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## Philadelphia Named 'Most Walkable City to Visit' for Second Consecutive Year by USA TODAY

Philadelphia tops national walkability rankings, surpassing other metropolitan areas like New York, Boston and Chicago.

**PHILADELPHIA**, **June 26**, **2024** – For the second consecutive year, Philadelphia has been voted the "**Most Walkable City To Visit**" in the 2024 *USA TODAY* 10Best Readers' Choice Awards contest.

Walkability is a key factor for travelers when choosing a destination and offers significant benefits for city residents. In Philadelphia, visitors and residents can explore the city's neighborhoods on foot, enjoying sights ranging from public art installations and premier cultural institutions to vibrant green spaces and historic landmarks.

Philadelphia was nominated for its walkability by a panel of experts, including editors from *USA TODAY* and 10best.com, who selected 20 cities with a variety of activities, dining options and accommodations, all linked by pedestrian-friendly streets. The public then voted Philadelphia the No. 1 city on the list of the 10 most walkable cities to visit in the U.S.

"Being recognized as the most walkable city in the U.S. for the second year in a row is a testament to the accessibility and connectivity of Philadelphia's neighborhoods. It's wonderful to see visitors and residents exploring our city on foot, discovering local businesses and experiencing the vibrancy of our communities," said Angela Val, president & CEO of Visit Philadelphia. "As we move towards celebrating America's semiquincentennial and the national spotlight on Philadelphia grows, this accolade reinforces our commitment to maintaining a pedestrian-friendly environment."

"This title underscores our city of neighborhoods, offering a pedestrian-friendly environment where visitors can effortlessly experience the charm, culture, and convenience that define Philadelphia," said Gregg Caren, president and CEO of the Philadelphia Convention and

Visitors Bureau. "Our walkable streets connect international travelers and <u>convention attendees</u> alike to an array of hotels, restaurants, and attractions, making Philadelphia a standout destination for visitors seeking an engaging and accessible travel experience."

Center City Philadelphia's easy-to-navigate corridor spans 26 blocks from the Delaware River on the east to the Schuylkill River on the west. Only 2.4 miles separate Penn's Landing and the Schuylkill River Trail, with the ability to walk from one end of Center City to the other in just 50 minutes.

Getting around Philadelphia with ease allows both first-time travelers and returning natives to discover and rediscover the city's history, culture, cuisines and hidden gems. Visitors can also take advantage of <u>self-guided walking tours</u> and tour experiences spanning a wide range of interests.

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## **About Visit Philadelphia:**

VISIT PHILADELPHIA® is our name and our mission. As the region's official tourism marketing agency, we build Greater Philadelphia's image, drive visitation and boost the economy. On Greater Philadelphia's official visitor website, visitphilly.com, visitors can explore things to do, upcoming events, themed itineraries and hotel packages.

Compelling photography and videos, interactive maps and detailed visitor information make the site an effective trip-planning tool. Visitors can also find loads of inspiration on Visit Philly's social media channels.

Note to Editors: For high-resolution photos and high-definition B-roll of Greater Philadelphia, visit the Photos & Video section of <u>visitphilly.com/media-center</u>.

## About the PHLCVB:

The Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau (PHLCVB) creates positive economic impact across the Philadelphia region, driving job growth and promoting the health and vibrancy of our hospitality industry by marketing the destination, the Pennsylvania Convention Center, and attracting overnight visitors. The PHLCVB's work engages our partners, the local Philadelphia community as well as culturally and ethnically diverse regional, national and international convention, sporting event and tourism customers. The PHLCVB is also the official tourism promotion agency for the city of Philadelphia globally and is responsible for growing the number of international leisure visitors who come to the region each year. To learn more, visit DiscoverPHL.com.