Your Guide to Philadelphia, with Recommendations from Locals Including Eats, Treats, and Gems
Eats Recommended by Locals

Nearby

**Amis**
412 S 13th St. | 215.732.2647
Philly’s well-known chef Marc Vetri owns this restaurant, serving Roman-style (Italian) small and large plates.

**Little Nonna’s**
1234 Locust St. | 215.546.2100
Homey traditional Italian restaurant.

**Reading Terminal Market**
51 N 12th St. | 215.922.2317
One of Philly’s gems, this historic train shed has thirty-one restaurants and food stores.

**Strangelove’s**
216 S 11th St. | 215.873.0404
Great craft beers and a unique menu make this a destination of choice if you are looking for a good gastropub.

**Vedge**
1221 Locust St. | 215.320.7500
Upscale vegetarian restaurant in a historic mansion.

**ALSO TRY:** Caribou Café, El Vez, IndeBlue

A Little Jaunt

**Buddakan**
325 Chestnut St. | 215.574.9440
Asian-fusion restaurants are now the norm, but this one is extraordinary!

**Kabul**
106 Chestnut St. | 215.922.3676
Afghan cuisine served in a colorful setting. Try the pumpkin dumplings!

**2nd Story Brewing Company**
117 Chestnut St. | 267.314.5770
Small brewpub with great food, specializing in fresh, hand-crafted beer. A gem in a city known for its great beer.

**Talula’s Garden**
210 W Washington Square | 215.592.7787
Seasonal American cuisine in a chic setting with a summer garden.

**ALSO TRY:** Continental, High Street on Market

A Little Farther

**Bistrot La Minette**
623 S 6th St. | 215.925.8000
Quaint French bistro. You will feel as though you are in Paris.

**Modo Mio**
161 W Girard Ave. | 215.203.8707
Delicious and popular BYOB featuring seasonal Italian dishes. Go for the prix fixe, which is the best deal in town.

**Kanella**
757 S Front St. | 215.644.8949
Greek-Cypriot fare in a chic urban setting. This has become one of Philly’s most popular restaurants, so make a reservation. Full bar.

**Mustard Greens**
622 S 2nd St. | 215.627.0833
Definitely not your typical Chinese, this Cantonese restaurant prides itself on using the freshest seafood and vegetables.
**Tinto**
114 S 20th St. | 215.665.9150
This Basque-style (Spanish) restaurant is owned by Philly’s Jose Garces and offers delicious tapas in a rustic decor.

**Vernick Food and Drink**
2031 Walnut St. | 267.639.6644
Highly rated and upscale American eatery.

**Chinatown**
**Nan Zhou Hand Drawn Noodle House**
1022 Race St. | 215.923.1550
Noodles are hand pulled and added to soups and stir-fries at this casual Chinese restaurant.

**Vietnam Restaurant**
221 N 11th St. | 215.592.1163
Vietnamese food in a beautiful setting. See Chinatown and eat Vietnamese!

**Italian Market**
**Isgro Pastries**
1009 Christian St. | 215.923.3092
Traditional Italian bakery where you can buy a box of ricotta cannoli and be in heaven (no seating—take the goodies and go).

**Villa di Roma**
936 S 9th St. | 215.592.1295
Old-school South Philly Italian family-style restaurant. Cash only.

**ALSO TRY:** Monsu, Restaurant Neuf

**Worth the Splurge**
**Morimoto**
723 Chestnut St. | 215.413.9070
Iron Chef star’s restaurant, serving delicious Asian cuisine and sushi.

**Spraga**
440 S Broad St. | 215.735.1913
Creative New American small plates by Top Chef winner Kevin Spraga.

**Pizza**
You may not think that Philly is known for its pizza, but these pizzerias should change your mind. These are New York style, but the quality is Philly all the way.

**Pizzeria Stella**
420 S 2nd St. | 215.320.8000
Great wood-fired pizza with gourmet toppings (try the black truffle), plus many other dishes and salads.

**Pizzeria Vetri**
1939 Callowhill St. and 1615 Chancellor St. | 215.600.2629
Neapolitan pizza from Philly’s famous chef.

**Hidden Cultural Gems**
**Philadelphia Mural Arts**
13th and Locust St.
This is just one of the murals you are likely to see while in Philadelphia. Philly has amazing murals, and this one is one of the best. The organization also offers tours.

**Spruce St. Harbor Park**
401 S Columbus Blvd. (on the Delaware River)
Fun outdoor eats and drinks along the Delaware River, including a beer garden, hammocks, and Adirondack chairs.
Philadelphia's Magic Gardens
1020 South St. | 215.733.0390
Philly artist Isaiah Zagar’s mosaic masterpiece in an immersive environment that you can walk through.

Free Library of Philadelphia
1901 Vine St. | 215.686.5322
Rare Book Department Tours (including Edgar Allan Poe Collection): Monday–Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Curtis Building
6th and Walnut St.
A beautiful glass mosaic designed by Maxfield Parrish and commissioned by Louis Comfort Tiffany located in the lobby (where a famous dinner scene was featured in the movie *The Sixth Sense*).

The Rosenbach Museum and Library
A legendary collection of rare books and manuscripts.

Fairmount Park
Need a place to run, jog, hike, or walk? This huge 2,800-acre historic public park, bordered by the Schuylkill River, has miles of walking and biking paths, plenty of open space, and points of cultural interest.

Entertainment

**Chris’ Jazz Cafe**
1421 Sansom St. | 215.568.3131
Live jazz nightly, served up with Southern-style cooking.

**Time**
1315 Sansom St. | 215.985.4800
Whiskey bar, taproom, restaurant, and live music venue all in one.

Additional Information

**Bus Tours and Sightseeing**

Philly Phlash ($5 per day, or $2 per trip)
Philadelphia Trolley Works
Philadelphia Sightseeing Tours

**Big Bus Double Decker Hop-on Hop-off Sightseeing Tour**

**Pedaling**

Indego Bike Share
Philadelphia Bike Tours

Wheel Fun Rentals

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