



"Midtown Village" has come to be the popularly recognized name for an area between the Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers, particularly delineated by Market and Street to the north, South Street to the south, Broad Street to the west, and 10th Street to the east. Here, you'll find some of Philadelphia's best and most popular restaurants and shops, as well as museums, theaters, and reminders of Philadelphia's rich history. You'll also visit the nation's first very first public library, founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1731.







## DID YOU KNOW?

If you find yourself standing at the corner of 12th & Chestnut, you'll be standing at one of several sites where Benjamin Franklin is believed to have conducted his famous kite experiment in 1752!

CITY HALL & OILWORTH PARK

1400 John F Kennedy Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19107
This grand building (once the tallest in the world!) reminds us where it all started. Take a step into the courtyard and you'll find yourself in the center of the city. Surrounded by a plethora of theaters, monuments, and murals, City Hall is a hub of civic and cultural action. From celebrating the Eagles winning the Super Bowl to a long history of effective peaceful protests, Philadelphia's grand city hall has stood in the center of it all since 1901.

- FORREST THEATER

  1114 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

  This Broadway-style theater opened in 1928 and is owned by the famous Shubert Organization. The theatre often hosts popular plays: especially musicals!
- WALNUT STREET THEATER

  825 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19107
  Founded in 1809, this is the oldest theater in America and continues to boast the largest subscription audience in the country. You'll find a wide selection of musicals and stage plays throughout the year.
- 4 ANTIQUE ROW
  924 Pine St, Philadelphia, PA 19107
  These blocks of Pine Street are particularly pleasant for a leisurely walk.
  Explore an interesting collection of shops or sit and enjoy coffee or a meal.
- \*\*AHN PARK\*\*

  11th & Pine St. Philadelphia, PA 19176

  Dedicated to world-famous Philadelphia architect Louis Kahn, the park is a wonderful place to relax in the heart of the Washington Square West neighborhood. Volunteer in the garden or enjoy other events during the year.

COBBLESTONE STREETS

Camac and Quince Streets

Take a walk on the historic cobblestone streets in Philadelphia! These narrow streets date back to the 1800s and are full of charm as they serve as a window into what the city looked like centuries ago.

- WILLIAM WAY COMMUNITY CENTER

  1315 Spruce St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

  The William Way Center is home to various community groups for the LGBT community, from Buddhist meditation to discussion groups, and more. There's also an exhibition gallery and a 10,000-volume library archive! While you're here, look for the well known Pride and Progress mural.
- 2 CIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA

  1314 Locust St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

  The first public library in the United States was founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1731! The Library Company is another research center for rare materials in our city and serves as a notable center for visual art exhibitions.
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PHILAPELPHIA

  1300 Locust St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

  Founded in 1824, this elegant building is on the Philadelphia Register of Historical Places. The collection here includes over 600,000 printed pieces and over 19 million manuscripts and graphic items on Philly history.
- Experience some of the best restaurants in Philly for a fraction of the price during the last half of January! During Center City District Restaurant Week, you can get a three-course lunch or dinner at some of the nicest places in the city. Organize a hall outing or grab a group of friends for a special treat. Your stomach will thank you for it!

## THE FIRST AMERICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY...

The Library Company of Philadelphia has operated as a subscription library since its founding in 1731. While it wasn't the nation's first free public library, it inspired the creation of the Peterborough Town Library in New Hampshire, which was the first free public library in the United States.



