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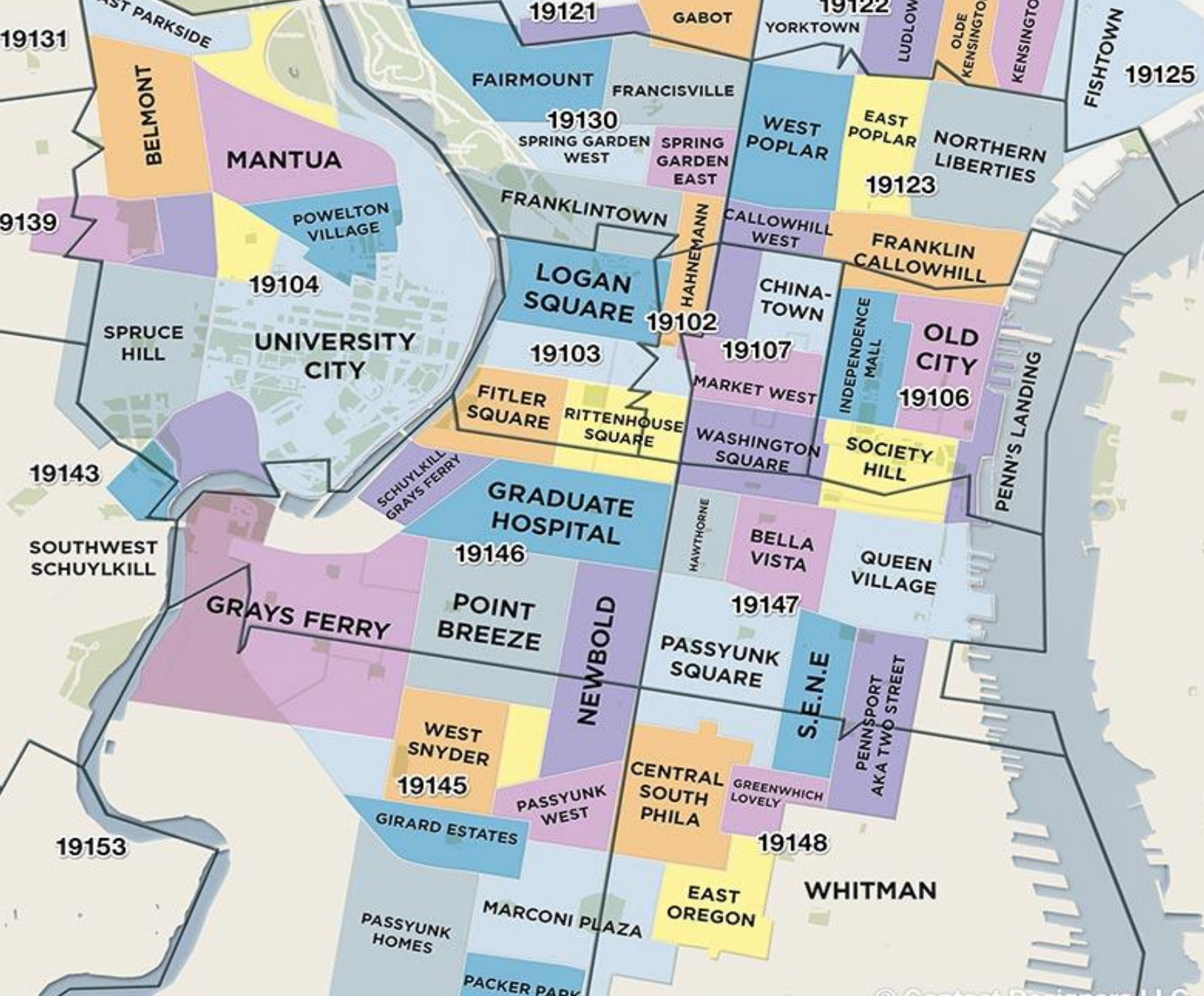
## **WE LOVE PHILLY**

Recently named the first and only World Heritage City in the US and Lonely Planet's "Best in the US" destination for 2016

- [Uwishunu.com](http://Uwishunu.com)
- [Wooderice.com](http://Wooderice.com)
- [Visitphilly.com](http://Visitphilly.com)
- [University City District](#)







# NEIGHBORHOODS

- Philly is a city of vibrant neighborhoods, each with its own distinctive personality <http://www.visitphilly.com/philadelphia-neighborhoods/>
- Center City





# ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN

- PSFS – first international style skyscraper in the US
- City Hall – largest masonry municipal building
- AIA – national conference in May 2016 in Philly [aiaphiladelphia.org](http://aiaphiladelphia.org)
- Summit on Landscape Architecture and the Future – June 2016 in Philly [www.asla.org](http://www.asla.org)
- Philadelphia Center for Architecture [philadelphiacfa.org](http://philadelphiacfa.org)
- Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia [www.preservationalliance.com/](http://www.preservationalliance.com/)
- Walk river to river to see architecture from colonial to contemporary
- William Penn's (and Thomas Holme's) plan for the city was significant plan in urban design
- [DesignPhilly](#) Festival – every October





# PENN CAMPUS

A few highlights from the PennDesign perspective:

- Graduate Student Center - 3615 Locust Walk  
Free Coffee! <http://www.gsc.upenn.edu/resources/>
- Career Services <http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/careerservices/>
- Annenberg Center <http://www.annenbergcenter.org/>
- Penn Arts & Culture Events  
<http://www.upenn.edu/life-at-penn/arts>
- PennDesign Happy Hours, Student Council and PennDesign Ball
- Institute of Contemporary Art <http://icaphila.org/>
- Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology  
<http://www.penn.museum/>



**GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER**

**Activities**  
**Facilities**  
**Resources**

- Calendar
- Weekly E-mail
- Event Registration
- Tickets
- Reserve Space
- Ask the GNOME

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UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

### Guide to Thriving at Penn

Penn provides many resources to help you thrive in graduate school. And we recognize that your overall wellness can fall within several categories including emotional, physical, social, spiritual, and financial. The University offers a wide range of resources designed to support these many dimensions of your wellness. Learn more about them below.

In addition, the University's HELP Line 215-898-HELP (4357) is a 24-hour-a-day phone number for members of the Penn community who are seeking time sensitive help in navigating Penn's resources for health and wellness.

- ✓ Getting Started (for new students)
- ✓ Living Well at Penn
- ✓ Academic Wellness
- ✓ Emotional & Physical Wellness
- ✓ Social Wellness
- ✓ Creative Wellness
- ✓ Spiritual Wellness
- ✓ Financial Wellness

Here are resources for specific populations:

- Incoming & New Students
- Members of grad student organizations
- International Students
- Diversity Resources
- Students with Children
- Students with Disabilities
- Teaching Assistants
- Dissertating Students
- Graduating Students & Alumni

**Common Room Hours:**  
Monday-Thursday: 9AM-6PM  
Friday: 9AM-6PM  
Saturday-Sunday: 12PM-6PM

**Graduate Student Center**  
3615 Locust Walk  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia PA 19104-6221  
215-746-6968  
center@gsc.upenn.edu

**Who We Are**  
Support the Center!







# BIKING

- Fast-growing **Indego bike-share program** launched in spring 2015 and in less than nine months accommodated over 400,000. Philadelphia has more than 435 miles of bike lanes.
- First Open Streets event took place in fall 2016.
- Reasons we're one of the best bike-riding cities:  
<http://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/top-reasons-philadelphia-is-one-of-the-best-biking-cities/>
- Best bike trails:  
<http://www.phillymag.com/be-well-philly/2010/05/17/the-areas-best-bike-trails/>







## CONNECTIONS

- Two-hour drive from New York City
- Two-and-a-half hours from Washington, DC
- 45 minutes from Atlantic City – the SHORE
- Convenient access to the Pennsylvania Turnpike, I-76, I-95 and the New Jersey Turnpike
- Amtrak
- Septa
- MegaBus and Bolt Bus
- CarShare and ZipCar
- Uber and Lyft
- 215-GET-A-CAB





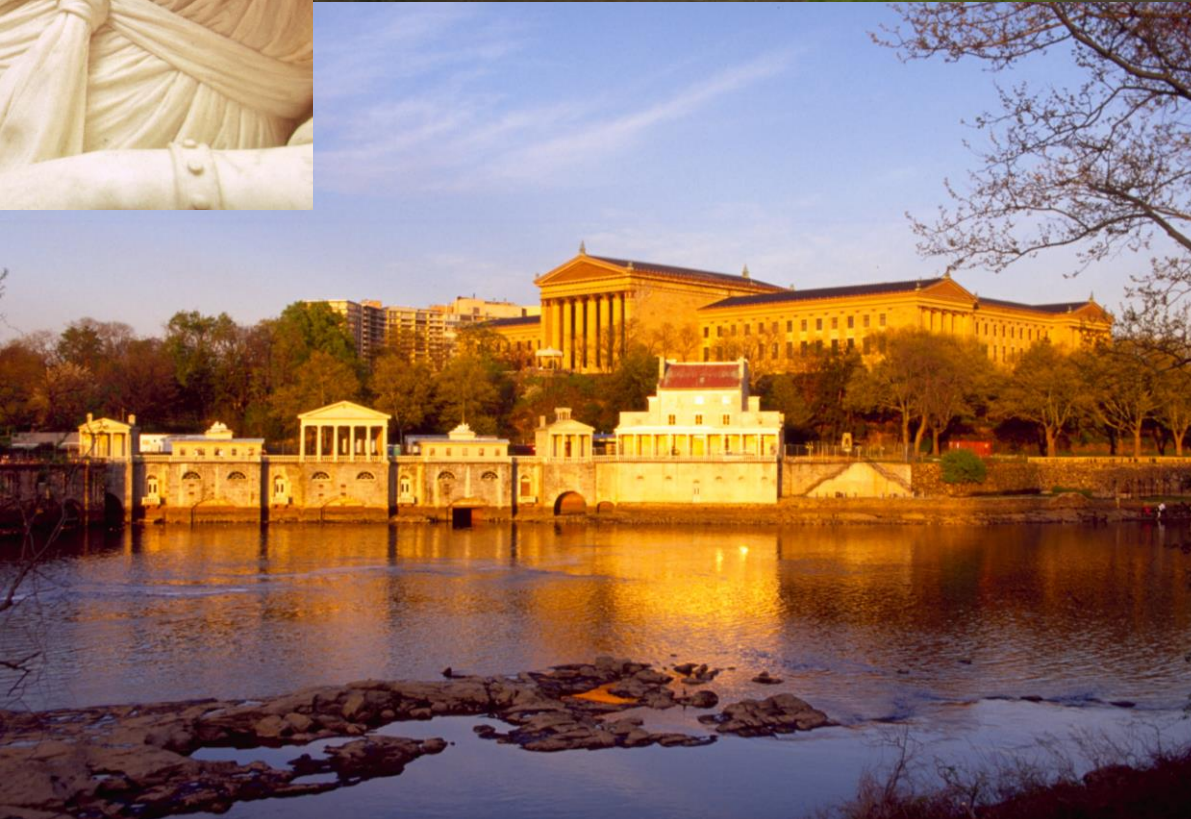


# FOOD + DRINK

- Food Carts and Food Trucks
- [Reading Terminal Market](#)
- [DiBruno's Philadelphia](#)
- [Federal Donuts](#)
- [Philly Beer Scene and Craft Beers](#)
- [9th Street Italian Market](#)
- [Clark Park Farmers' Market](#)
- Star Chefs: Jose Graces, Nicholas Elmi, Kevin Sbraga, Stephen Starr, Marcie Turney & Valerie Safran...
- [Night Market Philadelphia](#)
- [Pop-Up Beer Gardens](#)
- [Brewer's Plate Event](#)
- [Vegetarian/Vegan Scene](#)
- East Passyunk Avenue: *Food and Wine* magazine's list of the *10 Best Foodie Streets In America* (2013)
- Yes, we have cheesesteaks, hoagies, Wawa, soft pretzels, tastykakes, and water ice. And they are good.







# ARTS + CULTURE

- [Philadelphia Museum of Art](#)
- [Institute of Contemporary Art](#)
- [Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts \(PAFA\)](#)
- [Fabric Workshop + Museum](#)
- [Mural Arts Program](#)
- [First Friday](#) and galleries – including Open Studio tour days
- [Rodin Museum](#)
- [Barnes Foundation](#) - the greatest private collection of post-impressionist and early-modern art
- [Rosenbach Museum and Library](#)
- [Eastern State Penitentiary](#)
- [Free Library](#) – Author Events
- [Wagner Museum](#)
- [Magic Gardens](#) - immersive outdoor art installation
- [Mutter Museum](#) - medical oddities
- [The Franklin Institute](#)
- [Academy of Natural Sciences](#)







## ARTS + CULTURE

- [Arden Theatre](#)
- [1812 Theater](#)
- [Pig Iron Theater](#)
- [Wilma Theater](#)
- [Walnut Street Theatre](#)
- [FringeArts](#)
- [Pennsylvania Ballet](#)
- [Philadelphia Opera Company](#)
- [Academy of Vocal Arts](#)
- [Koresh Dance Company](#)
- [Headlong Dance](#)
- [Curtis Institute of Music](#)







## MUSIC VENUES

- [Penn's XPN World Café Live](#)
- [Mann Center for the Performing Arts \(Outdoor\)](#)
- [Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts](#)
- [Union Transfer](#)
- [Underground Arts](#)
- [Boot n' Saddle](#)
- [Electric Factory](#)
- [Tower Theater](#)
- [TLA](#)
- [Trocedero \("The Troc"\)](#)
- [Johnny Brenda's](#)
- [Chris' Jazz Café](#)
- [Ardmore Music Hall](#)







## FILM

- Outdoor Screenings
- Secret Cinema (vintage film – presented only in 16mm )
- International House (films and other programs)
- The Ritz – independent/documentary
- The Roxy and Philadelphia Film Society
- Philadelphia Film Festival
- BlackStar Film Festival
- Cinemark – 40<sup>th</sup> & Walnut







# SPORTS

- **Phillies** – Citizen's Bank Park
- **Eagles** – the Linc
- **76ers** – Wells Fargo Center
- **Flyers** - Wells Fargo Center
- **Union** – PPL Park
- **Dad Vail Regatta** - largest collegiate rowing competition in the country
- **Broad Street Run** - largest 10-mile run in the nation
- **Devon Horse Show** - oldest and largest outdoor multi-breed horse competition in the US
- **Philadelphia International Cycling Classic** - world famous bike race and the famous "Manayunk Wall"
- **Philadelphia Marathon**







# PARKS + REC

- Philadelphia's park system consists of 63 parks, with 9,200 acres
- Fairmount Park is the largest municipal park system in the United States
- Morris Arboretum
- Bartram's Garden
- Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk to the River Trail
- Shofuso Japanese Tea House and Garden
- Squares: Rittenhouse, Washington, Franklin and Logan Circle
- LOVE your Park Week
- Bike Trails, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Pop-Up Beer Gardens, Pocket Parks, Community Activities – and more
- Historic Homes – the Charms of Fairmont Park





# HISTORY / AMERICA'S BIRTHPLACE

- National Constitution Center
- Liberty Bell
- Independence Hall
- African American Museum
- National Museum of American Jewish History
- Museum of the American Revolution (opening 2017)
- American Philosophical Society
- Library Company of Philadelphia







# ANNUAL EVENTS

## Spring:

[Italian Market Festival](#)

[Cherry Blossom Festival](#)

[Philadelphia International Festival for the Arts](#)

[Philadelphia Science Festival](#)

[Penn Relays](#)

[Philly Tech Week](#)

[Rittenhouse Row Spring Festival](#)

[Kensington Kinetic Sculpture Derby & Arts Festival](#)

[Devon Horse Show](#)

[Dad Vail Regatta](#)

[Flavors of the Avenue](#)

[Fairmount Arts Crawl](#)

[Spring Art Star Craft Bazaar](#)

[Center City Jazz Fest](#)

## Summer:

[Wawa Welcome America Fest and Concert](#)

[Equality Forum](#)

[XPoNential Music Festival](#)

[Manayunk Arts Festival](#)

[Philly Beer Week](#)

[Philly International Bike Race](#)

[Odunde Festival](#)

[Pride Festival](#)

[Philly Folk Festival](#)







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## **Fall:**

[FringeArts Performing Arts Festival](#)

[DesignPhilly Festival](#)

[Philadelphia Open Studio Tours](#)

[Rittenhouse Square Fine Arts Show](#)

[Oktoberfest](#)

[Philadelphia Film Festival](#)

[Midtown Village Fall Fest](#)

[OutFest](#)

[Old City Seaport Festival](#)

[First Person Arts Festival](#)

## **Winter:**

[Waterfront Winter Fest](#)

[Christmas Village at City Hall](#)

[Mummer's Parade](#)

[Philadelphia PHS Flower Show](#)

[Auto Show](#)

[Macy's Light Show](#)

**On-Going Events: Center City Sips, First Friday, Art After 5 and more!**





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