

Philadelphia List
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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. 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). Economic challenges will probably always be there. But this is a neat place with some really great architecture. Funky and fun neighborhoods. Great restaurants. Very walkable and easy to get around.

Hotels

The Bellevue Hotel
200 South Broad Street, at Walnut Street
215.893.1234
www.philadelphiabellevue.hyatt.com

Kimpton Hotel Palomar (CTU favorite)
117 South 17th Street
215.563.5006
www.hotelpalomar-philadelphia.com

The Logan Hotel (formerly the Four Seasons)
One Logan Square
215.963.1500
www.theloganhotel.com

The Notary Hotel, Autograph Collection
21 North Juniper Street
215.496.3200
www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/phlak-the-notary-hotel-philadelphia-autograph-collection

The Rittenhouse Hotel
210 West Rittenhouse Square
215.546.9000
www.rittenhousehotel.com

Hotels Continued

The Ritz-Carlton
10 Avenue of the Arts
215.523.8000
www.ritzcarlton.com

Restaurants

Alpen Rose Steakhouse
116 South 13th Street
215.600.0709
www.alpenrosephl.com

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

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

Butcher and Singer
1500 Walnut Street
215.732.4444
www.butcherandsinger.com

Devon Seafood Grill
225 South 18th Street
215.546.5940
www.devonseaford.com

El Vez
121 South 13th Street
215.928.9800
www.elvezrestaurant.com

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

Restaurants Continued

Giuseppe & Sons
1523 Sansom Street
215.399.9199
www.giuseppesons.com

Harp & Crown
1525 Sansom Street
215.330.2800
www.harpcrown.com

Harper's Garden
31 South 18th Street
267.886.8552
www.harpersgardenphilly.com

Laser Wolf
1301 North Howard Street
267.499.4660
www.laserwolfphilly.com

Oyster House
1516 Sansom Street
215.567.7683
www.oysterhousephilly.com

Parc Restaurant
227 South 18th Street
215.545.2262
www.parc-restaurant.com

Pearl and Mary Oyster Bar
114 South 13th Street
215.330.6786
www.pearlandmary.com

Rosy's Tacos
2220 Walnut Street
267.858.4561
www.rosystacobar.com

Rouge
205 South 18th Street, on Rittenhouse Square
215.732.6622
www.rouge98.com

Restaurants Continued

The Continental Midtown
1801 Chestnut Street
215.567.1800
www.continentalmidtown.com

The Rittenhouse Grill (CTU favorite)
1701 Locus Street
215.772.1707
www.rittenhousegrill.com

Tria Café
123 South 18th Street
215.972.8742
www.triaphilly.com

Urban Farmer Steakhouse
1850 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
215.963.2788
www.urbanfarmersteakhouse.com

Vernick Fish
One North 19th Street
215.419.5055
www.vernickfish.com

Vernick Food + Drink
2031 Walnut Street
267.639.6644
www.vernickphilly.com/vfd

Wilder
2009 Sansom Street
215.309.2149
www.wilderphilly.com

Food Shops/Quick Lunch

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

Food Shops/Quick Lunch Continued

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

Honeygrow
110 South 16th Street
215.279.7724
www.honeygrow.com

Pizzeria Vetri (lunch, near The Barnes Foundation Art Museum)
1939 Callowhill Street
215.600.2629
www.pizzeriavetri.com

Reading Terminal Market
1136 Arch Street
215.922.2317
www.readingterminalmarket.org

Bars/Lounge/Good Drinks

Aqimero Lobby Bar, located in The Ritz-Carlton
10 Avenue of the Arts
215.523.8200
www.aqimero.com

Bank & Bourbon, located in the Loews Hotel
1200 Market Street
215.231.7300
www.bankandbourbonlounge.com

Cavanaugh's Rittenhouse – Sports Bar
1913 Sansom Street
215.665.9500
www.cavsrittenhouse.com

Liberté Lounge, located in the Sofitel Hotel
120 South 17th Street
215.569.8300
www.libertelounge.com

Bars/Lounge/Good Drinks Continued

Red Owl Tavern, located in Hotel Monaco
433 Chestnut Street
215.923.2267
www.redowltavern.com

Sky High, located in the Four Seasons Hotel (make a reservation)
One North 19th Street
215.419.5059
www.skyhighphiladelphia.com

Square 1682, located in Hotel Palomar (good drinks, also great breakfast)
121 South 17th Street
215.563.5008
www.square1682.com

The Happy Rooster
118 South 16th Street
215.963.9311
www.thehappyroosterpa.com

XIX Nineteen Lounge
200 South Broad Street, at The Bellevue Hotel
215.790.1919
www.XIXnineteenlounge.com

Urban Places

Rittenhouse Square
Antique Row – Pine Street, roughly between 11th and 13th Streets (not so many antiques but nice walk)
Elfreth's Alley
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
The Barnes Foundation – Art Museum
Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Logan Square (fountain), JFK Plaza (Love sign and City Hall)
Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk and River Trail
Fairmount Park (largest urban park in the United States)
Walnut Street – mainly 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

Urban Places Continued

Ben Franklin Bridge – walk it!

“Old City” Neighborhood – arts, cool smaller bars and restaurants

Comcast Center Building, huge lobby LCD screen

Cira Green Park

Spruce Street Harbor Park (seasonal - summer)

Cherry Street Pier

Touristy but worth it

Independence Hall/Constitution Center

Run up the steps at Philly Museum of Art – just like Rocky!

Observation Deck at One Liberty Place Tower