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November 3-6, 2024 | Philadelphia, PA, USA

GUEST PROGRAM

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Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Philadelphia, PA, USA

Guest Events

✓ = Separate fee required * = Guest-only event

All listings and venues are subject to change.

How to Register for Events

Guests may register for special events up until 24 hours prior to the activity, based on availability. Stop by the ACI Registration Desk to secure your spot. Registration is in the Franklin Hall at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. Registration will be open during the following hours:

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| Saturday | 2:00 am – 6:00 pm |
| Sunday – Tuesday | 7:30 am – 5:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm |

Local information and maps will be available at ACI Registration.

Sunday – Wednesday

***Guest Hospitality – Grand BR Salon L**
7:00 am – 10:00 am

Coffee, tea, and pastries will be available for guests each morning (Sunday – Wednesday). You must be a registered guest to attend.

Sunday – Wednesday

***Guest Lounge – Grand BR Salon L**
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Stop by the Guest Lounge to relax and meet other ACI guests. Guests can enjoy the Guest Lounge Sunday-Wednesday.

Play Bridge & Other Card Games

Join ACI guests for a game of bridge. Never played before? Learn bridge from experienced players or start another card game of your own. All guests are welcome to play. If interested, meet in the Guest Lounge following the Guest Hospitality each morning. This activity is based on guest participation only.

Sunday, November 3, 2024

***Guest Overview – Grand BR Salon L**
8:00 am – 9:00 am

Acquaint yourself with the week ahead in Philadelphia. Learn about the exciting things to do in and around the city.

Opening Reception – Franklin Hall
Approx. 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Immediately following the Opening Session, attendees are invited to the Exhibit Hall for this evening reception. Reunite with colleagues, network with new acquaintances, and learn about the products and services offered by the exhibitors. A cash bar and light refreshments will be available.

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Concrete Mixer – Grand BR Salon E&F
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Join ACI attendees and guests for this two-story Concrete Mixer. Enjoy an evening of networking, entertainment, and great food. Held at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, the mixer will take place over two floors (Level 4 – Franklin Hall Foyer and Level 5 – Grand Ballroom E&F + Foyer). An assortment of food and beverages will be available.



WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA!

ACI is excited to bring the ACI Concrete Convention to Philadelphia, PA, USA this fall.

Famous as the birthplace of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, Philadelphia has a ton of awesome things to do no matter what time of year. Those visiting will find joy in the cultural, culinary, artistic, and multicultural treasures that abound in this city and its surrounding countryside, among everything else Philadelphia has to offer!

Rental Cars

A number of rental car facilities are conveniently located at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). Rental agencies provide frequent free shuttles between all baggage claims and their rental car facility. All rental car shuttles pick up from Zone 2 on Arrivals Road. For a list of all rental car agencies available at PHL, visit <https://www.phl.org/getting-around/rental-car-information>.

Rideshare

Ridesharing apps, including Uber and Lyft, now offer pickup and drop-off transportation services for customers at Philadelphia International Airport. For ridesharing app information, visit [Ride Share Services | PHL.org](https://www.phl.org/rideshare).

ATTRACTIONS

What makes Philadelphia so memorable is its unique blend of experiences that must be discovered in person. By day, explore four centuries of history and architecture, beautiful neighborhoods, remarkable museum collections, and endless shopping. After the sun sets, the city heats up with acclaimed performing arts, amazing dining, and vibrant nightlife.

Independence National Historical Park

America's most historic square mile is a must-see of America's origins. Visitors can reserve free, timed tickets to tour esteemed Independence Hall, the UNESCO World Heritage Site where the Declaration of Independence was signed and the U.S. Constitution was created.



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Philadelphia Museum of Art

The crown jewel of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway offers an astounding art collection spanning more than 2000 years and includes sculpture, paintings, textiles, arms and armor, photography, prints, and drawings. The site was also immortalized in the classic *Rocky* film franchise. To this day, visitors jog up the steps to reenact Sylvester Stallone's famous scene (2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway).

Delaware River Waterfront

Once made up of undeveloped piers and underused public spaces, the Delaware River Waterfront has become one of the most activated spaces in Philadelphia in the twenty-first century. That's thanks to the opening of a number of exciting attractions and parks—Cherry Street Pier and Race Street Pier, as well as seasonal spots, such as Spruce Street Harbor Park, Blue Cross RiverRink, and Liberty Point—and diverse and well-attended events throughout the year. Those gorgeous views of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, which connects Philadelphia to New Jersey, don't hurt, either.

Liberty Bell

It doesn't make a sound, but the Liberty Bell's message rings loud and clear: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." This inscription on the cracked but mighty Bell is one reason it became a symbol to abolitionists, suffragists, and other freedom-seekers around the world. The Bell draws people from around the world to snag a photo in front of it and its dramatic backdrop: Independence Hall. The Liberty Bell Center is free to visit year-round, with no tickets required.

Benjamin Franklin Parkway

The Benjamin Franklin Parkway, modeled after the Avenue des Champs-Élysées in Paris, France, is called Philadelphia's most artistic mile for good reason. Some of the city's most important cultural institutions are housed here, including the Barnes Foundation, The Franklin Institute (how can you not love that giant heart?), The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, and its crown jewel: the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Longwood Gardens

Visit one of the world's premier horticultural display gardens. Spectacular, epic, brilliant, breathtaking—all of these adjectives adequately describe the Chester County mega garden and its 1000-plus acres filled with 20 outdoor gardens, 20 indoor gardens, 11,000 different types of plants, dancing fountains, and meandering meadows and woodlands. The colorful oasis also hosts hundreds of events each year, including flower shows, gardening demonstrations, educational programs, children's activities, concerts, and musical theater.



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Masonic Temple

When walking by the Masonic Temple, you might think that the ornate Norman cathedral-style building on North Broad Street across from City Hall is another of the city's stunning churches. But the massive temple is, in fact, the 150-year-old Grand Lodge headquarters of the Freemasons of Pennsylvania. The National Historic Landmark still serves that purpose, but it's also open to the public for hour-long guided tours on select days of the week. The showstopper here: the attraction's ornate architecture, from Renaissance neoclassical corridors and staircases to Moorish, Egyptian, and Knights Templar-inspired grand halls. Artwork and Masonic artifacts, many dating back to the American Revolution, round out the offerings. Check the Temple's official site for days of operation.

Wagner Free Institute of Science

Predating the Civil War, North Philly's Wagner Free Institute of Science is a library, lecture hall, and natural history museum, as well as one of the few remaining Victorian-era scientific societies. The Renaissance-style three-story building's bright second floor invites guests to meander among the 100,000-item collection, featuring rocks, minerals, fossils, preserved insects, taxidermy displays, and mounted skeletons of a buffalo, an English draft horse, and the first saber-toothed tiger bone discovered in America.

Cira Green

High above the Schuylkill River in University City is Cira Green, located 12 stories up and 95 ft above the Cira Centre South Garage. Opened in 2015, the elevated park is a year-round urban green space for visitors to stretch out and relax while enjoying some of the best views of Center City. During the warmer months, the rooftop features seasonal offerings, including coffee carts, a beer garden, lawn games, and the Sunset Social restaurant, plus seven nights of programming that come in the form of trivia nights, movie screenings, and ice cream socials (yes, please). The space can be accessed through the garage's pedestrian entrance on 30th Street, just south of Chestnut Street.

SHOPPING

Shopping in Philadelphia

Get ready to engage in some serious retail therapy in Philadelphia, where shoppers find options to fit every age, taste, and budget. While Rittenhouse Square and other high-end areas are perennial destinations for the latest looks, pocket neighborhoods like Midtown Village, Fishtown, and Old City each offer their own unique allure. From malls, such as The Shops at Liberty Place and King of Prussia, to department stores, such as Macy's and Boyds, to small boutiques, such as Art in the Age and Verde, shoppers have no shortage of appealing options. Whether you're looking for the perfect vintage item no one else will have or want to show off your designer taste, you'll find it in and around Philadelphia. It's not all clothing shopping, either. Everywhere you look, you'll find ceramics shops (Ceramic Concept), beauty shops (K-Beauty Outlet), jewelers (all along Jewelers' Row), and so much more operated by locals who bring passion and unique perspectives to their businesses.



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DINING LANDMARKS

There should be a championship event just for Philadelphia's food. Chefs choose Philadelphia for their passion projects; it's where they can run their (usually small) restaurants and fully commit to their vision. As such, there's an incredible array of good food to eat here, and there's a story behind every dish. What makes up Philly's diverse dining scene? Street food, 300-plus bring-your-own-bottle (BYOB) restaurants, sidewalk seating reminiscent of European cities, bars with great food, craft pizza spots, vegetarian and vegan eateries (that aren't just for vegetarians and vegans), and the storied Reading Terminal Market and Italian Market. And, of course, cheesesteaks.

Angelo's Pizzeria South Philly

Most Philadelphians have a favorite spot for hoagies, one for cheesesteaks, and one for a slice. For some, all three exist in one place: Angelo's Pizzeria South Philly. Cheesesteaks are served oozing from a seeded roll piled with fine-sliced steak and a gooey choice of cheese. And Angelo's hoagies are just as immaculate (try the three prosciutto-based specials). But the draw is the award-winning pizza on fermented house-made dough, served in traditional East Coast-style round pies or thick-crust Sicilian-style squares.

Reading Terminal Market

For 130 years, Reading Terminal Market—one of the nation's oldest and largest public markets—has offered hungry locals and weary travelers a smorgasbord of fresh and family-owned dining choices, from restaurants and bakeries to ice creameries and delis, both sit-down and on-the-go. The bustling food hall offers over 80 vendors serving up breakfast, lunch, and dinner for every taste and from every cuisine, including hoagies, cheesesteaks, Cajun fare, Italian dishes, Middle Eastern favorites, sushi, Filipino classics, and, of course, plenty of traditional Pennsylvania Dutch (Amish) specialties.



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