



# DISCOVERING DIVERSITY

*Your guide to Philadelphia*



**PHL**DIVERSITY

**Come for the Convention.**  
*Stay for the Culture.*



# A CITY *of Firsts...*



A Soulful Christmas, Kimmel Center

## MAKING HISTORY AND HERSTORY... THEN, NOW, AND TOMORROW

**FIRST** World Heritage City in the United States.

**FIRST** AME Church – Mother Bethel Church was founded here in 1794 by Richard Allen, a freed slave.

**FIRST** Black women’s Greek letter organization, Alpha Kappa Alpha, was founded by Philadelphia’s Ethel Hedgemon Lyle.

**FIRST** historically black colleges and universities, Cheyney University and Lincoln College, were founded in the Philadelphia area.

**FIRST** Black men’s non-collegiate and first Greek-letter organization, Sigma Pi Phi, aka The Boule, which means “council of noblemen”, was founded in Philadelphia in 1904.

**HISTORY OF TRAILBLAZING WOMEN** — **Lucretia Mott**, 19th century feminist, abolitionist, activist, and social reformer helped launch the women’s rights movement and founded the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society in 1833. **Barbara Gittings**, the “mother of the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement,” led progressive initiatives and edited the first widespread lesbian journal.

- Born in Philadelphia, renowned singer **Marian Anderson** sang on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1939.
- The second school for the deaf in the country, **Pennsylvania School for the Deaf**, opened in 1820.
- **Proud hometown of many Black Artists:** Henry Ossawa Tanner, Paul Robeson, Marian Anderson, Sister Rosetta Tharpe, Billie Holiday, Patti LaBelle, Pearl Bailey, Teddy Pendergrass, The Roots, Erykah Badu, Eve, Will Smith, Jill Scott, Boyz II Men, Gamble and Huff, and so many more.
- **The oldest LGBTQ bookstore in the country, Giovanni’s Room**, was founded in Philadelphia and is still open and operating.
- **Kappa Alpha Psi**, a Black Greek letter organization, is headquartered in Philadelphia.
- **A permanent statue of Harriett Tubman** has been commissioned by the city celebrating her role as a conductor in the Underground Railroad in Philadelphia. Bordered by multiple slave states, Philadelphia became a key escape point.
- **The Philadelphia Tribune** is the oldest continuously published Black newspaper in the United States, publishing since 1884.
- In 1959, one of the **first gay rights protests in U.S. history took place at Independence Hall**, home to the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

The Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau was the first CVB in the U.S. to establish a division highlighting the destination as a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible location for meetings, events, conventions, and visitors.



# STRIVING TO BE THE *Best*

- Philadelphia is the largest city in the U.S. to be named a “**Certified Welcoming**” city by Welcoming America, a formal designation given to cities that have policies and programs in place that reflect their values and commitment to immigrant inclusion.
- PHL Diversity received the **2022 Corporate Award** from the National Coalition of Black Meeting Professionals.
- Since 2015, Philadelphia has garnered a **100-perfect score on the Human Rights Campaign’s Municipal Equality Index**.
- The city of Philadelphia is **committed to funding racial equity programs**.
- Philadelphia is a member of the **Racial Equity Here** cohort, designed to tackle cultural racism in U.S. cities.
- Philadelphia offers **visitors of all abilities** the opportunity to explore popular attractions.



## CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

African-American Chamber of Commerce, PA, NJ, DE  
[aachamber.com](http://aachamber.com)

Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia  
[asianchamberphila.org](http://asianchamberphila.org)

Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
[philahispanicchamber.org](http://philahispanicchamber.org)

Independence Business Alliance (LGBTQIA+)  
[thinkiba.com](http://thinkiba.com)

Korean American Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia  
[linkedin.com/company/kccphila](https://www.linkedin.com/company/kccphila)

Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia  
[Philamchamber-greaterphila.com](http://Philamchamber-greaterphila.com)







# Philadelphia's DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOODS

From one of the country's oldest and largest Gayborhoods to thriving African American, Latino, Native American and Asian communities, Philadelphia is welcoming to visitors of all backgrounds and cultures.

## CHINATOWN

Walk under the Friendship Gate, a gift from Philadelphia's sister city of Tianjin, and enter Chinatown. This neighborhood, located in Center City, is home to restaurants and stores that represent Hong Kong, Cantonese, Fujianese, Northern Sichuan and Taiwanese cultures, with a sprinkling of Korean, Thai, Malaysian, Burmese, and Vietnamese.

## PHILADELPHIA'S GAYBORHOOD

The LGBTQ+ community in Philadelphia is a highly visible and important part of the city. Spanning several blocks just east of Broad Street in downtown Philadelphia, the Gayborhood is the center of Philadelphia's LGBTQ+ community.

## EL CENTRO DE ORO

A nexus of Latinx culture, translating to "the Golden Block," this section of the Fairhill neighborhood is home to family-owned shops, restaurants, community centers and arts spaces.

## AFRICATOWN

One of the fastest growing Black-communities in the United States can be found in Southwest Philadelphia. Africatown is filled with deep connections to Africa's roots and heritage.

## LITTLE SAIGON

In the 1970s and 1980s, Vietnamese immigrants established grocery stores, restaurants, and karaoke bars in South Philadelphia. These humble family-owned businesses introduced locals to the vibrant flavors of Vietnam, shaping the foundation of the city's Little Saigon neighborhood.

## GERMANTOWN, POINT BREEZE, SOUTHWEST PHILADELPHIA, MT AIRY AND WEST PHILADELPHIA

These neighborhoods are home to the largest concentration of Black Philadelphians.

## PORT RICHMOND

Often referred to as "Little Poland," this neighborhood in the River Wards section of Philadelphia offers some of the best Polish cuisine and hosts cultural events year round.



# Things TO DO

- African American Museum in Philadelphia
- American Chinese Museum
- American Swedish Historical Museum
- Asian Arts Initiative
- Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site
- Faith and Liberty Discovery Center
- ICPIIC New Africa Center
  - Muslim American Museum & Archive
- Johnson House Historic Site, a historic Underground Railroad Station
- Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery
- Mother Bethel AME Church
- Museum of Indian Culture
- Penn Museum
- Philadelphia Stars Negro League Memorial Park
- Shofuso Japanese House and Garden
- The All Wars Memorial to Colored Soldiers and Sailors
- The Colored Girls Museum
- The President's House:
  - Freedom and Slavery in the Making of a New Nation
- Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History



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## TOURS

### Badass Women's History Walking Tour

[beyondthebelltours.com/tours/badass-womens-history-tour](https://beyondthebelltours.com/tours/badass-womens-history-tour)

### The Black Journey: African American History Walking Tour

[blackjourneyphiladelphia.com](https://blackjourneyphiladelphia.com)

### Mural Arts Tours

[muralarts.org](https://muralarts.org)

### New Africa Center's New Freedom District Tour

[newfreedomdistrict.com](https://newfreedomdistrict.com)

### Philadelphia Legacies

[philadelphialegacy.org](https://philadelphialegacy.org)

### Philly Experiences, Black Culture Tours

[phillyexperiences.com](https://phillyexperiences.com)

### Philly Gayborhood Tour

[beyondthebelltours.com/tours/philly-gayborhood-and-lgbtq-tour](https://beyondthebelltours.com/tours/philly-gayborhood-and-lgbtq-tour)

### Philly Touch Tours

[phillytouchtours.com](https://phillytouchtours.com)

### StrEats of Philly Food Tour

[streetsofphillyfoodtours.com](https://streetsofphillyfoodtours.com)

### William Way Gayborhood Tour

[waygay.org](https://waygay.org)



# BUSINESS DIRECTORIES

## LGBTQ+ OWNED

RESTAURANTS	WEBSITE	ADDRESS & PHONE
BARBUZZO	<a href="http://barbuzzo.com">barbuzzo.com</a>	110 S. 13th St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-546-9300
BUD & MARILYN'S	<a href="http://budandmarilyns.com">budandmarilyns.com</a>	1234 Locust St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-546-2220
HARDENA	<a href="http://hardenaphilly.com">hardenaphilly.com</a>	1754 S. Hicks St, Philadelphia, PA 19145, 215-271-9442
LITTLE NONNA'S	<a href="http://littlenonnas.com">littlenonnas.com</a>	234 Locust St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-546-2100
MISSION TAQUERIA	<a href="http://missiontaqueria.com">missiontaqueria.com</a>	1516 Sansom St, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102, 215-606-1883
OYSTER HOUSE	<a href="http://oysterhousephilly.com">oysterhousephilly.com</a>	1516 Sansom St, Philadelphia, PA 19102, 215-567-7683
WINKEL	<a href="http://winkelphilly.com">winkelphilly.com</a>	1119 Locust St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 267-639-3453

## DIVERSE OWNED

RESTAURANTS	WEBSITE	ADDRESS & PHONE
BAR-LY CHINATOWN PHILLY	<a href="http://bar-ly.com">bar-ly.com</a>	101 N. 11th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-922-2688
BOOKER'S RESTAURANT & BAR	<a href="http://bookersrestaurantandbar.com">bookersrestaurantandbar.com</a>	5021 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143, 215-883-0960
BUENA ONDA TACOS	<a href="http://buenaondatacos.com">buenaondatacos.com</a>	1901 Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130, 215-922-2688
CESCAPHE	<a href="http://cescaphe.com">cescaphe.com</a>	1412 Mt. Vernon Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130, 215-238-5750 600 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia PA 19106, 215-238-5750 969 N. 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123, 215-238-5750
CESCAPHE BLACK	<a href="http://black.cescaphe.com/venues/vie/">black.cescaphe.com/venues/vie/</a>	600 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130, 215-238-5750
CHIMA STEAKHOUSE	<a href="http://himasteakhouse.com/locations-phi/">himasteakhouse.com/locations-phi/</a>	1901 John F Kennedy Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-525-3233
DAHLAK PARADISE	<a href="http://dahlakrestaurant.com">dahlakrestaurant.com</a>	4708 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143, 215-726-6464
FORK RESTAURANT	<a href="http://forkrestaurant.com">forkrestaurant.com</a>	306 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-625-9425
FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY	<a href="http://fridaysaturdaysunday.com">fridaysaturdaysunday.com</a>	261 S. 21st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-546-4232
HARD ROCK CAFE	<a href="http://hardrock.com">hardrock.com</a>	1113-31 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-238-1000
HIGHSTREET ON MARKET	<a href="http://highstreetonmarket.com">highstreetonmarket.com</a>	308 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-625-0988
IMUNCH CAFÉ	<a href="http://imunchcafe.com">imunchcafe.com</a>	1233 N. 31st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121, 215-236-8624
POSITANO COAST	<a href="http://positanocoast.net">positanocoast.net</a>	212 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-238-0499
REEF RESTAURANT & LOUNGE	<a href="http://phillyreef.com">phillyreef.com</a>	605 S. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147, 215-629- 0102
SOUTH RESTAURANT & JAZZ CLUB	<a href="http://southjazzkitchen.com">southjazzkitchen.com</a>	600 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130, 215-600 - 2049
VINTAGE WINE BAR & BISTRO	<a href="http://intage-philadelphia.com">intage-philadelphia.com</a>	129 S. 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-922-3095



# WOMAN OWNED

RESTAURANTS	WEBSITE	ADDRESS & PHONE
<b>A.KITCHEN+BAR</b>	<a href="http://akitchenandbar.com">akitchenandbar.com</a>	135 S. 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-825-7030
<b>ATTICO ROOFTOP</b>	<a href="http://atticorooftop.com">atticorooftop.com</a>	219 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 267-536-5725
<b>BRAUHAUS SCHMITZ</b>	<a href="http://brauhausschmitz.com">brauhausschmitz.com</a>	718 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147, 267-909-8814
<b>CICALA AT THE DIVINE LORRAINE</b>	<a href="http://cicalarestaurant.com">cicalarestaurant.com</a>	699 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123, 267-886-9334
<b>FORK RESTAURANT</b>	<a href="http://forkrestaurant.com">forkrestaurant.com</a>	306 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-625-9425
<b>FRONT STREET CAFE</b>	<a href="http://frontstreetcafe.net">frontstreetcafe.net</a>	1253 N. Front Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122, 215-515-3073
<b>HARD ROCK CAFE</b>	<a href="http://hardrock.com">hardrock.com</a>	1113-31 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-238-1000
<b>HIGH STREET ON MARKET</b>	<a href="http://highstretonmarket.com">highstretonmarket.com</a>	308 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-625-0988
<b>JET WINE BAR</b>	<a href="http://jetwinebar.com">jetwinebar.com</a>	1525 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146, 215-735-1116
<b>LOVE CITY BREWING COMPANY</b>	<a href="http://lovecitybrewing.com">lovecitybrewing.com</a>	1023 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123, 215-398-1900
<b>OLD CITY COFFEE INC.</b>	<a href="http://oldcitycoffee.com">oldcitycoffee.com</a>	221 Church Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-629-9292
<b>REX AT THE ROYAL</b>	<a href="http://rexphl.com">rexphl.com</a>	1525 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146, 267-319-1366
<b>RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE</b>	<a href="http://ruthschris.com/restaurant-locations/philadelphia/">ruthschris.com/restaurant-locations/philadelphia/</a>	1800 Market Street (Lobby Level, Sonesta Hotel), Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-790-1515
<b>SPICE FINCH</b>	<a href="http://spicefinchphilly.com">spicefinchphilly.com</a>	220 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
<b>TALULA'S DAILY</b>	<a href="http://talulasdaily.com">talulasdaily.com</a>	208 W. Washington Square, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-592-6555
<b>TALULA'S GARDEN</b>	<a href="http://talulasgarden.com">talulasgarden.com</a>	210 W. Washington Square, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-592-7787
<b>THE DINNER DETECTIVE MURDER MYSTERY DINNER SHOW</b>	<a href="http://thedinnerdetective.com/philadelphia/murder-mystery-tickets-showtimes/">thedinnerdetective.com/philadelphia/murder-mystery-tickets-showtimes/</a>	237 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 866-496-0535
<b>THE LOVE</b>	<a href="http://theloverrestaurant.com">theloverrestaurant.com</a>	130 S. 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-433-1555

MEETING & SPECIAL EVENT VENUES	WEBSITE	ADDRESS & PHONE
<b>KICK AXE THROWING PHILADELPHIA</b>	<a href="http://kickaxe.com/philly">kickaxe.com/philly</a>	232 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA , 19106, 800-850-6756
<b>VUE ON 50</b>	<a href="http://vueon50.com">vueon50.com</a>	1717 Arch Street Suite 5000, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-478-8048

GIFTS/SPECIALTY SHOPS	WEBSITE	ADDRESS & PHONE
<b>AR WORKSHOP CHESTNUT HILL</b>	<a href="http://arworkshop.com/chestnuthill">arworkshop.com/chestnuthill</a>	8607 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19118, 215-544-1116
<b>LORE'S CHOCOLATES</b>	<a href="http://loreschocolates.com">loreschocolates.com</a>	34 S. 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA , 19106, 215-627-3233
<b>PHILADELPHIA INDEPENDENTS</b>	<a href="http://philadelphiaindependents.com">philadelphiaindependents.com</a>	35 N. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 267-773-7316
<b>XENOS CANDY &amp; GIFTS</b>	<a href="http://xenogifts.com">xenogifts.com</a>	231 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-922-1445

**DIVERSITY IS A FACT.  
INCLUSION IS AN ACTION.  
EQUITY IS A PRACTICE.**

**BELONGING IS A FEELING.**



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