Things to do in Philadelphia

Much of the following information is taken from the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau. <u>https://www.visitphilly.com/</u>

Icons:

Our hotel is in the center of the action in Philadelphia. Halfway between Logan Square and Rittenhouse Square, and also between the Liberty Bell and the

Philadelphia Museum of

<u>Art</u> (of <u>Rocky</u> fame). Philadelphia's center city is easy to walk, and both of those landmarks are about one mile from the hotel (not counting the run up the steps of the museum).

Cheesesteak:



According to the PhillyCVB, a cheesesteak is a long, crusty roll filled with thinly sliced sautéed rib-eye beef and melted cheese. Generally, the cheese of choice is Cheez Whiz. The art of cheesesteak preparation lies in the balance of flavors, textures and what is often referred to as the "drip" factor. Other toppings may include fried onions, sautéed mushrooms, ketchup and hot or sweet peppers.

Here is a list of recommended locations for cheesesteaks: <u>https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/top-10-spots-for-authentic-philly-cheesesteaks/</u>

Closest to our hotel from this list is : <u>Cleavers</u> at <u>108 S. 18th Street</u>

Local Coordinator Ron Davis also recommends $\underline{\text{DiNics}}$ at $\underline{\text{Reading}}$ $\underline{\text{Terminal Market}}$ also close by although it's not exactly a cheesesteak.

Festivals:

A variety of festivals happen while we are in town. See additional suggestions of things to do in June here: <u>https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/top-things-to-do-in-june-in-philadelphia/</u>

Friday, June 01 - 10, 2018

<u>Philly Beer Week</u>, the 11th annual celebration of Philadelphia's vibrant beer culture, takes over the city and region for 10 days this June. Events range from tastings to lectures to beer-pairing dinners. See also this site for locations and a calendar of events: <u>http://www.phillylovesbeer.org/</u>

Where: Various locations including 23rd Street Armory, 22 S. 23rd Street

June 6, 2018 (Wednesdays only)

<u>Center City Sips</u>. The wildly popular happy hour series returns for the 15th summer with hard-to-beat happy hour specials (\$4 beers, \$5 wine, \$6 cocktails) every Wednesday evening at over 90 bars and restaurants in the downtown area. Additional location information here: <u>https://www.centercityphila.org/explore-center-city/ccdsips</u>

Where: Various locations including Uptown Beer Garden, 1735 Market Street

Tuesday, May 01, 2018 - June 30, 2018

The <u>Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival</u> returns for its third year of illuminating <u>Franklin Square</u> with grand, artistic creations. For two months, the square at 6th and Race streets will come alive with 15,000 LED lights strewn across 28 different displays featuring 1,500 works of art.

Where: Franklin Square, 200 N. 6th Street

Thursday, May 31, 2018 - June 10, 2018

The <u>Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts</u> returns to Broad Street this June. Collaborative, innovative performances are the hallmark of the 11-day, art-filled festival and street fair along Broad Street, also known as the Avenue of the Arts.

Where: Various locations including the Kimmel Center, 300 S. Broad Street

Tours:

There are a wide variety of tours available. You can walk, ride or pedal (http://www.bigredpedaltours.com/). You can get tours that feature all kinds of angles: history (https://foundingfootsteps.com/tours/), ghosts (http://www.spiritsof76.com/), pub crawls (https://www.phillytourhub.com/Our-Tours/Walking-Tours/Philly-on-Tap.aspx), even Rocky (http://www.theyorockyfilmtour.net/) and self-guided tours: (http://www.theconstitutional.com/tours/self-guided-tours). Many companies offer a bit of everything: https://www.phillytour.com/tour/

Trip Advisor's Top 10 list is located here: <u>https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-</u> <u>g60795-Activities-c42-Philadelphia_Pennsylvania.html</u>

Family Friendly:

Here are a few lists of recommendations of things to do with the kids while in town.

https://blog.wheninroam.com/2017/08/31/visit-philadelphia-a-guide-to-phillys-topfamily-friendly-sights/

https://www.visitphilly.com/for-kids-families-in-philadelphia/

Eateries: <u>https://blog.wheninroam.com/2017/09/07/top-family-friendly-eateries-in-philadelphia/</u>

Interactive Map:

Finally, this map lets you center your explorations wherever you like. It is also good at locating restaurants in your neighborhood. The hotel is in the neighborhood of Rittenhouse Square.

https://www.discoverphl.com/interactive-map/

If none of the above appeals, consider this Philadelphia Top 10 checklist: <u>https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/most-essential-things-to-do-in-philadelphia/</u>