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THE GAZETTE

THE GAZETTE IS ALWAYS FREE

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Welcome to Historic Philadelphia

April showers have come and gone and Spring has officially arrived in Philadelphia! There is plenty to do here in the historic district and you've got the perfect guide right here in your hands.

You are standing in America's most historic square mile, so you'd better get started! Head to the **Independence Visitor Center** for your first stop. Timed tickets are available for **Independence Hall**, along with all the information you need to see the **Liberty Bell**, or the current archaeology and preparations for the **President's House**.



Philadelphia Park Liberty Carousel

Jeffrey Holder for OLAN

If you are in the mood for some fun in the sun, don't miss **Franklin Square**, Philly's newest hot spot for outdoor amusement and entertainment. Located at 6th & Race Streets (just one block north of the **National Constitution Center**, which features the new exhibit *Eyewitness: American Originals from the National Archives*), Franklin Square has it all. For more information, turn to page 3. Don't miss the **The Betsy Ross House!** With its free, interactive programming and fun, new *Name That Tool* exhibit, the whole family will have a great time. Try the audio guide - there's a special version just for kids - and head home with tons of facts to impress your friends.

If it's history you crave, check out the Adventure Tours offered by **Once Upon A Nation**. *Independence After Hours* offers you a glimpse into the city's most hallowed building...after it is closed to the public! Or, for those of you over 21, definitely check out the *Tippler's Tour* - a little sip of history at colonial and modern-day watering holes!

Your Trip Starts Here!

Welcome to the **Independence Visitor Center**, your first stop on your trip to the Philadelphia region! Our multi-lingual concierge staff is trained to listen to your interests and use that information to help you get the most out of your visit. The Independence Visitor Center is a full-service, state-of-the-art facility featuring two theaters that play the National Park Service's historical orientation films, "*Independence*" and "*Choosing Sides*." In addition to our in-person concierge staff, self-service kiosks and a wall full of maps and brochures are available to offer directions and regional information on hotels, restaurants, sites and attractions. If you arrive with an appetite, the Independence Visitor Center staff will gladly make

a restaurant recommendation or reservation for you, and if you simply can't bear to leave, we'll even make a hotel reservation for you. Come on in and the helpful staff will advise you on where to go, what to see and how to get there!

Before you head home, see the **Historic District's** most comprehensive gift shop, right here at the Independence Visitor Center - the Independence Store offers items to please every style and budget.

Independence Visitor Center is located at 6th & Market Streets and it is open seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Memorial Day Weekend; open 'til 7 p.m. in June. For more information, visit www.independencevisitorcenter.com or call 215-965-7676.

INDEPENDENCE HALL



To see Independence Hall obtain your FREE, timed ticket at the Independence Visitor Center at 6th & Market Streets. Tickets are given out starting at 8:30 a.m. each day; early arrivals have the greatest choice of times. Allow about 45 minutes to go through security at 5th & Chestnut Streets.

Note: use the restrooms in the Visitor Center or across the street from Old City Hall since there are no restrooms inside the secure area.

National Park Service



Digging Into History

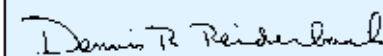
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May is the time of year when some of us find ourselves digging in the dirt! The gardeners and volunteers at **Independence National Historical Park** are busy planting flowers around the park. This spring, archeologists have also been digging next to the **Liberty Bell Center** at 6th & Market Streets. You can see the archeologists at work at the site of the **President's House**, where a commemoration will be installed later this year.

What did they find and what can the artifacts tell us about the people who lived at the President's House Site? Follow the trail to the **Independence Living History Center** at 3rd & Chestnut Streets. There, teachers and students learn about archeology at the **Independence Park Institute**, participating in hands-on lessons.

At the **Archeology Laboratory**, also in the Independence Living History Center, visitors can watch professional archeologists washing, sorting, and cataloging bits of history. The installation at the President's House Site will commemorate the house where Presidents George Washington and John Adams lived from 1790 to 1800, and the long-observed story of at least nine enslaved Africans who lived and worked there during Washington's presidency. We are looking forward to the opportunity to unearth the whole story of the intersection of freedom and slavery in the creation of our nation.

Sincerely



Dennis R. Reidenbach
Superintendent

P R O G R A M S & T O U R S • M A Y 2 0 0 7

Location	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	Noon	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	5 p.m.
Betsy Ross House 239 Arch Street			Meet Betsy Ross <i>Daily</i>						
			Tour Guide <i>Daily</i>						
			A Soldier's Story <i>Mon. - Fri.</i>			Joke & Dagger <i>Thurs. - Sun.</i>			
						Girl Wonder <i>Sat. & Sun.</i>			
City Tavern 138 S 2nd Street								Colonial Greeter <i>Fri. & Sat. 6 - 9 p.m.</i> ➔	
Franklin Court Market Street between 3rd & 4th Streets				Franklin's Glass Music <i>Sat. & Sun.</i>			Franklin's Hands on History <i>Sat. & Sun.</i>		
			Franklin Footsteps Walking Tour <i>Sat. & Sun.</i> ➔						
Free Quaker Meeting House 5th & Arch Streets		Meet a Free Quaker <i>Wed. - Sun.</i>							
Independence Living History Center 3rd & Chestnut Streets								Tippler's Tour <i>Thurs. 5:30 - 7 p.m.</i> ➔	
Independence Visitor Center 6th & Market Streets			Colonial Townspeople <i>Daily</i>						
				Underground Railroad in Philadelphia <i>Sat.</i> ➔					
				The President's House in 18th Century Philadelphia <i>Sun.</i> ➔					
New Hall Military Museum 322 Chestnut Street						Soldier's Life <i>Sat & Sun.</i> ➔			
Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank Chestnut between 4th & 5th Streets			Moses Williams Cutter of Profiles Demonstration <i>Wed. - Sun.</i> ➔						

Summer Starts Here!



The summer season kicks into high gear starting *Memorial Day Weekend*.

Check out **Once Upon A Nation's Storytelling Benches** to hear unique tales from our nation's past and visit **Harmony Lane** for colonial crafts, both beginning Saturday, May 26, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

And don't miss the following very special events:

Independence After Hours Friday & Saturday, May 25 & 26 at 5:30 p.m. Tour departs from the **Independence Living History Center**. \$76 adults; \$70 senior/students/military; \$50 children 12 & under.

1776: The Movie Musical Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. at

the **Independence Living History Center**. \$12 adults; \$10 senior/student/military; \$8 children 12 and under.

Colonial Kids' Quest Saturday, May 26 at 10 a.m. Tour departs from the **Independence Living History Center**. \$15 for everyone! Children 2 & under are free.

An Evening with Thomas Jefferson Sunday, May 27 at 7 p.m. at the **Free Quaker Meeting House**. \$10 adults; \$8 student/senior/military; \$7 children 12 & under.

Tippler's Tour Thursday, May 31 at 5:30 p.m. Tour departs from the **Independence Living History Center**. \$30 adults; \$25 senior/student/military.

Tickets and more information are available at the Independence Living History Center, 3rd & Chestnut Streets, by calling (215) 629-4026 or visiting www.onceuponanation.org.

Experience The Lights of Liberty Show Philadelphia's Nighttime Sound & Light Spectacular!



"A hands-down winner!"
The Philadelphia Inquirer

- Experience America's struggle for Independence.
- Head-turning 3-D surround sound!
- 5-story illuminated projections
- Listen as patriots debate for freedom
- Dramatic celebrity narration

"The historic square sizzles!"
The New York Times

Presented by PECO, An Exelon Company

Also at Lights of Liberty

Ben Franklin's Ghost

Ask Ben about his life and times in this interactive exhibit.



Reservations Required 215-LIBERTY

PECO Energy Liberty Center, 6th & Chestnut Streets
Open daily from 10 a.m. • Across from the Liberty Bell

Chiaki Kawajiri



Have an Adventure with Once Upon A Nation!

Once Upon A Nation's Adventure Tours are back! If you are looking for an exciting, engaging and different way to experience Philadelphia's unique role in our nation's history, look no further!

Independence After Hours
Take a private, sneak peak into **Independence Hall** after hours. Follow your Colonial guide Isaac Walterson to his 18th-century job at historic **City Tavern**. Start with a delicious three-course colonial meal before heading out on an evening of adventure, where you'll eavesdrop on the goings-on at the **Pennsylvania State House** circa 1776. Top off the night with the spectacular *Lights of Liberty Show!*

Tippler's Tour
Cheers to the "spirits" of '76! Enjoy

traditional drinks and a little sip of history at Colonial and modern-day watering holes as your Colonial guide shares tales, songs and jokes of the taverns of old. It's a historically hysterical pub-crawl!

Both tours depart from the Independence Living History Center, 3rd & Chestnut Streets.

Independence After Hours

Fridays & Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.
\$76 Adults; \$70 Seniors/Student/Military;
\$50 Kids 12 & under

Tippler's Tour

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.
\$30 Adults; \$25 Seniors/Student/Military



Jeffrey Holder for OUAN

Independence After Hours - Isaac Walterson



M. Kennedy for GPTMC

Independence After Hours - City Tavern dinner

Franklin Square is Fun for Everyone!

Looking for something different to do in the historic area? Look no further than **Franklin Square**, located at 6th & Race streets! There is something for everyone.

First and foremost, **Franklin Square** is an outdoor oasis... a place to just kick back and enjoy the beautiful May weather.



Jeffrey Holder for OUAN

Have a seat by the beautifully-restored fountain and enjoy just being outside in one of Philadelphia-founder William Penn's five original city squares.

If you are looking for some more action, take a spin on the **Philadel-**

phia Park Liberty Carousel. Which figure will you choose? An eagle, a dragon, a lion, an elephant? Or, how about a good ol' carousel horse? Take your pick... this carousel has it all!

If you're in a winning mood, challenge your friends and family to a round of **Philly Mini Golf** – Center City's only miniature golf course!

Recreate Rocky's famous run by putting up the Art Museum steps. Or let freedom ring by putting through the crack in the Liberty Bell!

While you're there, make sure to explore the TUT sand sculpture. There are also two amazingly fun playgrounds for kids of all ages, with plenty of shade and seating for parents to take a load off and watch the kids play to their hearts' content. When those tummies get to growling, enjoy a yummy hot dog, some refreshing ice cream or a traditional Philly soft pretzel.



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FRANKLIN SQUARE

It's hip to be Square in Franklin Square!

Franklin Square May Hours:
Sunday – Thursday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Starting Memorial Day Weekend:
Open Daily 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

MAY

MAY 5

African American Museum in Philadelphia, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Celebrate Africa! – Discover Ghana! This event features promenade of drummers, hi life entertainers, dignitaries and floats, led by school children carrying the flags of Africa. Throughout the day, AAMP will host musical entertainment, an outdoor fair featuring the products and foods of Ghana and fun-filled workshops for children and youth that offer demonstrations of Ghanaian art, culture and daily life. *Free with museum admission. (215) 574-0380, www.aampmuseum.org*

Atwater Kent Museum, 2 – 3 p.m.: Radio Broadcasting in Philadelphia – Radio host Dean Tyler, formerly of WIBG and WPEN, moderates a panel of celebrated radio personalities, including Jerry Blavat and others. They will discuss radio and the music industry in the Philadelphia Market. *Free with museum admission. (215) 685-4830, www.philadelphiahistory.org*

MAY 5-6

Valley Forge National Historical Park, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Alliance Celebration – Living history demonstrations will commemorate the 229th anniversary of the French Alliance. Meet Gen. Washington and Gen. Lafayette, check out the military encampment and more. *Free. (610) 783-1099, www.nps.gov/vafo*

MAY 8

National Constitution Center, 6:30 p.m.: 5th Annual Templeton Lecture: Immigration & Economic Liberty – A look at the debate over immigration, which commanded national attention in 2006, affected the outcome of the mid-term elections, and promises to be a contentious issue in this Congress. The participants include Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop of the Los Angeles Archdiocese; former Attorney General Edwin Meese III; and Douglas Kmiec of the Pepperdine University School of Law. *Free, reservations required. (215) 409-6700, www.constitutioncenter.org*

MAY 9

African American Museum in Philadelphia, 7 p.m.: Books & Authors: T.D. Jakes – Join Bishop T. D. Jakes and learn how to live your best life as he discusses his new book, *Reposition Yourself: Living Life Without Limits*. *Free. (215) 574-0380, www.aampmuseum.org*

Atwater Kent Museum, 2 – 3:30 p.m.: How Philly Works: A Guide to the Great Gardens of the Philadelphia Region – Author Adam Levine and photographer Ron Cardillo discuss famed Philadelphia gardens such as Bartram's Garden, Chanticleer and the Morris Arboretum. *Free with museum admission. (215) 685-4830, www.philadelphiahistory.org*

MAY 12

Franklin Square, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Radio Disney & Sand Art – Bring the kids for this fun, free arts & crafts make & take! *Rain date: May 13. Free. (215) 629-4026*

MAY 13

National Constitution Center, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Mother's Day Brunch – Moms will receive the presidential treatment on their special day! Guests will enjoy a delicious menu with items that are sure to put a smile on mom's face. Special gifts and complimentary mini massages will be provided for all moms. *Tickets are \$40 for ages 13 and up; \$25 ages 4-12, museum admission included. Reservations required. (215) 409-6700, www.constitutioncenter.org*

Franklin Square, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Flower Pot Decorating & Planting – Celebrate Mother's Day with this fun, free arts & crafts make & take! Decorate flower pots and plant seeds—the perfect gift. *Free. (215) 629-4026*



MAY 25

National Constitution Center, museum hours through 9/3/07: Eyewitness: American Originals from the National Archives – This exhibition presents first-hand accounts of the triumphs and tragedies in American history, such as the Hindenburg explosion, Pope John Paul II's first visit to the U.S. and the Kennedy assassination. A special supplement to the exhibit, *Philadelphia Treasures*, features artifacts relevant to major local events. *Free with museum admission. (215) 409-6700, www.constitutioncenter.org.*

MAY 26

Independence Visitor Center, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Commerce Bank Family Fun Day – Enjoy a day of festive family fun featuring the famous Nathan's® Hot Dog Eating Contest! Make-and-take crafts, face painting and balloon animals are among the activities that will be available for children, along with their very own hot dog eating contest! *Free. (215) 965-7676, www.independencevisitorcenter.com*

MAY 26-27

Great Plaza at Penn's Landing, daylong: Jam On the River – Memorial Day's biggest party brings the best of rock and blues music to Penn's Landing. *Free. (215) 922-2FUN, www.jamontheriver.com*

MAY 26-28

National Constitution Center, various times: Memorial Day Celebration – This program, which will run at various times daily, explores the history of this exciting holiday from the first words of independence to present day celebrations filled with parades and fireworks! Programs occur at various times and locations, so visitors should check the daily program sheet upon arrival. *Free, some activities may require museum entry. (215) 409-6700, www.constitutioncenter.org*

ONGOING

Independence Visitor Center, 9 a.m. Saturdays in May: Breakfast with Ben – You are invited to an interactive breakfast and discussion with one of our nation's most influential founding fathers! Adults and children alike are able to chat with Ben, ask questions about his life and work and even pose for pictures. *Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$13 for children. (215) 965-7676, www.independencevisitorcenter.com*

President's House Site, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. weekdays through 5/24: Archeological Dig – A viewing platform allows visitors to see archeologists working at the site where Washington and his household, enslaved and free, lived in the 1790s. *Free. (800) 537-7676, www.nps.gov/inde*

PECO Energy Liberty Center, dates & times vary: Lights of Liberty Show – An outdoor, nighttime sound and light spectacular that celebrates the story of our nation's birth with 3-D surround sound, celebrity narration and five-story high projections on some of America's most historic buildings. *Reservations required. Tickets are \$19.50 for adults; \$16.50 for seniors and students; \$13 for children 12 and under. (215) LIBERTY, www.lightsofliberty.org*

PECO Energy Liberty Center, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily (later on show nights): Ben Franklin's Ghost at Lights of Liberty – Dr. Franklin appears as a dramatic, life-size holographic image who can answer hundreds of possible questions, both serious and silly, about his family, inventions, writings and his role in history. *Free. (215) LIBERTY, www.lightsofliberty.org*

National Museum of American Jewish History, regular museum hours: Forshpeis! A Taste of the Peter H. Schweitzer Collection of Jewish Americana – This ongoing exhibition reveals aspects of American Jewish life by looking at food in a range of settings, including in the kitchen and at the deli. Celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month in May with special programming! *Free. (215) 923-3811, www.nmajb.org*

Christ Church Burial Ground, on the hour with last tour at 3 p.m.: Revolutionary Women – In this 20-minute guided tour, learn about some of the extraordinary women in Christ Church's 312-year history, including Deborah and Sarah Franklin, and Julia Stockton Rush who are buried here. The tour also includes stops at the graves of Benjamin Franklin and four other signers of the Declaration of Independence. *Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 for students, \$10 for groups. (215) 922-1695, www.oldchristchurch.org*

Historic Christ Church, daylong: Revolutionary Women

Woven into guided tours of "The Nation's Church" will be stories about extraordinary women such as Deborah Franklin and Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson and about famous Revolutionary-era leaders who worshipped at Christ Church including George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. *Free, donations accepted. (215) 922-1695, www.oldchristchurch.org*

Christ Church Burial Ground, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays in May: History Hunt – Each child that visits the burial ground will receive a "History Hunt" booklet containing questions that can only be answered by visiting the grave markers of the seven signers of the Declaration of Independence buried here. The completed books can be handed in at the church for a gift bag. *Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 for students, \$10 for groups. (215) 922-1695, www.oldchristchurch.org*

Edgar Allan Poe Historical Site, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wed.-Sun. through 9/30: Some words with a Mummy – View an original copy of this 1845 short story written by Poe to capitalize on the public's interest in ancient Egypt. It is one example of his pioneering work in science fiction. *Free. (215) 597-8780, www.nps.gov/edal*

Franklin Court Museum, 9:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.: Franklin Film Festival – Three 30-minute films on Franklin: Disney's *Ben & Me*, Discovery Channel's *The Real Ben Franklin* and the original NPS *Portrait of a Family*. *Free. (800) 537-7676, www.nps.gov/inde*

Arden Theater Company, various times through 5/27: Ferdinand the Bull – This family-friendly story, based on the book *The Story of Ferdinand*, is about a bull that doesn't want to be like all the other bulls and fight. *Tickets are \$14-\$30. (215) 922-1122, www.ardentheatre.org*

Arden Theater Company, various times 5/10 through 6/10: Lookingglass Alice – Experience how Alice falls, floats, flies and defies gravity on her journey through the looking glass at this show for all ages. *Tickets are \$27-\$45. (215) 922-1122, www.ardentheatre.org*



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National Park Service

On the Mall

The Independence Visitor Center
6th & Market Streets
Obtain your free timed Independence Hall tickets here and purchase tickets to other attractions and tours. Exhibits, films, restroom, store, snack bar and helpful staff.
Daily 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Free Quaker Meeting House
5th & Arch Streets
Visit the original 18th century meeting house of the Free Quakers whose members included Betsy Ross.
Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Liberty Bell Center
6th Street between Market & Chestnut Streets
View the Liberty Bell and exhibits which trace the Bell's role from working bell to symbol for those seeking their freedom. The President's House Site Commemoration is being built at the entrance to the Liberty Bell at 6th and Market Streets.
Daily 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



The Liberty Bell Center

Independence Hall
Chestnut between 5th & 6th Streets
See the building where Americans boldly declared their independence in 1776 and then 11 years later established our form of government—the U.S. Constitution. Ask at the Independence Visitor Center for free but required timed tickets to see the building.
Daily 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



Independence Hall

West Wing of Independence Hall
“Great Essentials” Exhibit
Examine original printed versions of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution and the silver inkstand used to sign them.
Daily 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Congress Hall
6th & Chestnut Streets
Take a seat where the House of Representatives and the Senate governed the new nation. Washington and Adams took their oath as president in this building.
Daily 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Supreme Court Chamber in the Old City Hall
5th & Chestnut Streets
The Supreme Court met on the first floor, while the Mayor of Philadelphia had offices upstairs. In the 1793 Yellow Fever Epidemic citizens offered their help here including Stephen Girard and the Free African Society.
Daily 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Just Off the Mall
The Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.
Accessible entrance on 5th street side
Visit the new *Faces of Independence* exhibit with life portraits of the founders such as Martha and George Washington, and Dolly Madison. Children use *Hidden History* maps to find famous people. Discover Moses Williams, an African American who earned his freedom and a living by cutting profiles in Peale's Museum.
Wed. - Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



The Second Bank of the U.S.

New Hall Military Museum
322 Chestnut Street
Once the office of Secretary of War, Henry Knox, now there are exhibits honoring the United States Army, Marine Corps and Navy. Children learn about a soldier's life in the Revolutionary War.
Wed.- Sun. 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Pemberton House- Museum Store
318 Chestnut Street
A good place to find books for all ages on the American Revolution, reproductions and souvenirs including Liberty Bells!
Daily 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Carpenters' Hall
320 Chestnut Street
In 1774 the First Continental Congress met here, delegates from Northern and Southern colonies agreed to petition the King. View original chairs plus exhibits on 18th century building techniques.
Tues.-Sun. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Carpenters' Hall

Independence Living History Center
3rd Street between Chestnut & Walnut Streets
At the Archeology laboratory see professionals sort the thousands of artifacts recently dug up on the Mall. Talks are given throughout the day. The center has a gift shop, restrooms and the Independence Park Institute learning spaces.
Mon.- Fri. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Franklin Court
Enter at 319 Chestnut or 314-322 Market Streets



Franklin Court

Courtyard
Imagine you are visiting Benjamin Franklin at his spacious three story mansion. Only the remains of his basement still exist, but you can walk through the rooms laid out in paving stones.

Franklin Court Museum
Enter the glass doors to the side of the ghost house to view exhibits and films on Franklin and his family. Listen for the sounds of the Glass Armonica, a musical instrument invented by Franklin.
Daily 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Printing Office
Franklin gained influence and a fortune as a printer. Park Rangers demonstrate 18th century printing on a reproduction press. View his grandson B. F. Bache's News-

paper office, where as an opponent of Washington's policies he suffered broken windows from irate readers.
Daily 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Fragments of Franklin Court
This exhibit displays artifacts dug up in Franklin Court in the 1960's including teacups, chamber pots, chicken bones and a rat's skull. It is a great place for children to explore, the stairs and floors are new and the artifacts are already broken.
Wed.- Sun. by tour only at 1:00 p.m.

US Post Office and Franklin Museum Store
In honor of our nation's first Post Master General, the United States Post Office operates the only U.S. Post Office without a ZIP code. Buy a postcard from the Museum shop next door and mail yourself a souvenir with Franklin's signature as the cancellation.
USPO: Mon.- Sat. 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Store: Tues.- Sat. 10:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

A short Stroll off the Mall

Declaration House
7th & Market Streets
Thomas Jefferson lived here in the summer of 1776 when he wrote the Declaration of Independence, words that would change the world. Meet the Ranger at the Independence Visitor Center Wed. - Sun. at 11 a.m. for the tour.

Bishop White House and Todd House
Walnut between 3rd & 4th Streets
Ranger-led tours help visitors explore the social world of 18th century Philadelphia. Find out about daily tours at the Independence Visitor Center, 6th & Market Streets.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial
301 Pine Street
Kosciuszko was a true patriot who fought for freedom in the American colonies and in his native Poland. Thomas Jefferson and Chief Little Turtle paid visits to this house, you can too. It is the smallest site in the National Park Service.
Wed.- Sun. 12:00 noon- 4:00 p.m.

A short Drive off the Mall

Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site
7th & Spring Garden Streets
Edgar Allan Poe published some of his most famous works while living in this house, such as *The Goldbug*, *The Black Cat* and *The Tell Tale Heart*.
Exhibits, film and house tour Wed.-Sun. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., 1 mile north of the Independence Visitor Center

Deshler- Morris, The Germantown White House
5442 Germantown Avenue
This house served as the refuge and official residence of President George Washington during the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 and later in the summer of 1794 as a summer retreat for his family. Washington's household, including his enslaved Africans, lived here then.
Fri.-Sun. 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. 5 miles from the Independence Visitor Center

New to Philly? Start at the Center

The Independence Visitor Center that is



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If you're looking for something to make your visit truly memorable, be sure to stop in to the **Independence Visitor Center** to have a chat with our colonial reenactors. They'll chat you up about life here in Philadelphia in 1776 or so, and they may even direct you to a fabulous restaurant – if you can get them out of character!

Be sure to ask a colonial or at the information desk about Ben Franklin. Turning 300 has hardly slowed down one of America's most popular founding fathers. He's prepared to share his amazing adventures, breakthrough inventions and historic tales with hundreds of young children throughout the year, hosting the ever-popular *Breakfast with Ben* series at the Independence Visitor Center.

Children, parents and history buffs alike will share a rare opportunity to dine and interact with the highly accomplished former Philadelphian, the scientist, statesman, printer, inventor, postmaster, and librarian, as they enjoy breakfast in the Center's **Independence Ballroom**. All attendees receive special gifts commemorating the event. Find out more at www.breakfastwithben.com or call 800-537-7676.

In the event that we've filled up the **Independence Hall** tours for the day, don't despair, there's plenty more to see and do, right here in the historic



Courtesy IVCC

district that will help you get your historic fill. See an **Independence Visitor Center** concierge for more details. The Center also offers tickets to over 45 regional sites and attractions and our concierge can match your interests with the right activity. Remember, when you're in Philly, "Start at the Center" for all of your trip-planning needs!

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