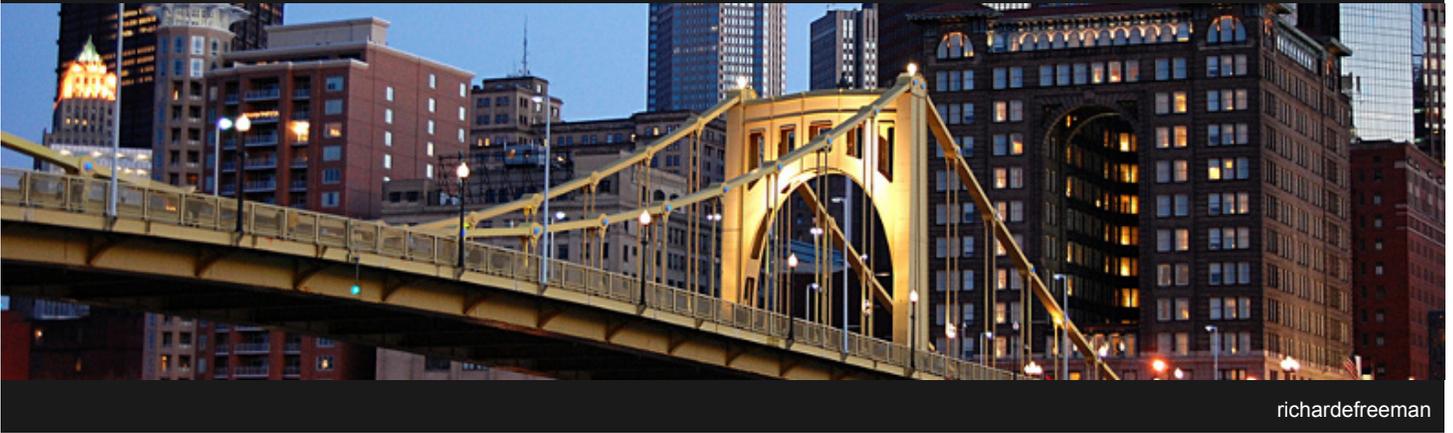




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# Top 10 Cheap Restaurants in Pennsylvania

**Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, 7 Days**

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# Guide Description



**AUTHOR NOTE:** The coolest cheap places to eat are usually those off the tourist map, where the locals hang around, and Pennsylvania is no exception. There are several young, backpacker friendly restaurants where you should definitely come hungry to make the most of your experience. One of them is the student operated Azure 18 at Le Cordon Bleu in Pittsburgh. The people cooking your food are studying to become chefs, so make sure you order something extravagant and ask for the name of whoever prepared it--they might be a star any day now. Another friendly option is the Tenth Street Pourhouse where you can mingle with the locals, or the casual Blue Crab Grill, best known for its fresh seafood dishes. While in Philly, try to get a date with the well known Sabrina at her cafe and let her treat you with her mouth-watering, tummy-filling specialties.

**contact:**

tel: 4123253435x

<http://www.tamaripgh.com>

**location:**

3519 Butler Street  
Pittsburgh PA 15201

## 1 Tamari

**DESCRIPTION:** Innovative Asian Latin Cuisine in the heart of LoLa (Lower Lawrenceville) Pittsburgh, PA. Pittsburgh City Paper 2009 "Best New Restaurant" & "Best Fusion Restaurant"

**contact:**

tel: 4123253588

[www.chefs.edu/Pittsburgh/Restaurant.asp](http://www.chefs.edu/Pittsburgh/Restaurant.asp)

**location:**

717 Liberty Avenue  
Pittsburgh PA 15222

## 2 Azure 18 at Le Cordon Bleu - Pittsburgh

**DESCRIPTION:** Technique, the restaurant located at Le Cordon Bleu Institute of Culinary Arts, is a student operated restaurant that offers contemporary cuisine prepared and served by the students of the school. Technique maintains a high level of dining matched in many fine establishments but at a reasonable price due to the learning environment. Your experience begins with a soup appetizer, followed by the main course which offers inspired combinations of spices, high quality ingredients, and layers of flavor. We round out the meal with our freshly prepared desserts that showcase a wonderful presentation. We offer this three course meal to our guests for one low price. Come visit us today and enjoy this wonderful experience provided by the cutting edge chefs of tomorrow!

**contact:**

tel: 4127738848

[www.habitatrestaurant.com](http://www.habitatrestaurant.com)

**location:**

510 Market Street  
Pittsburgh PA 15222

## 3 Habitat

**DESCRIPTION:** At Habitat, your table is set at the center of culture, cuisine and community. Let our staff share with you how Executive Chef Andrew Morrison expertly blends locally-sourced ingredients to create a menu that ranges from internationally-inspired to traditional American dishes. Enjoy food that is tastefully unique and truly memorable in an atmosphere that is engaging and comfortable. Habitat is a place to call your own. Your table is waiting.

**contact:**

tel: 4126971336

[www.thesonomagrille.com](http://www.thesonomagrille.com)

**location:**

947 Penn Ave.  
Pittsburgh PA 15222

**hours:**

Su to Sa from 11:00 AM to  
03:00 PM, Su to Sa from  
05:00 PM to 11:00 PM

## 4 Sonoma Grille

**DESCRIPTION:** Sonoma Grille brings together the perfect combination of wine and food. The elegant restaurant serves Californian cuisine and international fusion. The menu varies by the season and has included such dishes as Serrano Wrapped Diver Scallops, Spiced Nova Scotia Salmon and Wild Mushroom and Goat Cheese Strudel. Each dish is paired with a suggested wine, and there are over 100 wines. © wcities.com



**contact:**

tel: 1 + 215 922 5626  
[http://philadelphia.citysearch.com/profile/8959436/philadelphia\\_pa/tenth\\_street\\_pourhouse.html](http://philadelphia.citysearch.com/profile/8959436/philadelphia_pa/tenth_street_pourhouse.html)

**location:**

262 South 10th Street  
Philadelphia PA 19107

**hours:**

M-F 7:30a-3p, Sa-Su  
8:30a-3p

**5 Tenth Street Pourhouse**

**DESCRIPTION:** Undiscovered by tourists, yet well-loved by locals, this award-winning café is a great place to go for a reasonably priced breakfast or lunch. The menu at Tenth Street Pourhouse features a Cajun flare with items such as the catfish po' boy sandwich and jazz posters adorn the yellow-orange painted walls in the lively, but dimly lit seating area. Good food, coffee, and friendly service is the reason why locals keep coming back, and the close proximity to the prestigious Walnut Street Theatre make the Pourhouse an ideal place to stop prior to an afternoon matinee. © wcities.com



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**contact:**

tel: 1 215 592 9596  
fax: 1 215 592 9597  
<http://www.vietnampalacephiladelphia.com/>

**location:**

222 North 11th Street  
Philadelphia PA 19107

**hours:**

11a-9:45p Sun-Thurs;  
11a-10p Fri-Sat

**6 Vietnam Palace**

**DESCRIPTION:** Located a half-block from the Convention Center, this Vietnamese gem serves some of the most delicious Southeast Asian cuisines. Try the "Seven Course of Beef," Chicken Sauteed with lemon grass or even the traditional "Pho Tai," a beef noodle soup that is hearty enough to satisfy as a meal. © wcities.com



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**contact:**

tel: (302) 737-1100  
[www.bluecrabgrill.com](http://www.bluecrabgrill.com)

**location:**

322 Suburban Drive  
Newark DE 19711

**7 Blue Crab Grill**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Blue Crab offers creative cuisine in a casual setting. We feature many fresh specials daily, always changing to capture the best of the market. Chesapeake Bay crabs are available in season. A full bar, highlighting local craft beers & wines compliment our unique food preparations. Close to the University of Delaware campus with ample parking, let us be your dining destination when you visit Newark. Our professional & friendly staff is at your service.



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**contact:**

tel: (215) 574-1599  
[www.sabrinascafe.com](http://www.sabrinascafe.com)

**location:**

910 Christian St  
Philadelphia PA 19147-3808

**hours:**

**8 Sabrina's Cafe**

**OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:**

If you're coming for brunch, get your coffee first and be prepared to wait quite a while for a table! And don't order too much food, unless you have a huge appetite -- most portions could easily serve two!



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Mon-Sat 8am-9pm Sun  
8am-4pm

**DESCRIPTION:** Sabrina's may look like a diner, but the food is way beyond traditional diner food. Their vegetarian "cheesesteaks" are famous, as are their brunches, where every portion could easily serve two. © NileGuide

**contact:**  
tel: 6105942233  
www.riverstonecafe.com

**location:**  
143 West Lincoln Highway  
Exton PA 19341

**hours:**  
Lunch: Daily: 11:30am -  
4:30pm; Dinner: Sunday -  
Thursday: 4:30pm - 10:00pm,  
Friday - Saturday: 4:30pm  
- 11:00pm; Sunday Brunch:  
10:00am - 2:00pm

## 9 Riverstone Cafe

**DESCRIPTION:** Riverstone Café: A Unique Tapas, Oyster & Martini Bar

A mecca for Oyster & Martini fanatics everywhere! From a stone-topped bar to a wall of riverstones washed with a waterfall, Riverstone Cafe is a wow from beginning to end. The space is open and airy, with lots of natural light, and honey-colored wooden tables and chairs scattered throughout. An open raw bar in one corner, flanked by a chic martini bar across the room. And the entire place is smoke free! Our raw bar features at least four daily Oyster choices, available singly or by the half-dozen or dozen. Enjoy a perfectly chilled (to 5 degrees!) flavored vodka from our one of a kind "Chill Tower"! Wandering the global culinary map, Riverstone Café showcases the talents of Executive Chef Anthony DiStefano and his entire culinary staff. Featuring "small plates" menu, which include a protein, starch, and vegetable, our petite or "mini" entrees offer a constant source of fresh quality foods and seasonal variety. © OpenTable



Photo courtesy of Riverstone Cafe

# Philadelphia Snapshot

## Local Info

One thing you will never hear about Philadelphia is that it lacks character. Philadelphia is chock full of character: you'll find it while you're walking the cobblestone and brick streets of Old City; you'll find it in the thousands of murals that decorate Philadelphia's public walls; you'll find it in the classic Philly cheesesteak you eat for lunch and the adorable BYOB restaurant you patronize for dinner. Whether you run the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and pose for a Rocky-style photo, watch the Phillies at Citizens Bank Park and partake in the rowdy behavior that makes Philadelphia sports fans notorious, or visit historic homes in Germantown, you'll leave with a sense that Philadelphia and its inhabitants really are unique.

Philadelphia's uniqueness was partially planned: William Penn, who founded Pennsylvania, established the colony as a haven for religious minorities who were being persecuted in England. He designed Philadelphia as a simple grid with four central squares or circles (parks, really). The numbered streets run north to south; east-west streets are named after trees.

That means getting around downtown is a cinch once you figure out the system. And what makes it even better is that "Center City" is completely walkable and almost unbearably charming, with its brick rowhouses (Philadelphians' name for what other cities usually call townhouses), tiny restaurants and boutiques, and, in Society Hill, cobblestone streets. Photographers and laymen alike will agree that the sight of dappled sunlight falling on a three-hundred-year old brick home, complete with shuttered windows and a hitching post in front, is awe inspiring. Add some snow and a horse-drawn carriage, which you can hire through 76 Carriage Company, and you'll feel like you might just stumble upon Benjamin Franklin.

One of the best ways to understand what makes Philadelphia tick is to visit the many distinct neighborhoods that comprise the city. Center City offers classic culture, innovative dining, and the beauty and functionality of Rittenhouse Square (described in Jane Jacobs' *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* as the prime example of successful urban planning). South Philadelphia, made

famous by the Rocky movies, serves as an example of how different immigrant groups throughout U.S. history shaped their new communities. Germantown, once a rural getaway for colonial Philadelphia's leading families, is the home of now-historic mansions and thousands of murals. Destinations in Old City and Society Hill, including Independence National Historical Park, the Constitution Center, and Elfreth's Alley, one of the only intact colonial streets in the country, will satisfy any history buff's curiosity about colonial life. If you want to picnic amongst scenic hills, Valley Forge National Historic Park and other beautiful suburbs are an easy ride away.

Another way in which Philadelphia sets itself apart from other cities is its cuisine – and by cuisine, we're not just talking about cheesesteaks and soft pretzels. In the 1970s Philadelphians witnessed a "Restaurant Renaissance," with such highly acclaimed restaurants as Le Bec-Fin and Friday Saturday Sunday first opening their doors. In the decades since then, Philadelphia bolstered its reputation as a restaurant city. Hosts of new restaurants open every year, each offering more daring and refined cuisine than the last – and, particularly in Stephen Starr's restaurants, some awe-inspiring décor as well. BYOBs, where patrons can bring their own liquor and save on the bill, are especially popular (and especially diminutive, often occupying just the first floor of a rowhouse), since getting a liquor license in Pennsylvania is notoriously difficult. On a weekend night in the spring or summer, crowds of people will wait hours for a coveted table at the newest BYOB.

As a visitor to Philadelphia, getting around the downtown area is quite easy, since Center City only stretches about a mile from east to west, between the Schuylkill (pronounced "Skoo-kill" by locals) and Delaware Rivers. Most of the main historic and cultural destinations are within walking distance of any downtown hotel. For those who would rather ride between destinations, the Phlash bus (a bus that travels between popular tourist destinations), Septa (the local bus and subway system) and cabs are all available. Septa's regional rail lines travel to neighborhoods further away from downtown, such as Germantown and any suburbs you might want to visit. For tips on

navigating Septa, ask at your hotel or at the Visitors' Bureau.

Finally, if you want to feel like a true Philadelphian, try some of the local brews that you can find at most bars in the area. Victory, Flying Fish, Stoudt's, Yards, Philadelphia Brewing Company, and Yuengling (pronounced "Yingling") are all popular local breweries. Yuengling Lager is the standard beer that nearly all bars have on tap; if you're going to order a pint, just ask for a "Lager," and nobody will ever know you're not from Philadelphia.

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## History

When the American colonies were founded in the 1600s, the guiding principle for the New England colonies was freedom to practice religions not popular in England; for the southern colonies the aim was agricultural development extending the holdings of British landowners. There were two exceptions. New York, established by Dutch companies, has always been a place for trade. The other exception was Pennsylvania, and the town of Philadelphia.

William Penn (1644-1718) arrived in 1681 from a London that had recently burned and was just discovering sanitary plumbing. He wanted Philadelphia to be "a greene Country Towne, which will never be burnt, and allways be wholesome." Founded on Quaker principles of tolerance and harmonious living, Philadelphia had a religious foundation like its New England neighbors, but welcomed other beliefs and races. Like its southern neighbors, it started with an agricultural economy, but slave auctions were banned early. A community of ex-slaves grew, centered around the Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the cornerstone of the A.M.E. movement. By 1790, there were 300 slaves in Pennsylvania and 7,579 free blacks. By 1860, there were 22,185 free blacks and Philadelphia was an important stop on the Underground Railroad, the secret network that helped slaves escape from southern slave states.

Instead of sprawling mindlessly, streets were laid out on a grid system with five public squares (the present day Washington, Rittenhouse and Franklin Squares, Logan Circle and City Hall). The town was built

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with no fortifications. Native Americans were welcome. Even the name of the town demonstrated peace; while most other colonial towns were named for founders or expedition sponsors, Philadelphia is Latin for "City of Brotherly Love."

Of course, when you invite everyone in, there's the likelihood of disagreement. By 1690, scarcely nine years after the first Quaker Meeting House went up, arguments over the direction of the city had turned into formal ideologies. Philadelphians have been arguing ever since.

Penn had originally envisioned his colony as a "wholesome" farming community, but the port quickly became one of the most important trading spots in America, rivaled only by New York. The rising merchant class wasn't terribly interested in the simple Quaker lifestyle. Pubs, theaters, circuses, dances and races soon entered the scene. The tolerant attitude attracted many immigrants. British Quakers were followed by German immigrants as early as the 1690s.

In 1723, Benjamin Franklin arrived from Boston. He eventually started his own publishing house, producing several newspapers and an annual farm guide, Poor Richard's Almanac. In his spare time, he invented the Franklin stove, the glass harmonium and bifocals. He helped write the Declaration of Independence. He was a founding member of the University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Hospital, the first public library, a fire insurance company, the Post Office and the Constitutional Congress. His 1751 book, Experiments and Observations in Electricity, was considered the most important scientific work in the world in its time. His name is on everything here.

This is where the Congress met and founded the nation on July 4th, 1776.

The city is filled with reminders of the colonial period. Fairmount Park is dotted with colonial homes that were moved there as museums. Elfreth's Alley is the oldest continually occupied neighborhood in the country. Old Swede's Church offers a perfect example of the "public" architecture typical at the country's founding. Delegates to Congress were astounded at the wealth and beauty they saw here. Because of the active seaport, food and fabrics from the Indies and China were readily available, even with the difficulty of getting past British

warships. There were some of the finest examples of colonial silversmith, textile work and furniture in the homes.

In 1800, the nation's capital moved to Washington, DC. New York began to overshadow Philadelphia as a financial and cultural center. Also in the 1800s, Irish, Polish and Italian immigrants came in waves, drawn by employment on massive projects like the new turnpike system, the canals and the railroad. Coal mining upstate created more jobs and the coal provided steam power for the factories of the Industrial Revolution that made Philadelphia a major manufacturing center. The Centennial Exhibition of 1876 brought 100,000 people to Fairmount Park to see the wonders of industrialism.

By the end of World War II, things were looking up again. While heavy industries moved out, the economy stayed robust. Always known for its hospitals, medical schools and research facilities, Philadelphia is now leading bioengineering research and development, and the city has become a popular film location thanks to innovators like M. Night Shyamalan.

The Philadelphia of the present has achieved what previous generations had thought impossible: New Yorkers come for a quick visit, fall in love, and decide to look for a house, hearkening back to the year 1776, when Congressional delegates were bowled over by the quality and comfort of this city.

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Philadelphia has a range of hotels to suit all kinds of travelers. Look east of Broad (especially in Midtown Village or Society Hill) for more romantic boutique hotels and bed and breakfasts. These hotels will put you right in the middle of the action, close to historic sites and a wealth of restaurants and bars. West of Broad Street, in the Rittenhouse Square area, you'll find swankier hotels, some of which cater to the stars when they're shooting in Philadelphia. University City, while it usually caters to students and families of students, also offers some charming bed and breakfasts, as well as a unique culture that makes its residents proud to live west of the Schuylkill. If you want a quiet escape away from the action, look for a room in historic Germantown or Chestnut Hill, perhaps at the Chestnut Hill Hotel or the Ancestry Inn. Both of these neighborhoods have shopping areas and restaurants that make them feel like small cities unto themselves.

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### Restaurants Insights

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restaurants like Buddakan, Barclay Prime, and Continental. Iron Chef Jose Garces has recently given Stephen Starr a run for his money, opening up popular places like Amada, Village Whiskey, and Garces Trading Company (the only restaurant in Philadelphia that managed to get a license to have its very own liquor store inside the restaurant). There is no shortage of excellent restaurants with creative dishes and colorful drinks in the downtown area.

Because of Pennsylvania's liquor laws, however, a unique breed of restaurant has remade the downtown Philadelphia dining scene, particularly in Midtown Village and Old City: the BYOB (or BYOT – Bring Your Own Tequila – at certain Mexican restaurants!). These restaurants are often smaller, occupying an old store front (like Mercato, in Midtown Village) or part of a Victorian home (like Marigold Kitchen in West Philly), and hungry would-be patrons sometimes willingly wait over an hour for a table. If you plan on trying a BYOB, remember to get to a Wine and Spirits store before 7pm and pick out a bottle of wine to complement your meal.  
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### Nightlife Insights

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Philadelphia has nightlife to satisfy anyone, from the person who wants to see an opera to the person who wants to hang out all night at a dive bar. If you're interested in the opera, the ballet, the orchestra, or a play or musical, check the local newspapers for times and shows. If you're looking for

a family activity, try Philadelphia Ghost Tours, Lights of Liberty (a walking tour of Revolutionary-War-era Philadelphia), or Dave and Busters, an enormous indoor arcade and club for children and adults, at Penn's Landing. For those who want to check out the bar scene, Philadelphia offers a wide range of options. If you're looking for a swanky place with a dress code and creative drinks, try somewhere on or near Rittenhouse Square or in Old City. Anywhere in-between, you'll find hundreds of bars, ranging from the upscale Union Trust (situated in a beautiful old bank building on Chestnut Street) to the ultra-divey Oscar's Tavern on Sansom Street. Midtown Village (known locally as "the gayborhood") offers a concentration of great bars and restaurants, including several predominantly gay bars. Philadelphia also has many well-known music venues, including the Trocadero on Arch Street, the TLA on South Street, the Tower Theater in Upper Darby (a subway away from Center City), and hosts of other smaller venues. For dancing, Silk City and Fluid never fail to satisfy; local newspapers will point you to specific DJ's and genres on different nights of the week.  
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### Things to Do Insights

Like most cities, Philadelphia has invisible layers of history running through the streets. Decide what you're looking for on a particular day and then everywhere you look it will seem there are examples of it to see.

#### Independence Hall

Tour Independence Hall, the place where the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights were signed. You'll find the Liberty Bell just steps away. Dine at Brasil's. Nearby are the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Old City Hall are also in this area.

#### Liberty Museum

The National Museum of American Jewish History is located on Society Hill, close to the Franklin Court, which chronicles Ben Franklin's achievements. Indulge in authentic Italian at Sfizzio. The Liberty Museum focuses on exploring America's

beginnings, while the Graff House preserves the room in which Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.

#### Chinatown

The historic George W. South Memorial Church of the Advocate and the Shoe Museum can both be found in Chinatown, but the real draw to this district is the dining. Get tasty dim sum at the nearby Joy Tsin Lau or try the Vietnam Palace, which is just steps from the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

#### Philadelphia Museum of Art

The Philadelphia Museum of Art has a collection of 19th and 20th-century masterpieces by Renoir, Picasso and more. The Rodin Museum down the road has more of the same. Grab a bite at the nearby London Grill, then stroll along Kelly Drive and admire the ships on Boathouse Row.

#### Fairmount Park

The nearly 9,000-acre Fairmount Park is also close to the Philadelphia Zoo. Dine at the Adobe Cafe, then stop into the nearby Please Touch Museum and the Academy of Natural Sciences, where interaction with the displays is encouraged.

#### Walking Tours

Poor Richard's Walking Tours (+1 215 206 1682/<http://www.phillywalks.com>)

Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia (+1 215 525 1776/<http://www.theconstitutional.com/>)

Philadelphia Tours (+1 888 478 1479/<http://www.phillytours.us/>)

#### Bus Tours

Connective Tours (+1 215 925 8687/<http://www.phillytour.com/service.asp?ID=27>)

Philadelphia Tours (+1 888 478 1479/<http://www.phillytours.us/>)

#### Helicopter Tours

Sterling Helicopter (+1 866 783 7435/<http://www.sterlinghelicopter.com/>)

#### Boat Tours

Spirit of Philadelphia (+1 866 455 3866/<http://www.spiritcruises.com/>)

Liberty Belle Cruises (+1 215 757 0800/<http://www.libertybelle.com/>)

#### Culinary Tours

Chef's Tour of the Italian Market (+1 215 772 0739)

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Wok and Walk Tour(+1 215 500 9774/http://www.josephpoon.com/toursWokWalk.htm)

### Carriage Tours

76 Carriage Company(+1 215 923 8516/http://www.phillytour.com)

### Trolley Tours

Philadelphia Trolley Works(+1 215 389 8687/http://www.phillytour.com/)

### Sports Tours

Big League Tours(+1 866 619 1748/http://www.bigleaguestours.com)

### Ghost Tours

Ghost Tour of Philadelphia(+1 215 413 1997/http://www.ghosttour.com/)

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## Travel Tips

### Getting There

#### Air

Philadelphia International Airport( PHL)  
http://www.phl.org/

PHL is seven miles from downtown Philadelphia.

Air Jamaica(+1 800 523 5585/http://www.airjamaica.com)

Air Canada( +1 800 776 3000/http://www.aircanada.ca)

Air France( +1 800 871 1366/http://www.airfrance.com)

America West( +1 800 235 9292/http://www.americawest.com)

British Airways( +1 800 247 9297/http://www.british-airways.com)

Continental( +1 800 525 0280/http://www.continental.com)

Delta( +1 800 221 1212/http://www.delta.com)

Lufthansa( +1 800 645 3880/http://www.lufthansa.com)

Southwest( +1 800 435 9792/http://www.southwest.com)

United( +1 800 241 6522/http://www.ual.com)

US Airways( +1 800 428 4322/http://www.usairways.com)

#### From the Airport

Car Rental: Alamo( +1 800 327 9633/http://www.alamo.com)

Avis( +1 800 831 2847/http://www.avis.com)

Budget( +1 800 527 0700/http://www.budget.com)

Dollar( +1 800 4000/http://www.dollar.com)

Hertz( +1 800 654 3131/http://www.hertz.com)

National( +1 800227 7368/http://www.nationalcar.com)

Payless(+1 800 729 5377/http://www.paylesscarrental.com)

Another attractive ground transportation option is Zipcar, which operates in certain U.S. cities. This new breed of rental car allows you to rent on an hourly basis rather than a daily basis. Be sure to register online before your trip. Zipcar(+1 866 494 7227/http://www.zipcar.com)

For reliable car hire service in and around the city, contact A&C Transport Car service.(+1 609 573 5163/http://www.actransportonline.com)

#### Train

Amtrak services Philadelphia daily( +1 800 872 7245; in PA+1 800 562 6960/http://www.amtrak.com) and is located on 30th Street.

#### Bus

Greyhound( +1 800 231 2222/http://www.greyhound.com) accesses Philadelphia daily.

#### Highway

Philadelphia can be reached from any direction on I-95 and I-76.

#### Getting Around

This was the first major city to be designed on a grid system, which means that directions make sense: You can walk from the east end of Market Street to the west end in a straight line. The streets running north to south are numbered from two to 69. On-street parking is generally limited to two hours and some streets have their own peculiar restrictions, so read the signs carefully. There is a lot of construction and street repair going on, but generally these are small projects that only disrupt the traffic flow for a few days at a time in any one spot. There are ample parking garages with rates lower than New York and discounts for all-day parking. The local public transportation, SEPTA, has routes that cover the whole region, including a

light rail from the airport. SEPTA passes are available at day, weekly or monthly rates. Cab drivers here are as peculiar as they are anywhere, but they are all licensed and generally very reliable. In Center City, the wait for a cab should be no more than five minutes.

#### Public Transit

SEPTA- Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority is in charge of the metro area. The High Speed Rail Line costs \$5.50 one way and serves five downtown locations. It also runs to the Amtrak station and Greyhound bus terminal(+1 215 580 7800/http://www.septa.org/). SEPTA also operates a local bus and subway system and both the Owl bus and subway run 24 hours a day.

#### Taxi

There is a \$20 flat rate on cabs to Center City Philadelphia. A few of the cab companies include:

Academy(+1 215 333 1111)

Airport Express(+1 215 651 7757/http://www.magicyellow.com/)

Avistar Avistar(+1 800 763 6845/http://www.pnfnetwork.com/)

PHL Taxi(+1 800 936 5111)

City Cab Co.(+1 215 492 6500)

Liberty Cab Co.(+1 215 389 8000)

Victory Radio Dispatch Association(+1 215 225 5000/http://www.victorycabco.com/)

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#### Traffic Information

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If traveling overseas, take the safety precaution of registering your trip athttps://

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### Fun Facts

Philadelphia

State: Pennsylvania

Country: United States

Philadelphia By The Numbers:

Population: 5,398,000

Elevation: 10 feet/ 3 meters

Average Annual Rainfall: 41 inches/ 104 centimeters

Average Annual Snowfall: 20.8 inches/ 53 centimeters

Average January Temperature: 32 degrees F/ 0 degree C

Average July Temperature: 77 degrees F/ 25 degrees C

Quick Facts:

Major Industries: Oil, Electronics, Computers, Automobile Manufacturing, Telecommunications, Chemicals, Higher Education, Shipping

Electricity: 110 volts, 50Hz, standard two pin plugs

Time Zone: GMT- 5(GMT- 4 from last Sunday in March to Saturday before last Sunday in October)

Country Dialing Code: 1

Area Code: 215, 267, 445

Did You Know?

Philadelphia has an international reputation for its Rowing competitions such as Head of the Schuylkill. Inter-collegiate and professional rowing teams are a popular sight up and down the Schuylkill River that runs through Philly.

The City of Brotherly Love is also home to the Liberty Bell and the place where the Continental Congress met in 1776 to sign the Declaration of Independence.

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# Pittsburgh Snapshot

## Local Info

Pittsburgh isn't the "Steel City" anymore. These days it calls itself the "Renaissance City." And with a good deal of justification. With much of the industry shut down, Pittsburgh has remade itself as a center of not only commerce but culture. The city enjoys a "work hard, play hard" attitude and it maintains a lively relationship with its arts institutions and its various sports teams. It bustles day and night and visitors will not run short of fun things to do, no matter their interests.

## Sights

Pittsburgh's north side is the place to find many of the most popular sightseeing attractions in the metropolis. There are museums like the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, the Andy Warhol Museum (this is his hometown), the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and the various Carnegie museums. Visitors who want to walk, jog or simply enjoy nature can have a go at any of the major urban parks in Pittsburgh: Schenley Park and its charming Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Frick Park (the city's largest) and Highland Park, where you'll find the zoo and aquarium. For culture after dark, you can take in a show at one of the city's many musical and performing arts venues. Check the schedules at Heinz Hall, Benedum Center, Quantum Theater, and the Pittsburgh Irish and Classical Theater. For cool views, ride one of the funiculars up Mount Washington (the vista of the skyline was once ranked second most beautiful in the country by USA Today). And since this is the city of three rivers, try to get out on one of the various river cruises in Pittsburgh.

## Dining and Nightlife

The Strip District and Squirrel Hill are not just well-known shopping neighborhoods, they also offer a variety of unique eateries and some of the best high-end restaurants the city has to offer. You can get a taste of Italy in the Bloomfield District, also known as Little Italy. The historic Strip District,

close to downtown, has a variety of cafes and bistros. The Shadyside is better known for upscale and family-friendly places. Oakland has an international flavor. Those who fancy a drink or two (or 10) will feel right at home in Pittsburgh. One of the most popular blocks for imbibing is the Flats, where, pub hoppers can choose from a variety of venues. There's also the South Side, where many of the historic buildings now house trendy bars and nightclubs. If you're in the mood for a little gaming, casinos in the city include the Rivers and the Meadows Racetrack and Casino, which also feature live entertainment.

## Shopping

There are many shopping districts in Pittsburgh, each with its own ambience. Downtown Pittsburgh has the most chic and fashionable boutiques, stores and galleries. East Carson Street stretches about a mile and is packed with retail possibilities. There are also two large shopping centers here. Station Square is interesting not only for its many shops, restaurants and clubs but for its historical significance as onetime railway station. On the South Side there's SouthSide Works. Shadyside is also a good shopping destination and there are a lot of specialty shops in Squirrel Hill and the Strip District.

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## History

The earliest inhabitants of Pittsburgh were the Iroquois Indians, part of a larger nation of Native American tribes living in the region. The first European influence came from visiting British and French traders who began establishing trade routes along the nearby rivers. The first written record of the area is from 1749, when two French explorers visited the location, centered on the point at which the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers meet to form the Ohio River. In 1754 the French built Fort Duquesne at this critical junction, but the English overtook it in 1758 during the French Indian War. Seeing

the strategic benefits of this location, the British built another fort at the same site and named it Fort Pitt after their Secretary of State, William Pitt the Elder. As it was the first of their forts not to be burned down by the French, the name stuck, and the surrounding region soon became known as Pittsborough. During this time, many farmers were drawn to the security of the fort and the area's fertile farmland, establishing strong roots in the region.

In 1770, farmers plowing the land discovered rich deposits of coal in an area near the fort. The great promise of wealth drew large numbers of people from cosmopolitan cities like Boston and New York. Minerals have been the prime industry here ever since: coal, glass, aluminum, and, of course, steel. By 1816, the booming manufacturing industry in the area prompted the incorporation of Pittsburgh as a city, and by 1840, it was one of the largest metropolitan areas in the region. A devastating fire destroyed large sections of the downtown five years later, but it was quickly rebuilt and continued to grow, modernizing its industries and cityscape accordingly. During the Civil War, the city's iron factories were major suppliers to the Union army, providing warships, armor plates and weaponry to troops. In the decades that followed, over 60 glass factories sprung up in what is now the South Side neighborhood, and in 1888, production began on a new material called aluminum, taking the manufacturing industry by storm.

Iron was a large industry here even before the Civil War, and by the time Andrew Carnegie built his mills in the 1870's, steel had developed into the giant industry of legend. Trains, suspension bridges, railways, and skyscraper girders were important exports of the factories, and by the beginning of the 20th century, new inventions like the electric toasters, light fixtures, and automobiles were keeping the city moving. Consequently, with the rise of commerce, came the birth of the labor movement- the American Federation of Labor (AFL) was founded here in 1881.

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Pittsburgh was a major supplier of military equipment during the two World Wars, and consequently this dramatically worsened the already large pollution problem that had developed in the area. Following WWII, the city began a campaign called the "Renaissance" that was meant to promote efforts to clean the air and revitalize the cultural life of the city. These labors were not in vain, and a vibrant art world began to flourish in what was previously considered solely an industrial city.

The donations of many nonprofit organizations and wealthy benefactors helped create a strong artistic and cultural base in Pittsburgh. Dance, theater, film, and radio all have an important place in the country's entertainment industry. The city is home to many "firsts" in these sectors: in 1905 The Nickelodeon opened as the first theater in the world that only showed movies, while the world's first commercial radio station, "networked" television station, and non-commercial television station all have their roots here. This rich cultural tradition produced several well-known media figures as well. Perhaps the most famous is the late Andy Warhol, who popularized the style of Pop Art and was honored in 1994 by a museum celebrating his work. Another icon is Fred Rogers, the beloved figure of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" who spent much of his life living and working in the Pittsburgh area.

Sports have a long history in Pittsburgh, both on the professional and collegiate levels. The Pittsburgh Pirates were the first team in Major League Baseball to field an entirely African-American team in 1971, while the Steelers have been five-time National Football League champions. With a number of coaching legends, Olympic winners, and all-star players, Pittsburgh has gained the appellation of the "City of Champions".

Despite the infamous dip in the American steel industry during the 1970's, the economic health of the region has generally been good. Though Pittsburgh initially suffered a great deal of job losses, it

rebounded and has become an example of how cities can economically diversify following a major industry shake-up. It is still home to many large corporate headquarters, and has developed strong banking, technology, and health care industries. There are hundreds of research labs on the forefront of scientific discovery, and the city boasts one of the highest populations of scientists and engineers holding doctoral degrees. Academics have always been an important part of the life of the city as well. With nearly 30 universities in the region and 10 within the city itself, a great deal of focus is placed upon higher learning. Carnegie Mellon and the University of Pittsburgh have a long history of important scientific discoveries and are among the top rated establishments in the country.

In 1977, the "Renaissance II" project was launched, concentrating on the development of a stronger cultural base and promotion of neighborhood health. In fact, the city usually rates as one of the most livable metropolitan areas in the country. The FBI named Pittsburgh as the safest metropolitan area with a population of 1,000,000 or more. With a variety of parks, restaurants, museums, artistic venues, it is no wonder that Pittsburgh continues to grow.

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### Hotel Insights

Not originally viewed as a vacation destination, Pittsburgh was more of an industrial city in the 1800s. However, due to the quality of the arts and the beauty of the countryside, Pittsburgh began to appeal to casual visitors. Now Pittsburgh has more to offer than just big industry so both the casual visitor and the business traveler can benefit. With much to do during the day, year-round sports, late night dining, music and dancing every visitor needs a good place to sleep.

#### Downtown

The Marriott is wired for 21st-century business needs, with an eye toward 20th-century comfort. The Westin Hotel is next to

the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, if you'd rather dash into town for business and stay focused on the job. Not all visitors to Pittsburgh are here on business, of course. Leisure travelers may want to have a quiet sit by the fireplace after a long day of shopping, eating or dancing at The Priory. Check out Walnut Street in Shadyside, where the Shadyside Inn is a good bargain.

#### East End

If your destination is the Carnegie Museum of Art, or anything connected with the universities, you might prefer the Wyndham Garden Hotel in the Oakland neighborhood. About two miles from Downtown, Oakland has a collegiate, relaxed feel surrounded by the botanical Conservatory and museums. Another option when staying in the area is the Hampton Inn Pittsburgh University Center.

#### West End

If you are on a budget and need an inexpensive place to stay try areas around the Pittsburgh International Airport or elsewhere in Allegheny County. Public transportation is rather good in this region, plus most hotels provide a shuttle and the price difference is certainly worth the additional drive. Try the Embassy Suites or the Hyatt Regency. Let the kids loose in the reliable Holiday Inn, the Marriott, AmeriSuites, Candlewood Suites, Airport Plaza Hotel, Super 8 or the Clubhouse Inn.

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### Restaurants Insights

Pittsburgh may not be as cosmopolitan as New York City or Chicago, but the sheer volume and variety of its dining and drinking options easily rival that of either of those aforementioned metropolises. An eclectic immigrant population accounts for streets dotted with restaurants serving French, Italian, Greek, Japanese, Chinese, Indian, Vietnamese, Ukrainian, and even some of the country's most beloved takes on traditional American fare; both the Big Mac and Heinz Ketchup originated here in Pittsburgh.

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### Downtown

First thing in the morning, Downtown is a bustling farmer's market. The same energy flows through the lunch hour, with hordes of locals and tourists alike devouring Rubens and matzo ball soup at the Smallman Street Deli. Once night falls, the neighborhood takes on a decidedly different vibe. Converted warehouses and factories house dance clubs like Rosebud Cafe and cutting-edge restaurants like Roland's. Start your evening off right with Happy Hour at Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle. For dinner, stop by Lidia's, the Pittsburgh outpost of a world-famous Italian-food empire. Once full, take in some rock'n' roll (and a few more drinks) at the 31st Street Pub, a factory-workers' watering hole turned hipster hangout. When the time comes, slake your late-night munchies with one of Primanti Bros.' infamous Primanti Sandwiches (meat, cheese, coleslaw and fries piled high and packed between two thick slices of Italian bread).

After the Strip, pay a visit to Market Square's 1902 Landmark Tavern offers you a taste of the Pittsburgh of old (as well as tastes of booze, seafood and grilled steaks). Caffe Amante's got many similar offerings, albeit with a strong Italian foundation, though perhaps not as strong as that of F. Tambellini Ristorante. Christo, the chef at Christo's, made a name for himself as Jackie Kennedy Onassis' personal cook aboard her personal yacht. If, rather than dinner and history, you'd prefer dinner and jazz, head on into Dowe's on 9th for soul food and live bands.

### North Side

It is clear at this point that beer enthusiasts have a lot to look forward to on a trip to Pittsburgh, but perhaps none as surreal as Lawrenceville's Church Brew Works, an enormous beer hall on the site of a former church. Just a ways down Liberty Avenue is Del's Bar & Ristorante Del Pizzo, in Bloomfield. Here, you'll delight in freshly baked gourmet pizza pies, or perhaps a rich veal entrée if you're feeling hungry.

This neighborhood is home to sports meccas PNC Park and Heinz Field, so the dining options tend toward the pub and tavern variety. Penn Brewery is a keeper, featuring authentic German-style lagers and hearty German cuisine, all served in a historic industrial building. The Triangle Bar is classic Americana, famous for its huge hoagies (with names like "Destroyer" and "Battleship") and popular with locals for keeping special hours in accordance with Steelers games.

### Southside

This is the place to be on weekends. Carson Street is packed with a striking variety of restaurants and bars that attract everyone from yuppies to bikers. During soccer season, spend an afternoon at Piper's Pub, a place so authentically British that soccer here is called "football" and games are "matches." If you're up for it, sample a handful of the wide variety of scotches Piper's offers. Mario's/Blue Lou's Southside Saloon were two bars that went so well together, the proprietors knocked down the wall dividing them, opening up one massive complex for patrons to enjoy; stop in at Happy Hour and see this anomaly for yourself. When hunger strikes, the options never end. Pop into Donnie's for a simple, hearty sandwich. Or try Fat Head's Saloon for a sandwich that is anything but simple. Their menu of colossal sandwiches (such as "The Artery Clogger") goes well with their startlingly global beer selection. For something more formal, enjoy drinks, jazz and dinner at Paparazzi. Or visit Dish for a contemporary yet traditional take on Italian. If steak is your fancy, go no further than the Pittsburgh Steak Company, and if you prefer surf to turf and you like your surf raw, step into Sushi Two. Finally, finish your night with a game of pool and perhaps some late-night snacks at Shootz Café.

### East End

Among other things, Oakland is home to some of Pittsburgh's most beloved Indian food. Star of India is famous for its wildly popular lunch buffet. India Garden is sitting pretty as well, having been continually

chosen by Pittsburghers as their absolute favorite. If spice sounds good, but you crave something with a little more of a South-of-the-border kick, venture into Mad Mex, an esteemed regional chain that serves up lovingly made monster-sized burritos (alongside your choice of a number of interesting microbrews). For a mellower meal than all of that, slip into Oakland's Spice Island Tea House, a tranquil spot specializing in pan-Asian cuisine. Vegetarians love it here!

Here, we depart from tavern-centric dining and get decidedly more eclectic. Sandwiches, salads, soups and more, all featuring fresh seasonal ingredients are the stars of the show at Cafe Zinho. Girasole also traffics in fresh and seasonal fare, this time with an Italian flair. While Italy may be on the Mediterranean, its cuisine is by no means the only dining option there. Casbah presents a broad range of specialties from countries and cultures all around the storied sea. While Casbah celebrates a whole panoply of cultures, La Feria sets its sights on just one. It is a restaurant/craft gallery dedicated to preserving and honoring Peruvian culture. Enjoy some South American soul food and then peruse the gift shop. Finally, sometimes you just crave sushi. When the mood hits you, hit Sushi Too.

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## Nightlife Insights

Whether you like opera or alternative music, ballet or football, concerts or museums, Pittsburgh has something for you.

### Performing Arts

Near downtown is Pittsburgh's cultural district, a six-block area containing the Benedum Center for the Performing Arts, Heinz Hall and the Byham Theater. These are the heart of culture and performing arts in Pittsburgh.

### Museums & Galleries

For those who prefer to view the Masters, the Carnegie Museum of Art is a must. The museum balances impressionism and

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cubism with modern art and photography exhibits. On the other side of the building, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History entralls visitors with exhibits on Native Americans and ancient Egypt. But the favorite exhibit is the Dinosaur Hall. One of America's first teams of paleontologists was sent in search of fossils and dinosaur bones. They brought back a skeleton, which they named *Diplodocus Carnegie* in honor of the museum's founder, Andrew Carnegie.

If you like to learn while you have fun, be sure to visit the Carnegie Science Center on the North Side. In addition to a variety of exhibits and interactive stations for kids, the museum has an Omnimax Theater, which thrills visitors with its huge screen and breathtaking films.

### Parks

Schenley Park is the site of many summertime concerts and events, while the pool and baseball field at Riverview Park attract many locals. Hikers spend long hours exploring Highland Park, and the Allegheny County Parks attract fisherman, boaters and golfers. The many species of plants and flowers at Phipps Garden Center, as well as the restaurant, pull in many visitors and locals alike.

### Sports

Also on the North Side, two new stadiums dominate the north side of the Allegheny River. Pittsburgh may no longer be the City of Champions(as it was known in the 1970s), but Pittsburghers still love their sports teams. Every Steelers game is sold out at Heinz Field and devoted fans continue to support the ailing Pirates, especially on nights featuring fireworks after the game at PNC Park. Across town, the National Hockey League Pittsburgh Penguins take the ice at SMG/Mellon Arena.

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## Things to Do Insights

Pittsburgh can be a good place to explore by taking a day to wander or bike around, but if you want something a bit more

organized, there are things to do and see that you might not have considered on your own.

### Colonial Trust Building

Take a walking tour through the bustling Downtown district, where you'll pass the City-County Building, the Allegheny County Courthouse, the Frick Building and the Colonial Trust Building, which now houses the impressive Carnegie Library. Grab a bite at *Caffe Amante*, where Italian is the specialty.

### The Strip

The Strip offers many restaurants, cafes and shops that attract visitors year-round. The nearby History Center, the largest museum in the state, is a must for art lovers. Grab a bite to eat at the *Rosebud Cafe* or the *Primanti Bros. Restaurant* for a giant, delicious sandwich. Take a stroll along the waterfront to the historic *Point State Park*. The Boardwalk features live music and several nightclubs if you'd like to do some dancing.

### Union Station

The main concourse of Union Station is one of the most stunning areas in the city. A space of important historical significance, it has now been restored and the enormous skylight repaired to recreate the original setting. The *Benedum Center* for the Performing Arts has also been recently restored, and offers various interesting cultural performances throughout the year. Dine at nearby *Christo's Mediterranean Grill* or *1902 Landmark Tavern*. Tour the home stadium of the Steelers, the mammoth *Heinz Field*.

### Carnegie Science Center

The Carnegie Science Center contains an aquarium, a planetarium, three live theaters and a movie theater, all to help visitors to learn about science. Have lunch at *Donnie's*. Walk through one of the six Allegheny County Parks, or go to the nearby *Sandcastle Waterpark*, which has over 10 different water slides. Observe the 600 species at the *National Aviary*.

### Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Downtown offers plenty of small art galleries, as well as large museums. The *Space Art Gallery* and *La Fond Galleries* hold contemporary art pieces. Grab a bite at nearby *Bossa Nova*. The *Wood Street Galleries* feature unique video and multimedia exhibitions. For a larger selection of art, stop into the *Carnegie Museum of Natural History*, where you'll surely get lost for a few hours.

Consulting a tour operator is a definite way to make sure your trip is well-planned and comfortable.

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### Travel Tips

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Pittsburgh Transportation Company(+1 412 322 8596)

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##### Public Transportation

West Busway provides service throughout Western Pennsylvania to and from PIT. This bus line runs every 20 minutes and costs USD2.25.

The subway system that connects all parts of Pittsburgh is known as the "T". This safe and clean subway system links downtown all the way to the south suburbs. Pittsburgh also has an extensive bus line system.

Port Authority(+1 412 442 2000/ <http://www.ridegold.com/>)

Beaver County Transit(BCTA) connects the surrounding Pittsburgh area directly to Pittsburgh International Airport. A printable schedule can be obtain off the BCTA website.(+1 724 728 4255/ <http://www.bcta.com/>)

##### By Car

Pittsburgh has a color-coded system that helps drivers navigate the city. The Wayfinder System, as it is known, divides the city into five separate regions each with their own distinct color. The Wayfinder also includes a loop, which wraps around the perimeter of downtown Pittsburgh, called the Purple Belt.

##### Traffic Information

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Pittsburgh By The Numbers:

Population: 350,363

Elevation: 1,223 feet/ 373 meters

Average Annual Rainfall: 79.9 inches/ 203 centimeters

Average January Temperature: 37 degrees F/ 3 degrees C

Average July Temperature: 85 degrees F/ 29 degrees C

##### Quick Facts:

Major Industries: health care, biomedical technology, robotics, finance

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Electricity: 110 volts, 60Hz, standard two pin plugs

Time Zone: EST- 5

Country Dialing Code: 1

Area Code: 412

Did You Know?

Pittsburgh is one of the few cities that has retained the “h” at the end of its name. Though this was initially a rather

lax rule with the ending often dropped, the old spelling was officially restored to “Pittsburgh” in 1911.

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