

Welcome to Philadelphia

A Cultural Guide to Museums, History, Science & Specialty Collections

ART • HISTORY • SCIENCE • CULTURE

Philadelphia boasts a world-class selection of cultural institutions concentrated primarily across two historic neighborhood hubs: the grand, tree-lined **Benjamin Franklin Parkway (Logan Square/Fairmount)** and the historic **Old City/Independence Mall** area.

This guide brings together the museums and specialty spaces featured in the original document, organized by interest for easy browsing.

Fine Arts & Sculptures



Philadelphia Museum of Art

ADDRESS • 2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19130

One of the largest art museums in the country, featuring over 240,000 works spanning ancient to modern eras, an impressive impressionist collection, and the iconic “Rocky Steps”.

Fine art • Impressionism • Modern art • Rocky Steps

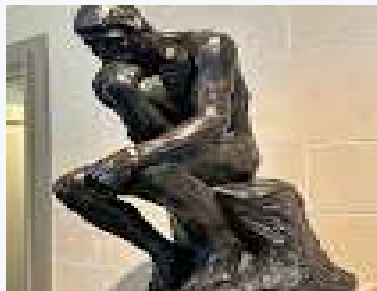


Barnes Foundation

ADDRESS • 2025 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19130

An exceptional, world-renowned collection of impressionist, post-impressionist, and modern paintings, uniquely integrated with African sculptures and Native American textiles.

Impressionism • Post-Impressionism • African art • Native American textiles



Rodin Museum

ADDRESS • 2151 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19130

A beautiful indoor and outdoor space housing the largest collection of Auguste Rodin’s sculptures outside of Paris, including The Thinker.

Sculpture • Auguste Rodin • The Thinker



Philadelphia's Magic Gardens

ADDRESS • 1020 South St, Philadelphia, PA 19147

A massive, immersive folk art venue and labyrinth blanketed entirely in intricate tile and glass mosaics by artist Isaiah Zagar.

Mosaics • Folk art • Isaiah Zagar • South Street



Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (PAFA)

ADDRESS • 118-128 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19102

A striking Victorian museum and fine art school showcasing 19th- and 20th-century American art masterpieces.

American art • Victorian architecture • Art school

American & Regional History



Museum of the American Revolution

ADDRESS • 101 S 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

A highly interactive, modern history museum charting the rise of the revolution, featuring George Washington's actual wartime headquarters tent.

American Revolution • George Washington • Interactive exhibits



National Constitution Center

ADDRESS • 525 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

The only museum in the nation solely dedicated to the U.S. Constitution, bringing civic history to life through multimedia exhibits and live theater.

U.S. Constitution • Civic history • Multimedia exhibits



Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History

ADDRESS • 101 S Independence Mall W, Philadelphia, PA 19106

A spacious, five-story venue exploring centuries of the American Jewish experience through more than 30,000 historic artifacts.

Jewish American history • Culture • Historic artifacts



African American Museum in Philadelphia (AAMP)

ADDRESS • 701 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

The first institution built by a major U.S. city to preserve and celebrate African American heritage, life, and culture.

African American heritage • Culture • Philadelphia history



Independence Seaport Museum

ADDRESS • 211 S Christopher Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19106

A waterfront destination highlighting the maritime history of the Delaware Valley, featuring tours of a historic cruiser warship and a submarine.

Maritime history • Historic vessels • Delaware River



Benjamin Franklin Museum

ADDRESS • 317 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

An underground museum focused on the life, inventions, and legacy of Benjamin Franklin, located beneath his original home site.

Benjamin Franklin • Inventions • American history

Science, Oddities & Natural Wonders



The Franklin Institute

ADDRESS • 222 N 20th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

A massive, family-friendly science museum featuring interactive exhibits (including a giant walk-through heart), a planetarium, and rotating world-class exhibitions.

Interactive science • Planetarium • Family activities



The Mutter Museum

ADDRESS • 19 S 22nd St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

A unique, world-famous medical history museum displaying an expansive collection of anatomical specimens, skeletal models, and antique medical instruments.

Medical history • Anatomical specimens • Medical instruments



Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University

ADDRESS • 1900 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19103

The oldest natural history museum in the Americas, boasting fully assembled dinosaur skeletons, diorama halls, and a live tropical butterfly tropical house.

Dinosaurs • Natural history • Butterflies



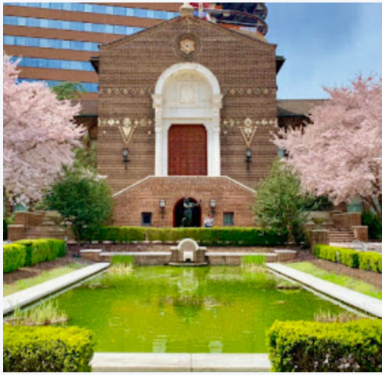
Science History Institute

ADDRESS • 315 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

A free Center City museum that explores the stories, breakthroughs, and odd surprises behind scientific achievements that shaped the modern world.

Science history • Innovation • Discovery

Archaeology, Subculture & Specialty Space



Penn Museum

ADDRESS • 3260 South St, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Located on the University of Pennsylvania campus, this world-renowned archaeology and anthropology museum displays breathtaking artifacts from ancient Egypt, Rome, Greece, and Mesoamerica.

Archaeology • Anthropology • Ancient civilizations



Eastern State Penitentiary

ADDRESS • 2027 Fairmount Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19130

A haunting, preserved historic prison that pioneered modern incarceration methods, once housing notorious criminals like Al Capone.

Historic prison • Architecture • American history



The Rosenbach

ADDRESS • 2008-2010 Delancey St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Housed inside two historic townhomes, this museum preserves hundreds of thousands of rare books, literary manuscripts, and decorative arts.

Rare books • Manuscripts • Decorative arts