

Shows & Tours

American Historical Theatre

For over 25 years the American Historical Theatre has been a Philadelphia treasure. Its actors and historians entertain, educate and inspire audiences at schools, libraries, museums and historic sites across the USA and around the world. Performers offer dramatic programs, keynote addresses and plays that reflect more than 350 years of American history.

www.AHTheatre.org 215-625-0986



Lights of Liberty

"Lights of Liberty" offers two magical experiences: Liberty 360 is a 3-D show starring Ben Franklin, who escorts you on a journey of America's most prized symbols. This 15-minute experience is the world's first 3-D show to be viewed in a 360-degree theater. The "Outdoor Nighttime Show" tells the story of our nation's birth by lighting up historic buildings surrounded by head-turning sound.

Historic Philadelphia Center

6th & Chestnut Streets 215-629-4026

Daily year-round. Call for hours

www.lightsofliberty.org

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Once Upon A Nation

A series of immersive adventures

• **Colonial Kids' Quest** \$ K
Puppet show for children.

• **Independence After Hours** \$
Dinner/theater experience plus an exclusive tour of Independence Hall without the crowds.

• **Storytelling Benches and History Makers** Free K

Listen to 13 entertaining and riveting stories about our nation's history in places where they actually happened, and be on the lookout for 18th and 19th-century heroes anywhere in this historic neighborhood.

• **Tippler's Tour** \$
Colonial pub crawl — for adults only.

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6th & Chestnut Streets
www.historicphiladelphia.org

Historical Sites to Visit

SEPTA Transit Gift Store

Located in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority's headquarters, this shop offers a unique selection of memorabilia, books, films and collectables for railroad and transit enthusiasts, including train displays, toys, and wooden railroads. Displays and exhibits document the history of SEPTA and mass transportation in the region.

1234 Market Street - Lobby level

Mon-Fri 10-5; Sat 10-3

shop.septa.org 215-580-7168

Free ♿ ♿ ♿

The State Society of the Cincinnati of Pennsylvania

Most members of this historical society are descendants of Continental Army or Navy officers. Its name derives from "Cincinnatus" — an ancient Roman farmer who, like George Washington, left his plow to lead an army and later declined autocratic leadership of the country. Portraits and artifacts of the Society's members are displayed at its Pennsylvania headquarters.

321 S. 4th Street (Physick House)

Thur-Sat: 12-5; Sun 1-5; Last tours at 4

Jan & Feb: by appointment only

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Future Site to Visit: Museum of the American Revolution

www.AmericanRevolutionCenter.org

Auxiliary Organization

Mexican Cultural Center

Learn about Mexican art, dance, film, music, drama and sports — for a better understanding between our two cultures. Improve your Spanish by joining this Center. Membership is open to all.

111 South Independence Mall East

Bourse Building, Suite 310

215-592-0410

www.mexicanculturalcenter.org



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www.BeyondtheLibertyBell.org

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Beyond the Bell

Before the Declaration of Independence launched the world's first modern democracy, Quaker founder William Penn defied established practice by creating a colony that welcomed everyone regardless of religious affiliation or national origin.

It is William Penn's 1701 Charter of Privileges, commemorated at **Welcome Park** (South 2nd Street) that makes Philadelphia's history unique. Only in the "city of brotherly love" could Jews, Catholics and an array of Protestants live and worship freely side by side. Today Philadelphia's traditions of diversity and freedom are alive and flourishing.

Philadelphia's Historic Neighborhood Consortium

is an association of more than 50 cultural institutions, museums, libraries, historic sites and houses of worship — all located within walking distance of the Liberty Bell. We invite you to explore "America's most historic square mile." Whether your interest is history, art, architecture or an afternoon of educational family fun, there is much to see and do. ENJOY your visit to our neighborhood — where human aspirations for political and religious liberty were forged, tested...and fulfilled!

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Independence National Historical Park

This national park, encompassing 55 acres, features some of America's most important historical buildings and cherished sites.

Daily 9-5, except Christmas
1-800-537-7676 or 215-965-7676
www.nps.gov/inde

Free ♿ Select sites ♿

Independence Hall

A national shrine (built 1732-56), where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were debated and signed. Your free timed tickets — required for tours of Independence Hall — are available at the **Independence Visitor Center**, NE corner 6th & Market Streets.

Chestnut Street, between 5th & 6th

The Liberty Bell Center

A worldwide symbol of freedom: Philadelphia's most prized icon.

NE Corner 6th & Chestnut Streets

Congress Hall

Where Congress met when Philadelphia was the nation's capital.

SE Corner 6th & Chestnut Streets

Franklin Court

To learn about Benjamin Franklin's innumerable contributions, visit Franklin Court. Franklin's Print Shop features a working 18th-century printing press. You can mail a card from the Franklin Post Office. The Underground Museum, re-opening in 2013, portrays Franklin's life and legacy.

316 Market Street, between 3rd & 4th **K**

Kosciuszko National Memorial

Home where Polish hero of the American Revolution once lived.

301 Pine Street

Presidents' House Site

Located at the doorstep of the Liberty Bell Center, this commemorates the house where Presidents George Washington and John Adams lived, from 1790 to 1800. The house unveils the long-obscured history that at least nine enslaved Africans lived and worked there during Washington's presidency.

SE Corner 6th & Market Streets

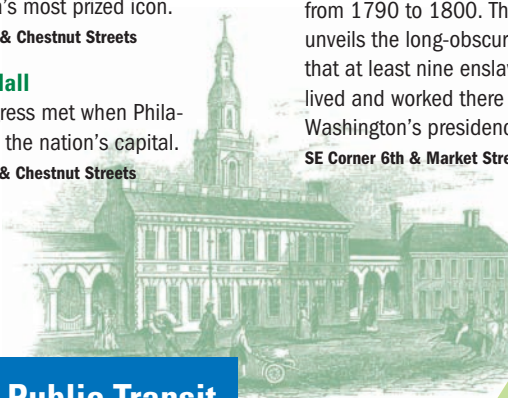
Second Bank of the United States

Collection of 18th-century portraits.
Chestnut Street, between 4th & 5th

City Tavern

Enjoy Colonial food at this popular restaurant, a historical re-creation of an 18th-century tavern.

138 S. Second Street
Mon-Thurs 11:30 AM - 9 PM
Fri-Sun 11:30 AM - 10 PM
215-413-1443
\$



SEPTA Public Transit

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) bus and subway lines are shown with arrows noting traffic direction. Connections to SEPTA's Regional Rail Lines can be made at the Market East Station (12th & Market Streets). Connections to Amtrak and Philadelphia International Airport can be made at 30th Street Station (30th & Market Streets). For fares, schedules & other information visit www.septa.org.

SEPTA's "One-Day Independence Pass" can be obtained at the Independence Visitor Center (6th & Market Streets, NE corner) or at Regional Rail Stations.



Map Key

SEPTA Bus Route

Route # and direction->
End of Bus Route

Market-Frankford Line

Broad Street Line

- ★ Independence Park Sites
- ★ Cultural and Historic Sites
- ★ Historic Houses of Worship



Franklin Square

This amusement oasis features a miniature golf course, a carousel, and free playground. Putt through the crack of the Liberty Bell or through the "LOVE" statue in the Philly-themed golf course. Take a spin on the carousel that features whimsical animals. Enjoy lunch, dinner, and a frosty milkshake or ice cream by the fountain.

6th & Race Streets 215-629-4026
 Daily; Hours vary
 www.historicphiladelphia.org \$ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿

Washington Square

This beautiful pedestrian-friendly park is filled with horticultural wonders and comfortable benches that provide a welcome respite for both tourists and residents. Revolutionary War soldiers, Colonial-era African Americans, and victims of the 1793 yellow fever epidemic were buried here. An eternal flame memorializes the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier.

6th & Walnut Streets ♿ Free K

Penn's Landing

Blue Cross RiverRink

The RiverRink at Penn's Landing is Philadelphia's only outdoor public ice-skating rink. Open daily from November through March, the RiverRink offers skate rentals and skating lessons. A perfect way to enjoy the great outdoors and fresh air fun.

Columbus Blvd & Market Street 215-925-RINK
 www.riverrink.com \$ ♿ ♿ ♿

Great Plaza's RiverStage

Enjoy summer with an exciting season of free marquee concerts, family entertainment, multicultural festivals, outdoor movies, fireworks and more – on the new RiverStage at Penn's Landing.

Columbus Blvd & Chestnut Street 215-922-2FUN
 www.delawareriverevents.com Free ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿

Race Street Pier

This new park combines inviting landscape architecture with spectacular waterfront views. Its raised boardwalk and tree-lined paths are ideal for walking or relaxing while enjoying the panorama of the Ben Franklin Bridge, Center City, and Delaware River. Open year-round, with easy access.

Columbus Blvd at Race Street
 www.racestreetpier.com Free K

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 ★ Cruiser Olympia

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Cultural & Historical Sites to Visit

African American Museum

The first institution funded and built (in 1976) by a major municipality to document the heritage of African Americans. "Audacious Freedom: African Americans in Philadelphia 1776-1876" focuses on the lives of African Americans during and after the birth of our new nation. Exhibits and programs recount achievements in the arts, entertainment, sports, politics and the Civil Rights movement.

701 Arch Street 215-574-0380

Tue-Sat 10-5, Sun 12-5

Call to confirm holiday schedule.

www.aampmuseum.org \$ ♿ ♿ ♿

American Philosophical Society

This is the nation's oldest and most prestigious learned society with an international membership that includes many Nobel Laureates. It was founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1743 to promote useful knowledge in the sciences and humanities through research, seminars and library resources. Changing exhibits are open to the public.

Library Hall Philosophical Hall

105 S. 5th Street 104 S. 5th Street

Call for hours Call for hours

215-440-3400 www.amphilsoc.org Free

The Athenaeum of Philadelphia

Nearly 200 years old, the Athenaeum is a museum, library, rare books collection and archive — housed in an 1847 National Historic Landmark building. Visitors are welcome to visit its unique collections, reading rooms and changing exhibits of rare books, architecture and design. Researchers and group tours are asked to schedule appointments.

219 S. 6th Street 215-925-2688

Mon-Fri 9-5; Fall-Spring: First Sat 11-3

www.PhilaAthenaeum.org

Free ♿

Betsy Ross House

Visit this historic house museum that commemorates the life and accomplishments of Betsy Ross — the Philadelphia patriot believed to have created America's first flag. Experience interactive exhibits and meet "Betsy" as she works in her upholstery shop! The audio tour offers a fascinating look at the woman and the legend.

239 Arch Street 215-686-1252

Spring thru summer: Daily 10-5

Fall thru winter: Tues-Sun: 10-5

www.historicphiladelphia.org

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Carpenters' Hall

This privately owned National Historic Landmark, located within Independence Park, was the site of the first Continental Congress in 1774. It is home to The Carpenters' Company, America's oldest continuously operating trade guild, founded in 1724. Exhibits include a model of the Hall under construction and a display of Colonial tools.

320 Chestnut Street 215-925-0167

Tue-Sun 10-4, Closed Tue Jan-Feb

Closed Christmas, New Years & Easter

www.carpentershall.org \$ ♿ ♿ ♿ K

Chemical Heritage Foundation

This museum explores chemistry's role in shaping the modern world. Its permanent exhibit, "Making Modernity," draws from world-class collections of scientific instruments, rare books, fine art, and the manuscripts of prominent scientists. Rotating exhibits examine such topics as "Science and Art" and "The Chemistry in Everyday Life."

315 Chestnut Street 215-925-2222

Mon-Fri 10-4

www.chemheritage.org Free ♿ P



Elfreth's Alley

America's oldest continuously residential street, this National Historic Landmark site has been home to thousands of people for over 300 years. Of its 32 original houses, 29 remain as private residences.

Peek into the lives of working-class Colonial Americans by visiting the museum located in Houses #124 and 126, where tours are offered and souvenir guidebooks are available.

Off 2nd Street, between Race & Arch

Apr-Dec: Tue-Sat 10-5; Sun 12-5

Dec-Mar: Wed-Sat 11-5; Sun 12-5

www.elfrethsalley.org 215-574-0560

Access to Alley: Free

Tours and Museum: \$

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Learn about our nation's financial history in the city where it all started. The "Money in Motion" exhibit traces changes in our currency from the early 1600's to today. View money from the original 13 colonies, and a rare \$100,000 bill. Explore our Federal Reserve System through state-of-the-art interactive displays.

100 N. 6th Street, 866-574-3727

between Arch & Race

Jan-Feb: Mon-Fri 10-2

March-Dec: Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30

June-Aug only: Sat 10-4; Sun 12-4

www.philadelphiafed.org Free ♿ P K

Fireman's Hall Museum

Firefighting history, which traces its lineage back to Benjamin Franklin, comes alive in this restored 1902 firehouse operated by Philadelphia's Fire Department. Displays include a 1730 hand pumper and the oldest existing steam fire engine in the country. Featured is an interactive fire safety display and 9/11 artifacts from Ground Zero. A new exhibit, "Franklin's Volunteers," covers Philadelphia firefighters prior to 1871.

147 N. 2nd Street 215-923-1438

Tue-Sat: 10-4:30. Closed major holidays.

First Fri of every month: 10-9

www.firemanshallmuseum.org

Free ♿ ♿ ♿ K

Free Library of Philadelphia – Independence Branch

General collections for children and adults include literature, poetry, nonfiction, newspapers and magazines. Special collections feature Philadelphia history and architecture, Chinese language and culture, and gay/lesbian topics. Computers are available to all. Book bargains abound in the used book alcove.

18 S. 7th Street 215-685-1633

Mon & Wed: 12-8; Tue, Thur, Fri: 10-5

Closed Sat, Sun & all major holidays

www.library.phil.gov/

Free ♿ ♿ ♿ P K

Head House & NewMarket Shambles

This National Historic Landmark consists of America's last remaining Colonial-era marketplace, built in 1745, which is attached to our nation's oldest volunteer firehouse, built in 1805. The block-long roofed market sheds have been returned to their original purpose — now functioning on weekends every spring through fall as a thriving Farmers' Market and Crafts Fair.

S. 2nd Street, between 215-413-3713

Pine & Delancey Streets

Spring thru Fall: Crafts Fair, Sat 10-6

Farmers' Market, Sun 10-2

www.headhousemarket.org

Free

Independence Seaport Museum

One of the largest maritime collections in North America, this museum combines more than 25,000 artifacts with hands-on exhibits, boat models, and audiovisual displays. Watch a boat being built in the "Workshop on the Water" and climb inside two National Historic Landmark ships: the cruiser Olympia and the submarine Becuna. Museum highlights include a concert hall, children's programs, guided tours, plus a research archive and library.

Penn's Landing, Columbus Blvd & Walnut St.

Daily 10-5; closed New Year's Day,

Thanksgiving, Christmas 215-413-8655

www.phillyseaport.org

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Symbol Key

- \$ Admission charged
- ♿ Public restrooms available
- ♿ Handicap accessible
- P Parking nearby

All addresses: Phila, PA 19106

- K Particularly kid-friendly sites
- 📖 Gift Shop (includes books)
- 📖 Bookstore only
- ☺ Cafeteria

Independence Visitor Center

Make this your first stop for information about Philadelphia and the region. Its multi-lingual concierge staff can help plan your visit and provide tickets to local tours and attractions. This Visitor Center is the *exclusive location for tickets to tour Independence Hall*. A gift shop, café, and theaters can all be found here.

6th & Market Streets

Daily: 8:30-5; March-May: 8:30-6;

Memorial Day-Labor Day: 8:30-7

Closed Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day

215-965-7676; 1-800-537-7676

www.independencevisitorcenter.com

Free 

National Constitution Center

Explore the history and relevance of our nation's founding document here. Begin with "Freedom Rising," the theatrical production that takes you on a journey from 1787 to the present. "The Story of We the People" is a core exhibit where you can take the Oath of Office, vote for your favorite president, and sit on a Supreme Court bench. Then, in "Signers' Hall," pose with life-size statues of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

Independence Mall, 215-409-6600

525 Arch Street

Mon-Fri 9:30-5; Sat 9:30-6; Sun 12-5

Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas

www.constitutioncenter.org

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National Liberty Museum

Celebrate America's diversity and democracy by honoring contemporary heroes of liberty from around the world. Hear the stories of more than 2,000 heroes — ranging from Nelson Mandela to the rescue workers who perished on 9/11. Intermixed with these stories are dozens of original glass art pieces illustrating the beauty (and fragility) of America's freedoms.

321 Chestnut Street 215-925-2800

Daily 10-5; closed major holidays,

Closed Mondays in winter

www.libertymuseum.org

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National Museum of American Jewish History

This family-friendly museum illuminates the rights and freedoms enjoyed by all Americans. It illustrates how an immigrant population flourished under freedom after arriving in North America over 350 years ago. The new building showcases 1,200 artifacts, films and state-of-the-art interactive exhibits. Because other immigrants faced challenges similar to those confronted by Jews, this is a museum for all people to explore.

101 S Independence Mall East

Tues-Fri: 10-5 Sat-Sun 10-5:30; Closed Mon

www.nmajh.org **215-923-3811**

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Pennsylvania Bible Society

In 1808 prominent Americans — including Dr. Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Bishop William White, first chaplain to the Continental Congress — founded the nation's first society for the distribution of Bibles. The first Bible printed in the United States from stereotyped plates (dated 1812) is on exhibit at the historic Bible House (built for the society in 1853). Its bookshop features Bibles in many versions and languages.

701 Walnut Street 215-922-6779

Tues-Fri 10:30-3:30. Call for additional hours.

www.pabile.org

Free 

Pennsylvania Hospital


The nation's first hospital, founded in 1751 by Dr. Thomas Bond and Benjamin Franklin, is now one of America's foremost medical centers. Its historic Pine Building features America's first medical library and oldest surgical amphitheatre. Works of art by Thomas Sully, Thomas Eakins, and Benjamin West are on view. Hospital archives hold administrative records from 1751.

800 Spruce Street 215-829-3370

Guided tours by appointment. (\$ suggested)

Tour brochures available in Gift Shop. \$

For research or other appointments,

call 215-829-5434. 

www.uphs.upenn.edu/paharc/

Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent

Explore Philadelphia's 330-year history at this newly renovated historic building just steps from Independence Hall. Rare treasures on display date from the city's founding, Revolutionary and Civil War periods, as well as industrial and immigration eras. This museum celebrates Philadelphia as "Workshop of the World" and reveals the city's diversity with many wonderful exhibits — including "World Series Champions."

15 S. 7th Street 215-685-4830

Tues-Sun: 11-5 Free for children under 12

www.philadelphiahistory.org

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Physick House Museum & Garden

This unique free-standing Federal townhouse, built in 1786, is named after Dr. Philip Syng Physick, the "Father of American Surgery" and "Soda's Pop." Its period rooms feature French-influenced neo-classical furnishings and a medical museum depicting Dr. Physick's amazing career. The large garden, with a winding path and grotto, contains plants characteristic of the 19th century.

321 S. 4th Street 215-925-7866

Hourly tours: Thur-Sat 12-5; Sun 1-5

Last tours at 4 (Hours subject to change)

Jan & Feb: by appointment only

www.philalandmarks.org

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Polish American Cultural Center Museum

This museum offers programs and exhibits featuring contributions of Poles and Polish Americans to world history and the USA — in the sciences, art, music, politics, religion and military achievement. On exhibit are paintings of "Great Polish Men and Women" and a display of WW II photographs from 1939 to 1944.

308 Walnut Street 215-922-1700

Mon-Sat 10-4; Closed holidays

www.polishamericancenter.org

Free 



Both Physick and Powel House (pictured above) are owned & operated by the Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks and are available for private or corporate rental.

Powel House Museum & Garden

Step into one of America's grand Georgian homes and enter the world of the Colonial elite. Samuel Powel, Philadelphia's "Patriot Mayor" and his wife, Elizabeth Willing, were pre-eminent hosts who entertained the leaders of the American Revolution. Visit the drawing room where George Washington danced; ponder John Adams' "sinful feast;" and stroll through the tranquil garden.

244 S. 3rd Street 215-627-0364

Hourly tours: Thur-Sat 12-5; Sun 1-5;

Last tours at 4. (Hours subject to change)

Jan & Feb: by appointment only

www.philalandmarks.org

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Presbyterian Historical Society

This national archives and historical research center of the Presbyterian Church (USA) collects, preserves, and shares the history of the American Presbyterian and Reformed tradition. Headquartered in Philadelphia and open to the public, the Society's holdings include 18th to 21st-century denominational records, personal papers, and materials.

425 Lombard Street 215-627-1852

Mon-Fri: 8:30-4:30

Daily research \$5; exhibit free

www.history.pcusa.org



Historic Houses of Worship

Arch Street Friends Meeting House

The largest Friends' meeting house in the USA reflects Quaker ideals of peace and social justice, religious freedom, rule of law, pluralism and diversity, respect for Native Americans, and liberty of conscience. Exhibits interpret William Penn's "Holy Experiment" — his influence on Jefferson and Franklin, and his enduring legacy of simplicity, equality and stewardship.

320 Arch Street 215-413-1804

Visitors Welcome: Mon-Sat 10-4

Services: Sun 10:30 AM; Wed 7 PM

www.archstreetmeetinghouse.org



Christ Church (Episcopal)

Founded in 1695 as the Church of England, this is the site of the birth of the American Episcopal Church in 1789. It is often referred to as "the Nation's Church" because of its association with our country's Founding Fathers. The present building, constructed between 1727 and 1754, is considered one of the finest examples of Georgian architecture in America.

2nd & Market Streets 215-922-1695

Tours Mon-Sat 9-5; Sun 1-5

Services: Sun 9 & 11 AM; Wed noon

www.christchurchphila.org



Christ Church Burial Ground

By 1719, the grounds of Christ Church had run out of space for additional burials. The congregation purchased a plot of land on the outskirts of town — now known as "Old City." This is the final resting place for over 4,000 individuals — including Benjamin Franklin and four signers of the Declaration of Independence. It also served as the burial ground for early medical pioneers and Revolutionary War heroes.

5th & Arch Streets, 215-922-1695

across from Visitor Center

Weather permitting: Mon-Sat 10-4; Sun 12-4

Reduced hours in Dec; closed Jan-Feb

www.christchurchphila.org



Congregation Mikveh Israel

A Spanish-Portuguese synagogue founded in 1740, Philadelphia's oldest Jewish congregation maintains its unchanged Sephardic tradition experienced by illustrious Jews of the Colonial era, such as Rebecca Gratz, Haym Salomon and others. Hebrew classes are taught periodically by Rabbi Gabbai. Check the website for information and access to the congregation's monthly calendar.

44 N. 4th Street 215-922-5446

Visiting Hours: Mon-Thur 10-5; Sun. 10-1

Daily Services 7:15 AM; Sat Services: 9 AM

Other Services, call for times

Tours available: contact www.mikvehisrael.org



Mikveh Israel Cemetery

This is the first Jewish cemetery in Pennsylvania. Begun on land purchased from the William Penn family in 1740, it was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1956. Many members of Mikveh Israel Congregation who served during the American Revolution are buried here — including Revolutionary War financier Haym Salomon and Nathan Levy, whose ship, the Myrtilla, brought the Liberty Bell to this country.

Spruce St. west of 8th; visible through gates

For more information, tours or access,

contact Congregation Mikveh Israel

215-922-5446

Mother Bethel African

Methodist Episcopal Church

Mother Bethel AME Church sits on the oldest parcel of land continuously owned by African Americans. Bishop Richard Allen, formerly enslaved, purchased the land in 1791 and the church was established in 1794. Mother Bethel is a National Historic Landmark. Its lower-level museum illustrates the African American experience from Colonial times to the present.

419 Richard Allen Avenue (S. 6th Street)

Services: Sun 8 & 10:45 AM

Free Tours: Tue-Sat 10-3, Sun after worship;

Mon by appointment 215-925-0616

www.motherbethel.org

Old First Reformed Church

(United Church of Christ)

Founded by German settlers in 1727, the congregation erected its first building on this site — on land purchased in 1747 from John Penn, son of William Penn. The present Federal period structure was built in 1837, using materials from the second Colonial church.

151 N. 4th Street (at Race St.) 215-922-4566

Services: Sun 11 AM (June-Sept 10 AM)

www.oudfirstucc.org Tours by appt.

Old Pine Street Church

(Presbyterian Church, USA)

Erected in 1768, Old Pine is Philadelphia's only surviving Colonial-era Presbyterian church building. Pastor George Duffield, an ardent Revolutionary, led the congregation in the cause for independence.

Gutted by the British, the church was completely remodeled in the 1830's.

412 Pine Street 215-925-8051

Mon-Fri 9-3; Tours by appointment

Services: Sun 10:30 AM (summer 9:30 AM)

www.oldpine.org

Old St. Joseph's Church (Catholic)

This is the site of the first Catholic Church in Philadelphia. From 1733 until the American Revolution, it was the only location in the British colonies where a public Catholic Mass could take place legally — a testament to William Penn's "Holy Experiment."

321 Willings Alley 215-923-1733

Daily 10-4 www.oldstjoseph.org

Services: Daily 12:05 PM; Sat 5:30 PM

Sun Mass: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM; 6:30 PM

Old St. Mary's Church (Catholic)

Established in 1763, this Catholic Church was hidden behind houses to conceal its presence — which required parishioners to enter through its cemetery until 1886. Notables buried here include Commodore John Barry and Thomas FitzSimons, a signer of the Constitution.

252 S. 4th Street 215-923-7930

Daily 9-4:30 Services in

Services: Sat 4:30 PM; Convent Chapel

Sun 10 AM 5th & Locust Sts.

www.oldstmary.com Mon-Fri 7:30 AM

St. Augustine Church (Catholic)

Founded in 1796 by the Augustinian Friars, this is one of the oldest Catholic churches in Philadelphia. Its original building burned down in 1844 during the "Know-Nothing Riots," and the present building was dedicated in 1848. The church has an active parish, and its "National Shrine for the Santo Niño of Cebu" represents cultural devotion by its many Filipino congregants.

243 N. Lawrence Street 215-627-1838

(corner N. 4th Street, below Vine Street)

Mon-Fri 11:30-1, or by appointment

Mass: Weekdays 12:05; Sat 5:15;

Sun 9 & 11 AM, 7 PM

www.st-augustinechurch.com

St. George's Church

(United Methodist)

This is the United Methodist's oldest church building, where services have been held since 1769. Francis Asbury, the denomination's first bishop, called this church "the Cradle of American Methodism."

Its museum features many fine portraits and artifacts of church and local history.

235 N. 4th Street 215-925-7788

Mon-Fri 10-3; Sat AM by appointment

Services: Sun 11 AM; summer 10 AM

www.historicstgeorges.org

St. Peter's Church (Episcopal)

Founded in 1761, this church preserves most of its original features that were designed by America's first architect Robert Smith. Listen to stories from 250 years of church and churchyard history through audio tours by either phoning 215-554-6161 or visiting www.stpetersphila.org.

Pine Street, between 215-925-5968

3rd & 4th Streets

Services: Sun 9 & 11 AM

Guided tours: Sat 11-5; Sun 1-3

Call to schedule additional tours.

www.stpetersphila.org