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Get-to-Know-Philly Guide
Dear Student,

I’m honored that you’ve chosen to study here with me, the city of brotherly love. And while I want you to hit the books hard, I also want us to get to know one another. While most people know me as the birthplace of America, I’m also bursting with unmatched museums, public art aplenty, international eats, boundless trails, festivals galore and really good beer.

Use this guide put together by my buddies at the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation to explore. And if you need more information, VisitPhilly.com and uwishunu.com will hook you up.

With love, Philadelphia

XOXO

P.S. I know you’re on a budget. Look for this symbol throughout the guide to find free ways to spend your downtime.
GETTING AROUND TOWN

THE LAY OF THE LAND
Center City—how locals refer to the downtown area—is truly a walker’s delight. City founder William Penn had the right idea when he planned the city based on a grid system with neatly organized squares and parallel streets. Center City stretches a walkable 25 blocks from the Delaware River on the east to the Schuylkill River on the west. “Tree” streets (like Chestnut, Walnut and Locust) run east to west, and numbered streets run north to south. Fourteenth Street is actually called Broad Street or the Avenue of the Arts.

AS SIMPLE AS SEPTA
Transportation via bus, train, subway or trolley on Philadelphia’s transit system, SEPTA, is easy. The Market-Frankford Line, an elevated train that locals call “the El,” runs east to west. The Broad Street Line, the city’s subway system, crosses the city north to south. SEPTA’s Independence Pass is a great option for those with a busy touring agenda. It’s good for one day of unlimited travel on the bus, subway, trolley and regional rail. Weekly and monthly passes are also available at a discounted rate. If you decide to pay your fare in cash onboard the bus or before boarding the subway or El, you’ll need exact change. Tokens and passes may be purchased at stations, from more than 400 retail sales locations around the region and online at shop.SEPТА.org.

MORE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS
Taxis are easily accessible throughout Center City and at all major transportation centers—including Philadelphia International Airport and 30th Street Station. Simply wait in the taxi line, hail a cab on the street or call the cab company of your choice for door-to-door service.

Zipcar and PhillyCarShare are the way to go for those who prefer to be in the driver’s seat—literally. These car-sharing organizations allow members to borrow cars at dozens of locations throughout the city for an affordable price. zipcar.com, phillycarshare.org

TWITTER TIP
@philly311: There is free Center City metered parking on Weds after 5 p.m. from river to river and Bainbridge to Callowhill Streets.
If you haven’t heard, Philadelphia is a city of neighborhoods—wonderfully diverse, delightfully delicious and blissfully buzzing neighborhoods. Here’s a look at some of the most popular communities in Center City and just beyond. Reader note: Look for neighborhood abbreviations throughout this guide to help you plan your days and nights in whatever ‘hood fits your mood at the moment.

- **Fishtown FT**: Once the center of the shad fishing industry, this gentrifying neighborhood is being reborn thanks to an influx of hipster-approved restaurants, gastropubs and beer gardens.

- **Northern Liberties NL**: These warehouse-y blocks north of Old City specialize in art-filled cafes and revived beer halls that cater to the indie rocker-meets-loft-dwelling crowd.

- **Old City OC**: Old City is a historic neighborhood by day and a dining and drinking destination by night. In between, it’s the place to shop for statement-making ensembles, bold jewelry and art of all sorts.

- **Chinatown CT**: The Friendship Gate at 10th and Arch Streets welcomes visitors to the cultural and culinary delights that await inside this always-active enclave that’s home to more than 100 restaurants and stores from every Chinese province.

- **Midtown Village MV**: Boutique shopping, buzzed-about restaurants and sophisticated nightlife keep this enclave bustling day into night. Located within Philly’s Gayborhood—as locals commonly refer to it—the neighborhood is decked out with rainbow street signs that show off its gay-friendly nature.

- **Rittenhouse Square RS**: Grand brownstones and modern penthouses are the hallmarks of Philadelphia’s ritziest neighborhood, which emanates from its namesake city-block park to stretch south via quietly tony residential streets and north via bustling business corridors.

- **Art Museum/Fairmount AM**: During the day, the Benjamin Franklin Parkway welcomes museum dwellers at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Franklin Institute, The Academy of Natural Sciences and, beginning in May 2012, the Barnes Foundation, home to one of the greatest collections of Impressionist, Post-Impressionist and early Modern paintings in the world. At night, Fairmount Avenue—just a few blocks north—is alive with restaurant-goers.

- **University City UC**: Starting at the west bank of the Schuylkill River, University City is home to the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University and scrumptiously diverse restaurants and food trucks.

- **South Street SS**: The morphing streetscape that runs from Headhouse Square to 10th Street attracts diverse crowds for its indie shops, top-notch restaurants and not-to-be-missed people-watching.

- **South Philadelphia SP**: The country’s oldest Italian-American business district, South Philly is now becoming known for its cool bars and stylishly old-world bistros.

Want more scoop on the city’s diverse neighborhoods? Go to visitphilly.com.
**THE PHILLY BASICS**

If you’ve never been to Philadelphia before or never explored the city beyond your campus, it’s time for Philly 101. Here’s a list of must-sees, must-dos, must-tastes for Philly newbies:

- Philadelphia is the birthplace of freedom. Pick up timed tickets for Independence Hall—and many other Philly attractions—at the Independence Visitor Center. Then, head a block south to tour the building where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and the U.S. Constitution was debated, drafted and signed. Next, cross the street for a stop at the Liberty Bell Center, and take a look at the mighty cracked bell that served as a symbol of freedom for abolitionists. Also not to be missed: the new President’s House, a site that deals with the paradox of slavery and freedom.

  **Between 5th & 6th Streets and between Market & Chestnut Streets, (215) 965-2305, nps.gov/inde**

- Best known for their appearance in several Rocky movies, the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art are a favorite stop for Balboa fans eager to recreate the boxer’s famous run up the enormous staircase. After you complete your triumphant journey to the top of the steps, head inside to ogle the stunning collection of Renaissance, American and Impressionist art.

  **2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, (215) 763-8100, philamuseum.org**

- Trying Philly’s signature foods is a must while in town. It’s fun to sample cheesesteaks from Pat’s King of Steaks and Geno’s Steaks, competing vendors in South Philly at 9th Street and Passyunk Avenue. Tony Luke’s in South Philly and Jim’s Steaks on South Street are other popular options. The salty, doughy delight known as the soft pretzel is available at street vendors found on corners all over town, or you can get them fresh out of the oven at Sansom Street Soft Pretzel Factory at 1532 Sansom Street. If you want to taste all of Philly’s iconic foods—including its famous cold sandwich, the hoagie—and a few Amish specialties, head to the always-buzzing Reading Terminal Market at 12th and Arch Streets.

**Various Neighborhoods**

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**FAST FACT:**

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**Visiting Mural Arts**

- Make the worth-it drive to suburban Philadelphia to see Valley Forge National Historical Park, the place where George Washington and the Continental Army spent one of their most trying periods. Check out the exhibits and artifacts, and then take advantage of the 3,400-acre park’s trails and picnic areas.

  **1400 N. Outer Line Drive, King of Prussia, (610) 783-1077, nps.gov/vafo**

- Renew your appreciation of the U.S. Constitution at the National Constitution Center, filled with high-tech exhibitions, artifacts and displays, along with a multimedia introduction to the influential four-page document that’s guaranteed to leave you misty-eyed.

  **525 Arch Street, (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org**

- One of the newest additions to Independence Mall, the gleaming National Museum of American Jewish History is a modern glass structure filled with exhibits, artifacts and displays exploring more than three-and-a-half centuries of Jewish life in America.

  **101 S. Independence Mall East, (215) 923-3811, nmajh.org**

- For those who love history, the Eastern State Penitentiary is a must while in town. It’s imposing. It’s unnerving. It’s Eastern State Penitentiary, a crumbling and haunting National Historic Landmark known for introducing solitary confinement as a means of housing criminals and for its most famous inmate, Al Capone.

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**TWITTER TIP**

* @kerry_mcc: What a day in Philly! Yummy breakfast, Betsy Ross House, shopping, City Tavern lunch, then South Street for MORE shopping!

**HUZZAH FOR HISTORY**

Okay, so you’ve hit the city’s most well-known historic sites, and now you’re ready to go a little deeper. That’s no problem in the city where the nation was founded.

- While you’re there, check out the final resting place of other prominent and everyday Philadelphians.

  **Christ Church Burial Ground, 2nd Street above Market Street, (215) 922-1695, christchurchphila.org**

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Culture Club

Right Place, Right Time, Right Discount
Just because you’re on a budget doesn’t mean you should miss out on the many great cultural opportunities that abound in Philly.

- Pay what your wallet will allow at the Philadelphia Museum of Art on the first Sunday of every month.
  AM 26th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, (215) 763-8100, philamuseum.org

- Admission fee is your call at the maritime-focused Independence Seaport Museum on Sundays from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
  OC 211 S. Columbus Boulevard & Walnut Street, (215) 413-8655, phillyseaport.org

- The Franklin Institute Science Museum is free for all on the third Wednesday of the month from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
  AM 222 N. 20th Street, (215) 448-1200, fi.edu

- Starting at 5:00 p.m. on the first Friday of every month, Old City’s art galleries open their doors for new showings and, in many cases, hors d’oeuvres.
  OC Between Front & 3rd Streets and Market & Vine Streets, (800) 555-5191, oldcityarts.org

- Engage in meaningful dialogue with your favorite author during the Free Library of Philadelphia’s Author Events program, featuring more than 125 authors each year—and usually free.
  AM 1901 Vine Street, (215) 686-5403, freelibrary.org

Fast Fact:
The Barnes Foundation, home to the world’s most extensive collection of French Impressionism, is relocating its artwork to the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in May 2012. It will join the Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Franklin Institute, the Academy of Natural Sciences and others on the museum-packed mile.

Can’t get enough culture? Go to visitphilly.com/music-art.
CULTURE CLUB (continued)

LIGHTS, CAMERA, DISCOUNT
Seeing a show doesn’t have to break the budget—not in Philly anyway.

• Pay what you can to see the final dress rehearsal for each mainstage Arden Theatre Company production. Students who pop in five minutes before regular performances pay $5 cash for available seats.
  RS 40 N. 2nd Street, (215) 922-1122, ardentheatre.org

• Treat yourself to a performance by a Curtis Institute of Music student on most Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.
  RS 1726 Locust Street, (215) 893-5261, curtis.edu

• Helium Comedy Club features local and international comedians and offers a $5 discount to students with I.D. for most shows on Wednesday through Friday evenings.
  RS 2031 Sansom Street, (215) 496-9001, heliumcomedy.com

• Students with I.D. can snag open seats for one of InterAct Theater Company’s thought-provoking shows for $15 five minutes before showtime.
  RS 2030 Sansom Street, (215) 568-8079, interacttheater.org

• In addition to its Free at the Kimmel Series, the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts offers $10 community rush tickets for every Kimmel Center Presents performance.
  RS 300 S. Broad Street, (215) 670-2327, kimmelcenter.org

• Macy’s in Center City offers a fine shopping experience, along with an unanticipated musical treat—free 45-minute concerts played on its spectacular 28,500-pipe organ.
  MV 1300 Market Street, (215) 241-9000, macy.com

• On performance day, the Walnut Street Theatre sells tickets for $20 to those under age 24. Bonus: The theater also reserves a limited number of $10 seats for every mainstage performance.
  Close to MV 825 Walnut Street, (215) 574-3550, walnutstreettheatre.org

• XPN’s Free at Noon concert series is music to your ears every Friday at World Cafe Live.
  UC 3025 Walnut Street, (215) 222-1400, worldcafelive.com

FAST FACT:
Every Thursday, subscribers to phillyfunguide.com’s FunSavers e-mails receive discounted ticket offers for many cultural happenings in Philly.
TRAILBLAZING

Hit the trails in and around Philadelphia for a great run, bike, skate or blade experience. And be sure to make stops along the way to check out lesser-known sites.

- Start at 25th and Locust Streets and follow the 25-mile Schuylkill River Trail past the Art Museum and Boathouse Row all the way to scenic Valley Forge.

- Pick up where the above ends. From Valley Forge National Historical Park, follow the Perkiomen Trail that runs 19 miles to Green Lane Park.

- Make your way along the Mason Dixon Trail, which twists and turns around the line that once separated the northern and southern states. Pick it up in Chadds Ford at the Brandywine River.

- Follow 57 miles of trails through the Wissahickon Gorge, making your way past forest and meadow before plunging down to the sun-dappled waters of the Wissahickon Creek.

- Start your journey along the Horse-Shoe Trail at Valley Forge. About 135 miles to the west, the trail meets its junction with the Appalachian Trail on the crest of Sharp Mountain, some 12 miles north of Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Want to get out and about? Go to visitphilly.com/outdoor-activities.
GREEN SPACE
Founder William Penn planned for Philadelphia to be a “greene countrie town,” and today, he’d be impressed. Grab a picnic basket or your textbooks and head to a nearby park for some relaxation or study inspiration.

• Between classes, take a break at Penn Park, situated along the Schuylkill River. The new 24-acre park includes paths, picnic spots, fields, tennis courts and so much green space that you might forget you’re in a big city.

UC 31st Street between Walnut & South Streets

• Almost anywhere you go in Philadelphia, you can find a section of the Fairmount Park system—the country’s largest municipal park, with 9,200 lush acres and 215 miles of trails.

Various Neighborhoods
fairmountpark.org

• Join Philly’s poshest residents at Rittenhouse Square, surrounded by restaurants with great people-watching views.

RS 18th & Walnut Streets

• Take time to play at one of Penn’s original five squares, Franklin Square. Two playgrounds, Philly-themed mini-golf and a carousel bring out the childlike wonder in everyone who visits.

OC 6th & Race Streets, (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

• Relax and take in the spectacular views at the Race Street Pier—the newest addition to the Delaware River Waterfront—complete with a sky promenade, woodland gardens and an expansive lawn that makes a perfect spot for reading, studying or catching up with friends.

OC Columbus Boulevard at Race Street, (215) 922-2FUN, racestreetpier.com

Fast Fact:
Sports fans can always find a big game in Philadelphia. The city’s five major-league teams—the Phillies (baseball), Eagles (football), Flyers (hockey), Sixers (basketball) and Union (soccer)—play at Citizens Bank Park, Lincoln Financial Field, the Wells Fargo Center and PPL Park. visitphilly.com/sports.
SUPREME SHOPPING

Ready to give your credit card a workout? Need some designer duds without the designer price tags? Philly’s shopping districts offer just the right mix of splurge-worthy investments and bargain buys. Best of all, there’s no sales tax on clothing and shoes in Pennsylvania.

• Indie and owner-operated boutiques that feature unusual wares and personalized service make shopping in Old City a blast. With dozens of clothing, jewelry and home furnishings stores, you’re sure to score big.
  oldcitydistrict.org

• Philadelphia’s premier dining and shopping district, Rittenhouse Row encompasses 24 blocks filled with upscale local stores and national chains. Think Kiehl’s, Lagos, Nicole Miller, Urban Outfitters, Apple, Puma, True Religion and SAVA.
  rittenhouserow.org

• Seven miles from Center City, Main Street in Manayunk is a National Historic District that’s home to more than 70 boutiques and galleries. Whether you’re looking for a recycled gift or an Italian scooter, you’ll find satisfaction at Beans Beauty, Bias, Main Street Music, Dwelling and Vespa.
  (215) 482-9565, manayunk.com

• King of Prussia Mall is the largest shopping mall on the East Coast, and it’s also one of the best places to find luxury goods for less. Print out the Travel Rewards Voucher on kingofprussiamall.com/tourism-packages.php, and exchange it at the customer service desk for discounts at stores like DKNY, L’Occitane and Smith & Hawken.
  Route 202 & Mall Boulevard, King of Prussia, (610) 265-5727, kingofprussiamall.com

• Wanna be a VIP at Philadelphia Premium Outlets? Sign up on the mall’s website and prepare to score some major deals at this worth-the-drive shoppers’ paradise, home to J.Crew, Banana Republic, Ann Taylor, Diesel, Kenneth Cole and many others.
  18 W. Lightcap Road, Limerick, (610) 495-9000, premiumoutlets.com

TWITTER TIP
@sugarinhertea: Scooped up some lovely fall dresses and skirts at Green Street Consignment on South Street. Really, really worth checking out Philly folks!

Still in search of the just-the-right (you name it)? Go to visitphilly.com/shopping.
CULINARY DELIGHTS

BYOB
That’s short for “bring your own bottle,” and in Philadelphia, you’ll learn to do just that. BYOBs are usually smaller restaurants that focus all their energies on creating delicious dishes. To find a nearby liquor store, visit finewineandgoodspirits.com.

• Taste Philly’s local flavor at Marigold Kitchen, where dinner and Sunday brunch dishes focus on in-season ingredients.
  
  501 S. 45th Street, (215) 222-3699, marigoldkitchenbyob.com

• At Lolita, BYOT—bring your own tequila—so you can sip the refreshing margarita mixes.
  
  106 S. 13th Street, (215) 546-7100, lolitabyob.com

• In the warmer months, grab an outdoor seat at Jamaican Jerk Hut for live music and island fare.
  
  1436 South Street, (215) 545-8644, jajerkhut.com

• Enjoy a mini-vacation while feasting on family-style Portuguese cuisine at Koo Zee Doo.
  
  614 N. 2nd Street, (215) 923-8080, koozeedoo.com

VEGGIE & VEGAN DELIGHTS
If you’re vegan or vegetarian, you’re in the right place. In Philly, options abound to meet your dietary needs.

• At Vedge, enjoy a cold vegetable bar with antipasti and meatless “charcuterie,” hot veg-centric dishes and craft beer and wine.
  
  1221 Locust Street, (215) 923-6117, vedgerestaurant.com

• Try Kingdom of Vegetarians’ all-you-can-eat dim sum, available for around $12. An array of dumplings and the curry “shrimp” are other popular choices at this kosher vegan eatery.
  
  129 N. 11th Street, (215) 413-2290

• For inexpensive kosher lunch specials, make a mid-day stop at Su Xing House, where menu items include kung pao tofu, soybean nuggets and sesame seitan.
  
  1508 Sansom Street, (215) 564-1419, suxinghouse.com

• Step into the intimate BYOB atmosphere at Thai restaurant Café de Laos and order from an entire page of vegan and vegetarian dishes.
  
  1117 S. 11th Street, (215) 467-1546

FAST FACT:
Making Philadelphia the largest gluten-free zone in the tri-state area, more than 30 local eateries have completed Gluten-Free Resource Education Awareness Training and offer gluten-free items on their menus.
MARKET FRESH

Shop as locavores do at a farmers’ market. Area farmers, producers, purveyors and the sought-after Amish vendors sell their produce, meats, dairy, chocolate, bread and more all over the city.

- On Thursdays in the warmer months and Saturdays throughout the year, head to Clark Park Market for Amish goods, flowers and herbs. 
  UC 43rd Street & Baltimore Avenue, thefoodtrust.org
- The University Square Farmer’s Market offers your standard produce, along with IPM fruits, Amish goods and artisan chocolate, on Wednesdays.
  UC 36th & Walnut Streets, farmtocity.org
- See why the name of Philly’s famed Italian Market—boasting plenty of Asian and Mexican offerings along with the Italian goods—may be a misnomer.
  SP 9th Street between Fitzwater & Wharton Streets, italianmarketphilly.org
- Stock up on food and wine at Headhouse Farmers’ Market, where more than 25 vendors gather on Sundays from May through December.
  OC 2nd & Lombard Streets, foodtrustmarkets.org
- See page 10 for information about Center’s City’s ultimate market: Reading Terminal.

ETHNIC GROCERIES

These aren’t your typical supermarkets. Ethnic markets like the ones below can provide you with the ingredients for your favorite ethnic dishes—no frozen pizzas here.

- When the craving for Asian hits, walk through the aisles of Hung Vuong Super Market to find ingredients ranging from Chinese longbeans to Vietnamese fish sauce.
  SP 1112 Washington Avenue, (215) 271-2505
- It’s all about freshness at H Mart, which packs its shelves with Asian noodles, snacks, side dishes, spices, sauces and more.
  UC 7050 Terminal Square, Upper Darby, (610) 734-1001, hmart.com
- Step into the small but well-stocked Variedades Veracruzana for Mexican produce, canned and bottled goods, tortillas and paletas.
  SP 920 Washington Avenue, (215) 271-2991
- Stock up and get some takeout at International Foods and Spices, which packs its shelves with Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi ingredients.
  UC 4203 Walnut Street, (215) 222-4480, intlfoodspices.com
Nighttime Revelry

LIVE MUSIC

Hall & Oates, Patti LaBelle, Will Smith and The Roots got their starts in Philadelphia. Catch the next big music act—or the ones who’ve already made it—at small, medium and large music venues.

- Keep it local at Johnny Brenda’s. The all-local beer list and seasonal menu complement the local bands that open for larger national acts upstairs.
  
  **FT** 1201 N. Frankford Avenue, (215) 739-9684, johnnybrendas.com

- Jam to the music at Chris’ Jazz Cafe, where ticket and food prices keep the loyal crowd coming back six nights a week.
  
  **RS** 1421 Sansom Street, (215) 568-3131, chrisjazzcafe.com

- Rock out to emerging and national talent—and fuel up with a microbrew and some good eats—at North Star Bar.
  
  **AM** 2639 Poplar Street, (215) 787-0488, northstarbar.com

- Take in live music, food and drinks in an intimate, 100-person setting upstairs at World Cafe Live, or go downstairs to the 300-seat venue for rock, soul, pop and more.
  
  **UO** 3025 Walnut Street, (215) 222-1400, worldcafelive.com

- Have a ball at the retro and fun North Bowl, where a young crowd enjoys food and drinks along with their strikes and spares.
  
  **AM** 909 N. 2nd Street, (215) 238-BOWL, northbowlphilly.com

- Unwind with the help of Barcade’s continually rotating selection of American craft beer and its eclectic lineup of classic arcade games.
  
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- When you step into the Laff House, you’re in store for laugh-out-loud comedy along with great American and Caribbean fare.
  
  **SS** 221 South Street, (215) 440-4242, laffhouse.com

- Channel your inner pool shark on one of nine tables at the part lodge, part corner bar Buffalo Billiards. The 17 televisions, five dartboards, two shuffleboard tables, skee-ball™ and foos-ball™ round out the good time.
  
  **OC** 118 Chestnut Street, (215) 574-7665, buffalobilliards.com

If you’re not into just chilling out, Philly has some fun-filled places perfect for adults yearning for hands-on activities.

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ALL ABOUT BEER
Called “America’s Best Beer-Drinking City,” Philadelphia is a sudsy kind of town. So grab your brew crew and head to watering holes that pride themselves on their beer lists.

- It only takes one visit to discover that Standard Tap sets the—well, standard, for the local gastropub movement, but you’ll definitely be back.
  - NL 901 N. 2nd Street, (215) 238-0630, standardtap.com
- Pick your favorite City Tap House view: Walnut Street from the green roof deck or the 60+ taps that pour craft and artisanal beers.
  - UC 3925 Walnut Street, (215) 662-0105, citytaphouse.com
- Travel the world through Eulogy Belgian Tavern’s beer selection, which includes 300 bottles and 21 draughts.
  - OC 136 Chestnut Street, (215) 413-1918, eulogybar.com
- Peruse Monk’s “Beer Bible,” and see why the Belgian beer bar has earned countless awards—including “One of the Top Five Places in the World to Have a Beer Before You Die” from All About Beer magazine.
  - RS 264 S. 16th Street, (215) 545-7005, monkscafe.com

LATE-NIGHT EATS
Whether you’re up late studying or enjoying more leisurely activities, you can find the perfect snack for that extra boost—or to end the night.

- Bring your student I.D. to get half off Mad Mex’s snarky-sounding menu items from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. every night.
  - UC 3401 Walnut Street, (215) 382-2221, madmex.com
- Satisfy your hot dog craving with the help of The Dapper Dog food truck, dishing out creative takes on the treat until 2:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.
  - NL 2nd & Poplar Streets, (203) 887-8813, thedapperdog.org
- Order until the 2:00 a.m. closing time at beer haven Grace Tavern, which satisfies hungry stomachs with hearty, Cajun-inspired dishes. Hint: The blackened green beans are a must.
  - SS 2229 Grays Ferry Avenue, (215) 893-9580, gracetavern.com
- Diner classics are the order of the day at Little Pete’s, a no-frills favorite that’s open 24/7.
  - RS 219 S. 17th Street, (215) 545-5508
- Have a hankering for a cheesesteak at 3:00 a.m.? Get the scoop on where to go on page 10.

Want even more options for hitting the town? Go to visitphilly.com/nightlife.

FAST FACT:
Need more great options for late-night bites? Head to Chinatown, the fourth largest in the United States. Many of the restaurants there serve food until 11:00 p.m. and beyond. In fact, Jade Harbor is open until 2:00 a.m. daily.
**ANNUAL EVENTS**

Mark your calendar. These are just a few of the thousands of events that keep Philadelphia residents busy all year long.

- **January:** Kick off the New Year with thousands of decorative strutters who march up Broad Street in the festive day-long **Mummers Parade**. [phillymummers.com](http://phillymummers.com)

- **March:** Taking place at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, the **Philadelphia International Flower Show** features top-of-the-line horticulture and landscape design, entertainment and more than 150 vendors. **(215) 988-8800**, [theflowershow.com](http://theflowershow.com)

- **April:** Get out of the classroom and see, touch, taste and smell the role science plays in everyday life during the **Philadelphia Science Festival**, happening all over the city. **(215) 448-2366**, [philasciencefestival.org](http://philasciencefestival.org)

- **May:** Get in touch with your Italian side—everyone has one—during the **South 9th Street Italian Market Festival**, complete with live entertainment, games and a dazzling array of meats, cheeses, cannoli and pastas. [italianmarketfestival.com](http://italianmarketfestival.com)

- **June:** Raise a glass to the city’s vibrant beer culture through the 100+ **Philly Beer Week** events, ranging from tastings to lectures to beer-pairing dinners. [phillybeerweek.org](http://phillybeerweek.org)

- **June–July:** What better place to celebrate America’s birthday than in its birthplace? Enjoy the multi-day **Wawa Welcome America!** party with free movie screenings, concerts and fireworks. [welcomeamerica.com](http://welcomeamerica.com)

- **September:** For two weeks, take in arts of all kinds when avant-garde performance meets street theater throughout the city during the **Philadelphia Live Arts Festival and Philly Fringe**. **(215) 413-9006**, [livearts-fringe.org](http://livearts-fringe.org)

- **September–November:** Do you have what it takes to get through the scariest haunted house around? Unnerving any time of year, Eastern State Penitentiary becomes downright terrifying during **Terror Behind the Walls**. **(215) 236-5111**, [easternstate.org](http://easternstate.org)

- **October:** Delve into design in all forms—fashion, architecture, art, products, interior design, graphics and more—through 150 **DesignPhiladelphia** events. [designphiladelphia.org](http://designphiladelphia.org)

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