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TIPS FOR VISITING PHILADELPHIA'S INDEPENDENCE HALL & LIBERTY BELL
Accessing The City's Most Iconic Attractions In 2021 Requires Planning

PHILADELPHIA, May 17, 2021 – Historic sites abound throughout Greater Philadelphia, but the two most iconic ones are the jewels of Independence National Historical Park: **Independence Hall**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the **Liberty Bell**. These two Philadelphia stalwarts are must-dos for visitors — whether it's their first time or 50th time to the city — but getting inside to see them up close requires a bit of planning as safety precautions remain in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are some tips for visiting two of Philly's most famous sites; for more information, go to visitphilly.com:

Liberty Bell:

- No tickets are required to access the **Liberty Bell Center**, though a 20-person capacity limit (that's about 130-150 people per hour) — implemented to keep both visitors and staff safe — has reduced access to this popular site. Pro tip: Visitors increase their odds of avoiding a long line by visiting early in the day.

Independence Hall:

- Advance reservations are required for 15-20-minute tours of Independence Hall. Tickets are available by calling (877) 444-6777 from 10 a.m. to midnight or by logging onto recreation.gov. While tickets to Independence Hall are free, the administrative fee is \$1 per ticket. Tickets must be presented in printed form or on a mobile device. Visitors are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes before their tour time to go through security screening.
- Tickets for available four months in advance. Weekend tickets sell out quickly, so it's best for visitors to reserve their preferred day and time as soon as possible.

Bell & Hall:

- Masks are required inside all Independence National Historical Park buildings regardless of vaccination status.
- Signs in the queue indicate wait times at the one-hour, two-hour and three-hour point for Independence Hall, and at the 90-minute point for the Liberty Bell Center.
- Visitors wait outside the Bell and Hall in an uncovered area, so it's best to check the weather in advance to determine rain-gear needs.
- There are few places to sit while waiting in line, so visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes or bring a light chair if unable to stand for long periods.
- Large groups are split up when visiting the Bell and Hall.



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