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## **WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SPAN PHILADELPHIA** *Philadelphia Offers Visitors Who Use Wheelchairs Choices In Accommodations & Dining*

**PHILADELPHIA, August 11, 2017** – Philadelphia is home to many restaurants and hotels accessible to visitors who use wheelchairs, including top-notch dining establishments and accommodations spanning multiple neighborhoods and tastes. Visitors are always encouraged to contact a hotel or restaurant to review any specific needs or requests. The following list includes many local favorites—however, it is not comprehensive. For guidance on accessible Philadelphia, go to [visitphilly.com/accessibility](http://visitphilly.com/accessibility).

### **Wine & Dine:**

#### **Historic District:**

- **High Street on Market** – The casual and acclaimed next-door sibling of esteemed, elegant **Fork** is known for its artisan bread program, locally sourced menu of shared plates and house-made pastas, first-come, first-served breakfast and lunch (serving incredible ginger yogurt and justly named “best grilled cheese ever”) and intimate dinners. An interior ramp leads to the dining room. Restrooms are single-use; the largest has a grab bar. Service animals are welcome. 308 Market Street, (215) 625-0988, [highstreetonmarket.com](http://highstreetonmarket.com)
- **The Olde Bar** – Chef Jose Garces is responsible for reimagining the old Bookbinder’s as a handsome, spirited saloon (have the Fish House punch) and traditional seafood spot. The Olde Bar’s restrooms are accessible and located on the main floor. The entrance is sidewalk-level, and service animals are welcome. 125 Walnut Street, (215) 253-3777, [theoldebar.com](http://theoldebar.com)
- **Talula’s Garden** – The Washington Square location of Kennett Square’s acclaimed Talula’s Table serves seasonal, local and fresh farm-to-table cuisine for dinner and Sunday brunch. A beautiful patio garden—with outdoor seating during warmer months—greet visitors at the sidewalk-level, wheelchair-accessible entrance. Talula’s also features automatic doors and accessible restrooms and welcomes trained service animals. 210 W. Washington Square, (215) 592-7787, [talulasgarden.com](http://talulasgarden.com)

#### **Washington Square West:**

- **Bud & Marilyn’s** – It’s all about comfort food (and cocktails) at this corner Gayborhood spot, where visitors enjoy traditional American fare: hot buttered buns, cheese curds, fried chicken. The restaurant is on the ground floor of the Independent Hotel. The entrance is level with the sidewalk, tables are low top and the restrooms are wheelchair accessible. Guests may bring their trained service animals here. 1234 Locust Street, (215) 546-2220, [budandmarilyns.com](http://budandmarilyns.com)
- **El Vez** – This vibrant, always-hopping Mexican-American hangout has enjoyed longtime popularity as a destination for dinner (or lunch) and drinks—which almost always includes clever guacamole. El Vez features a wheelchair-accessible, barrier-free front entrance. It has low-top tables and an accessible restroom on the main floor. Visitors with trained service animals are welcome. 131 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 928-9800, [elvezrestaurant.com](http://elvezrestaurant.com)

- **Varga Bar** – Set against a backdrop of 1940s pin-up artwork by Alberto Vargas, this Washington Square West spot features classic American fare with a twist (such as confit duck wings and a grilled Kobe hotdog). It also dishes up a \$10 “Burger and a Beer” deal every Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to a barrier-free entrance, Varga offers outdoor and indoor low-top seating. Service animals are welcome. 941 Spruce Street, (215) 627-5200, [vargabar.com](http://vargabar.com)

**Rittenhouse Square/Benjamin Franklin Parkway:**

- **Continental Mid-town** – The Rittenhouse sibling to the pioneering Continental in Old City specializes in shared plates, tapas and martinis. Colorful seating and contemporary light fixtures create a lively, retro atmosphere for diners. An elevator brings guests to the accessible restroom (with grab bars) on the lower floor; a separate elevator takes guests to the rooftop bar. Service animals are welcome, and the main floor includes low-top seating. 1801 Chestnut Street, (215) 567-1800, [continentalmidtown.com](http://continentalmidtown.com)
- **The Dandelion** – This Victorian house turned British pub serves fish and chips, lamb shepherd’s pie, cheese plates, Pimm’s-based cocktails and afternoon tea. The main entrance features an automatic door opener. Registered service animals are welcome. Guests are encouraged to request a table on the first floor when making a reservation to ensure availability and close proximity to the accessible restroom. 124 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 558-2500, [thedandelionpub.com](http://thedandelionpub.com)
- **Gran Caffè l’Aquila** – With windows flung open, gelato on display and low tables throughout, this Italian cafe welcomes customers who use wheelchairs. The first-floor operation serves pastry and cappuccino every morning; in afternoon, it’s salads, pasta—and more gelato. Two wheelchair accessible restrooms have grab bars. 1716 Chestnut Street, (215) 568-5600, [grancaffelaquila.com](http://grancaffelaquila.com)
- **Oyster House** – The happy hour crowds are a testament to the popularity of this classic, clean-lined seafood staple. The same family has run the operation since 1976, serving lunch and dinner patrons their just-shucked oysters (and shrimp cocktail, lobster, steamers and bluefish) and accommodating guests with no barriers and low-top dining room tables. The first floor’s wheelchair accessible unisex restroom has grab bars; service animals are welcome. Closed Sunday. 1516 Sansom Street, (215) 567-7683, [oysterhousephilly.com](http://oysterhousephilly.com)
- **Parc** – This sparkling fixture across the street from Rittenhouse Square is reminiscent of a Paris brasserie, serving brunch, lunch and dinner. Diners can choose from an extensive list of French wines, small bites, full entrees—or simply an elegant cafe au lait—while watching the hustle of the park. A wheelchair-accessible ramp is located to the right of the main entrance and has push-button access. The restaurant includes many low-top tables, and service animals are always permitted. 227 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 545-2262, [parc-restaurant.com](http://parc-restaurant.com)
- **Urban Farmer** – Featuring seafood, steak and cocktails that are locally sourced, The Logan Hotel’s in-house spot to dine out is accessible via ramp from the museum-lined Benjamin Franklin Parkway. The modern steakhouse offers wheelchair-accessible restrooms on the main floor and low-top tables. Guests may bring their service animals. 1850 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, (215) 963-2788, [urbanfarmerphiladelphia.com](http://urbanfarmerphiladelphia.com)

**Beyond Center City:**

- **Distrito** – Jose Garces’ bright University City taqueria is known for its \$5 happy hour specials on guacamole, chips, sangria and nachos. An elevator takes guests to the taqueria-style second-floor dining room. Both floors have low-top tables. Distrito’s main entrance on 40<sup>th</sup> Street is level with the sidewalk; restrooms are accessible and have grab bars. Service animals are welcome. 3945 Chestnut Street, (215) 222-1657, [philadelphia.distritorestaurant.com](http://philadelphia.distritorestaurant.com)

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- **Jerry's Bar** – This Northern Liberties dive bar turned gastropub opens seven nights a week and serves weekend brunch. There's one step at the main entrance; the side courtyard entrance is sidewalk level. The main dining area has low-top tables and an accessible restroom with grab bars. Jerry's permits service animals. 129 W. Laurel Street, (267) 273-1632, [jerrysbarphilly.com](http://jerrysbarphilly.com)
- **La Colombe** – The 11,000-square-foot flagship of Philly's biggest coffee roaster is a must-visit for any Joe aficionado. But La Colombe's menu offers more than espresso and draft lattes. Rustic breads and pastry and spectacular salads, skilletes, boards and sandwiches are available for at-counter ordering. Sidewalk level with accessible restrooms, this mega-cafe welcomes service animals. Oh, and it distills rum too. 1335 Frankford Avenue, (267) 479-1600, [lacolombe.com](http://lacolombe.com)
- **Silk City** – A lively outdoor beer garden—weather permitting—has a gated, street-level entrance on Spring Garden Street and multiple seating options, from picnic benches in the sun to smaller tables under umbrellas. A large, accessible restroom with grab bars is in the dining room to the left of the building's entrance (its diner is not accessible), and Silk City encourages visitors to bring their service animals. 435 Spring Garden Street, (215) 592-8838, [silkcityphilly.com](http://silkcityphilly.com)

#### **Stay The Night:**

- **The Warwick Hotel Rittenhouse Square** – Visitors love the charisma of the historic, circa 1926 building yet contemporary interior of this Rittenhouse Square stalwart. The well-located hotel offers accessible rooms, including roll-in showers, tubs and toilets with grab bars and seat-to-tub transfer. Registered service animals are permitted. 220 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 735-6000, [warwickrittenhouse.com](http://warwickrittenhouse.com)
- **Sofitel Philadelphia** – Just one block from Rittenhouse Square and premier dining and shopping, the Sofitel houses two French restaurants—Liberté and Chez Colette—and a rooftop garden with honeybees, used to source many of the menu items. The front entrance includes a wheelchair-accessible ramp; accessible rooms are equipped with roll-in showers and grab bars. 120 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 625-2900, [sofitel-philadelphia.com](http://sofitel-philadelphia.com)
- **Philadelphia Marriott Downtown** – On the east side of City Hall, this large hotel is located in the heart of the city—and close proximity to Chinatown, Washington Square and Old City. Its accessible rooms have 32-inch wide entryways, with the option of either showers or bathtubs. Guests enjoy multiple amenities with accessible entrances (with automatic doors at its Filbert Street entrance), such as a pool, business center and fitness center. Service animals are welcome. 1201 Market Street, (215) 625-2900, [marriott.com](http://marriott.com)
- **Kimpton Hotel Monaco Philadelphia** – Overnighters explore Philadelphia's Historic District with ease when the Kimpton's Hotel Monaco serves as their home base. This boutique hotel is across the street from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell and offers a full suite of accessibility options: It welcomes service animals, its front entrance is level with the sidewalk and offers accessible rooms equipped with roll-in showers, available upon request. 433 Chestnut Street, (215) 925-2111, [monaco-philadelphia.com](http://monaco-philadelphia.com)
- **Kimpton Hotel Palomar Philadelphia** – Visitors in this busy part of Center City never have a shortage of things to do. This accessible boutique hotel is one block from Rittenhouse Square and surrounded by dozens of shops and restaurants. Pets, including service animals, are welcome, the entrance is sidewalk-level, and accessible rooms equipped with roll-in showers can be available upon request. Transportation is also a breeze with 24-hour valet parking. 117 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 563-5006, [hotelpalomar-philadelphia.com](http://hotelpalomar-philadelphia.com)

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- **The Inn at Penn, A Hilton Hotel** – The busy University of Pennsylvania campus is home to this hotel, which has easy access to the nearby Penn Museum and Institute of Contemporary Art. This Hilton hotel has the option of accessible rooms with either roll-in showers or bathtubs. The front entrance is ground level, and an elevator takes guests to the lobby. 3600 Sansom Street, (215) 222-0200, [theinnatpenn.com](http://theinnatpenn.com)
- **Holiday Inn Express Penn's Landing** – This Delaware River Waterfront property—nearby popular seasonal attraction Spruce Street Harbor Park—has a ramp, automatic doors and designated parking in the hotel's lot. Accessible rooms feature roll-in showers, and service animals are welcome. 100 N. Columbus Boulevard, (215) 627-7900, [hiepennslanding.com](http://hiepennslanding.com)

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