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Experience History! Once Upon A Nation Free Programming & Tours

History comes to life in fascinating stories at the Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches and on one-of-a-kind interactive history programs and tours that let visitors live history as it happened, where it happened. Visit **historicphiladelphia.org** for more information on these great adventures:

- Start the day by raising the flag with Betsy Ross and her Colonial friends at 10 a.m. at the Betsy Ross House. Tour the House, making sure to meet Betsy in her upholstery shop daily and Phillis the washerwoman in the Women at Work in Revolutionary America exhibit. 12-5 p.m. Thurs.-Sun.
- Hear the stories that didn't make it into the history books at Once Upon A Nation's award-winning storytelling benches at 13 locations throughout the historic district (see map on p.4). 11a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Sat. thru 8/10; Fri. and Sat. from 8/16.
- Join the Continental Army and **drill with Washington's troops** in the Signers' Garden. 2 & 3 p.m. *Tues.-Sat. through 8/10; Fri.-Sat. from 8/16.*
- Hear the stirring words of the document that changed the world during a dramatic **reading of the Declaration of Independence** behind Independence Hall.

3:45 p.m. Tues.-Sat. through 8/10; Fri. & Sat. from 8/16 • Independence After Hours offers a unique opportunity to visit Independence Hall at night to eavesdrop on the debates of the summer of 1776. Start with a delicious, meal at City Tavern then head over to see the Founding Fathers deep in discussion about the Declaration of Independence. Presented in cooperation with Independence National Historical Park.

5:30 p.m. Tues.-Sat. thru 8/10; Fri. & Sat. from 8/16. Tickets are: Ad. \$85; Chil. 12 & under \$55; Sr./Stud./mil. \$80.

For tickets and details about Once Upon A Nation programs, visit historicphiladelphia.org or call (215) 629-4026.

Ride the Philly PHLASH®

The Philly PHLASH® Downtown Loop is a visitor-friendly public transit service that provides access to 20 stops located near must-see attractions, museums, and

historic sites throughout Philadelphia. The PHLASH runs daily

for the summer season through September 2, with service to each stop every 15 minutes from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For only \$2 per ride or \$5 per day, PHLASH is the most affordable way to get around. Children four and under, senior citizens, and SEPTA Key, TrailPass, and TransPass holders always ride free. Passes are available for purchase onboard with exact

cash only; online, or at any Visitor Center location.

For more information, visit
RidePhillyPhlash.com or call (800)
537-7676. Text PHLASH to
333-111 to receive text alerts about
service updates.

Summer Splash in the Square

Be among the first to see the new Franklin Square Fountain Show! The 180-year-old, historic centerpiece of the Square comes to life with colorful, dancing fountains choreographed to popular songs. Enjoy daytime (12-2 p.m.) and evening shows (6 p.m.-close), daily featuring LED lighting effects after dusk! Plus, catch special events weekly, including Throwback Thursdays featuring DJ Robert Drake, weekly game nights on Franklin Fridays, on Super Movie Saturdays, catch free films on the Great Lawn and Fun in the Sun on Sundays, with free, family activities all day long. See historicphiladelphia.org for information and a complete schedule.

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AUGUST

AUGUST 2

Betsy Ross House, 5:30-10 p.m. (movie starts at 8:15 p.m.): First Friday Movie Night Under the Stars & Stripes – Enjoy after hours tours of the House followed by a showing of the B-movie classic, Revenge of the Creature. BYOB and snacks and make an evening of it. \$5.

(215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

AUGUST 3 & 10

Second Bank of the U.S., 3-3:30 p.m.:
Our Sons are What We Make Them:
The Anti-Suffrage Movement in the United
States – Slide program highlights the arguments

of the Anti-Suffrage movement. Free. 800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

AUGUST 3-4 <mark>& 10-11 & 17-18</mark>

Signers' Garden, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.:

The Women's American Revolution – On this walking tour, follow in the footsteps of the women who used Independence Square to fight their own revolution. Learn about the women's suffrage campaigns that took place in the shadow of Independence Hall.

Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

AUGUST 10

American Philosophical Society Museum, 12-3 p.m.: Second Saturday – Enjoy free, hands-on activities geared towards families. Free. (215) 440-3440, amphilsoc.org

AUGUST 17-18

Benjamin Franklin Museum, 2-3 p.m.: Philadelphia Women and the Fight for the Vote – Listen and learn as two Philadelphia women, portrayed by park rangers, discuss issues they faced during the early part of the 20th century: the military, immigration, naturalization laws and suffrage.

Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

Second Bank of the U.S., 3-3:30 p.m.:

The Road to Suffrage — Slide program features women whose contributions helped to further the cause of liberty, justice, and equality for all Americans.

Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

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AUGUST 18

Museum of the American Revolution, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Historic Sewing 102: Make an Apron – Men and women wore aprons at work and around the house in the 18th century. The kind of apron told people what sort of work you did (or if you didn't do much work at all). In this workshop, participants will make a gathered linen woman's apron or a buttoned-on man's apron.

No sewing experience required; best for those 10 and over. \$40, includes lunch; does not include admission.

(215) 253-6731, amrevmuseum.org

AUGUST 25

Independence National Historical Park, daylong: Founders Day – Help celebrate the National Park Service's 103rd Birthday by joining us for fun and educational activities throughout the park all day long. Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

ONGOING

Betsy Ross House, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Daily; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays: Meet Betsy Ross Meet America's most famous flagmaker as she practices her trade in the country's only working 18th-century upholstery shop. This is the only site in Historic Philadelphia

to meet an historical interpreter daily! Free with admission.

(215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

Betsy Ross House, 6-8 p.m. Thursdays: Rebel Thursdays - Meet Betsy in her bedchamber where she will tell you about the risks she took by agreeing to take on flag and cartridgemaking commissions during the Revolution, and violating her Quaker faith by eloping with a man of a different religion and joining the "Fighting Quakers." Free with admission. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

Betsy Ross House, 12-5 p.m. Thur.-Sun.: Meet Phillis - Learn the fascinating story of this free African American woman who was born into slavery in colonial Philadelphia. Free with admission.

(215) 529-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

Franklin Square, 12-2 p.m. & 6 p.m. -closing: Franklin Square Fountain **Show** – The 180-year-old, historic Franklin Square Fountain will dance along to popular music choreographed to songs by Boyz II Men, Katy Perry, Louis Armstrong, and more in this brand new show. Enjoy free intimate daytime and evening performances, with synchronized colored illuminations after dusk. Free; performances run every 30 minutes 12-2 p.m. & 6 p.m.-closing. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

Independence Visitor Center, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily: Meet the History Makers - Don't

forget your camera and questions for Philadelphia's colonial townsfolk! Learn about traditional crafts, including quill pen calligraphy, "sawdust dolls," watercolor art, and more. Free.

(800) 537-7676, PHLvisitorcenter.com

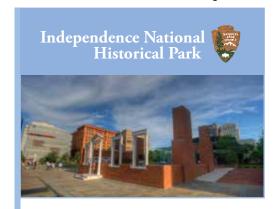
Independence Visitor Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thurs.- Sun.: Dulcimer Player Performance Enjoy music played by award-winning hammered dulcimer player, John Lionarons. This music was popular in colonial Philadelphia.

Free. (800) 537-7676, PHLVisitorCenter.com

Second Bank of the U.S., 2:30-3 p.m.: Alexander Hamilton Gallery Tour - While not from Philadelphia, Alexander Hamilton spent time here, and made his mark in American history here. Learn more during this gallery tour.

Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

Independence Visitor Center, 6-7:15 p.m.: Twilight Tour – Enjoy an introduction to Independence National Historical Park so you are ready to explore it the next day. Presented by the Friends of Independence Volunteer Guides. Free. (800) 537-7676











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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

F E A T U R E D EVENTS

Civil War Summer Programs - Through August 17 In conjunction with the Center's new Civil War and Reconstruc-tion exhibit, the Center's Main Lobby has been transformed into a Union Army encampment. Try on replica Civil War soldier uniforms and examine the kinds of supplies soldiers would have had at war camps. Every Thursday and Saturday, special activities will include Meet and Greets with historic figures like Henry "Box" Brown, as well as Union soldiers and battlefield nurses. Attend Town Hall programs with President Abraham Lincoln, enjoy a theatrical performance highlighting Frances E.W. Harper, and participate in interactive Military Muster activities.

Included with admission.

Sensory-Friendly Sunday - Sunday, August 25, 12-5 p.m. Sensory-Friendly Sundays incorporate a variety of programs and learning techniques developed for visitors with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sensory Processing Disorders, intellectual disabilities, and other neurodevelopmental disabilities into the everyday visitor experience. Included with admission.

FOURTEEN: A Theatrical Performance - Tuesdays through Saturdays, through August 10

Experience a moving theatrical performance that sheds light on the Reconstruction era and the ratification of the 14th Amendment. Through dramatic interpretation of original texts, such as Frederick Douglass's open letter "To My Old Master," the 35-minute performance will bring to life the leaders, influential figures, and everyday Americans who were central to the era. This production has been supported by The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage. Included with admission.

Show Your Historic Philadelphia Gazette at the National Constitution Center Box Office to Receive \$2 OFF Admission

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525 Arch Street (One block past the Independence Visitor Center and one block before Franklin Square) See p. 3 for hours of operation. For more information, please visit **constitutioncenter.org.**



Savor specialties including Savor specialties including pepperpot soup, Martha Washington's chocolate mousse cake, General Washington & Thomas Jefferson's recipes for ale.

Open seven days a week.

Daily from 11:30am

Located at the corner of 2nd & Walnut Streets.

(215) 413-1443

IT TAKES TWO

Two entrées for the price of one!* Valid Sun.-Fri. with the use of a major credit card. Children's entrées will be considered entrées at the time of discount. Not valid Saturdays or holiday weekends and Not valid August 30-31, 2019; expires August 31, 2019. Coupon must be presented at time of order. *Discount will be determined as the least expensive entrée.

HISTORIC SITE & MAP LOCATION

HISTORIC SITES	Free Quaker Meeting House	C3	St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Arch Street Friends Meeting House E3 320 Arch Street - (215) 627-2667	5th & Arch Streets - (215) 629-4026 Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m4 p.m.		3rd & Pine Streets - (215) 925- <i>MonFri.</i> 8:30 a.m4 p.m.;
MonFri. 11 a.m2 p.m. The Athenaeum of Philadelphia C7	GLORIA DEI "OLD SWEDES" CHURCH 916 South Swanson Street (215) 389-15	513	Sat. 8:30 a.m3 p.m.; Sun. open after services FREE
219 South 6th Street - (215) 925-2688	TuesSun. 9 a.m4 p.m.; FREE & GREAT ESSENTIALS EXHIBIT	C5	THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE SITE 555 Market Street
MonFri. 9 a.m5 p.m. FREE Betsy Ross House F3	West Wing of Independence Hall (800) 537-7676		Daily 7 a.m10 p.m. FREE
239 Arch Street - (215) 629-4026 Daily 10 a.m6 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m8 p.m.	Daily 9 a.m5 p.m.; Entrance at 5th and Chestnut, through security FREE .	d	MUSEUMS
Ad. \$5; Ch./Sr./Štud./Mil.\$4; Audio Guide (incl. admission): Ad. \$8; Ch./Sr/Stud./Mil. \$7	Independence Hall	C5	AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY (APS) MUSEUM
CARPENTERS' HALL E5 320 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-0167	Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th Stre (800) 537-7676	eets	104 South 5th Street - (215)-44 ThursSun. 10 a.m5 p.m. (1-5
10 a.m4 p.m. TuesSun.	Daily 9 a.m7 p.m. Tours offered every 20 minutes, tickets ar	e	African American Museum In Philadelphia
CHRIST CHURCH PHILADELPHIA F4 2nd Street above Market Street	required; pick up free tickets at the Independence Visitor Center. Please note:		7th & Arch Streets - (215) 574- ThurSat. 10 a.m5 p.m.; Sun.
(215) 922-1695 MonSat. 10 a.m5 p.m.; Sun. 12:30-5 p.m.;	security screening closes 15 minutes before building closes for the evening. No ticket	e the	Ad. \$14; Ch. 4-12 \$10; Stud. (u Sr. \$10; Members FREE
Ad. \$5; Stud. \$2 Info available in 20 languages. 🔥	needed after 5 p.m. FREE. 👆		FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND D3 5th & Arch Streets - (215) 922-1695 MonSat. 10 a.m4 p.m.: Sun. 12:30-4 p.m.	Mikveh Israel Cemetery 823 Spruce Street - (215) 922-5446 By appt. only	A7	of Philadelphia 6th & Arch Streets - (866) 574- MonFri. 9:30 a.m4:30 p.m. I
CITY TAVERN F6	MOTHER BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH 419 South 6th Street - (215) 925-0616	C9	Fireman's Hall Museum 147 North 2nd Street - (215) 92
138 South 2nd Street - (215) 413-1443 Lunch from 11:30 a.m. daily; Dinner from	TuesSat. 10 a.m3 p.m.; Sun. open for se Donation suggested. Tours by appt.	rvices.	TuesSat. 10 a.m4:30 p.m. Fl Independence Seaport Museum
4 p.m. MonSat. & 3 p.m. Sun.; 本 D4	OLD CITY HALL 5th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-767	D5	211 Columbus Blvd (215) 41 Daily 10 a.m5 p.m.; National I
44 North 4th Street - (215) 922-5446 mikvehisrael.org for worship schedule FREE 👆	Daily 9 a.m5 p.m. FREE		Historic ships cruiser Olympia an Becuna : 10 a.m7 p.m. (last bod 6:15 p.m.) Ad. \$16; Ch./Sr./Stud
Congress Hall 6th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676	OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH 4th & Race Streets - (215) 922-4566	E1	Child. 2 and under & members F
Daily 9 a.m5 p.m.; Entrance at 5th and	Tours by appt. FREE & OLD Pine Street Church &		LIBERTY BELL CENTER 526 Market Street - (800) 537-7
Chestnut, through security FREE 5. DECLARATION HOUSE B4	HISTORIC GRAVEYARD 412 Pine Street - (215) 925-8051	D8	Daily 9 a.m7 p.m.; Please note screening closes 5 minutes before t
599 S 7th Street - (215) 965-7676 <i>Closed</i>	MonFri. 10 a.m3 p.m.; Sun. open for Services; Closed daily 12:30-1:30 p.m.		closes for the evening. FREE &. MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVO
DESHLER-MORRIS HOUSE (GERMANTOWN WHITE HOUSE) (OFF MAP)	Tours by reservation; Open to walk throug	gh	101 S. 3rd Street - (215) 253-67 Daily 10 a.m5 p.m.;
5442 Germantown Avenue - (215) 965-2305 Sat. 10 a.m5 p.m.	FREE & OLD ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	D1	Ad. \$21; Youth (6-17) \$13; Sr./Stud./Act.Mil/Teach. \$18;
Edgar A llan P oe	4th Street at the Ben Franklin Bridge (215) 627-1838		Ch. 6-18 \$12; under 5 free; Men National Constitution Cente
National Historic Site C4 532 North 7th Street - (215) 597-8780	Tours by appt. FREE 5. OLD St. Joseph's Church &		525 Arch Street - (215) 409-670 MonSat. 9:30 a.m5 p.m.; Sun
FriSun. 9 a.mNoon & 1-5 p.m. Elfreth's Alley F2	National Shrine 321 Willings Alley - (215) 923-1733	E6	Ad. \$14.50; Sr. (65+)/Col. Stud. Youth (6-18) \$11; Child. (under 6) 1
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Franklin Court E4 314-322 Market Street - (800) 537-7676	OLD St. Mary's Church 252 South 4th Street - (215) 923-7930	D7	321 Chestnut Street - (215) 925 10 a.m5 p.m. MonSat.; 12-6
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Printing Office: <i>Daily 10 a.m5 p.m.</i> Benjamin Franklin Museum:	ThursSat. 11 a.m3 p.m.; Sun. 12-3 p. Ad. \$8; Stud/Sr. \$6; Family \$20	m.;	American Jewish History 101 South Independence Mall I
(fee); 9 a.m5 p.m.; last entrance is at 4:45 p.m. Franklin Square C1	PORTRAIT GALLERY AT THE SECOND BANK	D5	(215) 923-3811 TuesFri. 10 a.m5 p.m.;
6th & Race Streets SunThurs. 10 a.m9 p.m.;	420 Chestnut Street - (800) 537-7676 Daily 11 a.m5 p.m.		Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m5:30 p.m. Ad. \$12; Sr./Stud. \$11;
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Sr. \$10; Members FREE & FEDERAL RESERVE BANK	
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6th & Arch Streets - (866) 574-3727 MonFri. 9:30 a.m4:30 p.m. FREE &	
FIREMAN'S HALL MUSEUM	F2
147 North 2nd Street - (215) 923-1438 TuesSat. 10 a.m4:30 p.m. FREE	
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Cultural Center Museum 308 Walnut Street - (215) 922-1700	E6
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Corner of 6th and Market Streets across
from the Liberty Bell - (800) 537-7676
Daily 8:30 <u>a.m.-7</u> p.m.
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HERSHEY'S KITCHENS CAFÉ	C4
599 Market Street - (800) 537-7676	
Daily 8:30 a.m7 p.m.	
SquareBurger	C1
6th & Race Streets	
Opens daily at 11:30 a.m.	
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151 N. Independence Mall East	
(215) 408-0114,	



Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Language Services Park maps are available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian and Spanish. The Visitor Center concierge staff is fluent in nine languages including Spanish, French, German and Italian. Information about the Liberty Bell and other park sites is available. Liberty Bell and other park sites is available in multiple languages. See a NPS Ranger or the Visitor Center staff if you have a specific request.

Accessibility for the hearing impaired,

Accessibility for the hearing impaired, a portable loop system is available inside the Visitor Center, compatible with all telecoil equipped hearing aids, cochlear implants, and induction loop receivers.

A receiver with headphones is also available if a hearing aid is not compatible. Curb cuts are at corners on perimeter sidewalks. All major sites have ramps. Photo albums with pictures of 2nd floor exhibits are available. Audio description of exhibits & AV are at Poe and Kosciuszko Houses, NPS Rangers describe exhibits elsewhere. All films are open captioned, with audio description and open captioned, with audio description and assisted listening. To arrange for American Sign Language services, please contact us at least two weeks in advance. Use the relay service (800-654-5984-TTY) to call (215-597-7130).

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