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40+ Things to Do in Greater Philadelphia for Labor Day Weekend 2026

From white-dress parties and fireworks to family-friendly festivals and can't-miss events, here's how to make the most of summer's final holiday weekend.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19, 2026 – As Philadelphia bids farewell to an unforgettable summer, the celebration is far from over. This upcoming Labor Day Weekend, there are plenty of ways to keep the summer spirit going, with festivities for all ages happening throughout the city and beyond.

Read on for a full guide to Labor Day Weekend 2026 in Greater Philadelphia.

See Living History & Take a Tour

For those seeking history firsthand, the [National Constitution Center](#)'s [America's Founding](#) gallery tells the story of liberty, equality and government by consent. And the [Betsy Ross House](#) raises the American flag — yes, the same one she personally stitched — [every morning at 10 a.m.](#)

Residents and visitors can [meander with a purpose](#) at Bucks County's [Fonthill Castle](#) on September 5 and 6, 2026. The 118-year-old structure, built by Henry Chapman Mercer, invites guests to tour at a leisurely pace, with guides stationed around the castle to answer questions and point them in the right direction.

The [Museum of the American Revolution](#) is devoting three days to interactive fun. Residents and visitors can experience living history at [hands-on exhibits](#), highlighted by a neighborhood from the 1700s along with two “Discovery Carts” — one featuring objects crafted for the Continental Army, another showing how an old printing press worked. Museum educators lead 10-minute history talks, including a chat on the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

And the [Laurel Hill East Cemetery](#) dives into rotten food and constant indigestion through their [Patent Medicines: I Have a Cure for That!](#) tour.

Meanwhile, the [Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History](#) welcomes families to [Colors of Creation](#), a vibrant playground of color, music and movement.

And, since everyone loves a parade, cruise down to Sheet Metal Workers Local 19 Union Hall for the 39th [Tri-State Labor Day Parade](#), from Columbus Boulevard toward [Penn's Landing](#) on September 7, 2026.

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Residents and visitors have the last chance to get interactive with Paul Ramírez Jonas' [Let Freedom Ring](#) sculpture, which is leaving Cherry Street Pier at the end of September.

Visit Family-Friendly Attractions

[Sesame Place](#) closes out summer [with a bang](#), filling the sky with colorful fireworks while Cookie Monster and Elmo rock out in the park on September 6, 2026.

[Spruce Street Harbor Park](#) invites kids of all ages [to make shadow puppets](#) at Family Fun Day on September 7, 2026. Families and kids can also picnic with the Berenstain Bears during the [Philadelphia Zoo's Teddy Bear Picnic](#) on September 5, 2026. Plus, the ongoing [Stranger Things: The Immersive Experience](#) at [Netflix House Philadelphia](#) is always a fun indoor option.

Spooky season officially arrives at [Peddler's Village](#) when [Bucks County's](#) storybook land kicks off [Scarecrows in the Village](#) September 7 through October 26, 2026, inviting families to enter a scarecrow in the competition or wander around and gaze at over 100 scarecrows built by the community.

The [Polish American Family Festival](#) returns to the grounds of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in [Doylestown](#) for its 60th year from September 5 to 7, 2026. The event is a cultural immersion blender, showcasing traditional Polish music and dancing amid a flurry of food stalls selling authentic Polish delicacies like Placki.

[The Franklin Institute](#) gets ready to wrap up [Universal Theme Parks: The Exhibition](#), featuring costumes and props, plus everything else you need to know about the science and storytelling behind a movie-themed amusement park, through September 7, 2026.

Watch Culture & Arts Come to Life

Catch one of the final [Pay What You Wish](#) Friday nights at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where you can peruse [Van Gogh's Sunflowers](#) or [A Nation of Artists](#) through September 4, 2026.

[Coltrane 100 Philly](#) honors John Coltrane's 100th birthday with live jazz performances, like the [Karen Smith Experience](#), inside the [Philadelphia Museum of Art](#) on September 5, 2026.

See a genre-breaking comedy show when ALOK, the acclaimed non-binary poet and comedian, [performs at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts](#) on September 4, 2026.

Wayne's Woods, inside [Valley Forge National Historical Park](#), sets the scene with [Art in the Park](#) on September 6, 2026.

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Dine Outdoors or Find a New Restaurant

Residents and visitors can hang out at [Bok Bar](#), one of the chilliest venues in town. Even more so when [Cosmic Rhythms](#), with special guests Joshua Lang and DJ Sylo, *funkify* the rooftop on September 7, 2026.

Dance away the end of summer on the Delaware River. Two boat parties ride out Labor Day in style, including the [Rum & Red Bull All-White Cruise](#) aboard the Spirit of Philadelphia and the [Saturday Night White Party Cruise](#) on the Ben Franklin Yacht — both setting sail on September 5, 2026.

Check out the [153rd Annual Labor Day Volksfest](#) at Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein September 5 to 7, 2026 for a suds-y goodbye to summer. Keep the good times flowing with a stroll to [Parks on Tap](#) at Penn Treaty Park and try a new beer from Mainstay Independent Brewing, Conshohocken Brewing Company or 2SP Brewing from September 4 to 7, 2026.

Discover a buzzworthy new restaurant like [Recipe Philly](#), the reality show-meets-cooking-contest from Homebred Hospitality. Other can't-miss eats: [Vons Chicken](#), [Bar Cicci](#), [Oroshi Sushi & Omakase](#), [Mr. Edison](#) and [Mixteca](#).

Foodies can explore endless delicious options at the [Southeast Asian Market](#), with the fresh flavors of Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia and the Philippines through October 31, 2026.

Experience a Late-Summer Concert

High-profile entertainers are taking stages across the city, highlighted by British songstress [Lily Allen](#) at Highmark Mann on September 6, 2026 and country diva [Kacey Musgraves](#) at Xfinity Mobile Arena on September 4, 2026.

Under-the-radar shows include [David Wilcox & Lucy Kaplansky](#) in Bryn Mawr on September 6, 2026 and [Peter Hook & The Light](#) at Union Transfer on September 7, 2026.

At [Longwood Gardens](#) — the [Chester County](#) institution modeled after Versailles — space-age hits from David Bowie magically sync up with waltzing fountains during [The Final Frontier](#) fireworks display on September 6, 2026.

Boogie on over to [Otherworld Philadelphia](#) for a drum-and-bass experience [with London dubstepper Flowdan](#) on September 6, 2026.

Sporting Events & Leisure Time

The [Philadelphia Phillies](#) are [making a playoff push](#) after trading for three-time batting champion Luis Arráez. The Fightins welcome the first-place Atlanta Braves to Citizens Bank Park for a four-game set September 4 to 7, 2026.

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Labor Day also ushers in the return of college football as the Temple Owls host Rhode Island [for their season opener](#) at Lincoln Financial Field on September 5, 2026. Make it a doubleheader and [see the Philadelphia Union battle CF Montréal](#) later in the evening at Subaru Park on September 5, 2026.

The Bicycle Club of Philadelphia [is offering two Sunday strolls](#) on September 6, 2026, leaving from the Azalea Garden behind the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Also, [Linvilla Orchards](#) in [Delaware County](#) invites families to [pick their own crops \(and pet barnyard animals\)](#) throughout the holiday weekend from September 4 to 6, 2026.

Find a Farm Stand, Eat Fresh Produce

The time for enjoying vine-ripened tomatoes and sweet-tapped watermelons is right now.

Plan a trip out to [Carter Melons](#), where a fourth-generation business continues to set the gold standard for watermelons.

[RiverWards Produce](#) in [Fishtown](#) remains a summertime staple with some of the best local veggies in town, including torpedo onions, yellow peaches, snow leopard melons and local heirloom tomatoes. Or, one can make their way to [Capriotti Brothers](#) in [Northeast Philly](#), a stand selling fresh produce and veggies, tucked inside an Italian specialty store.

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