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OLD CITY & THE DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE
Restaurants, Cafes, Art Galleries, Day Spas & More In Philadelphia's Historic District Neighborhoods

PHILADELPHIA, June 12, 2019 – Next to Independence Hall, where the country's Founding Fathers declared liberty and built a free nation, Old City, a neighborhood in Philadelphia's Historic District, has original cobblestone streets, 18th-century charm—and an independent streak evident in its popular bistros, owner-operated shops, vibrant nightlife and edgy art scene. On Old City's eastern edge, the Delaware River Waterfront, is best known for fun, outdoor gathering spots.

One mile from Philadelphia City Hall, Old City stretches from the Delaware River to 6th Street and from Walnut Street to Race Street. Wheelchair-accessible SEPTA bus routes 17, 33, 44, 48 and 78 run east-west along Market Street; bus routes 9, 21, 38 and 42 run east along Chestnut Street—all stop at all numbered cross streets. SEPTA's Market-Frankford subway line ("the El" to residents) has wheelchair-accessible stops along Market Street at 2nd and 5th Streets.

Fine & Special Occasion Dining:

- **Amada** – Lovely, rustic and always busy, chef Jose Garces' Spanish destination is largely responsible for touching off Philadelphia's tapas trend. Amada is also known for both tapas and large plates, including a roasted suckling pig and a chef's tasting menu, with or without the wine pairing. 217-219 Chestnut Street, (215) 625-2450, amadarestaurant.com
- **Buddakan** – Restaurateur Stephen Starr's homage to modern Asian cuisine cleverly spins classics—bento box lunches, edamame, dumplings—and features a 16-foot-tall golden Buddha and 32-seat communal table. 325 Chestnut Street, (215) 574-9440, buddakan.com
- **Chloe** – This tiny, couple-owned bring-your-own-bottle (BYOB) spot innovates American cuisine in a comfortable, neighborhood setting. The restaurant maintains a no-reservations policy; in-the-know diners arrive early to secure a table without a wait. 232 Arch Street, (215) 629-2337, chloebyob.com
- **City Tavern** – Revolutionary renditions of 18th-century Colonial fine dining include George Washington's original recipe for ale. Costumed servers add to the charm. 138 S. 2nd Street, (215) 413-1443, citytavern.com
- **Fork** – This Philadelphia landmark was widely credited with kicking off the revival of historic Old City when owner Ellen Yin opened its doors more than 20 years ago. The gracious dining room, expert service and thoughtful seasonal cooking remain highlights, drawing visitors and residents alike. 306 Market Street, (215) 625-9425, forkrestaurant.com
- **La Famiglia Ristorante** – This well-established, old world Italian restaurant serves lunch and dinner and is known for its deep wine selection and romantic setting. 8 S. Front Street, (215) 922-2803, lafamiglia.com

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- **Makhani Modern Indian** – The name means “with butter,” and this modern BYO take on North India’s dairy-forward cuisine lives up to it. 7 N. 3rd Street, (267) 534-5097, eatmakhani.com
- **Moshulu** – Breathtaking views—from the world’s oldest and largest square-rigged sailing vessel still afloat, berthed on Penn’s Landing—keep diners returning for twilight cocktails, special-occasion dinners and weekend brunch. 401 S. Columbus Boulevard, (215) 923-2500, moshulu.com
- **Panorama** – One of the most romantic Italian restaurants in Philadelphia has a Guinness Book World Record for its largest cruvinet system of dispensing wines by the glass. Specialties include agnolotti con burrata in San Marzano tomato sauce and gnocchi with hazelnut pesto. 14 N. Front Street, (215) 922-7800, panoramaristorante.com
- **Positano Coast** – Diners transport to Italy’s Amalfi Coast at this restaurant and wine bar. Favorites of the Mediterranean menu include the sea urchin pasta, pan-seared branzino, house-made vegetable ravioli and grilled octopus. 212 Walnut Street, (215) 238-0499, positanocoast.net
- **Tuna Bar** – While there is plenty of toro and yellowtail to be had at this new Japanese spot, the nigiri and hand rolls are only the beginning. Fans of cooked fare indulge in lobster fried rice, heirloom pork gyoza, soy-miso Brussels sprouts and, for the dedicated, sushi-making lessons with owner/executive chef Ken Sze. 205 Race Street, (215) 238-8862, tunabar.com
- **Vista Peru** – Bright ceviche, pisco cocktails and soy-spiked *lomo saltado* bring the flavors of Peru to a chic space. The Northeast Philly-based team behind the more casual El Balconcito restaurants crafted a mod dining room and bar, showing off stylish takes on Andean favorites. 20 S. 2nd Street, (215) 398-5046, vistaperuphilly.com
- **Wister** – This lovely dinner and Sunday brunch BYOB spot is named after 19th-century Philadelphia ironworker John Wister. As such, exposed brick walls, dimly lit tables—and fine metal work—adorn the dining room, while seafood, duck, steaks and pasta adorn the menu. 26 N. 3rd Street, (267) 239-5900, wisterbyob.com
- **Zahav** – James Beard Award winner Michael Solomonov prepares cuisine from his native Israel in his adopted home of Philadelphia. The restaurant’s design pays homage to the hidden courtyards of Jerusalem, where diners choose among a selection of raved-about hummus options, share a few small plates or order from a \$48 tasting menu. 237 St. James Place, (215) 625-8800, zahavrestaurant.com

Casual, Sit-Down Dining:

- **About Hot Pot** – Tucked into a walkway next door to an art house movie theater, this DIY Sichuan soup spot allows guests to customize their own, shareable, mild-to-spicy noodle bowls. 125 Sansom Walkway, (215) 928-2320, abouthotpot.com
- **Ariana** – This family-owned BYOB was the first to serve traditional Afghani food in the region and one of the first to offer hookahs to the city. Guests rave about the savory kabobs and the pudding desserts. 134 Chestnut Street, (215) 922-1535, restaurantariana.com
- **The Bourse** – The 123-year-old Beaux Arts landmark has new life as a modern food hall featuring 30 artisanal vendors in a nine-story atrium setting. Indian street snacks, Filipino comfort food, poke, a bakery, gourmet chocolates, a taps-centric bar with beer, wine and cocktails are among the offerings there. 111 E. Independence Mall, theboursephilly.com
- **Buk Chon Korean Cuisine** – Husband-and-wife restaurateurs picked Old City to put down roots with a spot that reflects their heritage as well as their years of international travel. The chef-driven menu takes a modern approach to Korean cooking, with unexpected dishes like chile rice gnocchi, faves like Korean fried chicken and hearty galbi bourguignon. 132 Chestnut Street, (215) 925-9998, bukchonkorean.com

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- **Farmicia** – Local, organic products are the focus of this relaxed yet lively lunch and dinner spot. Happy hour takes places Tuesday through Friday and during weekend brunch. BYO wine is an option at dinner for parties of eight and under. 15 S. 3rd Street, (215) 627-6274,
- **Franklin Social** – This indoor-outdoor, all-day bistro in the Renaissance Hotel has a view of the gardens of the historic Second Bank and seasonal options for dining from breakfast through dinner. A cafe and lounge round out the offerings. 401 Chestnut Street, (215) 925-4260, franklinsocialphilly.com
- **Han Dynasty** – With accolades from CNN and the late Anthony Bourdain, this chic, contemporary Chinese restaurant puts a twist on the classics. Diners choose their spice level, numbered one through 10. 123 Chestnut Street, (215) 922-1888, handynasty.net
- **High Street on Market** – This all-day restaurant and bakery specializes in breads, baked goods and local, seasonal cooking. A robust breakfast menu of sandwiches and pastries gives way to more sandwiches and fresh salads at lunch, complemented by house-made pastas, family-style feasts and artful cocktails, wines and beers at dinnertime. 308 Market Street, (215) 625-0988, highstreetonmarket.com
- **Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar + Kitchen** – This Hilton Penn's Landing restaurant features contemporary American cuisine with an emphasis on sustainable seafood, local ingredients, handmade cocktails—with great waterfront views, live entertainment and an outdoor patio. 201 S. Christopher Columbus Boulevard, (215) 521-6509, ropeandanchorkitchen.com
- **La Peg** – Diners at this brasserie, located inside the FringeArts building, enjoy contemporary American dishes from chef Peter Woolsey and waterfront views. The industrial-chic design pays homage to the building's original purpose as a pumping station. 140 N. Columbus Boulevard, (215) 375-7744, lapegbrasserie.com
- **Oh Brother Philly** – A simple promise of the best burgers in Philly drives this new joint. Ribeye is ground daily for burgers and sliced thin for cheesesteaks. Chicken and vegan options, fries and, for dessert, fried Oreos help round out the menu. 206 Market Street, (215) 515-3255, ohbrotherphilly.com
- **Old Thyme Cafe** – Fresh juices, healthy breakfasts and veg-centric Mediterranean fare provide lighter alternatives to the cheesesteak-heavy offerings lining this historic stretch. Made-to-order crepes are filled with savory combos like chicken and mushrooms or sweet Nutella and bananas. 229 Market Street, (215) 928-9000, oldthymecafe.com
- **Pizza Fresca by Lamberti** – This fast, friendly BYOB serves city-famous cheesesteaks, gourmet pizza by the slice or by the pie, traditional Italian dishes, panini, salads and more. Dine-in, take-out and delivery. 703 Chestnut Street, (215) 454-6300, lambertipizzafresca.com
- **Radicchio Café** – Wonderful rustic Italian cuisine and seafood make up the specialties at this first-come, first-served BYOB restaurant on the neighborhood's edge. Open seven days a week for dinner, it's the perfect Monday spot. 314 York Avenue, (215) 627-6850
- **Red Owl Tavern** – This tavern attached to the Hotel Monaco Philadelphia serves up handcrafted cocktails made with fresh-squeezed juices, along with house-cured charcuterie and classic dishes with an international twist. On weekends, brunchers enjoy a self-serve Bellini bar from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 433 Chestnut Street, (215) 923-2267, redowltavern.com
- **Spasso** – This Italian restaurant with a casual, inviting feel has an open kitchen that turns out seafood and meat dishes and homemade pasta. During warmer months, Spasso's alfresco dining and happy hour are a must. 34 S. Front Street, (215) 592-7661, spassoitaliangrill.com

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- **Tomo Sushi & Ramen** – This new BYOB sushi and ramen restaurant specializes in traditional Japanese cuisine with a modern touch. Tomo was created by two lifelong *tomodachi* (friends in Japanese): sushi chef Andy and ramen chef Steven. 228 Arch Street, (267) 519-0209, tomosushiandramen.com

Food-Focused Bars:

- **The Continental Restaurant and Martini Bar** – Old City’s original martini bar specializes in global tapas served in a lively, stylish setting. The kitchen opens weekdays for lunch, weekends for brunch—and stays open late on Fridays and Saturdays to satisfy the cravings of the neighborhood’s party people. 138 Market Street, (215) 923-6069, continentalmartinibar.com
- **Cuba Libre Restaurant & Rum Bar** – Cuban and Latin cuisine and refreshing mojitos fit perfectly in this setting straight out of old Havana. Helmed by two-time James Beard Award-winner Guillermo Pernot, the kitchen offers a chef’s tasting menu nightly and an a la carte or unlimited tapas brunch on weekends. There’s salsa dancing on weekend evenings too. 10 S. 2nd Street, (215) 627-0666, cubalibrerestaurant.com
- **The Gaslight** – This bar and restaurant features interesting takes on the classics (crispy Brussels sprouts with bacon and blue cheese; a double burger with pork roll, cheddar and a fried egg), cleverly named drinks and great, boozy brunches. 120 Market Street, (215) 925-7691, thegaslightphilly.com
- **Glory Beer Bar & Kitchen** – A veteran of beloved Eulogy Belgian Tavern, a chef with 20 years’ experience in local kitchens and a food-loving MBA have joined forces to offer 36 taps and a hearty menu for lunch, dinner, late night and weekend brunch. 126 Chestnut Street, (267) 687-7878, gloryphilly.com
- **Khyber Pass Pub** – Known for its bacon-grease popcorn, New Orleans-style brunch and vegan and vegetarian grub, the city’s oldest established existing pub offers an intimate experience in a friendly, no-frills setting. 56 S. 2nd Street, (215) 238-5888, khyberpasspub.com
- **Lucha Cartel** – A Mexican bar and restaurant by the same team behind National Mechanics, this vibrant venue serves Tex-Mex appetizers and entrees, mojitos and margaritas. Tuesdays are salsa dance nights. 207 Chestnut Street, (267) 761-9209, luchacartel.com
- **Morgan’s Pier** – Just below the Ben Franklin Bridge, leafy trees, a gourmet picnic menu and a beer garden unite at this seasonal dining destination. Earlier in the evening, people enjoy brews and food during sunset; later on, they listen to live music or DJs while taking in the waterfront view. 221 N. Columbus Boulevard, (215) 279-7134, morganspier.com
- **The Olde Bar** – The former beloved seafoodery Bookbinder’s has been resurrected as a handsome saloon serving an extensive cocktail list, including Fish House punch. The menu features a raw bar and a modern twist on classic fish house platters. 125 Walnut Street, (215) 253-3777, theoldebar.com
- **Royal Boucherie** – Chef Nicholas Elmi’s Old City debut features a French-accented selection of raw bar, charcuterie and small plates complemented by a thoughtful wine and cocktail program. Lunch here classes it up with dishes like blue crab Louis and \$2 martinis, while dinner brings “72-hour” short rib and lobster over conchiglie with truffle butter. 52 S. 2nd Street, (267) 606-6313, royalboucherie.com
- **Sassafras** – Serving Philadelphians for 46 years, this Old City classic offers a small but eclectic menu, specializing in Prohibition-era-inspired cocktails, along with a serious selection of single-malt scotches, whiskeys and bourbons. Not to be missed: A live jazz trio performs most Sunday through Thursday nights. 48 S. 2nd Street, (215) 925-2317, sassafrasbar.com

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- **The Victoria Freehouse** – A British experience with pub snacks, British cheeses, curries and Sunday roasts also includes a large assortment of wines and brews—and football (soccer) matches on the telly. 10 S. Front Street, (215) 543-6089, victoriafreehouse.com

Casual Bars:

- **2nd Story Brewery** – A local farmer teamed up with her beer-brewing son-in-law to open this working brewery, restaurant and bar. The menu includes fish and chips, burgers and house-made flatbreads. 117 Chestnut Street, (267) 314-5770, 2ndstorybrewing.com
- **Mac's Tavern** – Rob McElhenney and Kaitlin Olson of “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia” are co-owners of this straightforward bar and restaurant, which serves a staggeringly large selection of draught and bottled beer. On Saturdays and Sundays, patrons enjoy \$5 Bloody Mary pints until 6 p.m. 226 Market Street, (267) 324-5507, macstavern.com
- **National Mechanics** – A former bank building houses this darkly stylish indie bar, where the crowd is hip and the craft beers flow (and come in Philly-centric pint glasses). What’s more, the food is pretty impressive. 22 S. 3rd Street, (215) 701-4883, nationalmechanics.com
- **The Plough & the Stars** – This convivial spot offers well-executed American fare (with some Irish classics like shepherd’s pie and fish and chips), a bustling bar that draws a young weekend crowd, a cozy fireplace (lit in winter) and live traditional Irish music on Sundays. When it’s nice out, patrons gravitate to the outdoor tables. 123 Chestnut Street, (215) 733-0300, ploughstars.com
- **Race Street Café** – This low-key tavern, warmed in the winter by a wood stove and cooled in the summer by the breeze through open barn doors, has a seasonal, local menu. 208 Race Street, (215) 627-6181, racestreetcafe.net
- **Revolution House** – Serving lunch, dinner and weekend brunch, this two-floor, indoor-outdoor spot offers treetop views of the Christ Church steeple and Benjamin Franklin Bridge, along with international comfort food and Neapolitan pizza. The bar pours rotating local beers, local spirit cocktails and boutique wines. 200 Market Street, (215) 625-4566, revolutionhouse.com

Nightclubs & Pubs:

- **Bleu Martini** – This restaurant, bar and club bathed in cobalt blue offers a VIP scene and a DJ soundtrack. Daily happy hour specials run from 4 to 7 p.m. and include select \$5 martinis from the extensive martini menu. 24 S. 2nd Street, (215) 940-7900, bleumartiniphilly.com
- **Brasil's Nightclub** – This upstairs, mirrored club gets packed on weekends with fleet-footed Latin dancers (with free salsa lessons Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays). A full bar has drink specials, including caipirinhas, three nights a week. 112 Chestnut Street, (215) 432-0031, brasilsnightclub-philly.com
- **Buffalo Billiards** – This downtown pool hall welcomes sports-loving crowds with its flat screens, dartboards and casual fare. In addition to pool and darts, there’s shuffleboard, Skee-Ball, foosball and more. 118 Chestnut Street, (215) 574-7665, buffalobilliards.com
- **Drinker's Tavern** – Freshly minted drinkers slug 40-ounce bottles and dance to basement DJs in a loud and always-lively scene. When hunger strikes, they chow down on inexpensive and classic pub grub, such as tacos, hot dogs and nachos. 124 Market Street, (215) 351-0141, drinkersoldcity.com
- **Independence Beer Garden** – This seasonal American beer garden is chef Michael Schulson’s 20,000-square-foot getaway, with a whopping 40 taps and a smart selection of canned craft beers, watermelon salads, mufaletta, avocado toast and pickle chips. 100 S. Independence Mall West, (215) 922-7100, phlbeergarden.com

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- **Stratus Lounge** – Year-round, this indoor/outdoor hotel rooftop hosts a rotating DJ series on Friday and Saturday nights and features a signature drink list, rotating draft and seasonal light bites. Kimpton Hotel Monaco Philadelphia, 433 Chestnut Street, (215) 925-2889, stratuslounge.com

Cafes, Juice Bars & Bakeries:

- **Café Ole** – This busy local hangout is known for its friendly staff and great Mediterranean snacks, including shakshuka. It serves breakfast, lunch and pastries from a kitchen that closes at 3 p.m. 147 N. 3rd Street, (215) 627-2140
- **European Republic** – Guests munch on European-style wraps and Belgian-style frites with 20 different toppings while sipping on fresh-roasted coffee at this cozy cafe. 213 Chestnut Street, (215) 627-5500
- **The Franklin Fountain** – This Victorian-inspired ice cream saloon tempts people of all ages with its handmade ice cream, banana splits, thick shakes, sundaes and flavored phosphates and fountain drinks—all served by soda jerks. During colder months, there's hot chocolate, hot milkshakes and homemade pie. 116 Market Street, (215) 627-1899, franklinfountain.com
- **Franklin Ice Cream Bar** – From the brothers who own the nearby Franklin Fountain and Shane Confectionery comes this midcentury-inspired choose-your-own-adventure pop shop. Here, guests pick ice cream flavors, dip into sustainably sourced chocolate shells and finish with a rainbow of topping options. 112 Market Street, (215) 967-1184, franklinicecream.com
- **ICI Macarons & Café** – The house specialty is French macaroons in endless flavors, but this contemporary cafe has developed a following for its house-baked croissants, irresistible pastries and local coffee. 230 Arch Street, (215) 608-8938
- **Inspired Brews** – A former letterpress printmaker and health guru serves up small batches of seasonal kombucha, an ancient, sweetened fermented tea known for its nutritional probiotics and B vitamins. 263 N. 3rd Street, inspiredbrews.com
- **Luna Cafe** – Healthy and hearty breakfast fare makes way for a menu of quinoa bowls, made-to-order sandwiches and salads at this daytime cafe featuring coffee drinks made with Philly Fair Trade Roasters and locally sourced dairy. 317 Market Street, (215) 309-3140, lunaphilly.com
- **Old City Coffee** – Roasting small batches of 100% Arabica traditional cultivar coffee since 1985, this friendly spot on cobblestone Church Street also serves pastries and locally sourced organic yogurt. 221 Church Street, (215) 629-9292, oldcitycoffee.com
- **Rocket Fizz Soda Pop & Candy Shop** – Retro treats in the form of hard-to-find candy whose popularity dates back to the 1970s and 80s are the stock-and-trade of this fun store. So are seemingly endless flavors of bottled soda pop. 302 Arch Street, (215) 650-3163, rocketfizz.com
- **Shane Confectionary** – Operated for 99 years by the Shane family, this candy maker and shop now belongs to the duo behind The Franklin Fountain, who've kept original recipes and employ local ingredients to create candy magic. 110 Market Street, (215) 922-1048, shanecandies.com
- **Stripp'd Juice** – Local ownership and locally sourced, non-GMO ingredients combine for organic, fresh-pressed juices and acai bowls. There's a breakfast sandwich on the menu for solid food-lovers. 263 N. 3rd Street, (267) 550-7877, strippdjuice.com
- **Tartes Fine Cakes and Pastries** – Neighbors with sweet teeth know to head to this petite pink shop for daily cookies, tarts, bars and other pastry. 212 Arch Street, (215) 625-2510, tartespastryshop.com

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Spa, Fitness & Grooming:

- **Barnet Fair** – Exposed brick and retro accents set the stage for a talented team of stylists at this well-regarded salon. 139 N. 3rd Street, (267) 687-7114, barnetfairhair.com
- **Bloke's Barbershop & Gentlemen's Emporium** – An old-school barber with high-end hair and face care for men plays vintage-to-new vinyl on a 1963 Seeburg jukebox. Grooming accessories and products are sold here too, and there's a collection of exotic and vintage musical instruments that inspire occasional jam sessions. 151 N. 3rd Street, (267) 314-5557, blokesbarbershop.com
- **Hush Salon Philadelphia** – “Beauty without the noise” is the slogan here, and that means attention, not intimidation, when it comes to finding the best cut, color and look for women and men. 128 N. 3rd Street, (215) 923-5010, hushsalon.com
- **Moko** – Once a well-kept neighborhood secret, this organic beauty studio has made it into broadcast news and *In Style* magazine for their facials, makeup application, waxing, haircuts and styling. 55 N. 3rd Street, (215) 922-6656. mokobeauty.com
- **Terme Di Aroma** – This holistic day spa and sanctuary blends an old-world vibe with calming, soothing, renewing aromatherapy skincare, massage and body treatments. Stress relief is the goal, and is available via a la carte services, spa packages, from quiet lounges to the great onsite spa boutique. 32 N. 3rd Street, (215) 829-9769, termediaroma.com

Shops:

- **36 Craven** – Bringing together primitive antiques, modern art and handmade accessories (candles, incense) makes for a lifestyle shop that's nothing if not au courant. 138 N. 3rd Street, (267) 603-1736, 36craven.com
- **Art In The Age of Mechanical Reproduction** – This rustically stylish cocktail and bottle shop belongs to the creators of Art in the Age Root, Snap, Rhubarb and Sage artisan liquors, who curate the selection of bar accessories, recipe books. They also offer a rotating cocktail menu and run regular tastings in conjunction with Philly's New Liberty Distillery. 116 N. 3rd Street, (215) 922-2600, artintheage.com
- **Bonejour Pet Supply** – Pets lead their owners here for all-natural items, food consulting and top-notch independent brands that emphasize pet wellness. Clients can give their pooch a scrub at the DIY bathing station, book personal services and purchase ethical toys, treats and gifts. 53 N. 3rd Street, (215) 574-1225, bonejourpetsupply.com
- **The Book Trader** – In business for 40 years, this packed-shelf indie bookstore lets readers swap their titles for store credit and peruse shelves for tomes of all genres and hard-to-find LPs. 7 N. 2nd Street, (215) 925-2080, phillybooktrader.com
- **Brave New Worlds** – Comic lovers find collectibles and the latest illustrated novels, comics and Japanese manga, as well as action figures, games and toys. 55 N. 2nd Street, (215) 925-6525, bravenewworldscomics.com
- **Charlie's Jeans** – This one-stop shop for designer denim exclusively carries Sebastian McCall jeans, made in the USA and known for their perfect fit. Store employees pride themselves on their ability to size up customers at first glance. 311 Market Street, (215) 923-9681, charliesjeans.net
- **Doggie Style Pets** – This haute pet emporium sells everything dogs need to be Fido-licious, including grooming services. Cat companions are also welcome, as well as owners of fish, birds, rabbits, reptiles and other small animals. 315 Market Street, (215) 923-4333, doggiestylepets.com

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- **Erdon** – Fashion is an art form in this gallery-like space. The lighting is bright in order to highlight the latest designer goods from Linda Farrow, Closed and Trippen. 162 N. 3rd Street, (215) 923-0300, erdon.co
- **The Geisha House** – Named the “Best Women’s Boutique for Brands You Don’t Know” by *Philadelphia* magazine, this spot specializes in fresh curations from Los Angeles and Australia, dainty necklaces and more on-trend jewelry. 149 N. 3rd Street, (267) 886-8110, hellogeisha.com
- **Illadelph Glass** – This workshop and gallery has been crafting beautiful, functional glass pipes beloved by cannabis lovers since 2002. 68 N. 2nd Street, (267) 273-0586, illadelphglass.com
- **Lost + Found** – Those who snag the indie men’s and women’s duds here get great looks at affordable prices. Accessories, jewelry and vintage pieces round out a successful shopping trip. 133 N. 3rd Street, (215) 928-1311
- **Margot & Camille Optique** – Life looks brighter through the lens of this optical boutique. Customers rely on high-quality and a customized approach to keep their eyewear fresh and fashionable. 47 N. 3rd Street, (215) 923-0508, margotcamille.com
- **Meadowsweet Mercantile & Cuttallossa** – Perfectly distressed denim and bucket-list vintage line the racks at this sun-bathed boutique. In the back of the shop, Cuttallossa vends artisan home goods such as handwoven linens and body care products. 47 N. 2nd Street, (215) 756-4802, meadowsweet.shop, cuttallossa.us
- **Millésimé** – This modern design showroom features collections of modern and contemporary furniture, lighting and home accessories from American and international designers. The ever-evolving merchandise includes Ligne Roset, USM modular furniture, Herman Miller, Marset, Louis Poulsen, and Foscarini. 33 N. 2nd Street, (267) 455-0374, millesime.us
- **Minima** – This contemporary furniture, lighting and home accessories gallery, open since 1999, balances form and function, meaning intelligent use of materials combines with inspired design to create modern furniture with longevity. 118 N. 3rd Street, (215) 922-2002, minima.us
- **Mode Moderne** – Known for amazing midcentury furnishings at great prices, this 20th-century decor shop also offers brand-new classics by Herman Miller and Modernica. 159 N. 3rd Street, (215) 627-0299, modemoderne.com
- **Momo’s Tree House** – This cute and quirky shop lives up to its “toys for curious kids” tagline by offering hard-to-find, specialty toys and games. Tiny customers can test out the plush animals, scooters, train sets, as well as story time and music classes. 205 Arch Street, (267) 457-2803, momostreehouse.com
- **Never Too Spoiled** – The place to go for the girl who already has everything, Never Too Spoiled carries clothes, jewelry, candles, accessories, housewares, books, stationery. 57 N. 3rd Street, (215) 928-0167, nevertospoiled.com
- **OLC** – Importing goods from a collection of designers such as Cassina, B&B Italia and Poliform means that the furniture and lighting here is super sleek, mod and minimal in the most Italian way. 152 N. 3rd Street, (215) 923-6085, olc152.com
- **Omoi Zakka Shop** – This Japan-inspired shelter and gift haven has drawn a fan base for its clever selection of stationery, gifts and grooming supplies. 41 S. 3rd Street, (215) 454-6910, omoionline.com
- **The Outrage** – This shop serves as Philadelphia’s one-stop spot for female-forward apparel and accessories such as Ruth Bader Ginsberg enamel pins and tees screened with empowering messages. 321 Arch Street, (215) 515-3578, the-outrage.com
- **PeoplePrints 3D** – The city’s first 3D printing studio lets visitors hold their favorite memories in the palm of their hand. Couples, singles and pets are welcome, and the whole process takes just a matter of minutes. 20 S. 3rd Street, (267) 273-1157, peopleprints3d.com

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- **Petit Jardin en Ville** – This husband-and-wife-owned florist is a little slice of Paris, via beautiful bouquets and antique finds from French flea markets. They also offer garden and outdoor space design services. 134 N. 3rd Street, (215) 923-1600, petitjardinenville.com
- **Philadelphia Independents** – This all-local boutique makes gift-giving a cinch. Only handmade items by Philadelphia artists are offered here: jewelry, handbags, housewares, prints and baby gifts. 35 N. 3rd Street, (267) 773-7316, philadelphiaindependents.com
- **Pinot Boutique** – This “Best of Philly” winner offers great wine, tastings and classes, private parties and more, via wines from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, plus accessories galore. 227 Market Street, (215) 627-WINE, pinotboutique.com
- **Reform Vintage Modern** – Filled with midcentury furniture and home accents, this shop preserves modern designs that made the movement. 112 N. 3rd Street, (215) 922-6908, reformmodern.com
- **Rennes** – This airy atelier showcases designers using both natural fibers and sustainable practices. House-brand leather goods display alongside flowing garments crafted by international makers Casey Casey and Maison de Soil. 135 N. 3rd Street, (267) 908-4778, rennes.us
- **Scarlett Alley** – Since 1993, this has been the shop where hosts head to ensure dinner parties are bedecked with elegant yet approachable tableware, candles and accessories. It’s also known for finding go-to gifts, with free gift-wrapping. 241 Race Street, (215) 592-7898, scarlettalley.com
- **Sioux Zanne Messix** – This longstanding boutique offers women’s clothing and accessories in both new and vintage designs. 54 N. 3rd Street, (215) 928-9250
- **Smak Parlour** – Take fun and flirty, and blend in a little retro chic, and that’s the look of the original designs—including frocks ringing in below \$100—by fashion mavens Abby Kessler and Katie Lubieski. 219 Market Street, (215) 625-4551, smakparlour.com
- **Sugarcube** – A spacious store and small, coveted labels from Canada, Australia, the UK and Los Angeles make for a well-edited men’s and women’s boutique. 124 N. 3rd Street, (215) 238-0825, sugarcube.us
- **Tribal Home** – This unique gallery carries African artifacts and home decor. Every First Friday, Tribal Home hosts local artists’ collections. 56 N. 3rd Street, (215) 592-4215
- **United By Blue** – Part clothier, part coffee house, this flagship store features eco-friendly men’s and women’s fashion and accessories. For every product sold at the boutique, United By Blue removes one pound of trash from oceans and waterways through company-organized cleanups. 205 Race Street, (267) 457-3114, unitedbyblue.com
- **Vagabond** – A generous smattering of indie labels, Philly-made hand knit collections and modern designs in the form of denim, cotton, linen casual togs to going-out wear fill the racks of this Old City style pioneer. 37 N. 3rd Street, (267) 671-0737, vagabondboutique.com

Galleries:

- **The Center for Art in Wood** – This gallery shines a light on bold works in wood, with a permanent collection of more than 1,000 international objects, ranging from functional pieces to contemporary sculptures. 141 N. 3rd Street, (215) 923-8000, centerforartinwood.org
- **The Clay Studio** – Dedicated to active learning, this nonprofit studio and gallery offers ceramic classes for all ages and levels, outreach programs (including a kids’ summer clay camp), studio space and engaging contemporary ceramics exhibitions. It’s also a good spot for handmade gifts. 137-139 N. 2nd Street, (215) 925-3453, theclaystudio.org
- **Muse Gallery** – This artist-run gallery highlights visual arts in mixed media, from painting to photography to sculpture. Group and individual shows fill the calendar. 52 N. 2nd Street, (215) 627-5310, musegalleryphiladelphia.com

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- **PII Gallery** – The curator of PII (Philadelphia International Institute) rounds up works in all media by some of the most innovative and emerging international artists working in textile design, printmaking, painting, sculpture and photography. The gallery premieres a new exhibit on the first Friday of every month. 242 Race Street, (215) 592-1022, piigallery.com
- **Ruckus Gallery** – This lifestyle exhibition space behind a smoke-and-vape shop with the largest selection in the city showcases the work of innovative local, national and international artists who create counter-cultural art and functional decor, fashion and accessories. 27 N. 2nd Street, (267) 457-5544, ruckusgallery.com
- **Stanek Gallery** – Here patrons find a unique collection of representational and abstract, figurative and conceptual work of exquisite craftsmanship in a wide range of styles, techniques and subject matter. This modern and multifaceted space offers a museum exhibition program, creating an engaging forum for the viewing and discussion of art. 242 N. 3rd Street, (215) 908-3277, stanekgallery.com
- **Wexler Gallery** – The accomplished team at Wexler believes in challenging the traditional labels that categorize art, allowing contemporary glass, studio furniture, ceramics and decorative arts to coexist happily here. 201 N. 3rd Street, (215) 923-7030, wexlergallery.com

Performing Arts & Theaters:

- **Arden Theatre Company** – Noted for both premieres and popular works, the Arden presents a main stage series for adults, as well as amazing productions for children. The theater has received much acclaim, including nine “Best of Philly” awards from *Philadelphia* magazine. 40 N. 2nd Street, (215) 922-1122, ardentheatre.org
- **Christ Church Neighborhood House** – This historic, welcoming building has been reborn as a community-minded performance space for local and international talent. 20 N. American Street, (215) 922-1695, neighborhood-house.com
- **FringeArts** – A 232-seat theater with retractable seating presents contemporary performance, experimental concerts and other events throughout the year. The onsite restaurant, La Peg, makes for a great dinner-and-a-show. 140 N. Columbus Boulevard, (215) 413-1318, fringearts.com
- **Painted Bride Art Center** – Connoisseurs of all art forms regard “the Bride” as an important center for innovative, edgy and experimental music, art, dance, poetry and other performing arts, where a Community Table features locally curated events with a range of topics. 230 Vine Street, (215) 925-9914, paintedbride.org
- **Ritz Theaters** – Fans of indie and international films pack the Ritz’s three Old City locations for eclectic flicks with frequent discounts for seniors and students. Ritz East, 125 S. 2nd Street, (215) 925-4535; Ritz Five, 214 Walnut Street, (215) 440-1184; Ritz at the Bourse, 400 Ranstead Street, (215) 440-1181, landmarktheatres.com

Historic Attractions & Museums:

- **The African American Museum in Philadelphia** – This museum has as a permanent core exhibition *Audacious Freedom*, a groundbreaking historic and cultural display spanning two floors and presenting the stories of African Americans such as Richard Allen, Octavius Catto and Harriet Tubman through a series of informative and interactive presentations. The upper galleries host a rotating calendar of special exhibitions. 701 Arch Street, (215) 574-0380, aampmuseum.org

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- **American Philosophical Society** – It's all about science, art and history, so it's no surprise this esteemed organization was another of Ben Franklin's ideas. Inside: Lewis and Clark's expedition notes, Jefferson's handwritten draft of the *Declaration of Independence* and hundreds more treasures. 104 S. 5th Street, (215) 440-3400, amphilsoc.org
- **Benjamin Franklin Museum** – Tucked below Franklin Court, a revamped museum features artifacts and interactive exhibits that chronicle the inventor's life as a citizen and statesman. Before entering the museum, guests explore the Ghost House in the courtyard. Market or Chestnut Streets between 3rd & 4th Streets, (215) 965-2305, nps.gov/inde
- **Betsy Ross House** – America's most famous flag maker greets guests in her interactive 18th-century upholstery shop, part of a tiny dwelling where visitors learn about Ross' life and legend. 239 Arch Street, (215) 629-5801, historicphiladelphia.org
- **Carpenters' Hall** – The site of the First Continental Congress was also the place for spying, upheaval and revolution. At Carpenters' Hall, feisty American colonists fanned the flames of independence. 320 Chestnut Street, (215) 925-0167, carpentershall.org
- **Declaration House** – This house, tiny by 21st-century standards, once held such big ideas. The home of Jacob Graff hosted Thomas Jefferson as he wrote the *Declaration of Independence*. Hours are limited. 7th & Market Streets, (215) 965-2305, nps.gov/inde
- **Elfreth's Alley** – America's oldest, and possibly most charming, continuously inhabited street is perfect for tiptoeing along the cobblestones and exploring its quaint museum. Guided, 45-minute tours are offered at 1 p.m. Friday, and 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with annual celebrations that open select houses to the public in June and December. 124-126 Elfreth's Alley, (215) 574-0560, elfrethsalley.org
- **Fireman's Hall Museum** – A circa 1902 fire station-turned-museum offers lessons in the history of firefighting via old trucks, ladders, helmets, photographs and a tribute to September 11, 2001. Kids here can try on firefighter coats and boots, play with puzzles and learn how to make emergency calls. 147 N. 2nd Street, (215) 923-1438, firemanshallmuseum.org
- **Independence Hall** – This iconic brick structure proudly is where it all began—where 13 upstart colonies declared independence with the *Declaration of Independence* and where representatives from a young nation framed its laws with the *U.S. Constitution*—of which the hall's West Wing houses an original draft. Timed tickets are required, free and available at the Independence Visitor Center, at 6th and Market streets. The hall's second floor is not wheelchair accessible; entrance through security at 5th & Chestnut Streets. 6th & Chestnut Streets, (215) 965-2305, nps.gov/inde
- **Independence National Historical Park (INHP)** – The Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall, Congress Hall, New Hall Military Museum, Bishop White House and Declaration House are just some of the sites that make up INHP. In the summer months, the park offers ranger-led walking tours. (215) 965-2305, nps.gov/inde
- **Independence Visitor Center** – The gateway to Philadelphia's Historic District gets even more visitor-friendly with the completion of the \$15 million Visitor Experience Improvement Project. Final upgrades include a 42-foot interactive digital wall, which offers an immersive experience and touch-screen content visitors can explore; a new, dedicated Philadelphia Visitor Information Desk; and, a first for Philly, the HERSHEY'S Kitchens cafe. 599 Market Street, (800) 537-7676, phlvisitorcenter.com

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- **Liberty Bell Center** – It doesn't make a sound, but the historic bell's message rings loud and clear: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." This inscription on the cracked but mighty bell is one reason it became a symbol to abolitionists, suffragists and other freedom-seekers around the world. The center offers an interpretation of the evolution of American freedoms. 6th & Market Streets, (215) 965-2305, nps.gov/inde
- **Museum of the American Revolution** – Philadelphia's newest museum opened its doors on the 242nd anniversary of the "shot heard round the world." Visitors learn stories of well-known and everyday people who experienced the tumult through galleries, engaging films and a collection of Revolutionary-era weapons, personal items, diaries, works of art and a major highlight: General Washington's Headquarters Tent. 101 S. 3rd Street, (215) 253-6731, amrevmuseum.org
- **National Constitution Center** – Dedicated to the four most powerful pages in America's history, the National Constitution Center is wholly devoted to honoring and exploring the *U.S. Constitution*. Museumgoers view exhibits and artifacts, take in the 360-degree live theatrical production *Freedom Rising*, walk among 42 life-size bronze statues of the Founding Fathers, and discover the new permanent exhibit, *Civil War and Reconstruction: The Battle for Freedom and Equality*, devoted to exploring the constitutional debates from the Civil War and Reconstruction. 525 Arch Street, (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org
- **National Liberty Museum** – Geared towards young adults, this museum aims to teach about the diversity of Americans and respect for all people through interactive exhibits, stories of heroes and works of art—and is especially known for its art glass collection. 321 Chestnut Street, (215) 925-2800, libertymuseum.org
- **National Museum of American Jewish History** – This modern museum delves into the story and impact of Jewish people in the U.S., from early settlers to history-makers such as Albert Einstein, industry giants such as Estée Lauder and entertainers such as Jerry Seinfeld. Four floors of artifacts, memorabilia and artwork weave important and artful true stories; limited-time exhibits take those stories further. 101 S. Independence Mall East, (215) 923-3811, nmajh.org
- **Polish American Cultural Center** – The Polish American community has an opportunity to retrace their heritage at this quaint museum. Visitors here get to know famous people of Polish descent, learn about unique holiday traditions and purchase souvenirs from a homespun gift shop. 308 Walnut Street, (215) 922-1700, polishamericancenter.org
- **Science History Institute** – At this free museum, visitors can explore the amazing successes, astonishing failures and strange surprises behind the scientific discoveries that have changed the world. Its collections include rare books, fine art, artifacts and instruments related to science and technology. 315 Chestnut Street, (215) 925-2222, sciencehistory.org
- **Second Bank of the United States** – This beautiful columned structure paints a picture of America's roots, with walls lined with more than 150 portraits of the nation's earliest movers and shakers. (Just steps away, the First Bank, although closed to the public, also has a photo-worthy exterior.) 420 Chestnut Street (215) 965-2305, nps.gov/inde
- **The President's House: Freedom and Slavery in the Making of a New Nation** – At this powerful site, visitors see structural fragments of the home where Presidents Washington and Adams lived during their terms and where the first president enslaved nine Africans. The open-air space invites people to learn about the events that transpired through illustrated glass panels and video re-enactments and partake in silent reflection. 6th & Market Streets, (215) 965-2305, nps.gov/inde

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Historic Churches & Sacred Spaces:

- **Arch Street Friends Meeting House** – Sitting atop the first burial ground in Philadelphia, Arch Street Meeting House welcomes visitors to learn more about Quaker history through exhibits and programs. The building has been in continuous use as a place of worship since it was constructed in 1804. 320 Arch Street, (215) 413-1804, historicismh.org
- **Christ Church** – Old City's circa 1695 Episcopal church once held the record for being the tallest building in the country—for more than 50 years. The tall white steeple is still visible from across the Delaware River. The church is available for tours daily and remains also an active parish with Sunday worship and events throughout the week. 20 N. American Street, (215) 922-1695, christchurchphila.org
- **Historic St. George's United Methodist Church** – A historic landmark in American Methodist history, this house of worship has had an active congregation since 1767. Sunday services blend Protestant traditions with contemporary music and prayer. 235 N. 4th Street, (215) 925-7788, historicstgeorges.org
- **St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church** – The official National Shrine of Santo Nino of Cebu for the Filipino American community, this 220-year-old traditional Augustinian parish welcomes worshipers of all faiths and backgrounds—and made appearances in several films, including *The Sixth Sense*. 241 N. Lawrence Street, (215) 627-1838, st-augustinechurch.com
- **Christ Church Burial Ground** – The historic cemetery a few blocks from Christ Church celebrates its 300th anniversary in 2019. It is the final resting place of Benjamin Franklin, four more signers of the *Declaration of Independence*, Dr. Thomas Bond and 4,000 more notable Philadelphians. This sacred spot is open—weather permitting—March through November, but many throw pennies on Franklin's grave through the fence for good luck any time of the year. 5th & Arch Streets, (215) 922-1695, christchurchphila.org
- **Congregation Mikveh Israel** – This full-service synagogue dates back to 1740 and still offers traditional weekly and holiday services. Catered, full-course meals follow Shabbat services (reservations required). 44 N. 4th Street, (215) 922-5446, mikvehisrael.org
- **Old First Reformed United Church of Christ** – Built in 1837, this church represents the country's third oldest religious congregation, established in 1727 and once the center of Philadelphia's German community. The church's credo is "Love First" and welcomes newcomers. 151 N. 4th Street, (215) 922-4566, oldfirstucc.org

Green Spaces:

- **Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest and Summerfest** – In winter, this riverside pop-up village features an open-air Olympic-size ice skating rink, cozy lodge with fireplaces, festive landscaping, twinkling lights, fire pits, arcade games and a variety of food and beverages. Come summer, the space transforms into a day-to-night hangout with Philadelphia's only outdoor roller rink, classic Philadelphia foods, a Ferris wheel and midway and plenty of playful spaces to chill out. 101 S. Columbus Boulevard (Columbus Boulevard & Chestnut Street), delawareriverwaterfront.com
- **Cherry Street Pier** – This creative arts hub and mixed-use public attraction in the shell of a century-old municipal pier offers dramatic views of the Ben Franklin Bridge, plus a full schedule of festivals, concerts, exhibitions, fairs, food and drink. 121 N. Columbus Boulevard, cherrystreetpier.com

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- **Franklin Square** – One of William Penn’s original five squares transformed a decade ago into a park featuring an 18-hole, Philly-themed miniature golf course, restored marble fountain with a seasonal sound and light show, large playground and old-fashioned carousel starring some famous Philly animals. Seasonal events include a massive Chinese Lantern Festival and holiday lights display. When hunger strikes, seasonal SquareBurger delivers with burgers, fries and Cake Shakes. 6th & Race Streets, (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org
- **Penn’s Landing** – Along the Delaware River, where founder William Penn first arrived in Philadelphia, this reclaimed space always has something fun going on: festivals, concerts, free movies, beer gardens, yoga, roller-skating and ice-skating. Columbus Boulevard between Chestnut & Spruce Streets, delawareriverwaterfront.com
- **Race Street Pier** – In the shadow of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, this finger pier juts into the Delaware River. The landscaped park provides two levels for recreation: The upper promenade is paved with a sustainable, synthetic decking material fashioned from reclaimed plastic. At street level, wood connects to the grassy lower terrace via a multi-tiered seating area that’s perfect for picnicking and water-watching. The pier hosts free outdoor yoga from April to November. Columbus Boulevard at Race Street, (215) 922-2FUN, racestreetpier.com
- **Signers Garden** – Across 5th Street from Independence Hall, this popular, petite corner meeting place for tours features lush garden, shaded benches and a triumphant statue of George Clymer, a statesman who signed both the *U.S. Constitution* and *Declaration of Independence*. 500 Chestnut Street, (800) 537-7676, phlvisitorcenter.com
- **Spruce Street Harbor Park** – Recognized by national press as one of the best places to visit in Philly spring through fall, this popular park features tree-slung hammocks, magical lights, oversize games, floating gardens, amazing food from popular Philly restaurants and refreshing drinks. Columbus Boulevard & Spruce Street, sprucestreetharborpark.com

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