

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

Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue

200 South Broad Street, at Walnut Street

215.893.1234

www.parkphiladelphia.hyatt.com

The Rittenhouse

210 West Rittenhouse Square

215.546.9000

www.rittenhousehotel.com

Ritz-Carlton

10 Avenue of the Arts

215.523.8000

www.ritzcarlton.com

Hotel Palomar

117 South 17th Street

215.563.5006

www.hotelpalomar-philadelphia.com

Restaurants

Alma De Cuba
1623 Walnut Street
215.988.1799
www.almadecubarestaurant.com

Barclay Prime
237 South 18th Street
215.732.7560
www.barclayprime.com

Buddakan
325 Chestnut Street, at 4th Street
215.574.9440
www.buddakan.com

Continental Midtown
1801 Chestnut Street
215.567.1800
www.continentalmidtown.com

Fork
306 Market Street, between 3rd and 4th Streets
215.625.9425
www.forkrestaurant.com

James (BYOB)
824 South 8th Street
215.629.4980
www.jameson8th.com

Le Bec Fin
1523 Walnut Street, at South Sydenham Street
215.567.1000
www.lebecfin.com

Lolita (BYOT)
106 South 13th Street
215.546.7100
www.lolitabyob.com

Restaurants (continued)

MidAtlantic Restaurant & Tap Room

3711 Market Street

215. 386.3711

www.midatlanticrestaurant.com

R2L

50 South 16th Street - Two Liberty Place 37th Floor

215. 564.5337

www.r2lrestaurant.com

Rae

2929 Arch Street at Cira Centre next to Amtrack's 30th Street Station

215.922.3839

www.raerestaurant.com

Rouge

205 South 18th Street, on Rittenhouse Square

215.732.6622

No website

Supper

928 South Street

215.592.8180

www.supperphilly.com

Tria

123 South 18th Street

215.972.8742

www.triacafe.com

Twenty Manning Grill

261 South 20th Street

215.731.0900

www.twentymanning.com

Water Works Restaurant

640 Water Works Drive

215.236.9000

www.thewaterworksrestaurant.com

Food Shops/Quick Lunch

Campo's Deli
214 Market Street, at South Strawberry Street
215.923.1000
www.camposdeli.com

Capogiro Gelato (Rittenhouse Square Location – 1 other location in Philadelphia)
117 South 20th Street, at Sansom Street
215.665.9220
www.capogirogelato.com

Di Bruno Brothers Market
1730 Chestnut Street, near Rittenhouse Square
215.665.9220
www.dibruno.com

Reading Terminal Market
51 North 12th Street, at Arch Street
215.922.2317
www.readingterminalmarket.org

Bars/Lounge/Good Drinks

Lobby Lounge and The Vault
10 Avenue of the Arts, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel
215.523.8000
www.ritzcarlton.com

Public House
18th Street between Cherry and Arch Streets
215.587.9040
www.publichousephilly.com

Square 1682 located in Hotel Palomar
117 South 17th Street
215.563.5006
www.hotelpalomar-philadelphia.com

XIX Nineteen Lounge
200 South Broad Street, at Park Hyatt Hotel
215.790.1919
www.nineteenrestaurant.com

Urban Places

Rittenhouse Square

Antique Row – Pine Street, roughly between 11th and 13th Streets (not so many antiques but nice walk)

South Street, 8th Street to Front Street (fun and funky neighborhood)

University City/University of Pennsylvania

Market Street, Avenue of the Arts

South 20th 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!