



## Self-Guided Walking Tour of Philadelphia 2011

1. Start at 34<sup>th</sup> & Market Streets. Go underground and take the Market/Frankford El (the Blue Line) Eastbound to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
2. Come up from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street station and walk north on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to **Christ Church (#1)**.
3. North of Market Street are many of the Old City Galleries where **First Fridays (#2)** take place.
4. Go back south on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street past Market Street. You will see some of the **Old City Entertainment Spots (#3)** and **Ritz East Movie Theater (#4)**,
5. Turn right onto Walnut Street. You will pass the **Ritz 5**, another one of Ritz movie theaters, on Walnut between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets.
6. Continue west on Walnut Street. You will pass **Penn's Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (#5)** at 420 Walnut Street.
7. Walk through the park across the street from Penn's Center for Advanced Judaic Studies. In this park you will see **Surgeon's Hall**. Then continue on and connect with 5<sup>th</sup> Street, heading towards Market St. This area is **Independence Park (#6)**
8. Turn left on Market and head west. You will see the **Gallery Mall (#7)** and the Department of Motor Vehicles (across from the Gallery).
9. To the north between 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets you will find Philadelphia's **Chinatown (#8)**.
10. Turn right and go north on 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Stop at **Reading Terminal Market (#9)** for lunch.
11. Walk west on Filbert Street to Broad Street.
12. Look to the northwest down Benjamin Franklin Parkway to see the **Philadelphia Museum of Art (#10)**.
13. Turn left on Broad Street heading south. Walk through **City Hall (#11)**.
14. As you emerge from City Hall, continue south on Broad Street, also known as the **Avenue of the Arts (#12)**.
15. Turn right on Walnut and head west. You'll see a lot of shopping in this area, including **The Shops at Liberty Place (#13)** at 16<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut.
16. Stop at **Rittenhouse Square (#14)**. Hang out in the park or check out the local bars - Irish Pub, Bard's, and Roosevelt's.

### **1. Historic Christ Church**

Christ Church was the first Anglican Parish in Philadelphia. The present church's cornerstone was laid in 1724. Notable persons who worshiped here include Betsy Ross, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington and the rest of the continental congress who adjourned here to pray before making the decision to declare independence from England.

### **2. First Fridays**

On the “First Friday” of every month, the art galleries and restaurants of Old City welcome the public to art openings and receptions. The streets come alive as those seeking a good time mingle with serious art enthusiasts. There are more than 40 art galleries in Old City, mostly clustered along 2nd Street between Market and Race Streets and on 3rd Street between Arch and Race Streets.

### **3. Old City Entertainment Spots**

There are lots of great restaurants and bars located on 2<sup>nd</sup> between Market and Chestnut: The Continental, Blue Martini, Plough and the Stars, Brownies, Rotton Ralph’s, etc. Other cool spots can be found along Market and Chestnut too!

### **4. Ritz Movie Theaters**

Ritz at the Bourse (400 Ranstead St.), Ritz East (125 S. Second St.), Ritz Five (214 Walnut) are great theaters to see artistic, foreign and limited-release movies.

**5. The University of Pennsylvania's Center for Advanced Judaic Studies** (420 Walnut) is the only institution in the world devoted exclusively to post-doctoral research on Jewish civilization in all its historical and cultural manifestations. The Center's distinguished scholars, superb library holdings, and outstanding faculty have established Penn as one of the world's major centers for the study of Jewish civilization.

*When walking through the park* – You can see the remains of the Surgeon’s Hall. From 1763 through 1801, the Penn Department of Medicine was housed in this building.

### **6. Independence Hall and National Constitution Center**

The National Constitution Center opened on July 4, 2003 on Philadelphia's Independence Mall. It is the first museum in the world dedicated to honoring and explaining the U.S. Constitution through more than 100 interactive and multimedia exhibits, photographs, film, sculpture, text and artifacts. It is open from 9:30am to 5:00pm Monday-Friday, 9:30am to 6pm on Saturday and noon to 5pm on Sunday. Admission for 2008-09 is \$12.

### **7. The Gallery at Market East**

There are more than 130 stores and places to dine at this urban shopping mall, which covers nearly 4 blocks in Center City. The Gallery has just about anything a shopper would need and is very easy to get to on the Market/Frankford Line (come up at 11<sup>th</sup>, shop through The Gallery, then hop back on at 15<sup>th</sup> to go home!).

### **8. Chinatown**

Philadelphia’s Chinatown is marked by the 40 ft Friendship Gate, a ceremonial Chinese gate erected in 1982 in cooperation with sister city, Tianjin. Chinatown harkens back to the 1870’s as a place for Chinese to gather for food, shopping, medicine, weddings, and worship. Today, Chinatown encompasses many cultures, predominantly Asian, and still offers a great variety of restaurants, grocery stores, herbalists, medical and dental services, bakeries, hotels, and much more.

### **9. Reading Terminal Market**

The Reading Terminal Market, considered by many as the best farmer’s market in the U.S., blends together state-of-the-art systems technology without sacrificing its historical integrity. It’s not only a popular hometown attraction, but also the most popular Philadelphia tourist destination after the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall.

More than 80 merchants offer patrons fresh produce, meats, fish, groceries, flowers, baked goods, crafts, books, clothing, as well as hard-to-find specialties and ethnic foods. Shopping and dining become a pleasure in this warm, inviting, and unique atmosphere.

**10. The Philadelphia Museum of Art** is among the largest and most important art museums in the United States. Its collections include superb examples of Asian art, medieval sculpture, Renaissance painting, and Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings. The Museum of Art is also known for its blockbuster exhibitions; most recently the PMA was the only East Coast museum to show *Degas and the Dance*. The Museum is open late on Fridays, when a lively crowd gathers for fun, art, music, dance, films and food. The Museum is closed Mondays and pay-what-you-wish on Sundays. Tuesday through Saturday admission is \$14 per person, or \$10 with student ID.

**11. City Hall** is home to Philadelphia's local government offices and is the nation's largest municipal building (bigger than the U.S. Capitol! and the most expensive). The 37 ft statue atop City Hall is Philadelphia's founder William Penn, subject of the Curse of Billy Penn. A gentleman's agreement stipulated that no buildings could be built taller than the top of Penn's statue, and since the 1980s construction of the Liberty towers, no Philadelphia sports team had won a major event. The Curse was broken when a miniature statue of William Penn was placed atop the then newly completed Comcast Building and the Phillies won the World Series in 2008.

Learn more about the statue, the building, the city government and all that goes on here on tours offered once daily Mon-Fri, starting at 12:30pm in Room 121. These tours are free, though donations are appreciated.

**12. The Avenue of the Arts** on South Broad Street is home to the Academy of Music, the Kimmel Center, Wilma Theater, the Pennsylvania Ballet, the University of the Arts, the Clef Club, etc. There are also many restaurants and bars catering to the theater crowd in this area.

### **13. Shops at Liberty Place**

Over 60 stores and restaurants offer upscale merchandise and products. Some examples include Godiva Chocolatier, Victoria's Secret, The Body Shop, J. Crew, the Coach Store, Charles Schwab, Jos. A. Bank, Aveda, and April Cornell.

**14. Rittenhouse Square** is one of William Penn's original four parks surrounding City Hall (the other three are Logan Circle, Franklin Square and Washington Square.). Rittenhouse Square is known as one of the most successful urban parks in the country. Its surrounds comprise upscale residences, businesses, shops, and restaurants and bars, making it a lively spot nearly 24 hours a day. Rittenhouse Square is a great place to picnic and sunbathe on a sunny afternoon, and it is probably the best spot for people-watching in the city.

### **To return to campus:**

**From Stop #9** – Walk to Market Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Take the Market-Frankford Line (the Blue Line) Westbound to 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Walk south on Market Street two blocks back to campus.

**From Stop #11, #12, or #13** – At 15<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets, take the Market-Frankford Line (the Blue Line) Westbound to 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Walk south on Market Street two blocks back to campus.

**From Stop #14** – Go to the corner of 19<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets. Take the #21 Bus Westbound back to campus.