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Greetings and welcome to Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection!

In Philadelphia, we embrace our status as a city of firsts. In addition to being the birthplace of our nation, our city is also the site of the first protests for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) civil rights, which began in 1965. While in town, be sure to visit the historic marker commemorating these early LGBT civil rights protests – the marker can be found in the historic district at 6th and Chestnut Streets.

Whether your visit to Philadelphia is for business or for pleasure, I encourage you to experience all that our city has to offer – day and night. Historic sites abound in Philadelphia and the hub of our LGBT community, the "Gayborhood," is centrally located in the downtown Washington West neighborhood.

Throughout Center City you'll also find many LGBT-friendly bars, restaurants, and boutiques. And, you'll know you're in our "Gayborhood" when you see our rainbow street signs.

We are proud of all our city has to offer. While in Philadelphia, I invite you to Get Your History Straight and Your Nightlife Gay™.

With kind regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Michael A. Nutter in black ink.
Michael A. Nutter
Mayor

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GAY PHILADELPHIA AROUND THE CLOCK

Here are 22 ways to take the city by storm



1 GET TO KNOW THE GAYBORHOOD

(at 13th and Locust St.) during an impromptu bar crawl that will take you to no fewer than a dozen bars and nightclubs. Both guys and gals will be comfortable in mixed crowds where creative cocktails and food are served up with friendly locals. Dancing gets started late at night.

2 GET YOUR HISTORY STRAIGHT

at the *National Constitution Center* and other destinations throughout Philly's most historic district. After all, today's civil rights battles can be traced back to our forefathers who also fought for personal freedom. Constitutioncenter.org

3 GET A TASTE OF THE FAR EAST:

in Philly's vibrant *Chinatown* where both upscale and casual restaurants serve authentic cuisine and locally owned shops showcase beautiful gifts and tacky trinkets (naughty fortune cookies, anyone?).



4 PAMPER YOUR PET

at animal boutiques throughout the city, like *Doggie Style* at 13th and Sansom. Get out for a run at local dog parks – *Schuylkill River* has a small and big dog run that's accessed along a river path that's also great for cruising joggers.

5 SUPPORT THE ARTS

every *First Friday* of the month in *Old City*, a cobblestoned district famous for its galleries, boutiques and restaurants. Oldcityarts.org

6 FEEL LIKE FLEXING THOSE MUSCLES?

The *12th Street Gym* is the most popular place to get fit for gay and lesbian Philadelphians. Ask about trial memberships if you're in from out of town. The fitness complex even has an indoor pool.

7 READ BETWEEN THE LINES

at one of the country's oldest operating LGBT bookstores *Giovanni's Room* where special author events are enjoyed each week, along with a collection of gay and lesbian literature, DVDs, art books and magazines. Giovannisroom.com

8 IF YOU LIKE TO WEAR A JOCKSTRAP IN PUBLIC,

the leather bar *The Bike Stop* is a great place to get your drink on, especially on underwear nights every Wednesday where the mugs of beer are so big, imbibing feels more like pumping iron. Thebikestop.com

9 REFUEL FROM A LATE NIGHT

at *Café Twelve*, a popular gay-friendly coffee shop in the heart of the *Gayborhood* with small bites and some strong cups of Joe. You'll also enjoy revolving exhibitions by local artists (*hint: these small works make great mementos*).

10 DO AS THE HIPSTERS DO

in the artsy enclave of *Northern Liberties* where bars, restaurants and independent shops surround a Euro-style piazza. It's a great place to buy new duds or get your brunch and drink on. Atthepiazza.com

11 MONTHLY PARTIES SET THE LGBT SOCIAL SCENE

thanks to ongoing events like *QOTA (Queers on the Avenue – Passyunk Avenue)*, that is, a gay-friendly corridor in *South Philly* and *Our Night Out*, as well as wall-to-wall women parties like *Stimulus* and *Arouse* at rotating venues.

12 SAME-SEX PARENTS CAN EVEN GET IN ON THE ACT

thanks to *Philadelphia Family Pride*, a group that hosts events, picnics and pot lucks for gay and lesbian moms and dads year round.

Phillyfamilypride.org



13 SEE AND BE SEEN

at *Knock*, a very popular gay bar and restaurant where the best seats in the house are on the sidewalk come spring. Locals here gather day and night for delish bites and drinks well into November (thanks to outdoor heaters). You can even bring Fido.

Knockphilly.com

14 "VOLUNTOUR" WHILE YOU'RE IN TOWN

at one of Philly's nonprofits like *MANNA* – where they cook up meals in the kitchen five days a week for people living with life-threatening illness – or *Philabundance*, a nourishment organization for those in need. There's no shortage of good you can do while getting to know new friends.

15 LIKE YOU NEED AN EXCUSE TO WHERE PINK, RIGHT?

The *Pink Pub Crawl* attracts hundreds of dapper social sippers each season when the event crawls to upwards of four or five bars for a night of boozing and carousing. Pinkpubcrawl.com





2011-2012 LGBT EVENTS

16 CHANNEL YOUR INNER AMERICAN IDOL

at gay-friendly karaoke at *Tabu* (Monday and Thursdays), *Sisters* (Thursday) and *Woody's* (Mondays). Or check out *Yakitori Boy* in *Chinatown* where even shy types will enjoy private singing rooms.

17 SEE THE HAIRIEST DRAG QUEEN EVER

at *L'Etage* (upstairs from *Beau Monde*) every second Thursday where hometown favorite *Martha Graham Cracker* (that's *Dito Van Reigersberg* from *Pig Iron* theatre company) takes the mic to reinvent popular songs live – wlg and all.

Creperie-beaumonde.com

18 ART HOUSE FILMS ARE WITHIN REACH

at the *Landmark Theaters* where multiple screens showcase the best new independent and foreign cinema. Philly is also famous for its film festivals each season – including *QFest* - which premieres some of the hottest LGBT movies in the world.

19 TAKE IN THE BIG GAME

with other athletic supporters at *Tabu Lounge + Sports Bar* or the *Westbury* where pub grub is served with a side of sports pride.

20 KNOW ALL THE WORDS TO THE BARBRA SONGBOOK?

Then get to *Tavern on Camac* where a live piano player belts out showtunes seven nights a week to a packed house. Just remember to sing out, Louise.

Tavernoncamac.com

21 TIRED OF THE BAR SCENE?

Meet hot guys (and gals) every Saturday morning from spring to fall at *Columbus Square Park* where the *Greater Philadelphia Flag Football League* tosses the pigskin starting at 10 a.m. Phillyflagfootball.com

22 TAKE A RIDE ON A RIVERBOAT, QUEEN.

Explore Philly's waterfront on the *Philadelphia Belle*, an authentic riverboat – the largest on the *East Coast* – that serves up dinner and entertainment. Prefer privacy? Check out the *Summer Wind*, a sailboat that offers tours with stunning views of the skyline.

Philadelphiabelle.com

MAY 2011

- 1 *Broad Street Run*
- 11-15 *New Hope Celebrates Pride*
- 13-14 *Aberdeen Dad Vail Regatta*
- 13-June 5 *Student Exhibit at Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts*
- 14-15 *Italian Market Festival*
- 21 *Shut Up + Dance*
- 21 *BayBINGO! Always a Bridesmaid*
- 26-June 5 *Devon Horse Show*
- 28-30 *40th Annual Brandywine River Museum Antiques Show*
- 28-29 *Liberty Bell Classic Softball Tournament*

JUNE

- 3-12 *Philly Beer Week*
- 11 *GayBINGO! 15 Minutes of Fame*
- 12 *Pride Day*
- 12 *Odunde African-American Festival*
- 16 *Bloomsday*
- 18 *Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus presents "MMM"-Bop: The Best of the Boy Bands*
- 22-26 *Philadelphia Independent Film Festival*
- 25-26 *Manayunk Arts Festival*

JULY

- 4 *Welcome America*
- 4 *July 4th: Gay Day Flotilla*
- 7-18 *Philadelphia QFest*

AUGUST

- 18-21 *Philadelphia Folk Festival*
- 26 *Philadelphia Phillies' Gay Community Night*
- 27-29 *New Hope Open*

SEPTEMBER

- 2-17 *Live Arts Festival + Philly Fringe*
- 5-Nov. 20 *Autumn's Colors at Longwood Gardens*
- 17 *Gayborhood Games*
- 17 *Gay Day at Six Flags*
- 24-25 *Manayunk Eco-Arts Festival Days*
- 24-25 *9th Annual Harvest Festival in Brandywine Valley*

OCTOBER

- 1 *International Dragon Boat Festival*
- 16 *AIDS Walk Philly*
- 1-2, 15-16 *Philadelphia Open Studio Tours*
- 9 *Outfest*
- 9 *Henri David Halloween Ball*
- 13-23 *Philadelphia Film Festival*
- 29-31 *Out in Atlantic City*

NOVEMBER

- 10-13 *Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show*
- 13 *Mr. Gay USA*
- 23 *Pink Pub Crawl*
- 24-Jan. 8 *A Longwood Garden Christmas*
- 24 *Thanksgiving Day Parade*

DECEMBER

- 1 *World AIDS Day*
- 25 *William Way LGBT Community Center's Holiday Potluck*



JANUARY 2012

- 1 *New Year's Day Mummer's Parade*

MARCH

- TBA *Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge*
- 3-11 *Philadelphia Flower Show*

APRIL

- TBA *Mr. Gay Philadelphia*
- TBA *Philadelphia Black Gay Pride*
- TBA *Equality Forum*
- TBA *23rd Street Armory Antiques Show*

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Along *Philly's Parisian* – inspired Parkway, with its stunning views spanning City Hall to the stairs of the *Philadelphia Museum of Art* where *Rocky* famously made his run, are art museums and educational institutes offering special family programming. And across town at *Franklin Square*, an old-fashioned carousel and miniature golf course provide the perfect pit stop – with the new *Square Burger* for snacks – on the way to historic sites.

Family fun is also footsteps away in nearby *Fairmount Park* – all 9,200 acres of it – with tours, playgrounds and nature trails along the scenic *Schuylkill River* where main attractions like the *Philadelphia Zoo* and *Please Touch Museum* both make their homes. At the *Please Touch*, kids enjoy interactive exhibits and a turn-of-the-century carousel, while the zoo features always-popular reptile and monkey exhibits.

Gay parents and their kids can also hop a barge in *Bucks County* for a ride down *New Hope's* old-time canals. And in nearby *Langhorne*, generations of families have been taking a familiar stroll to meet *Big Bird*, *Oscar the Grouch* and the beloved cast of characters at *Sesame Place*. You can even visit the *Crayola Factory* in nearby *Easton*.

Whether you make a day or week of it, kids of all ages will enjoy the colorful farmers markets, orchards, parks and exhibits around town, as well as family-friendly restaurants with kid-approved menus. When it comes to finding fun, Philly is truly a family affair.

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EATING OUT

Hungry? Here's where to chow down.

Sure, you'll want to have a famous Philadelphia cheesesteak, soft pretzel and Italian water ice while you're in town, but you can't go wrong with these gay-friendly eateries for both the choosy or casual eater in all of us.

BARBUZZO

This lesbian owned eatery specializes in *Mediterranean* meals (try the gourmet pizza) with a great bar scene. Barbuzzo.com

BINDI

Also lesbian-owned, the cuisine at this *BYOB* is Indian-inspired with a modern twist. BindiBYOB.com

DEVON

With stunning views of *Rittenhouse Square*, this seafood spot also serves up brunch and snacks in a sophisticated setting in one of Philly's most popular shopping districts. Devonseafood.com

EL VEZ

This colorful eatery enjoys a vibrant nightlife and bar scene (try the blood orange margaritas) with amazing *Mexican* entrees.

Elvezrestaurant.com

GARGES TRADING CO.

This gourmet market - just footsteps from the *Gayborhood* - also serves up great organic eats for dining in or on the go. Garcestradingcompany.com

LOLITA

BYOT (Bring Your Own Tequila) to this lesbian-owned eatery that serves up fresh *Mexican* fusion cuisine and creative cocktail mixers.

KNOCK

This *Gayborhood* outpost serves up *American* cuisine in a charming dining room. In addition to brunch and lunch, there's also a great bar scene starting at happy hour and going into late night. Knockphilly.com

MORE THAN JUST ICE CREAM

Save room for dessert when you eat at this gay-owned café where traditional grub is served with sweet treats.

PORTOFINO

This continental *Italian* eatery is a great spot to refuel in style before hitting up the nearby gay clubs.

Portofino1227walnut.com

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAKHOUSE

You can't beat a *New York Strip* at this popular steakhouse in the heart of *Center City*. Ruthschris.com

TERRA

Downstairs at *Tavern on Camac* is where you'll find a romantic gay-owned restaurant with traditional courses and cocktails. Terrapa.com

VALANNI

The *Mediterranean*-inspired menu features small plates and decadent entrees in a revamped restaurant with a very gay-friendly social scene.

Valanni.com

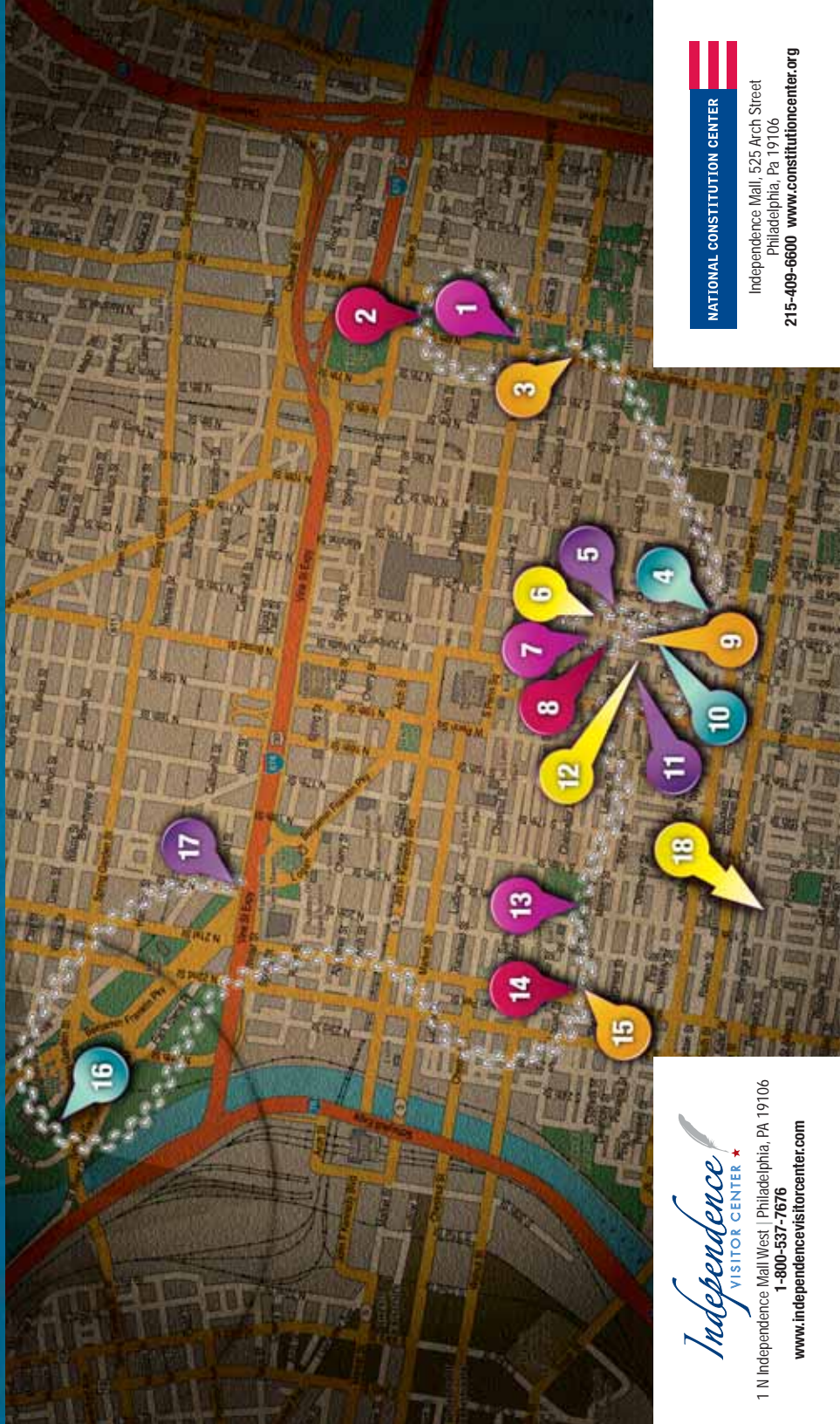
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Being the birthplace of America means Philadelphia has also nurtured a long and interesting history of gay and lesbian culture dating back to the forefathers. As home to the oldest gay and lesbian bookstore in the country, as well as several important sites of early activism, the city provides a unique peek into its fabled past, while also preserving everything that's fun, fabulous and free about gay and lesbian life today. Enjoy the ride!

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GIOVANNI'S ROOM

345 South 12th Street

As the oldest operating gay and lesbian bookstore in the country, *Giovanni's Room* welcomes famous authors from around the world.*



OZ (NOW VOYEUR)

1221 Saint James Street

Predating *Studio 54* as one of the first big discos on the *East Coast*, *Oz* attracted rock legends like *David Bowie*. (Source: *The Gayrette*)

CLUB PHILADELPHIA BATH (NOW CLUB BODY CENTER)

1220 Chancellor Street

Operating as a bathhouse since 1974, it's one of the oldest gay bathhouses in the U.S. (Source: *Club Body Center*)



WOODY'S

202 South 13th Street

When it let the light shine in 1983, popular watering hole *Woody's* became the first gay bar in the city to have windows. (Source: *Philadelphia Gay News*)



DEWEY'S (FORMER LETTO DELJ)

208 South 13th Street

This lunch counter was packed with gays and lesbians in the 1950s – even *Liberace*, who was a regular. It was also the site of a 1965 sit-in by *African-Americans* demanding equal rights.*



WESTBURY RESTAURANT AND BAR

261 South 13th Street

This popular gay bar has attracted celebrities, drag queens and a mixed crowd for decades, even when most bars were still segregated in the 1950s.*



MAXINE'S (NOW TAVERN ON CAMAC)

243 South Camac Street

Maxine's opened its doors in the 1930s. Now, this is the site of the oldest operating gay bar in Philadelphia on what became known as "*Locust Strip*."



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WILLIAM WAY COMMUNITY CENTER

1315 Spruce Street

Founded in 1974, the community center has nurtured Philly's gay culture through social activism, community awareness and cultural events for 35 years.



RITTENHOUSE SQUARE

Boundaries are 18th Street to the East, Walnut Street

The Square dates back to the late 17th Century, but it was also a popular gathering place for gay men and lesbians by the late 1950s.



GILDED CAGE

21st between Spruce and Locust

The *Gilded Cage* was a popular lesbian coffeehouse in the early 1950s that was often raided by the police.



DRAKE HOTEL (NOW DRAKE APARTMENTS)

1512 Spruce Street

ECHO (East Coast Homophile Organization) held its convention here in 1963 and planned the first *Gay Pride* in New York in 1970 (Philly followed two years later).*



PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

26th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway

As one of the most respected museums in the world, the *PMA* collects many well-known gay artists throughout the centuries.



BARBARA GITTINGS COLLECTION AT THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

1901 Vine Street (between 19th and 20th Streets on the Parkway)

Named for the longtime champion of making gay and lesbian literature available in public libraries, this collection is one of the largest in the country.



KEITH HARING MURAL

22nd and Federal Street

The famous street artist painted this mural during a stay in Philly before his death from AIDS in 1990.

(Located off map boundaries)

*Source: *City of Sisterly and Brotherly Loves: Lesbian and Gay Philadelphia, 1945-1972* by Marc Stein (Temple University Press, 2004)

PHILLY ON A BUDGET

Living it up without breaking the bank



EVERY THURSDAY, Bob & Barbara's – a local dive bar – hosts its weekly drag show, which has become a longtime standard in the city. The already cheap night out can be enjoyed with something called the "*Philadelphia Special*," a can of PBR and shot of Jim Beam for just three bucks. It's among the most frugal forms of LGBT-friendly entertainment in the city.

THE WILLIAM WAY LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER regularly offers events on an ongoing basis for free – including monthly art openings, access to one of the most enriching gay libraries in the country, as well as pot lucks, meetings and socials for gays and lesbians of all ages. Most important, the center provides a safe haven for anyone who wants to meet new friends and share their own stories. There's even an on-site computer lab.

MANY MUSEUMS AND THEATRES around town host special pay-what-you-can days. The *Philadelphia Museum of Art* accepts donations on the first Sunday of every month, while local theatres like the *Arden* and *Adrienne* often offer discounted tickets during previews of new productions. You may catch a gay-themed play by *Mauckinbird Theatre Co.*, Philly's only all-LGBT troupe.

THE GOOD LIFE

The luxurious side of the city

For upscale travelers looking for a way to indulge in all of the finer things in life, Philly has plenty of ways to kick back and relax – especially if money is no object. Here are a few ideas for living the high life.

CHESTNUT HILL – while it seems like more of a small town – is actually a very charming neighborhood in Philly. And it's here where you'll find *3000 B.C. Spa*, a gay-friendly haven for pampering and relaxation. The spa has a tea lounge where you can sip from a variety of steeped concoctions before enjoying inhalation therapy, an outdoor serenity garden and a long list of body and face-enhancing treatments that will have you looking your best and feeling like jelly.

FOR ONE OF THE BEST VIEWS IN THE CITY, treat yourself to dinner at *R2L*, a swanky eatery high atop *Two Liberty Place*, one of Philly's most recognizable skyscrapers. *Chef Daniel Stern's* specialties have won over the hearts – and stomachs – of even the most finicky food critics thanks to his very creative American cuisine. The restaurant's lounge is perfect for pre-dinner drinks and small, sophisticated snacks before indulging in multiple courses.

IT'S EASY TO SHOP UNTIL YOU DROP IN PHILLY. Discerning label lovers will want to visit *The Shops at the Bellevue* where *Tiffany & Co.*, *Polo Ralph Lauren*, *Nicole Miller* and many others make their homes. *Walnut Street* also offers a selection of upscale stores that include *Burberry* and *Brooks Brothers*. A quick jaunt to the *King of Prussia Mall* just outside the city limits is sure to inspire a shopping spree thanks to outposts like *Neiman Marcus* (hello, personal shoppers), *Thomas Pink* and *True Religion*.



GAYBORHOOD + MIDTOWN VILLAGE

Rainbow-striped street signs let the world know you've arrived in Philadelphia's Gayborhood, home to gay and lesbian life in the city. Located in the heart of Center City, the streets here are lined with shops, galleries, restaurants, bars, nightclubs and one of the oldest operating gay and lesbian bookstores in the country. And while much of the action comes alive after dark, the Gayborhood is also the perfect destination for weekend brunch with friends, a trip to a local coffee shop, working out at the gym or shopping at one of many gay and lesbian-owned businesses in the eclectic district

Twice yearly festivals in the *Gayborhood* and *Midtown Village* welcome pedestrians to streets that are closed to traffic for family-friendly games, competitions and pride events. Everything the *Gayborhood* has to offer – including award-winning *BYOBs* – is within walking distance to many of Philly's famous sites, convention center and treasures along *Antique Row* on *Pine Street*.

THE LOW DOWN ON NIGHTLIFE

We've created a cheat sheet for you as you navigate our gay city. Check it out:

MEET NEW FRIENDS:

If you're craving an afternoon cocktail or want to hit town after dark, you're guaranteed to strike up a conversation with locals at the *Venture Inn*, a longtime watering hole nestled on quaint *Camac Street*. The friendly bartenders will make sure of it.

LET IT ALL HANG OUT:

Two words: *Bike Stop*.
Two more words: *Underwear night*.

LOVE THE LADIES:

Sisters is the only multi-level lesbian nightclub in the city. While all the other clubs on Philly's gay scene can brag about mixed crowds, *Sisters* is where the women mingle six days a week. Thursday is especially popular thanks to dancing, karaoke and drink specials.

CRUISE DUDES:

Woody's is a favorite hot spot for men. And the cruising pretty much happens as soon as doors open at 11 a.m. through until last call at 2 a.m. Happy hour is always fun, but this is the go-to spot late at night for that last-minute hookup.



LOUNGE AROUND:

If you're looking for that gay lounge experience, get to *Stir*. The lesbian-owned bar has one of the more mixed (not to mention good-looking) crowds around. Its proximity to *Rittenhouse Square* makes it attractive for the professional set at happy hour. You could meet your future sugar daddy (or mama).

CHANGE OF SCENE:

iCandy is the newest LGBT nightclub in the district. Open Monday through Saturday, the bar scene is busy during happy hour while weekends pack the dance floor and lounge in this multi-level entertainment complex. Look for the outdoor deck for sunny fun in warm-weather months.

EAT UP:

Knock's menu is reliably good whether you want a quick nosh at the lively bar or several courses in the intimate dining room. Another place to grab a bite is *Terra*, in the basement of *Tavern on Camac*, where the vibe is cozy and very low-key. Just want a burger? Try the *Westbury* with a deluxe beer menu to wash it down. *Q Lounge* also serves up dinner several nights a week.

THE CITY NEVER SLEEPS:

Voyeur is the *Gayborhood's* after-hours club. And while the party gets started early in the evening, special events often keep this nightclub open until a ripe 8 a.m.

WHAT TO SEE:

Matthew Izzo is named after the local style-maker who makes Philly men and women – and their abodes – look good.

This new shop on *12th Street* features apparel, unique selection of hand-made jewelry and cologne that *Izzo* designs himself.

Giovanni's Room is one of the oldest operating LGBT bookstores in the country. This year the longtime shop was even recognized with a historic plaque – only the second in the state to honor a gay establishment. Check out live readings by well-known authors weekly.

Open House and *Verde* are shops that are both owned by a well-known local lesbian couple (who also happen to operate three other restaurants and grocer on busy *13th Street*). Not only will you find great gifts, you'll definitely want to treat yourself to some of the "I Heart Philly" tote bags, tees and jewelry.

Café Twelve is where everyone goes to refuel with coffee and snacks before hitting up the gym and gay bars. It's a great place to meet new friends and check out locals who are glued to their newspapers, laptops and window seats.

Absolute Abstract is the perfect place to pick up some art to take home – whether you're looking for a reproduction *Warhol* or framed print by a local artist. The shop is even gay owned!

Sweet Ending is a favorite yogurt shop where you can top off mouth-watering to-go cups with decadent goodies – everything from fresh kiwi to Capt'n Crunch. Splurge.

3-DAY URBAN ITINERARY

Explore, learn and grow



DAY ONE:

Independence Starts Here

INDEPENDENCE HALL, in Philadelphia's historic district, is home to the birthplace of democracy. It's also where many of the earliest gay rights protests took place. Today, a historical marker (*Sixth and Chestnut*) honors these brave activists.

FOR AN AUTHENTIC TASTE OF EARLY AMERICAN CUISINE, lunch at the historic *City Tavern* (citytavern.com) on *S. Second St.* where *Chef Walter Staib* cooks up hearty dishes in this timeless tavern.

THE INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER AND NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER are both great starting points for history buffs. You can ring your bell (so to speak) at *Liberty Bell Center*, a dramatic \$314 million addition to *Independence National Historical Park* that offers a contemplative opportunity to view the country's most enduring symbol of freedom.

TAKE A DOUBLE-DECKER BUS TOUR of the city on *Philly Trolley Works* (rides can be picked up at *Fifth and Market* streets). The *Mural Arts Project* also offers tours of the city's murals – Philly boasts the most murals in the country!

IN THE SHADOW OF THE LIBERTY BELL, archeologists recently unearthed former slave quarters that are being excavated and transformed into a memorial. Within the same block, the *American Jewish History Museum* opened its doors with a star-studded fete this year.

ALSO CHECK OUT THE ATWATER KENT MUSEUM for artifacts from Philly's history and the *Rosenbach Museum* to see original art, furniture and manuscripts from famous folks – like gay author *Maurice Sendak*.

PHILADELPHIA IS HOME TO THE SECOND-LARGEST COLLECTION OF GAY AND LESBIAN BOOKS, movies and magazines in the country thanks to *The Barbara Gittings Collection* at the *Free Library of Philadelphia* (*Seventh and Walnut*) – it's named for the lifelong activist who fought for the inclusion of LGBT materials in public libraries.

DAY TWO:

A Beautiful Day in the Gayborhood

FOLLOW THE RAINBOW STREET SIGNS to Philly's very own *Gayborhood* in the heart of *Center City*. One block from the *Avenue of the Arts*, Philly's famous theatre district, and within walking distance of attractions like *Washington Square* and *Antiques Row*, the *Gayborhood* is where gay and lesbian culture converges around the clock.

NIGHTLIFE COMES ALIVE AFTER DARK at bars, lounges and taverns throughout this lively enclave. It's also a great place to shop along *13th Street* and have lunch at one of the many chic eateries.

THE BLOCK OF 13TH STREET between *Chestnut* and *Walnut* is packed with great shops, restaurants and gay-owned businesses. Buy some art at gay-owned *Absolute Abstract* before chowing down in the funky outdoor graffiti bar at *Sampan*. *Chef Michael Schulsen's* brussel sprouts are famous.

THE WILLIAM WAY COMMUNITY CENTER on *Spruce Street* is the hub of gay life in Philly thanks to monthly art shows, a gay and lesbian library and special events for singles, couple and families of all ages.

THE GAYBORHOOD'S ALSO HOME TO *Giovanni's Room* one of the nation's oldest operating gay and lesbian bookstores in the country (it's being honored this year with a historical marker from the state) and the nation's oldest gay video store, as well as community groups that support health, fitness and AIDS awareness.

LOOKING FOR A NEW OUTFIT? One-of-a-kind jewelry? Cologne? Stop by *Matthew Izzo* on *12th Street*. The gay style-maker opened a new shop in the *Gayborhood* with a slew of fabulous merchandise. Also new to the hood: *iCandy* – a multi-level gay nightclub on *12th* that attracts a mixed crowd for happy hours and late nights.



THE EATS AND DRINKS in the *Gayborhood* also run the gamut between casual and fine dining thanks to plenty of new favorites and old standbys. There are several great bars and restaurants that serve up brunch, lunch and dinner throughout the week.

MORE THAN JUST ICE CREAMS is a great place to chow down – just remember to save room for dessert. New to the hood is *Tweed*, an eatery serving up new twists on old favorites, as well as *Perch*, a gastro-pub with Belgian-inspired dishes. Locals also grab great grub at *Woody's* – the premiere gay nightclub – and at *Sisters* – which serves up a killer all-you-can-eat brunch every *Sunday*.



A WEEKEND IN THE COUNTRY



DAY THREE:

Off the Beaten Track

KEEP AN OPENED MIND TO uncover the best-kept secrets Philly has to offer. Whether you're staying for a long weekend or just for the day, there are plenty of gay-friendly adventures that make the locals proud.

THE COMCAST CENTER BOASTS one of the biggest HDTV screens in the country. Stop by the lobby on *J.F.K.* to watch the latest video presentation, which rotates for holidays and special events. And no, those aren't really tight-rope walkers above you. The "people" you see high atop the lobby are actually part of a permanent sculpture installation.

HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR MOSAIC? Check out local artist *Isaiah Zagar's Magic Garden*, a tiled wonderland at *10th and South Street* in the midst of Philly bohemia, a neighborhood filled with thrift stores, vintage shops, hip bars and stellar *B.Y.O.B.s*. *The Curtis Center* on *Walnut* also showcases a real glass act – a *Tiffany* mosaic based on a painting by *Maxfield Parrish*.

STOP BY PHILLY AIDS THRIFT where you never know what you'll find – from collectibles to vintage clothes, books and music. Plus, profits support local AIDS charities in the city.



PUT ON YOUR WALKING SHOES or take advantage of Philly's public transportation to check out the *Italian Market* in *South Philly* and gay-friendly galleries in *Northern Liberties*. *West Philly* is also home to college life, as well as exotic restaurants with international menus from as far away as *Africa* and *India*. And *South Street* – the city's longtime tourist attraction

– is also making a comeback thanks to new galleries and shops.

THESE DAYS, ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR LGBT-friendly destinations can be found *South of Washington* on *East Passyunk Avenue*, a neighborhood filled with friendly watering holes, shops and great restaurants.

BAHDEEBAHDOO MAY SEEM a bit out of the way, but this design studio showcases gorgeous found-object sculpture, photography, furniture and fine art – some of the best in the city. While you're uptown, take a trip to the *Photo Arts Center* and the *Crane Arts Building* for art by local up and comers.

Philadelphia may be known for its vibrant city life, but there's another way to explore the region by simply taking the scenic route. Philly's countryside is a great place to kick back and commune with nature. With friendly towns and first-rate attractions, the best way to balance a weekend walking the avenues is by strolling a nature trail, sipping at a winery and checking into a bed and breakfast for a very romantic, gay-friendly experience that will feel like a home away from home.

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New Hope shows its pride

Brandywine Valley is an artistic and wine mecca

The natural beauty of historic Valley Forge

World-class shopping in King of Prussia





A WEEKEND IN THE COUNTRY



HOUSE RULES:

VALLEY FORGE may be best known for its sprawling state park – and as a site for personal freedom dating back to the *Revolutionary War* – but the region also played a role in the *Bauhaus* movement. *The Knoll Museum* is one of the most famous in the world for its modernism. And the *Wharton Esherick Studio* atop the *Valley Forge Mountain* pays homage to American wood crafts for almost a half-century. In fact, taking a tour of the arts is a great way to see *Valley Forge* – from the more than 4,000 works at the *Berman Museum of Art* at *Ursinus College* to the 20-acre sculpture park at the *Abington Art Center*.



STROKES OF GENIUS:

THE WYETH FAMILY has put the *Brandywine Valley* on the map thanks to generations of painters and illustrators. While the late *Andrew Wyeth* may be among the best known in this family of artists, his son *Jamie* was friends with many in New York's gay world – including *Andy Warhol* and *Rudolf Nureyev*. The paintings he did of both gay icons are some of the more well-known works at the *Brandywine River Museum*.

SEEING STARS:

BUCKS COUNTY has been home to many famous people, including impressionist painter *Edward Redfield*, songwriter *Oscar Hammerstein* and novelists *Pearl S. Buck* and *James Michener*. The county has long been an arts mecca for creatives and intellectuals from both Philadelphia and New York City. Every summer, even more people flock to *New Hope* to celebrate gay pride with a weekend festival down the town's *Main Street*. The quaint community is a great place to dine out, shop and take in a show at the *Bucks County Playhouse* where many famous gay and lesbian actors got their start.



VALLEY FORGE + KING OF PRUSSIA

Beauty + History + World-class Shopping

The rolling hills of Valley Forge National Historical Park (3,600 acres) offer a great place to commune with nature. The region is also well known for its golfing, fishing, horseback riding, river boating and hiking along the scenic Perkiomen Trail.

The region also boasts the *East Coast's* largest shopping mall at *King of Prussia* where discerning buyers can browse the high-end likes of *Louis Vuitton* and *Michael Kors*, and enjoy a slew of eateries in this three-level shopper's paradise. Visitors will also want to check out special events every season, including must-see fashion shows at *Neiman Marcus* where personal shoppers are at your beckoned call.

WHAT TO SEE:

SEE WHERE THEY FIRST filmed "*The Blob*" at the *Colonial Theatre* in *Phoenixville*. Movie buffs will love this old-school movie house, which still screens both new and classic films daily.

THE BEAGLE TAVERN in *Norristown* is a gay bar that hosts a cabaret and English-pub style restaurant where it's just as easy to chow down on mom's meatloaf as it is to sing along with the piano player.

IF YOU CAN'T GET ENOUGH PLANTS, then check out the *Jenkins Arboretum* in *Devon*. This botanical garden showcases a diverse collection of greens that attract native birds, insects and other wildlife.

YOU CAN ALSO VISIT *Mill Grove*, the home of bird watcher *John James Audubon* that was build in 1762.

ADDICTED TO SHOPPING? Go behind the scenes during a *QVC Studios* tour for a fun and informative peek into the world of retail.

DO SOME MORE SHOPPING AT the *Philadelphia Premium Outlets* where there's no shortage of discounted delights from *Banana Republic*, *Tommy Hilfiger*, *Calvin Klein*, *Neiman Marcus* and other brand-name retailers.

IF YOU LIKE NICE THINGS, you'll wish you could move into *Pennypacker*



Mills, the former home of a state governor, that features original furnishings and an art collection in an elegantly preserved mansion.

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BRANDYWINE VALLEY

An artistic and wine mecca

Painter Andrew Wyeth and his family made Philadelphia's countryside famous around the world. And in nearby Chester County's Brandywine Valley, just 45 minutes from Center City, it's easy to see what inspired these artists for generations. The picturesque landscape provides the perfect backdrop for artistic inspiration, golfing, outdoor recreation and romantic getaways.

Dozens of quaint B and B's nestled in rolling hills are within reach of high-end shopping, fine dining and fascinating tours of local museums and world-class wineries in the region.

WHAT TO SEE:

BRANDYWINE RIVER MUSEUM is often referred to as the "Wyeth Museum," and for good reason, since it collects generations of the art family's masterpieces into a rustic gallery setting housed in a former 19th-century mill on the banks of the Brandywine River.

CHADDSFORD WINERY is the state's largest winery with a charming country atmosphere. Consider a tour of the beautiful grounds and a tasting of these fine seasonal wines with friends.

STYERS GARDEN CAFE in Glen Mills is the ultimate brunch spot thanks to its hearty selection of local cheeses, honey and organic dishes that are not to be missed.

LONGWOOD GARDENS has more than 1,000 landscaped acres in what's become an outdoor mecca for garden lovers. Enjoy the heated conservatory, main fountain garden, Italian water garden and an open-air theatre with flora for as far as the eye can see.

NEMOURS MANSION & GARDENS completed a multi-million-dollar restoration to bring this sprawling mansion back to its former glory. Anyone with an eye for the finer things will go gaga over the details of this ancestral home belonging to the du Pont family and modeled after the French style.



BISTRO ON THE BRANDYWINE is all about traditional eats with lunch and dinner menus that will more than please the weary – and hungry – traveler. The short-rib sandwich and artisan pizzas get rave reviews.

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BUCKS COUNTY

New Hope shows its pride



Beautiful Bucks County is a leisurely getaway from the city. Nestled along the scenic Delaware River, visitors are guaranteed to experience the good life at wineries, museums, romantic eateries and guesthouses throughout this lush region.

The riverside village of *New Hope* is a gay-friendly, former artist's colony, that's been transformed into a gay

retreat. *New Hope's* designer shops, lively nightclubs, piano bars, cabarets, restaurants and pride events attract gay and lesbian visitors from around the world.

While the arts are certainly thriving, you won't want to miss the outdoor adventures *Bucks County* has to offer. Some of the best views in the region (and its famous covered bridges) can be found floating in a hot-air balloon or by climbing atop *Bowman's Hill Tower*, which overlooks the *Delaware River*. And in nearby *Delaware Canal State Park*, hiking, camping, biking, golfing, tubing and kayaking are always in season. Visitors can even ride an authentic steam-powered locomotive through the countryside.

WHAT TO SEE:

THE RAVEN attracts gays and lesbians year round as the premiere LGBT resort in the region. In summer, the in-crowd suns by the pool where drinks are poured liberally and everyone shows off their best assets.

PEDDLER'S VILLAGE in *Lahaska*, features dozens of specialty shops and intimate restaurants in a crafty, family-friendly community where holidays are celebrated every day of the year.

RAMADA INN (formerly the *Nevermore*) also packs in the gays for late-night dancing and shows by LGBT-friendly performers. Don't let the name fool you.

MARSHA BROWN CREOLE KITCHEN brings the *New Orleans* flavor up north. The popular eatery boasts a spicy menu and ambiance.

DELAWARE RIVER TUBING is a fun way to hit the river with friends. Also look for jet boat tours and zip-lines through the countryside.

JAMES MICHENER MUSEUM OF ART and the 13th-century-inspired *Fonthill*, part of the *Mercer Museum*, are the go-to art destinations for art and furniture lovers.

PICK UP YOUR PUNK ROCK DUDS at *God Save the Queens*, a boutique specializing in rocker garb for infants and adults.

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ARTS + CULTURE

Museums and the creative culture

Philadelphia is truly a city of art – with the largest concentration of public and mural art in the country!



THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART may be famously known as the place where *Rocky* triumphed over adversity, but it's also home to sculpture, painting and decorative arts from around the world. More than 30,000 works are on display at the museum, as well as its new annex at the *Perelman Building*. Also nearby, *The Rodin Museum*, houses the largest collection of sculpture and drawings by *Auguste Rodin* outside of *Paris*.

THE BARNES FOUNDATION, a museum collection housed on the *Main Line*, is making a move to the *Parkway* this year. The rare collection of *European* and *American* art, including many *Picasso* drawings, will make its new home on the *Parkway*, which is fast becoming museum row.

AMERICAN ARTISTS are on display at the *Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts*, which has been educating and exhibiting artists since 1876. It's the country's first-ever art museum and school, and regularly showcases works by famous alumni including gay artist *Charles Demuth*. And at the *Institute of Contemporary Art* in *University City*, cutting-edge works are on display, while the traditional works at the *James A. Michener Art Museum*, *Mercer Museum* and *Brandywine River Museums* can be



enjoyed in beautiful countryside settings.

THERE'S ALSO PLENTY OF public art on display in Philadelphia, including almost 3,000 colorful murals throughout the city, as well as sculptures, like the whimsical *Clothespin* by *Claus Oldenburg* near *City Hall* and a *Roy Lichtenstein Pop Art* paint stroke sculpture at *17th and Market*. There's even an original mural by openly gay artist *Keith Haring* at *22nd and Federal* streets in *South Philly*, which was painted before the artist died of AIDS complications in the 1980s.

MUSIC, THEATRE + MORE

THE AVENUE OF THE ARTS is one of Philly's star attractions thanks to several performance halls lining busy *Broad Street*. From comedies to tragedies, opera, live music and the ballet, Philly is on the pulse of culture.

Look for Broadway tours at the *Kimmel Center* and *The Academy of Music* – both venues attract famous shows and acts year round. At the *Philadelphia Theatre Company*, take in a show during *"Our Night Out,"* which welcomes LGBT theatre-goers with pre-show receptions and talk backs with the casts of premiere plays and musicals.

THE GERSHMAN Y is also the home to Philly's *GayBINGO!* every month where drag queens award winners for a great cause to benefit one of the region's AIDS organizations.

You can also catch well-known and indie acts around town at such venues at the *TLA* on *7th*, *The Troc* on *Arch* and bars with concert halls like *Johnny Brenda's*, *The North Star* and *Kung Fu Necktie* where LGBT-friendly hipsters pack the venues to hear some of the newest music around.

The arts in Philly are famous thanks to the *Philadelphia Sound* and legends who have put the city on the map. The best part is that the art scene attracts gays and lesbians from around the world for LGBT theatre festivals, art events and big names who regularly make Philadelphia a stopping point. What are you waiting for?



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LESBIANS LOVE PHILLY

Here are 3 reasons why

It may be called the City of Brotherly Love, but there are plenty of Sapphic reminders around town about why Philly loves the ladies who love ladies. From restaurants and nature hikes to monthly dance parties, there's plenty of lesbian fun to be had in Center City and beyond.

1 LIFE PARTNERS:

Chef Marcie Turney and her partner in life and business Valerie Safran own several restaurants and shops on 13th Street – which has transformed into a must-see stop for tourists and locals alike. If you're feeling romantic, step inside *Barbuzzo* for an Italian-inspired menu – or try an Indian-fusion dish at *Bindi* or *Mexican* at *Lolita*. Looking for a gift? Visit *Verde* or *Open House* for a line of Philly-inspired bags, tees and accessories – the lesbian duo practically own the block.

2 GREAT OUTDOORS:

An adventure along the *Schuylkill River Trail* is ideal for catching some rays, stretching your legs, biking and exploring the riverfront with stunning vistas of the Center City skyline. This dog-friendly trail is paved with stop-off points throughout the city and into the countryside.

3 PARTY TIME:

Lesbians are in luck as there are several monthly parties that let the ladies mingle. While nightclub *Sisters* attracts women six days a week, *Ladies 2000* invites those 30 and up to events around the region at rotating venues. For the younger set, both *Stimulus* and *Arouse* hit *Marathon Grill* monthly with themed events. Also look for *The Scene*, a women's party that's been revived at *Voyeur* with popular DJs and dancing.



BUSY TONIGHT?

Gay events 7 days a week



MONDAY

- ▶ **Effen Mondays** at *Tavern on Camac*
- ▶ **Positive Brothers** at *Hydrate*
- ▶ **COLOURS** at *The Bike Stop*
- ▶ **Karaoke** at *Woody's*
- ▶ **Sing Your Life Karaoke** at *Tabu*
- ▶ **Tgirls** at *Tavern on Camac*
- ▶ **Rainbow Night** at *Planet Rose* at the *Quarter at the Tropicana* in A.C.
- ▶ **In Your Face with Divalicious** at *The Raven* in *New Hope*
- ▶ **Slut Puppy Monday** at *Westside Bar + Lounge* in A.C.

TUESDAY

- ▶ **Refuel with Michael Casey** at *The Bike Stop*
- ▶ **Showtune Tuesdays** on the TVs at *Stir*
- ▶ **Ladies Happy Hour** at *Stir*
- ▶ **Social X Change** at *COLOURS*
- ▶ **Boy's Night Out** at *La Mina* in *Norristown*
- ▶ **Karaoke** at *Tavern on Camac*
- ▶ **Show Tuesdays** at *The Bike Stop*
- ▶ **Trippin' Tuesdays** at *Tabu*

WEDNESDAY

- ▶ **Mike's Midwest Momentum** at *The Bike Stop*
- ▶ **Sistah 2 Sistah** at *COLOURS*
- ▶ **Kinky Quiz** at *Beagle Tavern* in *Norristown*
- ▶ **Open Mic Night** at *Ramada Inn* in *New Hope*
- ▶ **College Night** at *Woody's*
- ▶ **So You Think You Can** Open Mic at *Sisters*
- ▶ **Video Dance Party + Tavern Feud** at *Tavern on Camac*
- ▶ **WERQ Wednesdays** at *Q Lounge*
- ▶ **Mimi Imfurst's "Dollhouse Revue"** at *Voyeur*
- ▶ **iCandy** at *Westside Bar + Lounge* in A.C.

THURSDAY

- ▶ **Happy Hour** at *Iron Hill Brewery* in *Media*
- ▶ **Young, Trans + Unified** (ages 13-23) at *Attic Youth Center*
- ▶ **Community Thursdays** at *Tabu*
- ▶ **Stirsdays** at *Stir*
- ▶ **Thirsty Thursdays** at *Tavern on Camac*
- ▶ **Twisted Thursdays** with *Kash and Nash* at *Sisters*
- ▶ **Caliente! Latin Night** at *Woody's*
- ▶ **Karaoke** at *Knock*
- ▶ **Time Warp with DJ Robert Drake** at *The Barbary*
- ▶ **Male Revue** at *The Raven* in *New Hope*
- ▶ **Drag Show** at *Bob + Barbara's*

FRIDAY

- ▶ **Art + Social** at *Filter Café*
- ▶ **Country Dance Party** at *The Raven* in *New Hope*
- ▶ **Shaft Fridays** at *Shampoo*
- ▶ **The Scene** every fourth Saturday of the month at *Voyeur*
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SATURDAY

- ▶ **Happy Hour** at *Tavern on Camac*
- ▶ **Broke Back Saturdays** at *iCandy*
- ▶ **Smoke + Mirrors** at *Sisters*
- ▶ **DJ Dance Party** at *Ramada Inn* in *New Hope*
- ▶ **Sexy Saturdays** at *Westside Bar + Lounge* in A.C.

SUNDAY

- ▶ **'80s Dance Party** at *Woody's*
- ▶ **Frat House Fridays** at *iCandy*
- ▶ **Sing Your Life Karaoke** at *Bob + Barbara's*
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PUBLISHER'S PICKS

David Jefferys dishes on where he likes to eat, play and chill out.

HIGH HOPES:

You can't beat the view (or the menu) at *R2L*, a gorgeous restaurant with stunning views of the Philadelphia skyline. Whether you're looking for fine dining – the food is also tops – or just a pretty place to kick back with friends, you don't have to be a high roller to feel like one atop *Liberty Place*.

HEADING SOUTH:

South Philly has always been the sort of neighborhood where you could enjoy world culture, whether at the *Italian Market* or the longtime family-owned eateries that have nourished generations. More recently, *East Passyunk Avenue* has become a gay hub where special events and gay-owned shops and restaurants make the scene. A new shop – *Equal* – even recently opened as a go-to spot for gay-themed gifts.

KICK BACK:

Swann Fountain at *Logan Circle* is a beautiful place to catch some rays, reflect and read a book. Just footsteps from the action downtown – and a stone's throw from the public library and museums. The fountain is a popular attraction that reminds us all to take time out to enjoy the view.



ATLANTIC CITY



For anyone who enjoys a generous serving of sand, surf and slots, Atlantic City, New Jersey, is a perfect destination. This gay-friendly beach community has become increasingly cosmopolitan in recent years thanks to new luxury casinos, hotels and beach-front getaways that make A.C. an energetic vacation destination year round.

An hour-drive from Philadelphia (train and bus service are also available), *Atlantic City* is saturated with world-class entertainment by day and night, whether gay and lesbian visitors are looking to have fun in the sun, spot celebrities at nightclubs or roll the dice at casinos along the resort's famous boardwalk. Atlantic City's beaches also boast cabanas where sipping cocktails is in season every summer.

Many hotels also house spas and pools that come alive day and night with parties pulsating with playlists by internationally known DJs and performers. These casinos regularly book big names in entertainment in this exciting city by the sea.

WHAT TO SEE:

CHELSEA is the hot hotel that can brag honestly about stylish rooms and a very mod atmosphere complete with an open-air *Cabana Club*. You won't find slots at this hipster haven, but will find a very generous helping of gay and lesbian guests in party mode.

HOUSE OF BLUES welcomes famous acts (think *Lady Gaga*) to the famed

concert club all year long. And these music gods always seem to attract mixed crowds with an ear for great food and entertainment.

BORGATA is probably the most popular casino for the LGBT crowd thanks, in part, to the glamorous shows and the outdoor pool scene where A-listers can be found come summer. Drop by *Sea Blue* for spectacular cocktails.

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THE QUARTER AT TROPICANA – with its *Old Havana* style – is a practice in international culture with restaurants specializing in designer dishes, not to mention fashionable shops. Highlights include *Cuba Libre* and *Red Square*, as well as the *Blue Mercury Spa*.

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