

ADVENTURE AQUARIUM

MURAL ARTS
PHILADELPHIA

DAY

01

PHILADELPHIA ZOO

Start in West Philadelphia for a hometown favorite. Our zoo is one of the world's best and the nation's oldest. philadelphiazoo.org

PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM

Poke, prod, pull, twist and just be a kid. That goes for everyone. pleasetouchmuseum.org

LUNCH BREAK

Take a seat or grab-and-go. The museum has plenty of options to satisfy hungry bellies and wandering minds.

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

Inspired by our beloved statesman, humorist and inventor Benjamin Franklin, The Franklin Institute is a family-friendly, hands-on exploration of just about everything. fi.edu

ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Shuttle down the parkway for some more brain food. Hands-on, life-size dioramas examine biodiversity and environmental science. ansp.org

DINNER

Great taste isn't limited to our exhibits. The museum district boasts a kid-friendly lineup of reservation-free pubs, taquerias and steakhouses.

SWEET DREAMS

You're right in Center City, where hotels come in every shape and size. (Some with pools! Boredom isn't an option.) centercityphila.org

DAY

02

INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM

Start your day on the other edge of the city, adventuring through America's maritime history. phillyseaport.org

ADVENTURE AQUARIUM & DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT 

The RiverLink Ferry sails across the river to the aquarium, now showcasing more than 8,000 marine animals. That's right. Eight. Thousand. adventureaquarium.com

LUNCH BREAK

Scurry back across the river and find a table in Society Hill. Restaurants, cafes and ice cream(!) trim the cobblestone streets. oldcitydistrict.org

BETSY ROSS HOUSE

There's quite a bit to learn about our flag—and the woman who sewed it. Soak up the history of the great American symbol. historicphiladelphia.org/betsy-ross-house

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

You'll want to build a good bit of time into your trip to explore the greatest contributions of Jewish Americans. nmajh.org

MURAL ARTS PHILADELPHIA 

Hop on a tour of the nation's largest public art program, the engine behind a citywide movement and canvas for some of Philadelphia's most jaw-dropping talent. muralarts.org

EAT UP

Small plates? Fine dining? How about a dinner cruise? Philadelphia has family-friendly mainstays for whatever you're craving.

DAY

03

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

Study the exhibits of our nation's first institution dedicated to the life and works of African Americans. aampmuseum.org

MORRIS ARBORETUM

A quick ride on the SEPTA train takes you out of the city into the arboretum, a 92-acre retreat bursting with year-round greenery. morrisarboretum.org

SNACK TIME

Fuel up. In Northwest Philadelphia, there's coffee brewing in any direction. Try the leafy streets of Chestnut Hill. chestnuthillpa.org

WISSAHICKON VALLEY PARK

More greenway ahead. Wissahickon Valley Park has more than 50 miles (80 km) of trails for bikers, walkers and strollers. fow.org

FRANKLIN SQUARE

Playtime has only begun. Back in the city, Franklin Square is a Philadelphia classic, brimming with fountains, playgrounds, mini golf and even a carousel. historicphiladelphia.org/franklin-square

ONE LIBERTY OBSERVATION DECK 

Savor the view from the 57th floor. One of Philadelphia's tallest buildings has your final photo op, and a food court downstairs on the way out. phillyfromthetop.com

DINNER

Washington Square dining is truly one of a kind. Or any kind. Whatever cuisine you're craving, you'll find the best of it.

GHOST TOUR

Rumor has it, some of our Founding Fathers never left. See who's still haunting the streets by candlelight. ghosttour.com/philadelphia

THE
FAMILY-FRIENDLY
PHILADELPHIA TRIP

If you're traveling with kids (or just with the kid inside you), Philadelphia has fun to spare.

Pack the sneakers. Bring the stroller.

Leave the serious face at home.

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