

# WELCOME TO THE GAYBORHOOD

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**CITY HALL**  
[just a few blocks North, look for the LOVE statue across the way in JFK Plaza]

**OLD CITY/HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
[just a quick cab ride away]

**WASHINGTON SQUARE**  
[just a few blocks East]

**PASSYUNK/ITALIAN MARKET**  
[just a few blocks South]

WEST

EAST

NORTH

SOUTH

Woody's: Paris has the Eiffel Tower, and London, Big Ben, and the Gayborhood has Woody's, a neighborhood landmark since 1980. No visit to the area would be complete without a stop at this entertainment mecca featuring two bars, a cocktail lounge, dance floor and even a coffeebar.

12th Street Gym: Offering day memberships, this sprawling 60,000-square-foot coed gym is certainly where all the fit boys are (and boys who like looking at fit boys while pretending to work out). The gym offers an array of classes, top-of-the line equipment, pool, spa and roof deck—as well as access to Soleil, for those who need to tan on the go.

Knock: You'll find creative New American cuisine (as well as many movers and shakers from the LGBT community) at this hot spot. While the mahogany décor and grand piano give off a serious, sophisticated vibe, you're just as likely to find regulars casually hanging out at the bar.

Giovanni's Room: In the age of Borders and Amazon.com, this niche bookstore is a gem. The oldest gay and lesbian bookstore in the country, it boasts an extensive collection of LGBT and feminist books and frequently welcomes highly regarded authors.

Go to [visitphilly.com/gay](http://visitphilly.com/gay) for more suggested places to visit.

## SHOPPING

1	Absolute Abstract	215-733-0190	<a href="http://absoluteabstractart.com">absoluteabstractart.com</a>
2	Modern Eye	215-922-3300	<a href="http://modern-eye.com">modern-eye.com</a>
3	Open House	215-922-1415	<a href="http://openhouseliving.com">openhouseliving.com</a>
4	PHAG	215-627-0461	<a href="http://thephagshop.com">thephagshop.com</a>
5	Spruce Street Video on 12th	215-54-MOVIE	
6	Moda Botanica	215-906-0275	<a href="http://modabotanica.com">modabotanica.com</a>
7	Doggie Style	215-545-4100	<a href="http://doggiestyle2.com">doggiestyle2.com</a>
8	Happily Ever After	215-627-5790	<a href="http://happily.com">happily.com</a>
9	Provenance Inc	215-733-9338	
10	Show of Hands	215-592-4010	
11	Hello Home	215-545-7060	<a href="http://shophelloworld.com">shophelloworld.com</a>
12	Giovanni's Room	215-923-2960	<a href="http://giovannisroom.com">giovannisroom.com</a>
13	Duross & Langel	215-592-7627	<a href="http://durossandlangel.com">durossandlangel.com</a>

## RESTAURANTS

14	Bindi Restaurant	215-922-6061	<a href="http://bindibyob.com">bindibyob.com</a>
15	Brew Ha Ha	215-893-5680	<a href="http://brewhaha.com">brewhaha.com</a>
16	Capogiro Gelato Artisans	215-351-0900	<a href="http://capogirogelato.com">capogirogelato.com</a>
17	El Vez	215-928-9800	<a href="http://elvezrestaurant.com">elvezrestaurant.com</a>
18	Knock	215-925-1166	<a href="http://knockphilly.com">knockphilly.com</a>
19	Lolita	215-546-7100	<a href="http://lolitabyob.com">lolitabyob.com</a>
20	Mercato	215-985-2962	<a href="http://mercatoibyob.com">mercatoibyob.com</a>
21	Raw Sushi & Sake Lounge	215-238-1903	<a href="http://rawlounge.net">rawlounge.net</a>
22	More Than Just Ice Cream	215-574-0586	
23	Mixto	215-592-0363	<a href="http://tierramixtophilly.com">tierramixtophilly.com</a>
24	Valanni	215-790-9494	<a href="http://valanni.com">valanni.com</a>
25	Naked Chocolate Café	215-735-7310	<a href="http://nakedchocolatecafe.com">nakedchocolatecafe.com</a>
26	Terra	215-545-0900	<a href="http://tavernoncamac.com">tavernoncamac.com</a>
27	Joe Pesce	215-829-4400	<a href="http://joepescerestaurant.com">joepescerestaurant.com</a>

## BAR/CLUBS

28	Sisters Restaurant/Nightclub	215-735-0735	<a href="http://sistersnightclub.com">sistersnightclub.com</a>
29	The Bike Stop	215-627-1662	<a href="http://thebikestop.com">thebikestop.com</a>
30	Woody's	215-545-1893	<a href="http://woodysbars.com">woodysbars.com</a>
31	12th Air Command	215-545-8088	<a href="http://12thair.com">12thair.com</a>
32	Tavern on Camac	215-545-0900	<a href="http://tavernoncamac.com">tavernoncamac.com</a>
33	Q Lounge	215-732-1800	<a href="http://qphilly.com">qphilly.com</a>
34	Westbury	215-546-5170	<a href="http://westburybarandrestaurant.com">westburybarandrestaurant.com</a>
35	Voyeur Nightclub	215-735-5772	<a href="http://voyeurnightclub.com">voyeurnightclub.com</a>
36	Uncle's Upstairs	215-546-6660	
37	Venture	215-545-8731	<a href="http://vipphilly.com">vipphilly.com</a>
38	JR's Lounge		

## STYLE/FITNESS

39	Groom	215-545-2626	<a href="http://groomphilly.com">groomphilly.com</a>
40	12th Street Gym	215-985-4092	<a href="http://12streetgym.com">12streetgym.com</a>
41	Fusion: Heart.Muscle.Mind	215-733-0633	<a href="http://fusioncrosstraining.com">fusioncrosstraining.com</a>
42	Lion's Mane	215-925-0366	
43	Charlie Salon	215-923-3123	
44	Cut	215-545-3930	<a href="http://cuthairsalon.com">cuthairsalon.com</a>
45	Salon K	215-545-1880	
46	Andre Richard Salon	215-735-1590	<a href="http://andrerichardsalon.com">andrerichardsalon.com</a>

## STAY/SLEEP

47	Alexander Inn	215-923-3535	<a href="http://alexanderinn.com">alexanderinn.com</a>
48	The Independent Hotel	215-772-1440	<a href="http://theindependenthotel.com">theindependenthotel.com</a>

## GLBT SERVICES

49	William Way Community Center	215-732-2220	<a href="http://waygay.org">waygay.org</a>
50	Mazzoni Center	215-563-0652	<a href="http://mazzonicenter.org">mazzonicenter.org</a>





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In addition, the PGTC and the *Philadelphia Gay News* have provided many of the gay-owned or gay-friendly merchants in the Gayborhood and beyond with distinctive Liberty Bell rainbow “Welcome” decals to place in their windows. Again, if you see these stickers, you’ll be assured that the participating businesses are delighted that you have visited Philadelphia and are patronizing their establishments. If you have any comments about these or any other retailers, as well as any aspect of your experience as a gay visitor to Philadelphia, please let us know. Post a comment at [philadelphiagaytourism.com](http://philadelphiagaytourism.com)

Signs marking the streets in the Gayborhood feature the distinctive LGBT rainbow-striped colors as part of their design. Look for these beacons and you’ll know you are home!

## Look to the Rainbow

To make a reservation, go to  
[www.enterprise.com](http://www.enterprise.com)

123 South 12th Street - 215.625.6970

1236-40 Washington Ave. - 215.389.8900

15 South 36th Street - 215.387.3283

510 North Front Street - 215.592.9700

2715 South Front Street - 215.462.6288

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Welcome to our neighborhood! Let us be your guide.

[WWW.CENTERCITYPHILA.ORG](http://WWW.CENTERCITYPHILA.ORG)



On behalf of the Philadelphia Gay Tourism Caucus (GPTMC), welcome to our town. We’re thrilled you’ve chosen to visit the “City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection.” This map of our Gayborhood is a great starting point for your exploration of a truly amazing city. Detailed information about gay-friendly restaurants, stores, hotels, attractions and more can be found on both the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation (GPTMC) and Center City District (CCD) websites: [visitphilly.com](http://visitphilly.com) and [centercityphila.org](http://centercityphila.org). The GPTMC also has a great blog, [uwishunu.com](http://uwishunu.com), packed with insider tips and information about what’s hot in Philadelphia.

We’re thrilled that our sponsors, *Philadelphia* magazine (pick up a current copy on newsstands or check it out online at [phillymag.com](http://phillymag.com) to get the pulse of the city), and Enterprise Rent-a-Car (be sure to make a reservation or go to [enterprise.com](http://enterprise.com) for more information) have made this map possible.

Look for the rainbow Liberty Bell.

## Welcome to Philadelphia



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The best way to experience the real Philadelphia is through its neighborhoods, a collection of streets with their own distinctive charm and personality. Here is a quick snapshot of what Center City has to offer.

### Rittenhouse Square

If people-watching, alfresco dining and overpriced cocktails are your thing, then a stopover in Rittenhouse is a must. At the center of this exclusive neighborhood is Rittenhouse Square, where the pretty people go to laze away a warm day. For a front-row view of the action, grab a seat at one of the many outdoor restaurants lining the square, followed by shopping at the many high-end boutiques and shops throughout the neighborhood.

**Shop:** *Barney’s Co-op* (130 S. 18th St.); *Boyd’s Philadelphia* (1818 Chestnut St.) **Eat:** *Parc* (227 S. 18th St.); *Rouge* (205 S. 18th St.) **Drink:** *Pub + Kitchen* (1946 Lombard St.); *Village Whiskey* (118 S. 20th St.) **Don’t Miss:** *XIX at the Hyatt at the Bellevue – views and balcony dining, so gay chic.*

### Washington Square West/Gayborhood

Once overshadowed by neighbors Old City and Rittenhouse Square, Washington Square West now sparkles with its share of trendy shops, spas, bars and restaurants (not to mention the Gayborhood, which falls within its borders). Relax outdoors on a sunny day in laid-back Washington Square Park, or stroll in and out of the specialty shops and boutiques lining the streets.

**Shop:** *Open House* (107 S. 13th St.); *Duross & Langel* (117 S. 13th St.) **Eat:** *Chifa* (707 Chestnut St.); *Jones* (700 Chestnut St.) **Drink:** *APO Bar + Lounge* (102 S. 13th St.); *Tria* (1137 Spruce St.) **Don’t Miss:** *Shopping along famous Antique Row on Pine Street.*

### Queen Village/Bella Vista/South Street

Eclectic is the only word to describe this area of the city,

where you’ll find shaggy-haired hipsters in skinny jeans, granola moms on their way to Whole Foods and bar-hopping locals—all on the same block. Sure, the cars still roll down the street with their stereos blaring on a Saturday night, but South Street is now also home to many hip bars and restaurants, as are the neighboring (and quieter) residential enclaves of Queen Village and Bella Vista.

**Shop:** *Bus Stop Boutique* (750 S. 4th St.); *Decades Vintage* (615 Bainbridge St.) **Eat:** *Dmitri’s* (795 S. 3rd St.); *James* (824 S. 8th St.) **Drink:** *Chick’s Café & Wine Bar* (614 S. 7th St.); *LEtage* (624 S. 6th St.) **Don’t Miss:** *Chocolate chip cookies from Famous 4th Street Deli.*

### Historic Philadelphia

Historic Philadelphia, bounded by Vine Street to Pine Street and the Waterfront to 7th Street, is where you’ll find loft-style living, art galleries and bustling nightlife, and the latter by its cobblestone streets and historic homes. If you’re in the mood to play tourist in the city, head to Independence Mall, where you’ll find the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and even Ben Franklin. Stay into the evening and enjoy dinner outdoors at one of the many neighborhood restaurants and bars. Connecting Society Hill with South Street is Headhouse Square, known for its farmers’ market in warmer months.

**Shop:** *Foster’s Homeware* (33 N. 3rd St.); *Matthew Izzo* (151 N. 3rd St.) **Eat:** *Zahav* (237 St. James Place); *Amada* (217 Chestnut St.) **Drink:** *Cuba Libre* (10 S. 2nd St.); *Continental* (138 Market St.) **Don’t Miss:** *Predating Stonewall, where the first gay rights protests took place on the corner of 6th and Chestnut streets. Be sure to take your picture at the gay history marker.*

### Northern Liberties/Fishtown

Touted by the *The New York Times* as the up-and-coming neighborhood, Northern Liberties has arrived and is now spilling into Fishtown, a traditional neighborhood attracting both artists and

young professionals. From most spots in the city, you’ll need to cab it to this neighborhood, but the fare is worth it if you’re looking to grab a beer and a bite to eat away from other tourists.

**Shop:** *Art Star* (623 N. 2nd St.); *Very Bad Horse* (1050 N. Hancock St.) **Eat:** *Bar Ferdinand* (1030 N. 2nd Street); *Honey’s Sit n Eat* (800 N. 4th St.) **Drink:** *Joh’nny Brenda’s* (1201 Frankford Ave); *Silk City* (435 Spring Garden St.) **Don’t Miss:** *Head a little further North to Port Richmond for Tacconelli’s Pizza, arguably the best in the city—just be sure to reserve your dough in advance.*

### Art Museum/Fairmount

After a visit to the Art Museum and a sprint up the “Rocky Steps,” head to the neighborhood just North of the Ben Franklin Parkway known as Fairmount, a mix of quaint corner bars and restaurants alongside major tourist attractions and traditional brick row homes. The city’s biggest museums line the Parkway—including The Franklin Institute, where you can release your inner science geek. You’ll find most of the activity off the Parkway along Fairmount Avenue, but smaller side streets offer plenty of hidden gems.

**Shop:** *Philadelphia Museum of Art Store* (26th St. and the Parkway) **Eat:** *Rembrandt’s* (741 N. 23rd St.); *Water Works Restaurant* (1 Boathouse Row) **Drink:** *North Star Bar* (Poplar St. & N. 27th St.); *London Grill* (2301 Fairmount Ave.) **Don’t Miss:** *The notorious Eastern State Penitentiary and its year-round programming.*

### South Philadelphia

Forget what you saw in *Rocky*. South Philly today is a vibrant neighborhood that mixes the modern with the traditional. You’ll find some of the best old-school Italian restaurants alongside modern wine bars and brew pubs. Foodies will love exploring the 10 blocks of the open-air Italian Market, where fresh produce, meats, seafood and gour-

met shops abound. Bordering Broad Street to the East is East Passyunk, a burgeoning section of South Philly that is being touted as the new Gayborhood, as many new gay-owned shops and restaurants continue to pop up.

**Shop:** *JimmyStyle* (1820 E. Passyunk Ave); *DiBruno Bros.* (930 S. 9th St.) **Eat:** *Izumi* (1601 E. Passyunk Ave.); *Slice* (1180 S. 10th St.) **Drink:** *Cantina Los Caballitos* (1651 E. Passyunk Ave); *Pub on Passyunk East* (1501 E. Passyunk Ave) **Don’t Miss:** *Yes it’s cliché, but waiting in line at Geno’s or Pat’s at 3 a.m. is a worthwhile escapade—the people-watching is the true gem of this experience.*

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HAMPTON INN GREAT VALLEY

HILTON GARDEN INN PHILADELPHIA CENTER CITY

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