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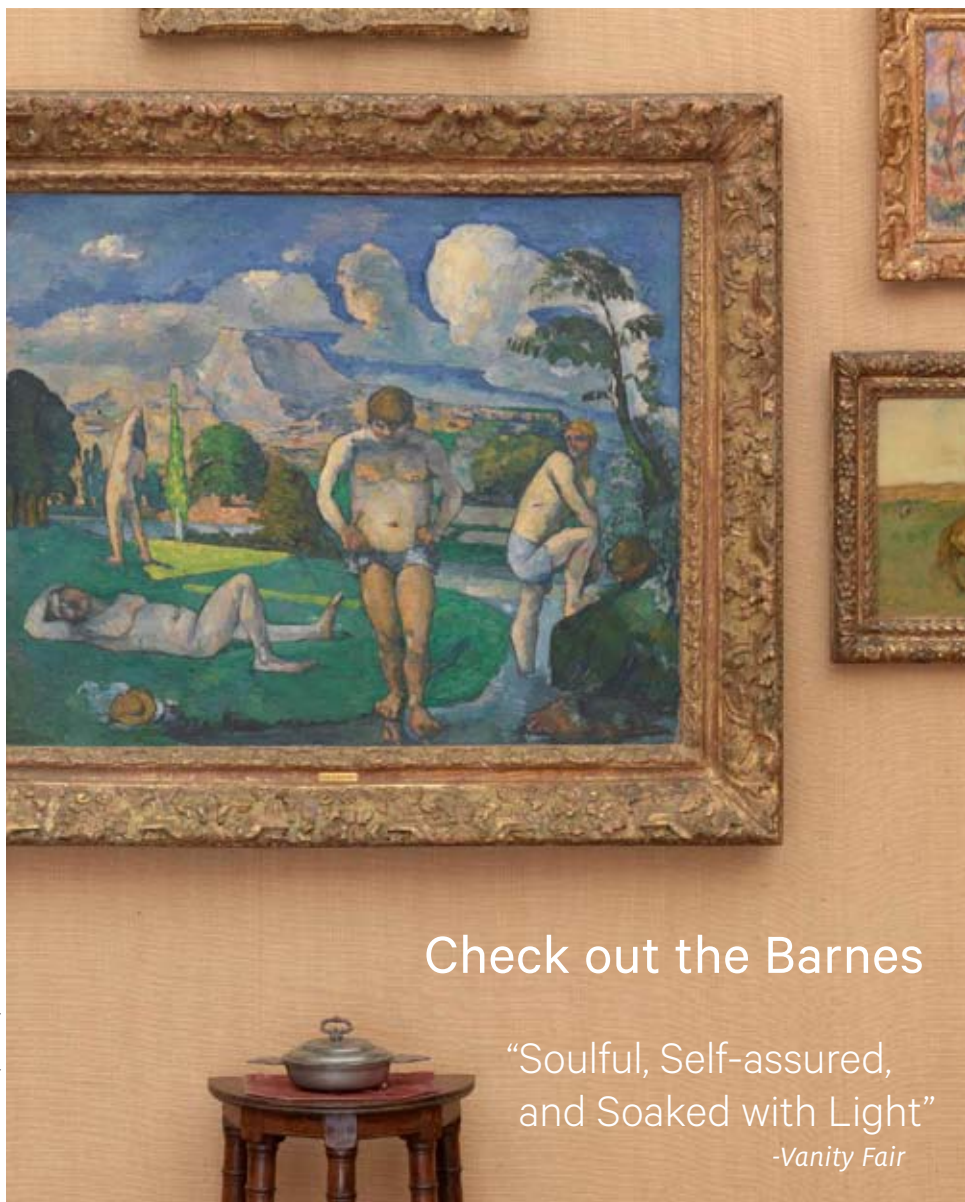
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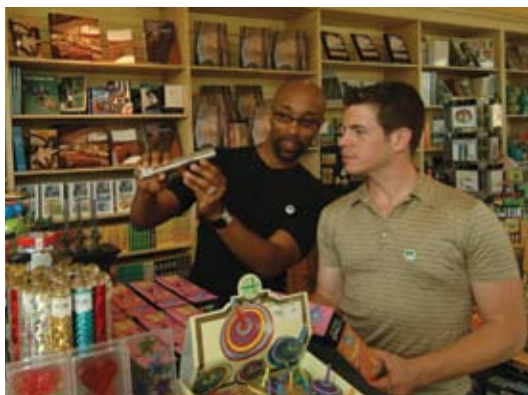


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GAY PHILADELPHIA AROUND THE CLOCK



Philadelphia may be best known as the birthplace of freedom, but there's a lot more to the **City of Brotherly and Sisterly Love** than America's most historic square mile. As the fifth-largest city in the United States, Philly is filled with non-stop energy thanks to its eclectic enclaves, arts and cultural attractions, and an ongoing celebration of gay and lesbian life – by day and night.

Here are 20 of the best ways to take the city by storm.

1 Take a bite out of Philly with **City Food Tours**. The gay-owned tour group guides guests on gastronomic adventures throughout town – including exotic tastings, trips to **South Philly**, and an exploration of local markets. Cityfoodtours.com

2 Get your history straight at the **National Constitution Center** and other destinations throughout Philly's most historic district. Constitutioncenter.org

3 Support the arts every **First Friday** of the month in **Old City**, a cobblestoned district famous for its galleries, boutiques, and restaurants. Oldcityarts.org

4 Pamper your pet at animal boutiques like **Doggie Style**. You can even go for a run with Fido at local dog parks like **Schuylkill River** that's also great for cruising joggers. Doggiestyle2.com

5 Taste the Far East in Philly's vibrant **Chinatown** where eateries serve up authentic cuisine and locally owned shops showcase beautiful gifts and trinkets (naughty fortune cookies, anyone?).

6 Flex those muscles at the **12th Street Gym** – one of the most popular places to get fit. Ask about trial memberships. The fitness complex even has an indoor pool.

7 Read between the lines at one of the country's oldest operating LGBT bookstores in the country. **Giovanni's Room** boasts a huge collection of gay and

lesbian literature, DVDs, art books, magazines, and the shop invites famous authors to readings each week. Giovannisroom.com

8 Strip down at the leather bar **The Bike Stop** – a great place to get your drink on, especially on Wednesday's underwear nights where the mugs of beer are so big, imbibing feels like a workout. Thebikestop.com

9 Refuel at **Café Twelve**, a popular gay-friendly coffee shop in the heart of the **Gayborhood** with small bites and some strong cups of Joe. The outdoor tables are great for people watching.

10 Do as the hipsters do in the artsy enclave of **Northern Liberties** where bars, restaurants, and independent shops surround a **Euro-style piazza**. It's a great place to buy new duds or get your brunch and drink on. Atthepiazza.com





GETTING AROUND

BY AIR: Philadelphia International Airport serves the region with both domestic and international flights from most major carriers. Call **800-PHL-GATE** or visit **Phl.org**.

Located just eight miles from **Center City**, taxi service is available between the airport and Center City with drive times estimated between 15 and 20 minutes. **SEPTA's R1 regional rail** line also connects with stops at all airport terminals, **30th Street Station**, **Suburban Station** near **City Hall** and **Market East Station** at the **Pennsylvania Convention Center**. Call **215-580-7800** or visit **Septa.org**.

BY CAR: Philadelphia is accessible by **Interstates 95** and **76**, and the **Pennsylvania** and **New Jersey Turnpikes** with street and garage parking throughout the region.

BY RAIL: **Amtrak** operates trains to and from **Philadelphia's 30th Street Station** with **Northeast corridor** connections via **Baltimore**, **Boston**, **New York City**, **Washington DC**, and cities across the country. Call **800-USA-RAIL** or visit **Amtrak.com**.

BY BUS: Several bus companies operate between Philadelphia and major cities in the Northeast, including **Greyhound** and **Bolt**. Visit **Greyhound.com** or **Boltbus.com**.



11 Same-sex parents can even get in on the act thanks to **Philadelphia Family Pride**, a group that hosts events, picnics, and pot lucks for gay - lesbian moms and dads year round. **Phillyfamilypride.org**

12 See and be seen at **Knock**, a very popular gay bar and restaurant where the best seats in the house are on the sidewalk come spring. **Knockphilly.com**

13 "Voluntour" at one of Philly's nonprofits like **MANNA** - where they cook up meals in the kitchen five days a week for people living with life-threatening illness - or **Philabundance**, a nourishment organization for those in need.

14 Wear pink loud and proud for the **Pink Pub Crawl**, a seasonal event that attracts hundreds of dapper social sippers during crawls to popular Gayborhood bars. **Pinkpubcrawl.com**

15 See the hairiest drag queen ever at **L'Etage** (upstairs from **Beau Monde**) when hometown favorite **Martha Graham Cracker** takes the mic to reinvent the hits. **Creperie-beaumonde.com**

16 Catch an arty flick at **Landmark Theaters** where multiple screens showcase the best new independent and foreign cinema. Philly is also famous for its film festivals each season, including **QFest**, which premieres some of the most talked about LGBT movies.

17 Take in the big game with other sports fans at **Tabu Lounge + Sports Bar** where pub grub is served with a side of team pride.

18 Life is a cabaret at **Tavern on Camac** where a live piano player belts out showtunes seven nights a week. **Tavernoncamac.com**

19 Toss a pigskin and meet hot guys (and gals) every Saturday morning through the fall at **Columbus Square Park** where the **Greater Philadelphia Flag Football League** plays regular games. **Phillyflagfootball.com**

20 Take a ride on a riverboat, queen. Explore Philly's waterfront on the **Philadelphia Belle**, an authentic riverboat - the largest on the East Coast - that serves up dinner and entertainment. Prefer more privacy? Check out the **Summer Wind**, a sailboat that offers tours with stunning views of the skyline. **Philadelphibelles.com**



Where can I get a new outfit?

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GAY FAMILIES + KIDS Fun Comes in All Flavors

Philadelphia is one of the ultimate vacation destinations for gay parents and children of all ages. Galleries, a world-famous zoo, murals, garden tours, and theme parks entertain families year round.

Along Philly's Parisian – inspired Parkway, with its stunning views spanning City Hall to the stairs of the Philadelphia Museum of Art where Rocky famously made his run, are art museums and educational institutes offering special family programming. Across town at Franklin Square, an old-fashioned carousel and miniature golf course provide the perfect pit stop – with the new Square Burger for snacks – on the way to historic sites.

Family fun is also footsteps away in nearby Fairmount Park – all 9,200 acres of it – with tours, playgrounds, and nature trails along the scenic Schuylkill River where main attractions like the Philadelphia Zoo and

Please Touch Museum both make their homes. At the Please Touch, kids enjoy interactive exhibits and a turn-of-the-century carousel, while the zoo features the always-popular reptile and monkey exhibits.

Gay parents and their kids can also hop a barge in Bucks County for a ride down New Hope's old-time canals. In nearby Langhorne, generations of families have been taking a familiar stroll to meet Big Bird, Oscar the Grouch, and the beloved cast of characters at Sesame Place. You can even visit the Crayola Factory in nearby Easton.

Whether you make a day or week of it, kids of all ages will enjoy the colorful farmers markets, orchards, parks, and exhibits around town, as well as family-friendly restaurants with kid-approved menus. When it comes to finding fun, Philly is truly a family affair.

Where can I satisfy my sweet tooth?



Federal Donuts has some of the best baked goods around (S'mores donut, anyone?). Or try the homemade gelato at Capogiro locations in the Gayborhood, Center City and West Philly.



EATING OUT *Our favorite gay-friendly restaurants*

Whether you're hungry for brunch, dinner, or late-night grub, we round up the best gay-friendly restaurants in **Center City**.

Chef Marcie Turney has made **Barbuzzo** one of the best bistros in the city (it was rated best by voters in Philadelphia magazine last year). Here you'll find creative interpretations of Mediterranean dishes – try the pizza ouvo. The out chef and her partner also opened **Jamonera** this year – a Spanish tapas restaurant with small plates and specialty cocktails inspired by the exotic flavors of Iberia.

Downstairs from the piano bar at **Tavern on Camac** is **Terra**, a cozy eatery with a seasonally inspired menu of American cuisine. An ideal spot for date



night, **Terra** also features a sophisticated bar scene for a more quiet evening out on the town.

Knock is one of the most popular restaurants in the **Gayborhood** thanks to its lively nightlife and reliable entrees. During warm weather, it's worth grabbing a table outside for the ultimate in people watching. And on weekends, consider brunch or late-night eats.

Valanni is a supper club with no shortage of style. Whether you're looking for weekend brunch, dinner, or late-night bites at the bar, the Mediterranean-inspired menu has big and small plates for all occasions. And the cheesy grits – they're to die for.

Venture Inn is the perfect spot for bar food. Also recently renovated, the friendly bar and restaurant serves up hearty American dishes and more than enough comfort food to get you prepped for a night out. The bartenders and servers here are some of the nicest in the neighborhood.



Where can I go vegetarian?

There are plenty of farmer's markets throughout the city – including **Rittenhouse Square** and **Clark Park** on the weekends. Philly also has two **Whole Foods** with no shortage of organic and vegan delights.

Vedge is new to the **Gayborhood** as one of the city's premiere vegetarian restaurants – and one to which even meat eaters are flocking. It's about more than rice and beans here. Instead, you'll enjoy an exceptional menu of creative plant-based dishes in a beautiful atmosphere that will put the usual veggie burger to shame.



Green Eggs opened a third location in the city in the heart of the **Gayborhood** (there are two others in **Northern Liberties** and **South Philly**). This is the perfect outpost from brunch to lunch time – with fun dishes for comfort food seekers and the

health conscious alike. Even the vegetarians will find a pot of gold at the end of this edible rainbow.

Fish is another new eatery specializing in – you guessed it – seafood. The restaurant moved to the **Gayborhood** from its longtime location a few blocks away and has been popular for mixed crowds ever since. While the entrees are always a good choice for date night or when out with friends – you can also skip to the raw bar to taste test the freshest seafood on the block.

Woody's serves up great pub grub in it's newly remodeled bar. They have a burger that won't disappoint, and this pub has made a name for itself for having incredible beers on tap and in the bottle. **Tabu**, another pub with a sports bar vibe, also serves up sandwiches and sides from lunch through late night.

Take it up a notch at **XIX (Nineteen)** at the **Hyatt at**



the Bellevue. The 19th-floor restaurant features stunning views of the Philadelphia skyline from atop a patio, as well as a truly upscale dining experience inside – and just blocks from the most popular gay bars and nightclubs in the city.

Another restaurant that rises above – literally – is **R2L**. The dining room is always packed, but don't forget to check out the cocktail lounge where you can nosh small plates and sip specialty drinks with skyline views.

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Where can I go for a margarita?



El Vez has great Mexican food and the best blood-orange margaritas in town. **Copabana** on **South Street** and **Distrito** in **West Philly** also pours them with top-notch tequila. Ole!



LADIES FIRST

Where women meet women



The Sapphic side of the city comes alive by day and night. Not only does Philly boast one of the most popular lesbian nightclubs in the Northeast U.S., ongoing events for lesbians and queer-identified visitors truly make Philly a city of sisterly love.

Sisters Nightclub is open six nights a week and features happy hour specials, events, live music, DJs, dancing, and no shortage of late-night fun in the heart of the **Gayborhood**. Look for Sunday brunch and the always-popular

karaoke on Thursdays. The nightclub also regularly hosts well-known music acts and burlesque shows.

Stimulus and **Arouse** are monthly parties that bring out mixed crowds from throughout the region at rotating venues throughout the city thanks to drink specials and some of the top DJs in the **Northeast**. Also look for monthly happy hour events for early risers. The women who produce the events also regularly create volunteer opportunities by day – it's a great way to meet other women outside the bar scene, while giving back to the community.

iCandy hosts ladies night during **Temptrass Tuesdays** each week. The club, which attracts both men and women, features a roof deck with some of the best frozen concoctions in the **Gayborhood**, as well as country line dancing and late-night parties for everyone under the rainbow.

More of a jock? Check out the **Philly Independence** – an all female soccer team – take on rivals at **Widener University**. The girls also step up to bat with the **City of Brotherly Love Softball League** and row their boats with the **Flying Phoenix** and other dragon boat teams on the **Schuylkill River**.



WHERE CAN I FIND DRAG KINGS & QUEENS?

Liberty City Kings (LiCK) regularly performs **Vixens and Vagabonds Queer and Kinky Cabaret** during special events at **Tabu, William Way**, and other locations around town each month.

Bob and Barbara's has been hosting drag Thursdays for years. You can also catch **RuPaul's Drag Race** star **Mimi Imfurst** every Wednesday at **Voyeur**.



PHILLY on a BUDGET Living it up without breaking the bank.



1 EVERY THURSDAY, Bob & Barbara's – a local dive bar – hosts its weekly drag show, which has become a longtime standard in the city. The already cheap night out can be enjoyed with something called the **“Philadelphia Special,”** a can of PBR and shot of Jim Beam for just three bucks. It's among the most frugal forms of LGBT-friendly entertainment in the city.

2 THE WILLIAM WAY LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER, regularly offers events on an ongoing basis for free – including monthly art openings, access to one of the most enriching gay libraries in the country, as well as pot lucks, meetings, and socials for gays and lesbians of all ages. Most important, the center provides a safe haven for anyone who wants to meet new friends and share their own stories. There's even an on-site computer lab.

3 MANY MUSEUMS AND THEATRES around town host special pay-what-you-can days. **The Philadelphia Museum of Art** accepts donations on the first Sunday of every month, while local theatres like the **Arden** and **Adrienne** often offer discounted tickets during previews of new productions. You may catch a gay-themed play by **Mauckingbird Theatre Co.**, Philly's only all-LGBT troupe.

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The riverside village of **New Hope** is a gay-friendly centerpiece to Bucks County as a former artist's colony that's been transformed into a riverfront getaway thanks to its designer shops, lively nightclubs, piano bars, cabarets, restaurants, and pride events that attract gay and lesbian visitors from around the world.

While the arts are certainly thriving, you won't want to miss the outdoor adventures Bucks County has to offer. Some of the best views in the region (and its famous covered bridges) can be found while floating in a hot-air balloon or by climbing

atop **Bowman's Hill Tower**, which overlooks the Delaware River. And in nearby **Delaware Canal State Park**, hiking, camping, biking, golfing, tubing, and kayaking are always in season. Visitors can even ride an authentic steam-powered locomotive through the countryside.

WHAT TO SEE:

New Hope Celebrates is the annual Pride celebration each May where New Hope becomes the ultimate gay resort community. A parade winds its way down Main Street, and celebrities and revelers pour into town for a week of fun events – everything from dance parties and live concerts to theatre presentations and dining specials.

The Raven attracts gays and lesbians year round as the premiere LGBT resort in the region. In summer, the in-crowd

suns by the pool where drinks are poured liberally and everyone shows off their best, um, assets.

Peddler's Village in **Lahaska**, features dozens of specialty shops and intimate restaurants in a crafty, family-friendly community where holidays are celebrated every day of the year.

Ramada Inn (formerly the Nevermore) also packs in the gays for late-night dancing and shows by LGBT-friendly performers. Don't let the name fool you.

Marsha Brown Creole Kitchen brings New Orleans flavor north. The popular eatery boasts a spicy menu and ambiance that's considered to offer the best in Louisiana-style cooking this side of the Mason Dixon.

Delaware River Tubing is a fun way to hit the river with friends. Also, look for jet boat tours and zip-lines through the region.

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CHESTER COUNTY The Brandywine Valley

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Dozens of quaint bed and breakfasts nestled in rolling hills are within reach of high-end shopping, fine dining, and fascinating tours of local museums and world-class wineries.

WHAT TO SEE:

Brandywine River Museum is often referred to as the "**Wyeth Museum**," and for good reason, since it collects generations of the art family's masterpieces into

a rustic gallery setting housed in a former 19th-century mill on the banks of the **Brandywine River**. Look for **Jamie Wyeth's** famous portrait of **Andy Warhol**.

Chaddsford Winery is the state's largest winery with a charming country atmosphere. Consider a tour of the beautiful grounds and a tasting of these fine seasonal wines with friends.

Styers Garden Café in **Glen Mills** is the ultimate brunch spot thanks to its hearty selection of local cheeses, honey, and organic dishes that are not to be missed.

Longwood Gardens has more than 1,000 landscaped acres in what's become an outdoor mecca for garden lovers. Enjoy the heated conservatory, main fountain garden, Italian water garden, and an open-air theatre.

Nemours Mansion & Gardens completed a multi-million-dollar restoration to bring this

sprawling mansion back to its former glory. Anyone with an eye for the finer things will go gaga over the details of this ancestral home belonging to the **du Pont family**.

Since 1780 the **Dilworthtown Inn** has offered the finest hospitality. The candle lit atmosphere, roaring fireplaces, and exceptional cuisine, make **Dilworthtown** one of the most popular destinations for diners who appreciate fine details.

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The region also boasts the nation's largest retail shopping mall at **King of Prussia** where discerning buyers can browse the high-end likes of **Louis Vuitton** and **Michael Kors**, and enjoy an extensive array of eateries in this shopper's paradise.

Visitors will also want to check out special events every season, which include must-see fashion shows at **Neiman Marcus** where personal shoppers are at your beck and call.

WHAT TO SEE:

THE BEAGLE TAVERN in **Norristown** is a gay bar that

hosts a cabaret, and English-pub style restaurant, where it's just as easy to chow down on mom's meatloaf as it is to sing along with the piano player.

IF YOU LOVE NATURE, explore the 175-acre wildlife sanctuary, **John James Audubon Center** at **Mill Grove**, the first home of the French-born artist/naturalist.

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ATLANTIC CITY

For anyone who enjoys a generous serving of sand, surf - and slots - **Atlantic City, New Jersey**, is the perfect destination. This gay-friendly beach community has become increasingly cosmopolitan in recent years thanks to new luxury casinos, hotels, and beach-front getaways that make A.C. an energetic vacation destination year round.

About an hour's drive from **Philadelphia** (train and bus service are also available), Atlantic City is saturated with world-class entertainment by day and night. Whether gay and lesbian visitors are looking to have fun in the sun, spot celebrities at nightclubs, or roll the dice at casinos along the resort's legendary boardwalk. Atlantic City's beaches also boast cabanas where sipping cocktails is in season every summer.

Many hotels also house spas and pools that come alive day and night with parties pulsating with tunes by internationally known performers and DJs. The casinos regularly book big names in entertainment in this, one of the East Coast's most exciting cities by the sea.

WHAT TO SEE:

Resorts Hotel & Casino just celebrated their first anniversary of the opening of **Pro Bar** and the **Piano Bar**, Atlantic City's only gay club located in a

casino. You can also catch "**Divas DO AC**" through the year starring some of our favorite celebrity impersonators bringing **Cher, Dolly**, and other divas to life in an intimate theatre.

Down the boardwalk is the newest addition to the oceanfront - **Revel**. The sexy resort features a stunning indoor-outdoor pool scene with seaside vistas and world-class restaurants in nothing short than an ultra-modern glass paradise. This summer, **Beyonce** kicked off their grand opening over **Memorial Day Weekend** with four sold out shows.

Chelsea also has brag-worthy hotel rooms and a very mod atmosphere complete with an open-air **Cabana Club**. You won't find slots at this hipster haven, but you will an escape within steps from some of the most popular gambling meccas.

House of Blues welcomes famous acts (think **Lady Gaga**) to the famed concert club all year long. You'll also enjoy a New Orleans-style vibe in the **Showboat**, which links up with **Resorts** for the ultimate gay getaway.

Borgata continues to draw the LGBT crowd, thanks in part, to the glamorous shows and the outdoor pool scene where A-listers can be found every summer. Drop by **Sea Blue** for spectacular cocktails and





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take in a show – **Adele** and **Florence** have both played here.

Pier Shops at Caesars is a tag hag's dream come true. It's here where you'll find stylish goods in 80 shops from the likes of **Gucci** and **Betsey Johnson**. It's also a great place to get your nosh on with two **Stephen Starr** eateries on deck – **Continental** and **Buddakan**.

The Quarter at Tropicana – with its Old Havana style – also has restaurants specializing in designer dishes, not to mention fashionable shops that will make any fashionista's eyes pop. Highlights include **Cube Libre** and **Red Square**, as well as the **Blue Mercury Spa**.

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GAY ARTS + CULTURE

The finer side of life

Philadelphia is truly a city of art – with the largest concentration of public and mural art in the country.

The Philadelphia Museum of Art may be famously known as the place where Rocky ran the steps, but it's also home to some of the world's most famous sculptures, paintings, and decorative arts – including an original teahouse that was imported from Japan. More than 30,000 works are on display at the museum, as well as its new annex at the Perelman Building. Two major shows open this year featuring the works of conceptual artist Sol LeWitt (through 2014) and photographs by Mary Ellen Mark (through October).

Also nearby, The Rodin Museum, which has undergone an extensive renovation, houses the largest collection of sculpture and drawings by Auguste Rodin outside of Paris.

American Artists are on display



at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, which has been educating and exhibiting artists since 1876. It's the country's first-ever art museum and school

on the Avenue of the Arts, and regularly showcases works by famous alumni including gay artist Charles Demuth. This year, the museum showcases works by painter Eric Fischl (through September) and a collection of works by women (through spring of next year).

And at the Institute of Contemporary Art in University City, cutting-edge multimedia works are on display, while the traditional works at the James A. Michener Art Museum, Mercer Museum and Brandywine River Museums can be enjoyed in beautiful countryside settings. At the Brandywine, get a peek inside Andrew Wyeth's studio through his own paintings and drawings from his private collection through October.

There's also plenty of public art on display in Philadelphia, including almost 3,000 colorful murals throughout the city, as well as sculptures, like the whimsical clothespin by Claus



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Oldenburg near **City Hall** and a **Roy Lichtenstein Pop Art** paint stroke sculpture at 17th and Market. There's even an original mural by out artist **Keith Haring** at 22nd and Federal streets in **South Philly**, which was painted a few years before the artist died of AIDS complications.

MUSIC, THEATRE + MORE

The **Avenue of the Arts** is one of

Philly's star attractions thanks to several performance halls lining busy **Broad Street**. Look for **Broadway Tours** at the **Kimmel Center** and **The Academy of Music** – both venues attract famous shows and acts year round. At the **Kimmel**, the new season includes **Wicked**, **Les Miserables**, and **American Idiot**. At the **Philadelphia Theatre Company**, take in a show during “**Our Night Out**,” which welcomes LGBT theatre-goers with pre-show receptions and talk backs with the casts of plays and musicals.

The **Mauckingbird Theatre Company** is Philly's premiere gay troupe thanks to productions of well-known shows like **The Temperamentals**. The **Wilma Theatre** is also showcasing

the first and second half of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play **Angels in America** this year.

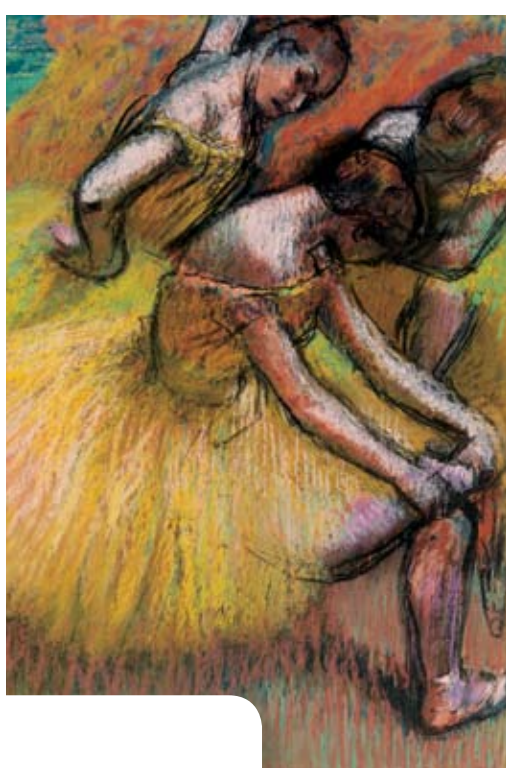
You can also catch well-known and indie music acts around town at such venues as the **TLA** on South Street, **The Troc** on Arch, and bars with concert halls like **Johnny Brenda's**, **The North Star** and **Kung Fu Necktie** where LGBT-friendly hipsters pack the venues to hear emerging bands and famous acts.

The Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus and Freedom Band also perform throughout the year during special events. Every spring, the dancers from the **Pennsylvania Ballet** perform a one-night-only event to raise money for **MANNA**.

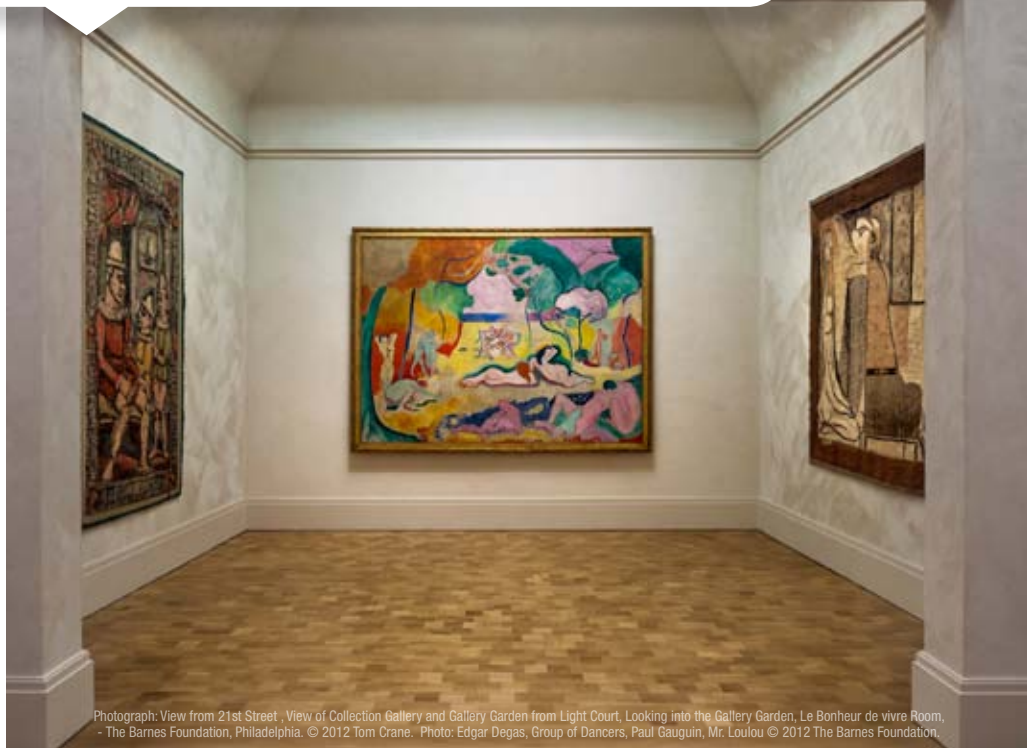
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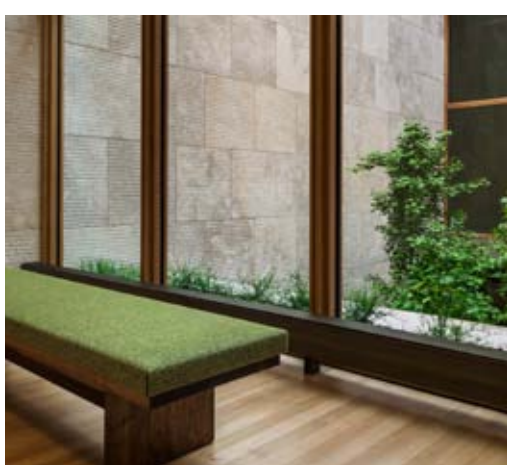
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On the Parkway: The Barnes Foundation



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The Barnes invites you to discover its world-class art collection

An astounding collection of art is now open to the public on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, the cultural corridor of Philadelphia. Housing the world's largest collection of both **Renoir** (181) and **Cezanne** (69) this unique collection boasts dozens of **Matisses** and **Picassos** and important works by **Van Gogh**, **Seurat**, **Modigliani**, **Degas**, and many other modern masters. The **Barnes Foundation** has relocated from its original suburban campus and now offers

increased access with public hours six days a week.

The new building, designed by **Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architect** is a beautiful addition to Philadelphia nestled between the Free Library and the newly re-opened **Rodin Museum**. Conceived of as a gallery within a garden and a garden in a gallery, the campus sits on the edge of **Fairmont Park** and has landscaped gardens and water features surrounding the building

and a quiet internal garden inside the galleries. The gardens also feature a new sculpture by **Ellsworth Kelly** – the **Barnes Totem** – which stands 40 feet tall at the entrance plaza at the head of a reflecting pool.

Friday nights the **Barnes** stays open until 10pm and features lively musical programming in their signature “**light court**” outside the galleries. Light snacks and cocktails are available for purchase.

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WELCOME *to the* GAYBORHOOD



Rainbow-striped street signs let the world know you've arrived in **Philadelphia's Gayborhood**, home to gay and lesbian life in the city. Located in the heart of Center City, the streets here are lined with shops, galleries, restaurants, bars, nightclubs, and one of the oldest operating gay and lesbian bookstores in the country. While much of the action comes alive after dark, the Gayborhood is also the perfect destination for weekend brunch with friends, a trip to a local coffee shop, working out at the gym, or shopping at one of many gay and lesbian owned businesses in the eclectic district.

Twice yearly festivals in the **Gayborhood and Midtown Village** welcome pedestrians to streets that are closed to traffic for family-friendly games, competitions, and pride events. Everything the Gayborhood has to offer – including award-winning BYOBs – is within walking distance to many of Philly's famous sites, convention center, and treasures along **Antique Row on Pine Street**.

THE LOW DOWN ON NIGHTLIFE
We've created a cheat sheet for you as you navigate our gay city.

Check it out:

MEET NEW FRIENDS: If you're craving an afternoon cocktail or want to hit town after dark, you're guaranteed to strike up a conversation with locals at the **Venture Inn**, a longtime watering hole nestled on quaint **Camac Street**. The friendly bartenders will make sure of it.

LET IT ALL HANG OUT: Two words: **Bike Stop**. Two more words: Underwear night.

LOVE THE LADIES: **Sisters** is the

only multi-level lesbian nightclub in the city. While all the other clubs on Philly's gay scene can brag about mixed crowds, **Sisters** is where the women mingle six days a week. Thursday is especially popular thanks to dancing, karaoke, and drink specials.

CRUISE DUDES: **Woody's** is a favorite hot spot for men. The cruising pretty much happens as soon as doors open at 11 a.m. until last call at 2 a.m. Happy hour is always fun, but this is the go-to spot late at night for that last-minute hookup.





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LOUNGE AROUND: If you're looking for that gay lounge experience, get to **Stir**. The lesbian owned bar has one of the more mixed (not to mention good-looking) crowds around. Its proximity to **Rittenhouse Square** makes it attractive for the professional set at happy hour. You could meet your future sugar daddy (or mama).

CHANGE OF SCENE: **iCandy** is the newest LGBT nightclub in the district. Open Monday through Saturday, the bar scene is busy during happy hour while weekends pack the dance floor, and lounge in this multi-level entertainment complex. Look for the outdoor deck for sunny fun in warm-weather months.

EAT UP: **Knock's** menu is reliably good whether you want a quick nosh at the lively bar or several courses in the intimate dining

room. Another place to grab a bite is **Terra**, in the basement of **Tavern on Camac**, where the vibe is cozy and very low-key. Just want a burger? **Q Lounge** also serves up dinner several nights a week.

THE CITY NEVER SLEEPS: **Voyeur** is the Gayborhood's after-hours club. And while the party gets started early in the evening,

special events often keep this nightclub open until a ripe 8 a.m.

WHAT TO SEE: **Giovanni's Room** is one of the oldest operating LGBT bookstores in the country. **Open House** and **Verde** are shops that are both owned by a well-known local lesbian couple (who also happen to operate three other restaurants and grocer on busy 13th Street). Not only will you find great gifts, you'll definitely want to treat yourself to some of the "I Heart Philly" tote bags, tees, and jewelry.

Absolute Abstract is the perfect place to pick up some art to take home—whether you're looking for a reproduction Warhol or framed print by a local artist. The shop is even gay owned!

Sweet Ending is a favorite yogurt shop where you can top off mouth-watering to-go cups with decadent goodies.



Where can I sip some wine?

Vintage Wine Bar has a stellar selection of reds, whites, and roses with open-air seating in the **Gayborhood**.



ANNUAL EVENTS 2012-2013

AUGUST 2012

- Philadelphia Folk Festival
- Philadelphia Phillies' Gay Community Night
- New Hope Open

SEPTEMBER 2012

- Live Arts Festival + Philly Fringe
- Autumn's Colors at Longwood Gardens
- Gayborhood Games
- Gay Day at Six Flags
- Greenfest Philly
- Manayunk Eco-Arts Festival Days
- Harvest Festival in Brandywine Valley
- Puerto Rican Week Festival

OCTOBER 2012

- International Dragon Boat Festival
- AIDS Walk Philly
- Philadelphia Open Studio Tours
- Outfest
- Henri David Halloween Ball
- Philadelphia Film Festival
- Out in Atlantic City
- Fishtown River City Festival

NOVEMBER 2012

- Mr. Gay USA

- Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show
- Pink Pub Crawl
- A Longwood Garden Christmas
- Thanksgiving Day Parade

DECEMBER 2012

- World AIDS Day
- Tree Lightings at City Hall and Rittenhouse Square
- William Way LGBT Community Center's Holiday Potluck
- Matzo Ball



JANUARY 2013

- New Year's Day Mummer's Parade
- Chinese New Year

FEBRUARY 2013

- Philadelphia Auto Show
- South Street Mardi Gras

- African American History Month
- Tattoo Artists Convention

MARCH 2013

- Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge
- Philadelphia Flower Show
- Manayunk in Bloom
- St. Patrick's Day Parade

APRIL 2013

- Philadelphia Furniture Show
- Easter on South Street
- Mr. Gay Philadelphia
- Philadelphia Black Gay Pride
- Equality Forum
- 23rd Street Armory Antiques Show

MAY 2013

- Broad Street Run
- New Hope Celebrates Pride
- Aberdeen Dad Vail Regatta
- Italian Market Festival
- Shut Up + Dance
- Devon Horse Show
- Brandywine River Museum Antiques Show
- Liberty Bell Classic Softball Tournament
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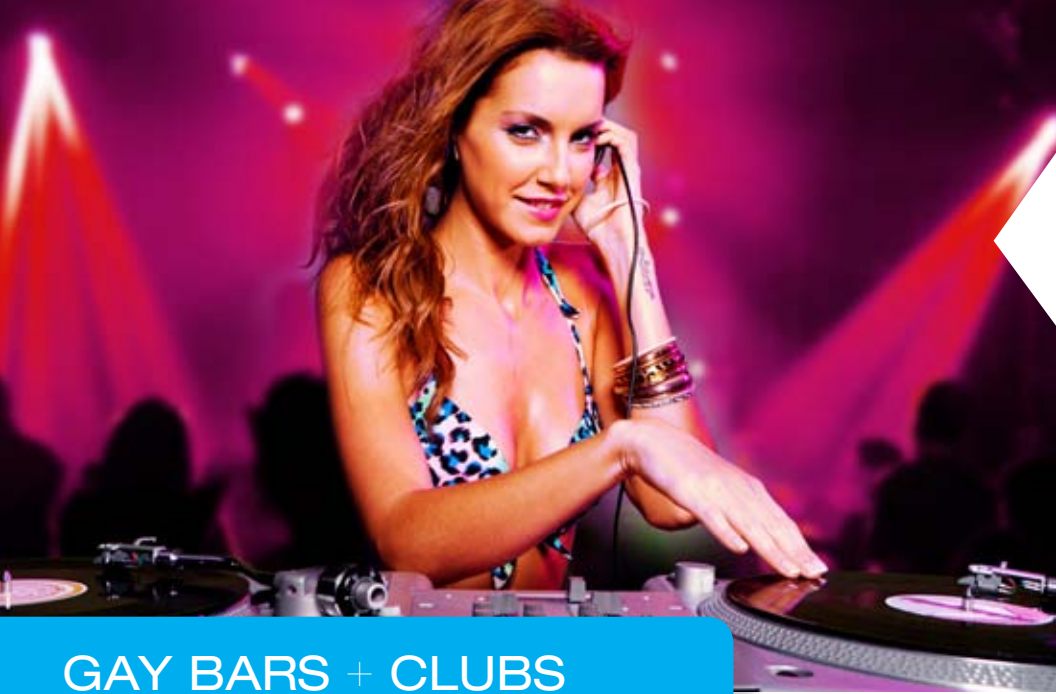
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