Philly Fun

Graduate & Professional New Student Orientation 2016

*Get more information and register at www.gsc.upenn.edu/orientation. More events are being added all the time so check the website frequently!*

Great Reference Websites

1) **Visit Philly:** [http://www.visitphilly.com/](http://www.visitphilly.com/)
   - The official tourist and travel site for Philadelphia and the surrounding counties

2) **Uwishunu:** [http://www.uwishunu.com/](http://www.uwishunu.com/)
   - Updates daily with information on special events, restaurant openings, food and nightlife recommendations, and more by date and by neighborhood

3) **Young Involved Philadelphia:** [http://www.younginvolvedphila.org/](http://www.younginvolvedphila.org/)

4) **Yelp:** [http://www.yelp.com/philadelphia](http://www.yelp.com/philadelphia)
   - A local review site to search locally for nightlife, restaurants, shops, bars, grocery stores, coffee shops, and more
   - Especially good for specialty searches, such as Bring-Your-Own-Bottle restaurants.

5) **Graduate Student Center!!!:** [http://www.gsc.upenn.edu](http://www.gsc.upenn.edu)

6) **GradFest 2016:** [http://gapsa.upenn.edu/](http://gapsa.upenn.edu/)

Student Discounts

1) **KimmelStix:** $10 student rush tickets to select Kimmel Center performances

2) **eZseatU:** $25 seasonal tickets to all Philadelphia Orchestra performances

3) **Philadelphia Museum of Art:** Pay-what-you-wish on the first Sunday of every month + every Wednesday after 5 PM.

4) **The Mütter Museum:** Offers admission discounts for students.

5) Many restaurants, museums, venues, attractions will offer student discounts – [https://www.yelp.com/philadelphia](https://www.yelp.com/philadelphia)

6) **GAPSA + Grad Center student events:** check upcoming events via weekly newsletter

How to get around Philadelphia

1) **SEPTA:** [http://www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org) (try the “Trip Planner”)

2) **Penn Transit:** [http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/transportation/](http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/transportation/)

3) **Biking:**
   - Commuter routes provided by the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia: [http://bicyclecoalition.org/ride-your-bike/bike-maps/](http://bicyclecoalition.org/ride-your-bike/bike-maps/)
   - Indego city bicycle rental: [https://www.rideindego.com](https://www.rideindego.com)

4) **Walking:**
   - Walking directions can be explored using: [https://maps.google.com](https://maps.google.com)

Select neighborhoods of Philadelphia (address, area or range of streets for each location in parentheses)

1) **University City/West Philadelphia** (west of the Schuylkill River)
   a. Popular sites: Clark Park, University City Arts Alliance, Woodlands Cemetery, Fiume, World Café Live, Dock Street Brewing Company, Green Line Café, Distrito, City Tap House, Aksum

2) **Center City** (between Schuylkill River and 6th St, between Vine and South)
   a. Rittenhouse Square (19th and Walnut Streets)
      i. Great shopping, food, festivals in the park
      ii. Popular sites: Center City Sips, Village Whiskey, Dandelion, Vernick, Drinker’s, Dizengoff, Good Dog, Howl at the Moon, Fox and the Hound, El Rey
   b. Logan Square (20th and Race Streets)
      i. Huge circular fountain surrounded by museums (Franklin Institute, Academy of Natural Sciences)
      ii. Popular sites: Uptown Beer Garden, Skygarten, Pagano’s, Chima Brazilian Steakhouse
   c. Gayborhood (13th and Locust Streets)
      i. LGBT-friendly area with fantastic restaurants and bars for all to enjoy, rainbow crosswalks
Popular sites: El Vez, Indeblue, Jamonera, Little Nonna’s, Woody’s, Voyeur

Chinatown (10th and Arch Streets) [www.phillychinatown.com](http://www.phillychinatown.com)

- Friendship Gate marks entry, lots of great Asian restaurants and Chinese culture
- Popular sites: Reading Terminal Market, Philadelphia Convention Center, Banana Leaf, Dim Sum Garden, Hop Sing Laundromat

Avenue of the Arts (Broad Street) – theaters, music and performing arts

### Museum District and Fairmount District

- The Art Museum District also known as “The Parkway” as it lies along the Ben Franklin Parkway
- Popular sites: Barnes Institute, Rodin Museum, Eastern State Penitentiary, Schuylkill River Trail

#### Independence Mall and Historic District

- The Independence Visitor’s Center located at the corner of 6th St. and Market St.
- [http://www.visitphilly.com/historic-philadelphia/](http://www.visitphilly.com/historic-philadelphia/) - comprehensive website detailing the tours, attractions, restaurants, and nightlife in the historic district
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### Food and Drink in Philadelphia

1. **Breweries:** Dock Street Brewery, Iron Hill Brewery, Triumph Brewery, Yards Brewery, Philadelphia Brewing, Nodding Head Brewing
2. **Alcohol:** Wine and liquor stores separate from beer distributor, but can get beer in many groceries, bars, restaurants
3. **Grocery shopping**
   - Superstores
     - Fresh Grocer, Whole Foods, Trader Joes, Superfresh, Shop Rite, Supreme, ALDI
   - Farmers Markets
     - Both seasonal and year-round: [http://thefoodtrust.org/farmers-markets](http://thefoodtrust.org/farmers-markets)
   - International Groceries
     - University City: Rice and Spice, International Food and Spices, Makkah Market, Dana Mandi
     - Italian Market
     - Chinatown

### Outdoor Activities

1. **Sports**
   - Eagles (football), Phillies (baseball), 76ers (basketball), Flyers (hockey), Union (soccer), Wings (lacrosse)
   - Tickets from team site or [http://www.stubhub.com](http://www.stubhub.com)
   - Penn Athletics: [http://www.pennathletics.com](http://www.pennathletics.com)
2. **Fairmount Park**
   - Popular Sites: Wissahickon Creek, Philadelphia Zoo, Japanese Tea House, Mann Center for Performing Arts
   - Eastern State Penitentiary: [http://www.easternstate.org](http://www.easternstate.org)
3. **Outdoor Activities:** [http://www.upenn.edu/recreation/outdoor-adventures/adventure-trips/](http://www.upenn.edu/recreation/outdoor-adventures/adventure-trips/)
   - Outdoor rock-climbing, skiing, hiking, and backpacking