



Insider's Guide to

PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia—Philly, Cradle of America, City of Brotherly Love (and Sisterly Affection) ... no matter what you call it, Pennsylvania's largest city has played a key role in American history. From the First Continental Congress to Rocky jogging up the Art Museum steps, this is a city dripping with history, charm and interest. That's why we've put together the Sonnhalter Insider's Guide to Philadelphia to help you find the best this great city has to offer.

We've asked some of our Philly friends for their recommendations on the best food, nightlife and the out-of-the-way places only locals know about. Because sure, you want to decide for yourself who has the best cheesesteak, but this city has so much more to offer.

A quick note – true to its founding as the "City of Quakers," Philly has sometimes odd liquor laws, resulting in over 300 "BYO" restaurants where the drinks are on you (to bring with you). So make sure to check ahead before you go.

City Center/Historic Downtown

Amada

Contemporary Spanish
(215) 625-2450
www.philadelphia.amadarestaurant.com

Modern versions of Tapas and a contemporary Spanish mix with warm décor and an excellent wine list in Iron Chef Jose Garces' restaurant.

Butcher and Singer

Steakhouse
(215) 732-4444
www.butcherandsinger.com/
Trendy take on an Old Hollywood chophouse offering classic surf 'n' turf plus a raw bar & cocktails.

Campo's / Sonny's

Cheesesteak
(215) 923-1000 / (215) 629-5760
www.camposdeli.com
www.sonnyscheesesteaks.com
One of Philly's rites of passage is declaring a side on the Best Cheesesteak argument and far be it from us to pick a winner. These two locations go head-to-head in the "new guys on the block" category.

Dim Sum Garden

Chinese
(215) 873-0258
www.dimsumgardenphilly.com
Authentic dumplings and other Chinese fare in the heart of the downtown Chinatown area. Cash-only, but more than worth the trip.

El Vez

Mexican
(215) 928-9800
www.elvezrestaurant.com
A perennial "Best Of" winner, not just for Mexican cuisine, but for its atmosphere, décor, energy and drink menu.

Fork

American
(215) 625-9425
www.forkrestaurant.com
Sleek and modern décor and takes on classic American cuisine. Famed for its service and brunch.

Her Place Supper Club

French and Italian
www.herplacephilly.com/
Amanda Shulman and her team are serving up a family-style tasting menu at the casual, energetic supper club that aims to feel more like a dinner party than a traditional restaurant.

JG SkyHigh

New American
(215) 419-5059
www.fourseasons.com/philadelphia/dining/lounges/jg-skyhigh/
Philadelphia's SkyHigh restaurant presents a chic and comfortable dining experience specializing in approachable Jean-Georges cuisine. Experience panoramic views and world-class service.

Khyber Pass

Pub & BBQ
(215) 238-5888
www.khyberpasspub.com
A cozy spot where a dive-bar exterior hides some of the best southern-style favorites and BBQ in the city, and a vast beer selection.

Kisso Sushi Bar

Sushi
(215) 922-1770
<https://kissosushipl.com/>
Known for its intimate atmosphere and presentation, this sushi and sashimi spot is a favorite of locals.

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Morimoto

Japanese
(215) 413-9070

www.morimotorestaurant.com

Renowned chef Masaharu Morimoto's flagship restaurant pulls from traditional Japanese influences and modern techniques to create some of the best cuisine in the world.

Oyster House

Seafood
(215) 567-7683

www.oysterhousephilly.com

New England-style seafood, served family-style with only the freshest selections, has made this stylish eatery a success for over 40 years.

Penang

Malaysian
(215) 413-2531

www.penangphilly.com/

Award-winning Malaysian food served in a unique industrial space.

Reading Terminal Market

Indoor Farmer's Market
(215) 922-2317

www.readingterminalmarket.org

Since 1893, this market has served the tastes of Philadelphia natives, immigrants and tourists. Truly something for everyone.

Sang Kee Peking Duck House

Cantonese
(215) 925-7532

www.sangkeechinatown.com

The unofficial heart of Philly's Chinatown district for more than 35 years, this cash-only spot brings the traditional flavors of Hong Kong to life.

South Street Souvlaki

Greek
(215) 925-3029

www.southstreetsouvlaki.com

For over 40 years, this spot has offered the best of homemade Greek cooking in a friendly, warm, inviting space. Opa!

Talula's Garden

American
(215) 592-7787

www.talulasgarden.com

Seasonal American food inspired by local farms and gardens. A "foodie" destination that embodies the farm-to-table ethic.

Vedge

Vegetarian
(215) 320-7500

www.vedgerestaurant.com/

Restaurant serving inventive vegan & vegetarian small plates in a charming old mansion.

Vernick Fish

Seafood
(215) 419-5055

www.vernickfish.com/

High-end location specializing in oysters & fish, plus hand-crafted cocktails & small plates.

Vetri Cucina

Italian
(215) 732-3478

www.vetricucina.com

Prix fixe dinners, private dining, classes and more. For 20 years, this townhouse-based destination has brought Philly the best in gourmet Italian food.

Zahav

Israeli
(215) 625-8800

www.zahavrestaurant.com

Ever-changing small plates made with deceptively simple modern techniques transform this traditional Israeli menu into a true experience.

East Passyunk

Bing Bing Dim Sum

Chinese
(215) 279-7702

www.bingbingdimsum.com

Not your grandfather's dim sum. Informed by tradition, but not beholden to it, this hip space adds multiple twists, including a strong Jewish deli slant, to their dumpling offerings.

Cantina Los Caballitos

Mexican
(215) 755-3550

www.cantinaloscaballitos.com/

Fine Mexican fare, margaritas, a lively vibe & outdoor seating make this a popular hangout.

Gabriella's

Vietnamese
(272) 888-3298

www.gabriellasvietnam.com/

An authentic Vietnamese joint that brings soulful Vietnamese street eats. Chef Thanh Nguyen aims to bring the truest most authentic flavors of Vietnam to Philadelphia by introducing each dish exactly how it is served in the streets of Vietnam.

Geno's Steaks / Pat's

Cheesesteak
(215) 389-0659 / (215) 486-1546

www.genosteaks.com
www.patsofsteaks.com

One of Philly's rites of passage is declaring a side on the Best Cheesesteak argument and far be it from us to pick a winner. Both are open 24 hours, and both have more than 50 years of experience, making these cross street rivals the leaders in the "classic cheesesteak experience" category.

Laurel

French
(215) 271-8299

www.restaurantlaurel.com

With only a 22-seat dining room, and a BYOB status, an intimate experience is guaranteed at this modern French restaurant.

Noir

Italian
(267) 319-1678

www.noirrestaurantandbar.com/Home

With as much emphasis placed on the bar as the kitchen, this friendly, welcoming spot is a great choice for a happy hour or a dinner of Italian classics given a fresh twist.

Fishtown

Helm

New American
(215) 309-2211
www.helmp Philly.com

A blackboard menu and, like many, a BYO for liquor, this small spot offers up the best and freshest available ingredients in imaginative ways.

Hiroki

Japanese
(215) 422-3222
www.hirokisan.com/

An immersive soulful Japanese dining concept deeply rooted in tradition and technique.

Kensington Quarters

American
(267) 314-5086
www.kensingtonquarters.com

Set inside a repurposed warehouse, this full service restaurant and bar features sustainable, heritage meats and produce from local small farmers in a warm, but industrial space.

Pizzeria Beddia

Pizza
(267) 928-2256
www.pizzeriabeddia.com

Reopening in late 2018 in a larger space to accommodate the crowds that have flocked to this space since it was named best in the country in 2015. Cash only and expect to wait, but it's a wait that's worth it.

Suraya

Lebanese
(215) 302-1900
www.surayaphilly.com/

Chic & spacious Lebanese cafe, market & restaurant with bar & outdoor garden.

Wm. Mulherin's Sons

Italian
(215) 291-1355
www.wmmulherinssons.com

Housed in a former whiskey distillery, and with 4 stunning boutique hotel rooms upstairs, this unique spot highlights pasta, pizza and wood-fired fare.

Northern Liberties

Pietramala

Vegan
(215) 970-9541
https://www.pietramalaphl.com/

A little restaurant putting plants on a pedestal. Currently BYO with a max party size of 4.

Silk City

Diner
(215) 592-8838
www.silkcityphilly.com

Eclectic doesn't even begin to cover it when it comes to Silk City. Originally a 50's era dining car, it now features a beer garden, DJ's and live music as well and funky décor, all of which would be for nothing if the food wasn't any good, but from brunch to dinner, they make it right and delicious.

Suya Suya

West African
(267) 704-9033
www.suyasuya.co/

Sweet little neighborhood BYOB serving up West African cuisine!

Volver

Tasting Menu
(215) 670-2302
philadelphia.volverrestaurant.com

Celebrity chef Jose Garces brings elements from all his travels to this unique, reservation only, performance tasting menu concept. Ten or twelve course tastings, as well as a pre-theater menu and a full service bar.

Yards Brewing

Brewpub
(215) 525-0175
yardsbrewing.com

70,000 square feet of restaurant, brewery, event space and more. Specializing in English ales, and brewpub favorites, but with something for everyone in both categories.

Fairmount

Figs

Moroccan
(215) 978-8440
www.figsrestaurant.com

Equally intimate and energetic, this chef-driven neighborhood staple is known for bringing traditional Moroccan food to life.

Jack's Firehouse

American
(215) 232-9000
www.jacksfirehouse.com

Located in a firehouse originally built in the 19th century, this mahogany-lined restaurant serves BBQ, seafood and other southern favorites.

Trio

Pan-Asian
(215) 232-8746
www.triobyob.com/2016

Three stories high and the collaboration between three renowned chefs give the name to this Pan-Asian restaurant. Known for its Drunken Noodles and other delicious dishes.

Manayunk

The Couch Tomato Cafe and Bistro

American

(215) 483-2233

www.thecouchtomato.com/location/manayunk-pa/

Fresh American bites plus gourmet pizza & salad are washed down with wine & craft beers.

Winnie's

New American & Brunch

(215) 487-2663

www.winniesmanayunk.com

A true family run restaurant, crossed with the best practices of new American cuisine; local sourcing, fresh made comfort food and welcoming service.

Zesty's

Greco-Roman

800-816-3463

www.zestys.com

The owner was born on an island halfway between Italy and Greece, and his menu at this popular eatery reflects the passions, ingredients and dishes of both.

Chestnut Hill

Chestnut Grill & Sidewalk Café

American

(215) 247-7570

www.chestnuthillgrill.com/Chestnut_Grill/Welcome.html

Some of the best outdoor dining in the city, and great food for lunch and dinner. A great place to sit back, unwind and enjoy.

CinCin

Chinese

(215) 242-8800

www.cincinrestaurant.com

With Mandarin classics presented with French flair, it's no wonder that CinCin frequently tops the lists of best places to eat in Philadelphia.

El Poquito

Mexican

(267) 766-5372

www.elpoquito.com

Inspired by the beachside cantinas of Baja in both feel and flavor, this outpost of surfer culture in Philly offers a whimsical approach to food and life.

Bella Vista/Queen Village

Ambra

Italian

(267) 858-9232

www.ambraphilly.com/

A tiny prix fixe dining room from owners of Southwark serving four courses of modern Italian fare.

The Good King Tavern

French Bistro

(215) 625-3700

www.thegoodkingtavern.com

Communal seating and a constantly changing menu featuring French Bistro favorites made with fresh, local ingredients, and a wine list that ranges from farmer wines to highly curated bottles, all come together to make this spot a local favorite.

Kanella Grill

Cypriot

(267) 928-2085

www.kanellarestaurant.com

Refined traditional cooking means that diners can expect the traditional Cypriot and Greek meals that are given an energetic twist. Save room for their in-house dessert menu.

Nomad Pizza

Pizza

(215) 238-0900

www.nomadpizzaco.com

Wood-fired pizza at its best from this Philly outpost of a New Jersey favorite.

Little Fish BYO

Seafood

(267) 455-0172

www.littlefishbyob.com

Ever-changing fresh seafood selections drive the menu at this cozy spot. The Sunday tasting menu is a local favorite.



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Rittenhouse Square

Barclay Prime

Steak House
(215) 732-7560
www.barclayprime.com

A boutique steakhouse meant to offer a modern take on convention. Meat and seafood of unmatched quality, prepared with subtle twists, meet service with a personal touch including a curated selection of steak knives.

Butcher and Singer

Steakhouse and Raw Bar
(215) 732-4444
www.butcherandsinger.com

A well-trained staff, and an excess of classic steakhouse staples, combine with a raw bar and curated wine list for a truly outstanding dining experience.

Friday Saturday Sunday

New American
(215) 546-4232
www.fridaysaturdaysunday.com/eat

Seasonally inspired and rooted in classics with each dish bearing its own mark of creativity. Expect Friday Saturday Sunday's complex flavor and precision paired with luxury ingredients.

Monk's Café

Belgian
(215) 545-7005
www.monkscafe.com

Equally famous for its mussels and frites as it is for its extensive and well-cared-for beer selection, but either is a good enough reason to check out this authentic Amsterdam-style pub.

Parc

French
(215) 545-2262
www.parc-restaurant.com

Zagat says this bustling bistro "Out-bistro's most Parisian Bistros." Patio seating on Rittenhouse Square only adds to the first-rate execution of French classics and stellar service.

Rouge

American
(215) 732-6622
www.rouge98.com

Known for its amazing burgers and popular patio, this tiny spot is a perennial favorite.

Multiple Locations

Chickie's & Pete's

www.chickiesandpetes.com/
Local sports-bar chain featuring a crab-heavy menu & signature Crabfries, plus lots of TVs.

Di Bruno Brothers

www.dibruno.com
Italian grocer and deli.

Federal Donut

www.federaldonuts.com
Fresh and fancy donuts and a fried chicken that's consistently named one of the best in the city, all helmed by former James Beard award-winning chefs.

Han Dynasty

www.handynasty.net
Authentic Szechuan cuisine with nine locations throughout the city.

HipCityVeg

www.hipcityveg.com
By being dedicated to creating a "new normal," but not allowing their philosophy to get in the way of delicious food, this restaurant achieves a perfect balance.

Lucky's Last Chance

Gastropub
(215) 509-6005
www.luckylastchance.com
Award-winning burgers and dogs, all locally made and inventively topped, with a dance hall upstairs.

Sabrina's

www.sabrinascfe.com
Breakfast and brunch offerings that have been a favorite of locals for years.

White Dog

www.whitedog.com
Three locations featuring local and organic ingredients in eclectic fare served with flair.



Nightlife and Bars

Bob & Barbara's Cocktail Lounge – www.bobandbarbaras.com
Bok Bar – www.bok-bar.com
Chris' Jazz Café – www.chrisjazzcafe.com
Dolphin Tavern – www.dolphinphilly.com
Fillmore Philly – www.thefillmorephilly.com
Frank Bradley's – www.frankybradleys.com
Frankford Hall – www.frankfordhall.com
The Franklin Mortgage & Investment Company – www.thefranklinbar.com
Franklin Music Hall – www.bowerypresents.com/greater-philly/shows/franklin-music-hall
Heritage – www.heritage.life
The International Bar – www.theintlbar.com/
Johnny Brenda's – www.johnnybrendas.com
Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts – www.kimmelcenter.org
Knock – www.knockphl.com/
Locust Bar – www.locustbar.com/
McGillin's Olde Ale House – www.mcgillins.com

Morgan's Pier – www.morganspier.com
Ranstead Room – www.ransteadroom.com/
Ray's Happy Birthday Bar – www.thehappybirthdaybar.com/
Relish – www.relishphiladelphia.com
Ruba Club – www.rubaclub.org
Saint Lazarus Bar – www.facebook.com/saintlazarusbar
The Seven Hundred – <http://philly700.com/>
Solar Myth – www.solarmythbar.com/
South Bowl – www.southbowlphilly.com
Standard Tap – www.standardtap.com/
Tattooed Mom – www.tattooedmomphilly.com
Time – www.timerestaurant.net
Tippling Place – www.1tpl.com
The Trestle Inn – www.thetrestleinn.com
Triangle Tavern – www.triangletavernphilly.com
Underground Arts – www.undergroundarts.org
Union Transfer – www.utphilly.com
Woody's – www.woodybar.com

Philadelphia Sightseeing

The Barnes Foundation – www.barnesfoundation.org
Citizens Bank Park – www.mlb.com/phillies/ballpark
Eastern State Penitentiary – www.easternstate.org
Elfreth's Alley – www.elfrethsalley.org
The Franklin Institute – www.fi.edu
Historic Philadelphia – www.historicphiladelphia.org
Independence Hall – www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/independencehall.htm
Irish Memorial – www.irishmemorial.org
Laurel Hill Cemetery – www.thelaurehillcemetery.org
Liberty Bell – www.nps.gov/inde/learn/historyculture/stories-libertybell.htm

Lincoln Financial Field – www.lincolffinancialfield.com
Museum of the American Revolution – www.amrevmuseum.org
Mutter Museum – www.muttermuseum.org
The Palestra – www.philadelphiabig5.org/palestra/index.html
Philadelphia Museum of Art (and the Rocky statue) – www.philamuseum.org
Philadelphia Zoo – www.philadelphiazoo.org
Philadelphia's Magic Gardens – www.phillymagicgardens.org
Please Touch Museum – www.pleasetouchmuseum.org
South Street – www.southstreet.com
Talen Energy Stadium – www.philadelphiaunion.com/stadium
Wells Fargo Center – www.wellsfargocenterphilly.com

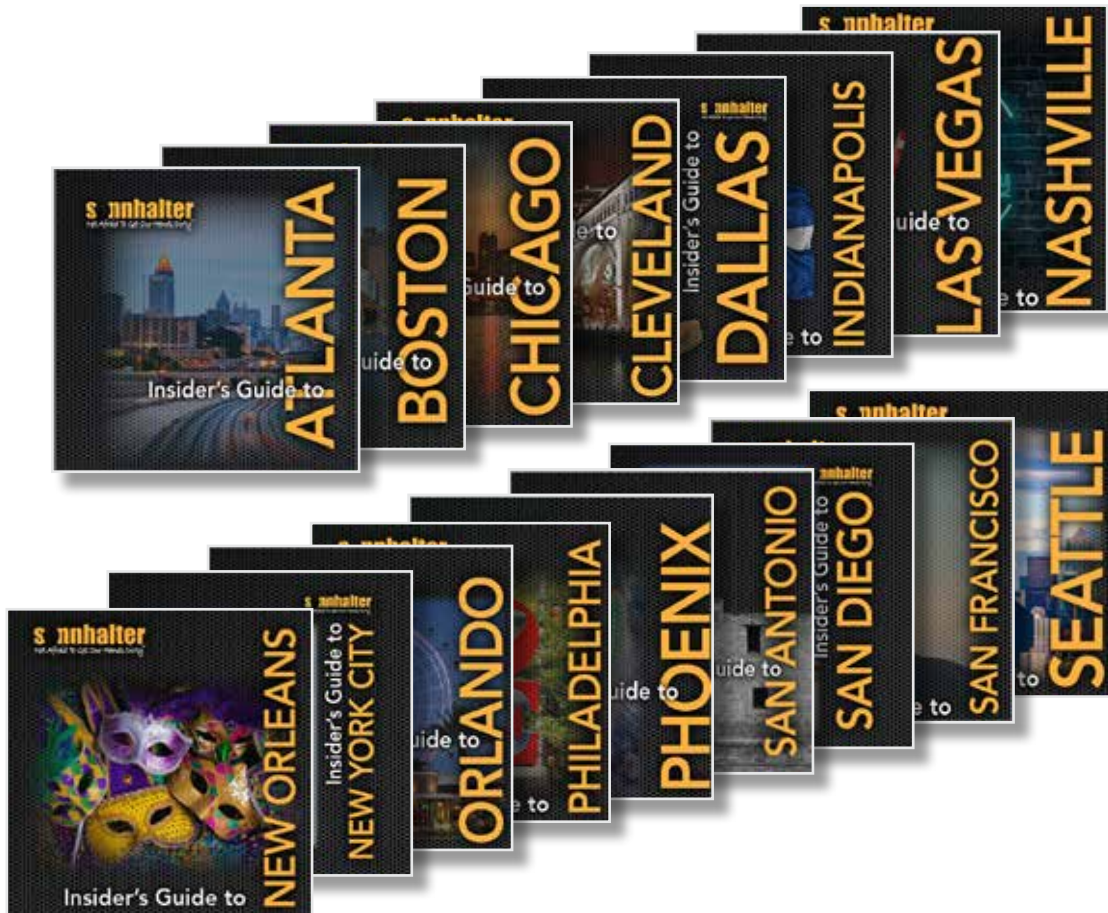
Taxis and Ground Transportation

BHN Limousine Services – (732) 774-3824
Get-A-Cab – (215) 438-2222
Lyft – <https://ride.lyft.com/>
OnCabs Philadelphia – (215) 882-9068
Phila Taxi Service – (267) 625-2795

Philadelphia Executive Car Service – (267) 609-6341
Philly Airport Limo & Town Car – (215) 888-8888
Philly Black Car Service – (866) 433-1738
Streamline Taxi Service – (215) 439-5936
Uber – www.uber.com/us/en/ride/

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