

Philadelphia, famous as the birthplace of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, offers much more than cobblestone streets and historical landmarks. Treasures abound in the city and its surrounding countryside.

Academy of Natural Sciences Exhibits including: Dinosaur Hall, Discovery Dreams, Outside In, Live Animal Center, Butterflies and more. 215.299.1000 www.ansp.org

American Helicopter Museum Helicopters, autogiros, convertiplanes and experimental aircraft — some fully accessible for hands-on experiences. 610.436.9600 www.helicoptermuseum.org

Independence Visitor Center Have breakfast with Ben (Franklin), 9:30-11:00 a.m. Saturday. Reservations required. 215.965.7676 800.537.7676 www.breakfastwithben.com

Insectarium The largest insect museum in the nation with thousands of live and mounted insects, as well as interactive displays and fun activities for children. 215.335.9500 www.myinsectarium.com

The Liberty Bell Cast in London in 1752, this symbol of freedom rang when the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence. FREE 215.597.8974 www.ushistory.org/libertybell

National Constitution Center The latest technology explains the wonders of the U.S. Constitution. 215.409.6600 www.constitutioncenter.org

National Liberty Museum This "home for heroes" on the Liberty Trail honors outstanding individuals of all ethnic backgrounds. 215.925.2800 www.libertymuseum.org

Peddler's Village This 18th-century style attraction, features specialty shops and restaurants set amidst beautiful gardens and winding brick pathways. The whole family will enjoy Gigglesberry Mountain, Discovery Land, and the Painted Pony Café. 215.794.4000 www.peddlersvillage.com

Pennsbury Manor The recreated country home of William Penn takes you back to the 17th century through displays of period clothing and demonstrations by blacksmiths. 215.946.0400 www.pennsburymanor.org

The Philadelphia Zoo The country's first zoo, features a newly renovated Children's Zoo and a Tree house. Climb aboard the Channel 6 Zoolaboon and embark on a soaring-safari adventure over the tree tops and view giraffes and zebras from above. Special event: "Boo at the Zoo" 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 215.243.1100 www.phillyzoo.org

Ride the Ducks Ride an amphibious vehicle that goes from land (Historic District, South Street and Society Hill) to sea (Delaware River). See the Betsy Ross House, Ben Franklin's grave and Penn's Landing. 215.227.DUCK www.phillyducks.com

Stenton For a sense of what life was like in the 18th Century, tour this elegant c. 1730 mansion, the kitchen wing, privy, icehouse, barn, and Colonial Revival garden. FREE 215.329.7312 www.stenton.org



Betsy Ross House Meet America's most famous flagmaker and learn all about her fascinating life and times! 215.686.1252 www.betsyrosshouse.org

Carpenters' Hall Host of firsts, including the First Continental Congress. FREE 215.925.0167 www.ushistory.org/carpentershall

College of Physicians of Philadelphia Mutter Museum of Medicine provides a unique window into medicine's past — a "must see" for young people interested in pursuing careers in health and medicine. 215.563.3737 www.collphyphil.org

Eastern State Penitentiary Tour Once the most famous and expensive prison in the world, this was the world's first true "penitentiary", designed to inspire true regret in the hearts of convicts, including bank robber Willie Sutton and Al Capone. 215.236.3300 www.easternstate.org

Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site While in Philadelphia from 1838 to 1844, Poe penned such classics as "The Tell-Tale Heart", "The Fall of the House of Usher". FREE 215.597.8780 www.nps.gov/edal

Elfreth's Alley Take a stroll down America's oldest continuously occupied residential street lined with Colonial and French-Style homes once occupied by artisans. 215.574.0560 www.elfrethsalley.org

Franklin Court Seven museums, located on the former site of Ben Franklin's home, trace his life as publisher, politician, postmaster, printer, and inventor. FREE 215.597.8974 www.ushistory.org/tour/franklin-court.htm

The Franklin Institute The wonders of science through the Train Factory, Sports Challenge, a giant walk-through heart, The Franklin Air Show, IMAX and more. 215.448.1200 www.fi.edu

Independence National Historical Park Often referred to as the birthplace of our nation—the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Congress Hall, New Hall Military Museum, Franklin Court, Bishop White House and the Declaration House. 800.537.7676 www.nps.gov/inde

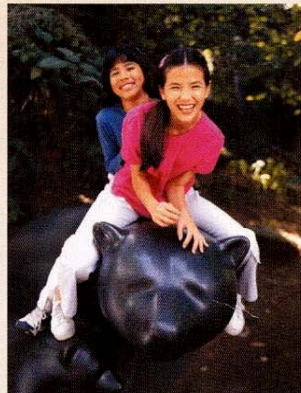
Independence Seaport Museum Experiment with water and wind. Tour a full size replica of a 22-foot 19th-century Delaware River Shad Skiff. 215.413.8655 www.phillyseaport.com

WHAT TO DO AND SEE IN PHILADELPHIA

Adventure Aquarium Immerse yourself in the world of the ancient, beautiful, scary, bizarre and stealth. Explore nearly 200,000 square feet of sharks, hippopotamuses, free-flying birds and sea life from around the world. 856.283.0545 www.adventureaquarium.com

Camden Children's Garden An outdoor fantasyland for kids, with its Noah's Ark butterfly house, steam-breathing dinosaur garden, underground maze, over-sized storybook garden, carousel and passenger-bearing model train. 856.365.TREE (8733) www.camdenchildrensgarden.org

Please Touch Museum The country's first museum for children



age 1-7 is fun-filled, totally hands-on, and gives children of all ages opportunities to learn and explore. 215.581.3181 www.pleasetouchmuseum.org

Sesame Place The stars of Sesame Street come alive every day at the Sesame Place theme park. Meet Big Bird, Elmo, Cookie Monster, Bert and Ernie and many others. Zany parades and shows. 215.752.7070 www.sesameplace.com

United States Mint Self guided tours of the place where our money is made. Sorry, no free samples here. 215.408.0112 www.usmint.gov

USS New Jersey The nation's most decorated battleship offers a glimpse of life on the sea. 866.877.6262 www.battleshipnewjersey.org

Valley Forge National Historical Park Interact with costumed interpreters who portray soldiers and camp followers of Washington's army. Kids can become Junior Rangers by completing an activity booklet as they follow the park tour. 610.783.1077 www.nps.gov/vafo