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**WASHINGTON SQUARE WEST PHILADELPHIA NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE**  
*Restaurants, Bars, Theaters & Shops In Historic, LGBTQ-Rich Washington Square West,  
Including Midtown Village, The Gayborhood, Jewelers' Row & Antiques Row*

**PHILADELPHIA, January 15, 2020** – Washington Square West is an historic Center City neighborhood named after a 17th-century park, and including the vibrant enclaves of Midtown Village and the Gayborhood. Named “Southeast Square” in 1682, the square — which once marked the city’s edge — has been a grazing pasture, potter’s field and gathering spot for early African Americans, who called the park “Congo Square.” Today, modern residences surround the park, now home to the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier. To its north are the 150 jewelry merchants of Jewelers’ Row. To its south is Antique Row, tree-lined blocks of shops selling furnishings, collectables, art and more.

West of Washington Square, the Gayborhood serves as the hub of Philadelphia’s LGBTQ life and culture. Rainbow street signs proudly mark the neighborhood, from 11th to Broad streets and from Pine to Chestnut streets. Within the Gayborhood is Midtown Village, a stretch of busy modern restaurants, shops and bars along 13th Street between Locust and Chestnut streets. Bordering neighborhoods include: [Market East](#) to the north, [Old City](#) and [Society Hill](#) to the east, [South Street](#) to the south and the [Avenue of the Arts](#) to the west.

Washington Square West is accessible via SEPTA’s Regional Rail hub at [Jefferson Station](#), between 10th and 12th streets on Market Street; the Market-Frankford elevated line — known as “the El” — via stops at 8th, 11th and 13th streets along Market Street; and various SEPTA and New Jersey Transit buses that traverse the numbered streets between 8th and Broad streets and along Market and Chestnut streets.

**Restaurants & Quick Bites:**

- **Alpen Rose** – Michael Schulson’s steakhouse adds a carnivorous option to his Midtown Village empire. The 40-seat dining room features wood paneling and a central hearth — a warm and inviting setting to enjoy dry-aged meats. 116 S. 13th Street, (215) 600-0709, [alpenrosephl.com](http://alpenrosephl.com)
- **Barbuzzo** – One of the must-get reservations along the 13th Street restaurant empire of chef Marcie Turney and Valerie Safran, this modern yet rustic bistro is known for European wines, Mediterranean eats — top sellers include *Caciocavallo* meatballs stuffed with ground short rib and pork — and salted caramel budino dessert. Patrons can grab seats at the ledge of the open kitchen to watch their meals in the making. 110 S. 13th Street, (215) 546-9300, [barbuzzo.com](http://barbuzzo.com)  
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- **Bud & Marilyn's** – This retro restaurant-bar, named for chef Marcie Turney's restaurateur grandparents, revives American classics such as meatloaf, wedge salads and cheese curds, pairing them with cocktails like the Lakeside, vodka with lime juice, mint and violet, and Marilyn's O-F, a brandy Old Fashioned. 1234 Locust Street, (215) 546-2220, [budandmarilyns.com](http://budandmarilyns.com)
- **Caribou Café** – This traditional, Paris-inspired brasserie has vintage French posters and pumpkin-colored walls. The seasonal French menu can include egg-topped frisée salad, mussels frites and Gruyère-topped onion soup. 1126 Walnut Street, (215) 625-9535, [cariboucafe.com](http://cariboucafe.com)
- **Chatayee Thai** – Chatayee Venus Kapugthong eschews fusion cooking for authentic, homestyle fare. Her expansive Thai restaurant prepares massaman and panang curries, satay and a full vegan menu. 1227 Walnut Street, (215) 923-8208, [chatayeethai.com](http://chatayeethai.com)
- **CHeU Noodle Bar** – Noodles are the main attraction at this hip tiny restaurant. The menu includes blistered shishito peppers or black garlic wings, along with unusual ramen pairings with matzo balls or spicy carrot pickles. 255 S. 10th Street, (267) 639-4136, [cheunoodlebar.com](http://cheunoodlebar.com)
- **Crunchik'n** – Popular Korean-fusion purveyor cooks up twice-fried chicken, kimchi crunch balls and bulgogi cheesesteaks. 212 S. 11th Street, (267) 886-9373, [crunchikn.com](http://crunchikn.com)
- **DaMò Pasta Lab** – Simple, straightforward pasta, available in two sizes, is the focus at this Midtown Village newcomer. The small menu includes tonnarelli (like a thick spaghetti) *cacio e pepe*, tagliatelle Bolognese, pasta e fagioli and a full complement of San Pellegrino drinks. 105 S. 12th Street, (267) 687-1410, [damopastalab.com](http://damopastalab.com)
- **Double Knot** – This buzzed-worthy, multi-personality eatery does everything right. As a cafe for morning coffee, a place to grab Asian-inspired banh mi, rice and noodle bowls for lunch — and an absolutely stunning underground izakaya for dinner and drinks — chef Michael Schulson's dream project is a delicious juggernaut. 120 S. 13th Street, (215) 631-3868, [doubleknotphilly.com](http://doubleknotphilly.com)
- **Effie's** – Guests bring their own bottles and enjoy homey Greek cuisine and warm hospitality in this converted townhouse. Sidewalk seating and a walled garden patio are perfect for the warmer months. 1127 Pine Street, (215) 592-8333
- **El Vez** – Inventive guacamole, tuna tostadas, tacos and specialty margaritas are menu highlights at this bright and buzzing Mexican spot, which features a shiny lowrider bicycle centerpiece above its circular bar. Bartenders pour an impressive selection of mezcal, plus blanco, reposado and añejo tequilas. 121 S. 13th Street, (215) 928-9800, [elvezrestaurant.com](http://elvezrestaurant.com)
- **Franky Bradley's** – This two-level restaurant-bar features smartly updated spins on classic cocktails; a 300-person performance space that hosts jazz, rock, drag and burlesque; and dinner service nightly. 1320 Chancellor Street, (215) 735-0735, [frankybradleys.com](http://frankybradleys.com)
- **Green Eggs Café** – Green Eggs specializes in breakfast, lunch and brunch. Neighbors and visitors wait in long lines to enjoy chicken and waffles Benedict, veggie burgers, hearty skillet scrambles and red velvet pancakes. 212 S. 13th Street, (267) 861-0314, [greeneggscafe.com](http://greeneggscafe.com)
- **IndeBlue** – This plush bistro serves modern Indian cuisine, such as stuffed long hot peppers, homemade paneer and braised pork vindaloo, alongside wine, beer and inventive cocktails from the fully stocked bar. 205 S. 13th Street, (215) 545-4633, [indebluerestaurant.com](http://indebluerestaurant.com)
- **Jamonera** – Marcie Turney and Valerie Safran turned to Spain for the inspiration for this restaurant. Tapas, tostas and charcuterie, along with the deep red tones and dark wood tables, nearly transport diners to Seville. 105 S. 13th Street, (215) 922-6061, [jamonerarestaurant.com](http://jamonerarestaurant.com)
- **Jones** – This family-friendly retro dining spot serves comfort food in a *Brady Bunch*-inspired setting. Menu highlights include fried chicken and waffles, Thanksgiving dinner, meatloaf, chicken potpie and Duncan Hines chocolate layer cake, served with a glass of cold milk. There's weekend brunch too. 700 Chestnut Street, (215) 223-5663, [jones-restaurant.com](http://jones-restaurant.com)

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- **Kanella Grill** – Chef Konstantinos Pitsillides’ casual Cypriot BYOB serves authentic Greek kebabs, gyros, shawarma and multicourse meze dinners for parties of four or more. 1001 Spruce Street, (267) 928-2085, [kanellarestaurant.com](http://kanellarestaurant.com)
- **Knock Restaurant and Bar** – You can’t knock this basic, boisterous gay restaubar for its simple fare — grilled flatbreads, burgers, brunch — and great martinis. 225 S. 12th Street, (215) 925-1166, [knockphilly.com](http://knockphilly.com)
- **Little Nonna’s** – Red-sauce cuisine gets the chef Turney treatment, old-school. This charming spot’s stick-to-your-ribs Italian-American menu includes spaghetti and fontina-stuffed meatballs in a braised pork marinara. 1234 Locust Street, (215) 546-2100, [littlenonnas.com](http://littlenonnas.com)
- **Lolita** – Yet another winner from the Turney-Safran camp, chic little Lolita brings modern Mexican flavors to busy 13th Street. Guests can expect a street food-style menu and interesting cocktails, margaritas included. 106 S. 13th Street, (215) 546-7100, [lolitaphilly.com](http://lolitaphilly.com)
- **Mercato** – This popular BYOB combines slow-cooking traditions of Old World Italy with an experimental style. Mercato’s stellar menu of meats, cheeses, pastas and seafood keeps foodies coming back. 1216 Spruce Street, (215) 985-2962, [mercatoobyob.com](http://mercatoobyob.com)
- **Middle Child** – With an eat-in or takeout menu, this modern luncheonette serves breakfast all day along with salads and creative sandwiches, including turkey Reubens, prosciutto grilled cheeses and vegetarian “Phoagies.” 248 S. 11th Street, (267) 930-8344, [middlechildphilly.com](http://middlechildphilly.com)
- **MilkBoy** – Music and restaurant industry vets joined forces for this all-day pub serving modern takes on comfort foods (downstairs), and a standing-room-only performance space hosting touring and local indie acts (upstairs). 1100 Chestnut Street, (215) 925-6455, [milkboyphilly.com](http://milkboyphilly.com)
- **Mixto** – Cuban, Latin American and Caribbean cuisines come in generous portion on a shaded stretch of Pine Street. During the warmer months, diners enjoy sidewalk tables; year-round, patrons enjoy weekend brunch. 1141 Pine Street, (215) 592-0363, [mixtoestaurante.com](http://mixtoestaurante.com)
- **Morimoto** – Hiroshima’s “Iron Chef” Masaharu Morimoto helms this streamlined, modern restaurant. Elevated traditional Japanese dishes — sushi, miso soup and sashimi — are available a la carte, with more daring selections on the *omakase* tasting menu. 723 Chestnut Street, (215) 413-9070, [morimotorestaurant.com](http://morimotorestaurant.com)
- **Nomad Roman** – The second Philadelphia location of this pizza shop has a small menu of wood-fired pizzas topped with locally grown produce and all-natural meats, along with salads, craft beers and wine. 1305 Locust Street, (215) 644-9287, [nomadpizzaco.com](http://nomadpizzaco.com)
- **Oloroso** – Chef Townsend Wentz of Townsend and A Mano serves Spanish tapas, carefully curated small plates of grilled octopus, roasted bone marrow, marinated olives and paella. The bar-restaurant does an amazing “siesta” (brunch) on weekends, serving tapas alongside its specialty cocktails. 1121 Walnut Street, (267) 324-3014, [olorosophl.com](http://olorosophl.com)
- **Opa** – A rustic dining room that serves grilled octopus, dolmades, gyros and more Greek-inspired fare also leads to a beer garden *Food & Wine* dubbed “one of America’s best.” Inside and out, patrons sip fine wines, local beers and specialty cocktails. 1311 Sansom Street, (215) 545-0170, [opaphiladelphia.com](http://opaphiladelphia.com)
- **The Pearl Tavern** – Chef Townsend Wentz expanded his culinary holdings literally when he opened Pearl Tavern, next to Oloroso. The Tavern specializes in simple pub food done well and craft beer. 1123 Walnut Street, (267) 534-4131, [facebook.com/thepearlPHL](https://facebook.com/thepearlPHL)
- **Picanha Brazilian Steakhouse** – An authentic Brazilian steakhouse — really, a meat specialist — serves its various carnivore wares *rodizio* style, on skewers and carved tableside alongside a buffet, salad bar and dozens of desserts. 1111 Locust Street, (215) 402-6967, [picanhasteakhouse.com](http://picanhasteakhouse.com)

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- **Pinefish** – Comfy couches, low coffee tables, tasty seafood tapas and a lovely bar make this funky Antique Row spot a great find for dinner or Sunday seafood brunch. 1138 Pine Street, (267) 519-2850, [pinefish.fish](http://pinefish.fish)
- **Porta** – Sharing a massive space with sibling operation Brickwall Tavern, this stylish pizzeria specializes in Neapolitan pies made in ovens from Naples. The decor is worth a trip in itself: exposed brick walls, 80s-style graffiti and mismatched chairs and benches. 1216 Chestnut Street, (267) 534-2135, [pizzaporta.com](http://pizzaporta.com)
- **Ristorante La Buca** – Nestled a few steps below street level, La Buca’s den-like, frescoed dining room offers impeccable, old-school service, right down to the seafood cart. 711 Locust Street, (215) 928-0556, [ristlabuca.com](http://ristlabuca.com)
- **Sampan** – Chef Michael Schulson’s 95-seat eatery is a feast for the eyes, with reclaimed timber and distressed metal accents. Guests dine on modern Asian small plates served from the open-air kitchen. Outside, the venue’s hidden Graffiti Bar is a stylish setting for alfresco drinks and snacks. 124 S. 13th Street, (215) 732-3501, [sampanphilly.com](http://sampanphilly.com)
- **Seorabol** – Chef Chris Cho’s family has been serving authentic Korean food for nearly 30 years in the Olney section of Philadelphia. The Spruce Street location brings their beloved dishes — sizzling *dolsot* bowls of bibimbap and *jjigae* (kimchi stew) — to Center City. 1326 Spruce Street, (215) 608-8484, [seorabol.us](http://seorabol.us)
- **Talula’s Daily & Talula’s Garden** – By day, patrons visit Talula’s Daily, a foodie market for gourmet sandwiches, breads, cheeses, coffee, juices and prepared meals; by night, they return for a \$55, five-course tasting menu that changes monthly — or, they make a coveted reservation at the adjoining Talula’s Garden, inspired by owner Aimee Olexy’s Chester County destination restaurant and known for locally raised ingredients, a charmingly rustic indoor-outdoor space, an environmentally friendly wine list and a dreamy seasonal menu. 208 & 210 W. Washington Square; Daily, (215) 592-6555, [talulasdaily.com](http://talulasdaily.com); Garden, (215) 592-7787, [talulasgarden.com](http://talulasgarden.com)
- **Tradesman’s** – The folks behind German-inspired joints Brü Craft & Wurst and U-Bahn turn their focus stateside at this massive restaurant and beer hall specializing in American-style barbecue and U.S.-made craft suds and whiskey. 1322 Chestnut Street, (267) 457-3994, [tradesmanphl.com](http://tradesmanphl.com)
- **The Tavern** – Cozy and welcoming inside the historic Tavern on Camac piano bar and nightclub, this subterranean hideaway serves seasonal, modern American fare. 243 S. Camac Street, (215) 545-1102, [tavernphilly.com](http://tavernphilly.com)
- **Tredici Enoteca** – The elegant sibling restaurant to Zavino adds international flair to Italian fare — and is known for its deep wine list and raw bar. 114 S. 13th Street, (267) 928-2092, [tredicienoteca.com](http://tredicienoteca.com)
- **Tria Cafe** – This popular corner spot focuses on all things fermented: wine, beer and cheese. *Imbibe* and *DRAFT* magazines have named Tria one of the best places in the country to enjoy beer; the James Beard Foundation has recognized the bar’s wine service. 1137 Spruce Street, (215) 629-9200, [triaphilly.com](http://triaphilly.com)
- **Valanni** – Fancy drinks are just one of the draws at this spacious Medi-Latin eatery. The happy hour spot also has a great late-night menu featuring crispy Brussels sprouts, Parmesan truffle fries and spicy pulled-chicken empanadas. 1229 Spruce Street, (215) 790-9494, [valanni.com](http://valanni.com)
- **Varga Bar** – This chic corner bar and restaurant serves small plates, a slew of beer, specialty cocktails and an atmosphere inspired by early 20th-century pin-up girls and tattoo art. It’s also a great spot grabbing a snack late, as the kitchen stays open until 1 a.m. nightly. 941 Spruce Street, (215) 627-5200, [vargabar.com](http://vargabar.com)

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- **Vedge** – Arguably the best vegan restaurant in the nation has had diners rejoicing since it opened in late 2011. Husband-and-wife chef-restaurateurs Richard Landau and Kate Jacoby deliver flavorful, global, edible revelations, appetizers through desserts, in a truly sensational space. 1221 Locust Street, (215) 320-7500, [vedgerestaurant.com](http://vedgerestaurant.com)
- **Vetri Cucina** – At this special-occasion dining room, James Beard Award-winning chef Marc Vetri presents authentic, elegant Italian cuisine alongside wines from an award-winning cellar. The \$165 four-course tasting menu is the sole option for dinner; on Fridays, the restaurant offers a \$85, four-course lunch menu. 1312 Spruce Street, (215) 732-3478, [vetricucina.com](http://vetricucina.com)
- **Vintage Wine Bar & Bistro** – More than 60 wines by the glass and bistro specialties make this casual but sophisticated spot a popular one. On the menu: a cheese board, mussels and a raved-about burger. 129 S. 13th Street, (215) 922-3095, [vintage-philadelphia.com](http://vintage-philadelphia.com)
- **Winkel** – Noord owner Joncarl Lachman brings his Northern European culinary stylings to a charming Midtown Village cafe. The daytime-only menu features hearty omelets, house-smoked fish and a beet and Gouda salad. 1119 Locust Street, (267) 639-3453, [winkelphilly.com](http://winkelphilly.com)
- **Zavino** – Gourmet Neapolitan pizzas, classic Italian dishes and a diverse wine selection make this cozy eatery a must-try. Diners can keep an eye on the neighborhood crowd thanks to large windows and outdoor seating. 112 S. 13th Street, (215) 732-2400, [zavino.com](http://zavino.com)

#### **Bars:**

- **The Bike Stop** – This popular spot has served Philly's LGBTQ community for more than 35 years, with four very different floors: The Bike Stop (main bar), The Short Stop (sports bar), The Pit Stop (open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights; fetish gear encouraged) and The Top of the Stop (special events). 206 S. Quince Street, (215) 627-1662, [thebikestop.com](http://thebikestop.com)
- **Boxers PHL** – This NYC-based gay sports bar is most known for its strapping shirtless bartenders, but the seven-days-a-week happy hour, featuring top-shelf spirits, comes in at a close second. Patrons can chill at the bar downstairs while taking in games or music videos on big screen TVs, or head upstairs for a few rounds of pool. 1330 Walnut Street, (215) 735-2977, [facebook.com/boxersphl](https://facebook.com/boxersphl)
- **Brü Craft & Wurst** – The first Philadelphia bar to install a self-serve draught beer station styles itself as a *wursthaus*, with a mostly German food menu complementing dozens of taps pouring domestic light lagers, obscure American crafts and German wheat beers. 1318 Chestnut Street, (215) 800-1079, [bruphilly.com](http://bruphilly.com)
- **Charlie was a sinner.** – From vegan restaurateur Nicole Marquis, this dark, alluring (and vegan) cocktail lounge is a bar first and foremost. Dark woods and dim lighting impart a clubby ambiance; the plant-based menu is equally refined with plenty of items for snacking. 131 S. 13th Street, (267) 758-5372, [charliewasasinner.com](http://charliewasasinner.com)
- **Dirty Franks** – The mural of famous Franks, including Frank Zappa, Benjamin Franklin, Pope Francis and Aretha Franklin, graces the facade at this iconic dive bar with cheap beer and a great jukebox. Note: It's cash only. 347 S. 13th Street, (215) 732-5010, [dirtyfranksbar.com](http://dirtyfranksbar.com)
- **Fergie's Pub** – Serious beer drinkers have long sought out this great watering hole for good grub, a killer jukebox, weeknight Quizzo and poetry readings — and some of the best bartenders in town. Weekends feature karaoke with a live band, while Irish music fills the air the rest of the weekend. 1214 Sansom Street, (215) 928-8118, [fergies.com](http://fergies.com)
- **McGillin's Olde Ale House** – Open since 1860, this side-street tavern is the city's oldest continuously operating pub. McGillin's following keeps coming back for regional microbrews, including three house recipes, and an exclusive Ireland-brewed stout. 1310 Drury Street, (215) 735-5562, [mcgillins.com](http://mcgillins.com)

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- **Tabu** – Philadelphia’s original gay sports bar recently upgraded to a brand-new space one block south of its original location. Now spread over a whopping three levels, the new venue includes a sports bar, nightclub lounge, cabaret performance space and, open during warmer months, a rooftop deck. Throughout, bars dole out ample draft and bottled brews and pour a menu of signature beer-and-shot specials. 254 S. 12th Street, (215) 964-9675, [tabuphilly.com](http://tabuphilly.com)
- **Time** – Jazz performances in the main room, televised sports in the Whiskey Bar and drinking — the absinthe selection stands out — and dancing upstairs, this spot is three bars in one. The menu features solid American and continental fare. 1315 Sansom Street, (215) 985-4800, [timerestaurant.net](http://timerestaurant.net)
- **Toasted Walnut** – The Gayborhood’s sole lesbian bar draws crowds for excellent weekday happy hour specials and a host of events, including karaoke and DJ dance parties. Two bars on the first-floor glow with neon lights, and sports and music videos broadcast on three big-screen TVs. 1316 Walnut Street, (215) 546-8888, [toastedwalnut.com](http://toastedwalnut.com)
- **U-Bahn** – The team behind Brü Craft & Wurst looked to Berlin for inspiration behind graffiti-laden, subterranean bar U-Bahn. Fifteen taps pour local craft beers; there’s light pub fare at the bar; and late-night DJs, weekend dance parties and old-school arcade games provide the entertainment. 1320 Chestnut Street, (215) 800-1079, [ubahnphilly.com](http://ubahnphilly.com)
- **Voyeur Nightclub** – This after-hours Gayborhood club hosts well-known national DJs and occasional drag shows. Partiers choose from the newly renovated main dance floor, an upstairs VIP room and a basement lounge. 1221 St. James Street, (215) 735-5772, [voyeurnightclub.com](http://voyeurnightclub.com)
- **Woody’s** – Philly’s popular, ever-expanding LGBTQ club fills a busy corner with the dance club, happy hour and events lounge Glo Bar; a large sports bar and Rosewood, a craft beer and cocktail lounge hosting energetic theme parties on Saturday nights. (Rosewood and Glo Bar have separate entrances on Walnut Street.) 202 S. 13th Street, (215) 545-1893, [woodysbar.com](http://woodysbar.com)
- **Writer’s Block Rehab** – At a comfortable, dimly lit hangout with Scrabble-lettered walls and a bound library book for a menu, bartenders serve woodsy, floral, Instagram-worthy craft cocktails, plus beers and wines. Upstairs seating is custom-made for libations-enhanced reading and conversation. 1342 Cypress Street, (267) 534-3134, [facebook.com/writersblockrehab](https://facebook.com/writersblockrehab)

#### **Coffee, Confections & Specialty Foods:**

- **Butcher’s Smokehouse** – Seasoned meats wood-smoked for hours are the star at this fast-casual eatery. Classic BBQ sides — mac and cheese, rice and beans — and sweet tea and lemonade complete the meal. 1221 Walnut Street, (215) 925-6888, [butcherssmokehouse.com](http://butcherssmokehouse.com)
- **Di Bruno Bros. Bottle Shop at The Franklin** – Famed 9th Street Italian Market cheesemongers run this takeout or stay-in specialty grocery and cafe that carries more than 300 international cheeses and craft beer. Stay-in diners pair cheese and charcuterie, and, if they wish, craft beers or nibbles from a snacks menu. 834 Chestnut Street, (267) 519-3115, [dibrunobottleshop.com](http://dibrunobottleshop.com)
- **Dottie’s Donuts** – Loyal fans of these vegan doughnuts can save themselves the trip to Dottie’s original location on Baltimore Avenue by heading here for these specialty rings, often topped with nuts, brownies and other treats. Bagels, coffees and teas are also on the menu. 509 S. 6th Street, (267) 761-9447, [@dottiesdonuts](https://@dottiesdonuts), [facebook.com/dottiesdonutsphl](https://facebook.com/dottiesdonutsphl)
- **J’aime French Bakery** – This chic, all-white cafe and bakery turns out French basics with absolute precision — baguettes, Napoleons, French jams, macaroons and *chouquettes* with whipped cream are constants on the menu, as are chocolate or speculoos *merveilleux* and the exclusive “Paris Philadelphia.” 212 S. 12th Street, (267) 928-3172, [jaimefrenchbakery.com](http://jaimefrenchbakery.com)

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- **Merkaz** – CooknSolo has brought Philly another instantly popular spot, this time, a small, Israeli-style sandwich shop. Shawarma-, fried eggplant- and schnitzel-filled pitas grace the lunch menu, while shakshuka, za'atar-buttered pita, hummus fowl and Israeli coffee are served at breakfast. 1218 Sansom Street, (267) 768-8111, [merkazphilly.com](http://merkazphilly.com)
- **Scoop DeVille** – Customers choose from unique ice cream flavors and under-250-calorie frozen yogurts at this old-fashioned shop. The menu of yummy extends further with a large selection of dairy-free options, homemade chocolates, cupcakes, ice cream cakes and seasonal treats. 1109 Walnut Street, (215) 988-9992, [scoopdevilleicecream.com](http://scoopdevilleicecream.com)
- **Square One Coffee** – Based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, these micro-roasters partner with coffee producers and pay the farmers and all employees a living wage. The coffee itself has racked up numerous awards, which makes the expansion into Philadelphia so appreciated. 249 S. 13th Street, (267) 758-6352, [squareonecoffee.com](http://squareonecoffee.com)

### **Shops & Galleries:**

- **Antique Row** – Pine Street from 9th Street to Broad Street has been known for decades for its antique shops. Today, the selection of antique retailers has dwindled, replaced by salons, days spas, the designer consignment shop **Addiction Studios**, a specialist in Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Prada and Valentino (1024 Pine Street, (267) 687-5446, [addictionstudios.com](http://addictionstudios.com)), **Blendo**, a packed repository of vintage and new home goods, clothing, jewelry, gifts and more (1002 Pine Street, (215) 351-9260, [shopblendo.com](http://shopblendo.com)), **Janus Gallery**, showcasing a mix of old and new artistic objects (1135 Pine Street, (267) 207-5254, [janusonpine.com](http://janusonpine.com)), **Kin**, a 700-square-foot women's boutique stocking on point, reasonably priced basics (1014 Pine Street, (215) 309-3870, [shop-kin.com](http://shop-kin.com)), and the famed **M. Finkel & Daughter**, selling furniture and accessories from the 17th through mid-19th centuries and specializing in antique needlework (936 Pine Street, (215) 627-7797, [samplings.com](http://samplings.com)).
- **Bella Turka** – This pristine, well-priced jewelry shop carries creations from a few dozen European and American designers and has a second location near Rittenhouse Square. 113 S. 13th Street, (215) 560-8733, [instagram.com/bellaturkajewelry](https://www.instagram.com/bellaturkajewelry)
- **Bridgette Mayer Gallery** – An 18th-century brownstone houses this gallery of contemporary paintings, sculpture and photography by emerging and mid-career artists with solo and group showings. 709 Walnut Street, (215) 413-8893, [bridgettemayergallery.com](http://bridgettemayergallery.com)
- **Damari Savile** – The Eagles' own Malcolm Jenkins and business partner Jay Amin are responsible for this natty Jewelers' Row men's boutique offering bespoke, made-to-measure and off-the-rack men's suits, each one named for a Philly street. 709 Walnut Street, (267) 218-5760, [damarisavile.com](http://damarisavile.com)
- **Duross & Langel** – This inviting soap shop offers colorful, squeaky-clean goodness from its own line of products focused on natural ingredients and eco-friendly packaging. 117 S. 13th Street, (215) 834-7226, [durossandlangel.com](http://durossandlangel.com)
- **Halloween** – Unusual jewelry, both one-of-a-kind and vintage, sparkle at this delightful trove, named after owner Henri David's favorite holiday. There's no signage: A gothic doorbell lets visitors know they've found the right place. 1329 Pine Street, (215) 732-7711
- **James Oliver Gallery** – This ultra-contemporary art space, also known as JOG, fills its loft-style gallery with painting, sculpture, mixed media, photography and installation works by artists from Philly and around the world. In the back, the brand-new HOT BED gallery focuses on works that mix art and nature. 723 Chestnut Street, 4th floor, (267) 918-7432, [jamesolivergallery.com](http://jamesolivergallery.com)

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- **Jewelers' Row** – More than 150 retailers, wholesalers and craftspeople comprise America's oldest diamond district. Although many of these businesses operate to the trade only, many are open to the public, offering a glittering variety of new, secondhand and, in the case of **I. Switt**, antique adornments. Between 7th & 9th streets and Walnut & Chestnut streets, [jrow.org](http://jrow.org)
- **Lapstone & Hammer** – Sneakerhead meets gallery artist in a homage to authentic men's fashion: limited-edition sneakers, owner Brian Nadav's own hand-hewn wardrobe additions — including Philly-made denim — for city gents, plus investment-worthy leather jackets, hats, Malin + Goetz grooming products, custom hand-destructed T-shirts — pretty much anything a guy needs for serious style cred. 1106 Chestnut Street, (215) 592-9166, [lapstoneandhammer.com](http://lapstoneandhammer.com)
- **Locks Gallery** – Modern and contemporary mid-career and established artists share their work at this Washington Square venue, which draws local and national crowds and brings attention to regional artists. Each month, exhibitions fill the space with interesting pieces in a variety of media. 600 Washington Square South, (215) 629-1000, [locksgallery.com](http://locksgallery.com)
- **Mitchell & Ness** – The legendary, Philly-born line of throwback sports jerseys, jackets and caps are esteemed the world over. M & N's storefront is the spot to score the latest renditions of retro styles. Enter on 12th Street. 1201 Chestnut Street, (267) 273-7622, [mitchellandness.com](http://mitchellandness.com)
- **Open House** – The place to find distinct and modern home and office accents, this independent shop packs a mega amount of merchandise on its tables and shelves. It's also a popular spot for sure-to-be-coveted Philadelphia souvenirs that come in the form of coasters, totes, T-shirts, pint glasses and notecards. 107 S. 13th Street, (215) 922-1415, [openhouseliving.com](http://openhouseliving.com)
- **Philly AIDS Thrift @ Giovanni's Room** – One of the oldest independent LGBTQ bookstores in the country, now an extension of Bella Vista's Philly AIDS Thrift, maintains a strong focus on LGBTQ literature and also carries a selection of secondhand clothing, collectibles and quirky gifts. 345 S. 12th Street, (215) 923-2960, [phillyaidsthritfatgiovannisroom.com](http://phillyaidsthritfatgiovannisroom.com)
- **Rikumo** – Japanese lifestyle brand and shelter store carefully selects products created by craftspeople from that country and culture. The aesthetic here is simple and clean among home goods, bath accessories, jewelry, bags, office supplies and gifts for the kids. 1216 Walnut Street, (215) 609-4972, [rikumo.com](http://rikumo.com)
- **Shibe Vintage Sports** – Mets and Cowboys fans need not apply at this Philly fans-owned shop of apparel and gifts that are all about the present and past Eagles, Phillies, Flyers, 76ers and Union. Also available: a line of T-shirts celebrating Philly landmarks such as Fergie's Pub, iconic eagle sculpture at Macy's and Gritty. 137 S. 13th Street, (215) 566-2511, [shibevintagesports.com](http://shibevintagesports.com)
- **Verde** – Chef Marcie Turney makes and sells her gourmet chocolates in this great little gift boutique. With clothing, jewelry, prints, handbags, art and other gifts in front and a gourmet chocolatier in back, this shop by Marcie Turney and Valerie Safran is the ultimate spot for finding the ultimate host gifts. 108 S. 13th Street, (215) 546-8700, [verdephiladelphia.com](http://verdephiladelphia.com)

#### **Theaters:**

- **Forrest Theatre** – This Shubert-owned theater bears the name of Edwin Forrest, a prominent yet controversial 19th-century Shakespearean actor and Philadelphia native. One of the city's premier venues for more than 90 years, the Forrest frequently hosts touring productions of Broadway shows, winter through spring. 1114 Walnut Street, (215) 923-1515, [forrest-theatre.com](http://forrest-theatre.com)
- **Lantern Theater Company** – Audiences have enjoyed the Lantern's intimate stage productions for 25 years. Each season celebrates and explores the human spirit through a diverse series of classic, modern and original works; the theater also organizes an education program for local high schools. 923 Ludlow Street, (215) 829-0395, [lanterntheater.org](http://lanterntheater.org)

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- **Walnut Street Theatre** – The oldest continuously operating theater in the country is a National Historic Landmark that produces musicals on its main stage and indie productions in its Independence Studio. A \$39 million, 35,000-square-foot expansion, scheduled to break ground in spring 2020 and complete in 2022, will result in a fully renovated lobby and box office, more space for education programs, two new rehearsal halls, a 400-seat theatre-in-the-round (the region's first of its kind) and a restaurant. 825 Walnut Street, (215) 574-3550, [walnutstreettheatre.org](http://walnutstreettheatre.org)

#### **Community Services:**

- **William Way LGBT Community Center** – A gathering space and resource center for Philly's LGBT+ community for more than 40 years, William Way continues to serve by hosting all manner of meetings, revolving art shows by local gay artists, weekly game nights, and concerts and drag shows in a second-story performance space. The building also houses the John J. Wilcox Jr. Archives, a mind-boggling collection of Philly LGBT+ memorabilia: old-school protest signs, countless photos and knickknacks from some of the city's first gay bars. 1315 Spruce Street, (215) 732-2220, [waygay.org](http://waygay.org)

#### **Parks & Landmarks:**

- **Louis I. Kahn Memorial Park** – This small corner park and garden, named for the 20th-century Philadelphia architect, serves as an oasis for neighborhood residents and visitors. In summer, the park hosts a free monthly concert series. 11th & Pine streets, [kahnpark.org](http://kahnpark.org)
- **Seger Park & Playground** – Basketball courts, tennis courts, two playgrounds, a dog park (with separate spaces for small and large dogs) and, in summer, a kids' fountain, comprise this block-long recreation space. The indoor recreation center offers twice weekly table tennis matches, open to all skill levels at no cost. 10th & Lombard streets, (215) 686-1780, [segerpark.org](http://segerpark.org)
- **Washington Square** – One of William Penn's five original squares has served as an animal pasture, burial ground for victims of the 1793 yellow fever epidemic, African-Americans and several thousand soldiers who died during the Revolution; and as a gathering space for early Africans, who referred to the venue as "Congo Square." The square is now a popular place for picnicking, reading, playing Frisbee and other leisure activities. It's also the site of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution, a monument featuring an eternal flame and a statue of George Washington. 6th & Walnut streets, [nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

#### **Hotels:**

- **Alexander Inn** – At the end of a tree-lined block of Spruce Street, the Alexander Inn stands out for its value and options. The property's 48 rooms range from simple single twin to deluxe king. Each has a private bath, access to an ample breakfast buffet and snack bar and details such as stained-glass windows and oak moldings. 301 S. 12th Street, (215) 923-3535, [alexanderinn.com](http://alexanderinn.com)
- **Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Philadelphia Downtown** – It's about quality of space, not quantity, at this artful, 117-room, two-suite corner property one block from the Avenue of the Arts. Inside a historic building, the hotel offers modern amenities, free continental breakfast and [Libertine](http://Libertine), a contemporary, indoor-outdoor restaurant serving New American fare by longtime Manayunk neighborhood chef Derek Davis. 261 S. 13th Street, (215) 995-3994, [marriott.com](http://marriott.com)

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- **The Independent Hotel** – Atop Bud & Marilyn’s and Little Nonna’s, the Philly outpost of a small, selective hotel group makes its independent statement with two dozen accommodation choices, plus custom breakfast baskets, daily happy hour and pet-friendliness. 1234 Locust Street, (215) 772-1440, [theindependenthotel.com](http://theindependenthotel.com)
- **Inn on Camac** – Location, location, location (and privacy) draws guests to this corner gem in the heart of the Gayborhood. Atop the refined watering hole UBar, the six-room inn offers midcentury-inspired furnishings and W Hotel mattresses and bedding. Guests must be at least 21 years old to stay. 1220 Locust Street, (267) 449-0515, [innoncamac.com](http://innoncamac.com)
- **The Morris House Hotel** – The Morris family purchased this Georgian-style manse from the Reynolds family, who built it in 1787, when their property line marked the edge of developed Philadelphia. Today, the National Historic Landmark hotel honors its heritage with 18th-century-inspired décor — antique heart pine floors — and timeless hospitality, including a standout continental breakfast and afternoon tea (and cookies). Luxury rooms, suites and a loft suite — 17 units in total — adjoin a tree-shaded courtyard leading to French-influenced American restaurant and cocktail bar, [M Restaurant](#). 225 S. 8th Street, (215) 922-2446, [morrishousehotel.com](http://morrishousehotel.com)
- **ROOST East Market** – The largest of extended-stay apartment hotels from Philly-based Method Co. feels the most apartment-like, thanks to its setting in the newly built Girard apartments designed by Morris Adjmi. Each of the 60 sleek apartments (one-bedroom, one-bedroom with den and two-bedroom apartment) has walnut furnishings, a full kitchen, Turkmen rugs — and access to an amenity floor with a 24-hour fitness center, sunken living room fireplace, billiard room, demo kitchen, private screening room and a lending library. Other perks: two outdoor roof-level terraces, one with a children’s play area, dog run and grills; the other, with a 20-meter lap pool. 1199 Ludlow Street, (267) 703-4040, [myroost.com](http://myroost.com)

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