** (fun and interesting apparel, accessories, art galleries, food and drink),bounded by Front and 4th Sts./Chestnut and Race Sts., oldcitydistrict.org
* **Pine Street Antiques Row** (art and antique shops), Pine St. between 9th and 12th Sts.
* **Fabric Row** (great window shopping for unusual fabrics and finishes),4th St. between South and Catherine Sts., visitphilly.com/things-to-do/attractions/fabric-row
* **East Passyunk Area** (restaurants, shopping, and coffee shops), Passyunk Ave. between Washington Ave. and Broad St., visitphilly.com/areas/philadelphia-neighborhoods/east-passyunk
* **The Shops at** **Liberty Place** (apparel, food and drink, accessories, health and beauty), 1625 Chestnut St., shopsatliberty.com
* **The Fashion District** (shops, food and drink, movie theater, bowling alley), 901 Market St., fashiondistrictphiladelphia.com

**Cheesesteaks**

* **Geno’s Steaks**,1219 S. 9th St., genosteaks.com
* **Jim’s South Street**, 400 South St., jimssouthstreet.com
* **Pat’s King of Steaks**, 1237 E. Passyunk Ave., patskingofsteaks.com
* **Steve’s Prince of Steaks**, 41 S. 16th St., stevesprinceofsteaks.com

**Sit-Down Restaurants (Reservations suggested)**

* **Fork**,306 Market St. (Mid-Atlantic local growers and producers),[forkrestaurant.com](https://forkrestaurant.com/)
* **Parc**,227 S. 18th St. (French brasserie along Rittenhouse Square), [parc-restaurant.com](http://www.parc-restaurant.com/)
* **Amada**, 217–219 Chestnut St. (Spanish tapas bar owned by award-winning Chef Jose Garces, with happy hour Mon.–Fri., 5:00–7:00 p.m.), [philadelphia.amadarestaurant.com](http://philadelphia.amadarestaurant.com/)
* **Vernick** **Food & Drink**, 2031 Walnut St. (high-end new American food owned by 2017 James Beard Best Chef Mid-Atlantic Region), [vernickphilly.com/vfd](https://vernickphilly.com/vfd)
* **Barbuzzo**, 110 S. 13th St. (Mediterranean kitchen and bar), [barbuzzo.com](http://barbuzzo.com/)
* **Vedge**, 1221 Locust St. (high-end, creative vegan fare with happy hour Mon.–Fri., 5:00–7:00 p.m.), [vedgerestaurant.com](http://vedgerestaurant.com/)
* **Oyster House**, 1516 Sansom St. (great seafood, buck-a-shuck during happy hour Mon.–Fri., 5:00–7:00 p.m.), [oysterhousephilly.com](http://oysterhousephilly.com/)
* **Talula’s Garden**, 210 W. Washington Sq. (seasonal American food inspired by farm and garden, owned by Chef Stephen Starr), [talulasgarden.com](http://www.talulasgarden.com/Seasonal)
* **Tinto**, 114 S. 20th St. (food from the Basque region by Chef Jose Garces, with happy hour Mon.–Fri., 5:00–7:00 p.m.), [philadelphia.tintorestaurant.com](http://philadelphia.tintorestaurant.com/)
* **Harp & Crown**, 1525 Sansom St. (New American cuisine plus cocktail lounge and bowling alley), [harpcrown.com](http://harpcrown.com/)