

## **Why Philly Matters**

This city was thought of as dead – but it wouldn't die. Great urban plan and attractive layout but declining population, losing jobs, etc. So they shifted and they captured. They embraced diversity and the arts, they focused on neighborhoods and the residents responded. Residential development and renovations sparked it. Mix in strong neighborhoods, quality architecture, exciting arts, tourism, education and they were on to something. Then, Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts gets built to anchor downtown and new baseball, football and basketball arenas are developed nearby (but not downtown). Rittenhouse Square is one of the great urban spaces anywhere. And the whole grid and quadrants anchored by squares is wonderfully functional. Philly has a long way to go and "old" cannot become "new" all at once, but this city is real. It has character. Yeah, it shows its age sometimes and has made some mistakes (waterfront redevelopment). And economic challenges will probably always be there. But this is a neat place with some really great architecture. Funky and fun neighborhoods. Great restaurants. And what an arts scene – one of the best in the United States.

## **Hotels**

Four Seasons  
One Logan Square  
215.963.1500  
[www.fourseasons.com/philadelphia](http://www.fourseasons.com/philadelphia)

Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue  
200 South Broad Street, at Walnut Street  
215.893.1234  
[www.parkphiladelphia.hyatt.com](http://www.parkphiladelphia.hyatt.com)

The Rittenhouse  
210 West Rittenhouse Square  
215.546.9000  
[www.rittenhousehotel.com](http://www.rittenhousehotel.com)

Ritz-Carlton  
10 Avenue of the Arts  
215.523.8000  
[www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com)

## **Restaurants**

Alma De Cuba  
1623 Walnut Street  
215.988.1799  
[www.almadecubarestaurant.com](http://www.almadecubarestaurant.com)

Ansill Food & Wine  
627 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, at Bainbridge Street  
215.627.2485  
[www.ansillfoodandwine.com](http://www.ansillfoodandwine.com)

Barclay Prime  
237 South 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
215.732.7560  
[www.barclayprime.com](http://www.barclayprime.com)

Buddakan  
325 Chestnut Street, at 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
215.574.9440  
[www.buddakan.com](http://www.buddakan.com)

Continental Midtown  
1801 Chestnut Street  
215.567.1800  
[www.continentalmidtown.com](http://www.continentalmidtown.com)

Fork  
306 Market Street, between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets  
215.625.9425  
[www.forkrestaurant.com](http://www.forkrestaurant.com)

Gayle  
617 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
215.922.3850  
[www.gaylephiladelphia.com](http://www.gaylephiladelphia.com)

James (BYOB)  
824 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
215.629.4980  
[www.jameson8th.com](http://www.jameson8th.com)

## **Restaurants (continued)**

Le Bec Fin

1523 Walnut Street, at South Sydenham Street

215.567.1000

[www.lebecfin.com](http://www.lebecfin.com)

Lolita (BYOT)

106 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street

215.546.7100

[www.lolitabyob.com](http://www.lolitabyob.com)

Rae

2929 Arch Street at Cira Centre next to Amtrack's 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station

215.922.3839

[www.raerestaurant.com](http://www.raerestaurant.com)

Rouge

205 South 18<sup>th</sup> Street, on Rittenhouse Square

215.732.6622

No website

Supper

928 South Street

215.592.8180

[www.supperphilly.com](http://www.supperphilly.com)

Tria

123 South 18<sup>th</sup> Street

215.972.8742

[www.triacafe.com](http://www.triacafe.com)

Twenty Manning

261 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street

215.731.0900

[www.twentymanning.com](http://www.twentymanning.com)

Water Works Restaurant

640 Water Works Drive

215.236.9000

[www.thewaterworksrestaurant.com](http://www.thewaterworksrestaurant.com)

### **Food Shops/Quick Lunch**

Campo's Deli  
214 Market Street, at South Strawberry Street  
215.923.1000  
[www.camposdeli.com](http://www.camposdeli.com)

Capogiro Gelato (Rittenhouse Square Location – 1 other location in Philadelphia)  
117 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street, at Sansom Street  
215.665.9220  
[www.capogirogelato.com](http://www.capogirogelato.com)

Di Bruno Brothers Market  
1730 Chestnut Street, near Rittenhouse Square  
215.665.9220  
[www.dibruno.com](http://www.dibruno.com)

Reading Terminal Market  
51 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street, at Arch Street  
215.922.2317  
[www.readingterminalmarket.org](http://www.readingterminalmarket.org)

### **Bars/Lounge/Good Drinks**

Brasserie Perrier  
1619 Walnut Street  
215.568.3000  
[www.brasserieperrier.com](http://www.brasserieperrier.com)

Lobby Lounge and The Vault  
10 Avenue of the Arts, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel  
215.523.8000  
[www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com)

Public House  
18<sup>th</sup> Street between Cherry and Arch Streets  
215.587.9040  
[www.publichousephilly.com](http://www.publichousephilly.com)

Tangerine  
232 Market Street, between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets  
215.627.5116  
[www.tangerinerestaurant.com](http://www.tangerinerestaurant.com)

### **Bars/Lounge/Good Drinks (continued)**

XIX Nineteen Lounge  
200 South Broad Street, at Park Hyatt Hotel  
215.790.1919  
[www.nineteenrestaurant.com](http://www.nineteenrestaurant.com)

### **Urban Places**

Rittenhouse Square  
Antique Row – Pine Street, roughly between 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets (not so many antiques but nice walk)  
South Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Front Street (fun and funky neighborhood)  
University City/University of Pennsylvania  
Market Street, Avenue of the Arts  
South 20<sup>th</sup> Street, west of Rittenhouse Square  
Philadelphia Museum of Art  
Fairmont Park (largest urban park in the United States)  
Walnut Street – main shopping street  
Chestnut Street – secondary main shopping street, just north of Walnut  
Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts  
Reading Terminal Market  
Boathouse Row (at night) – Fairmount Park  
Ben Franklin Bridge – walk it!  
“Old City” Neighborhood – arts, cool smaller bars and restaurants  
Comcast Center Building, huge lobby LCD screen

### **Touristy but worth it**

Independence Hall/Constitution Center  
Run up the steps at Philly Museum of Art – just like Rocky!