



# Visiting Philadelphia

A visit to PSA Penn Terminals wouldn't be complete without a trip to Philadelphia. Known as the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia boasts a rich history, vibrant culture, and unforgettable experiences. Whether you're a history buff, an art enthusiast, a foodie, or just looking to explore, the city has something for everyone. From iconic landmarks like the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall to world-class museums and lively neighborhoods, Philadelphia offers endless opportunities to discover what makes this city truly special.

Using this guide, or by visiting <https://www.visitphilly.com/>, you will be able to immerse yourself in everything “Philly” has to offer.



# History

Independence Hall is where the US Declaration of Independence was signed. It also happens to be the building on the back of a US\$100-dollar bill.

Tours are free, but entry requires a ticket for a specific time slot, which must be pre-booked. Without a reservation, it's unlikely you'll be able to join a tour immediately upon arrival.

Secure your spot by signing up here:

<https://www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/independencehalltickets.htm>

Directly across the street from Independence Hall, you'll find the Liberty Bell. No tickets or prebooking is required – entry operates on a first come, first served basis. Learn more here:

<https://www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/libertybellcenter.htm>

Also nearby is Betty Ross's house and Benjamin Franklin's grave.



# Travel To Penn Terminals

When planning your travel to PSA Penn Terminals, it's best to fly directly into Philadelphia. If that's not an option, Newark is the next best choice, followed by JFK airport. Keep in mind that JFK Airport is in New York City, which is an ~3hr drive to PSA Penn.

Philadelphia Airport is an ~10 min (5 miles / 10km) drive to PSA Penn

Newark Airport is ~2hr drive ( 84 miles / 135km) to PSA Penn

JFK Airport is ~3hr (98 miles / 158km) drive to PSA Penn

Dulles Airport (Washington DC) is ~2.5hr (146 miles / 235 km) drive to PSA Penn



# Airport Options

Philadelphia airport is a short taxi or Uber ride from the terminal. If needed, we can also arrange a ride for you – just let us know if you'd like us to pick you up.

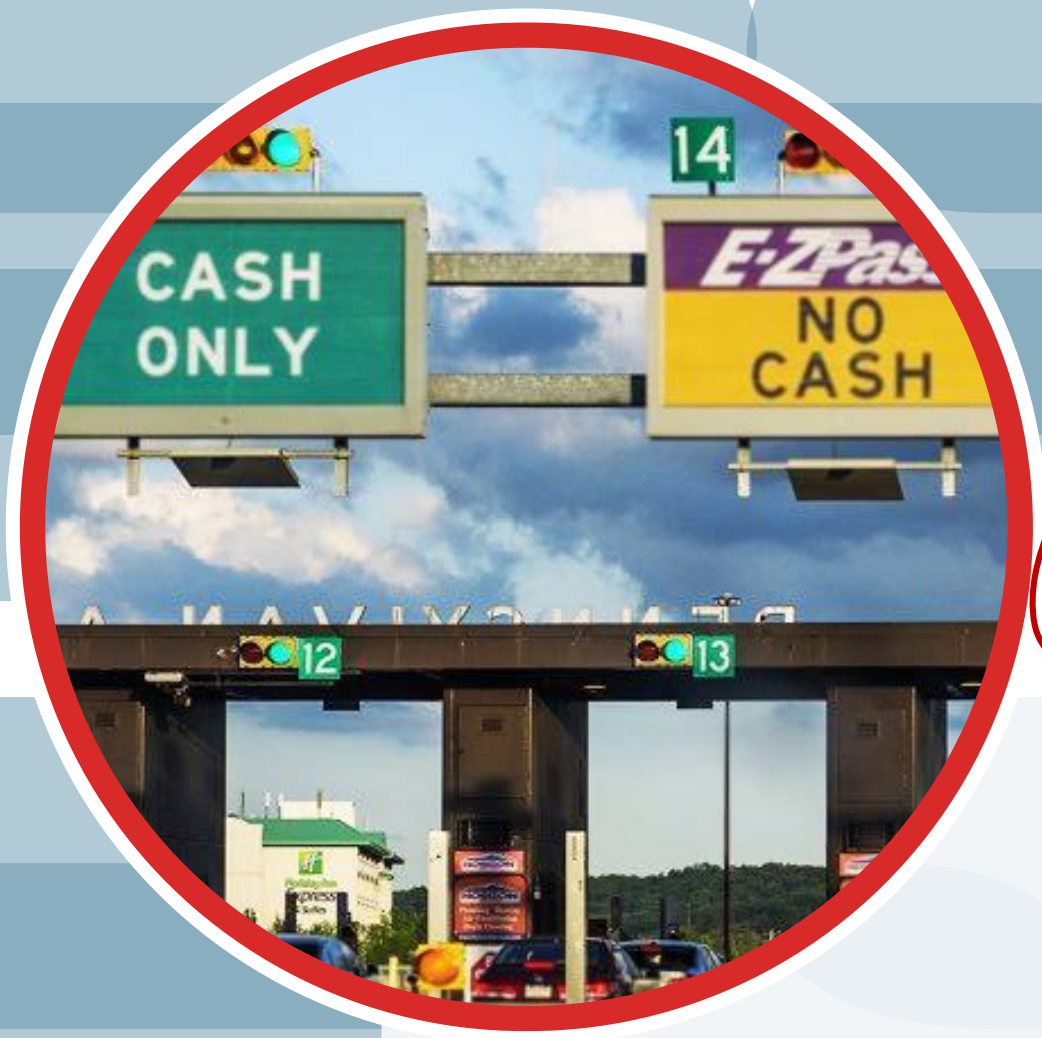
With Newark airport in New Jersey, you have two options, rental car or train:

- Take the Amtrak train from Newark to Philly City Center where you can ride a taxi to the terminal (~30 minutes). Tickets are easy to book online ahead of time. Philadelphia city center train station is called "Philadelphia, PA-30th Street Station".

<https://www.amtrak.com/home>

- Renting a car at Newark Airport allows for plenty of options. There will be tolls as you travel from New Jersey to Pennsylvania.

For JFK Airport in New York and Dulles International Airport, a rental car is the only practical option.

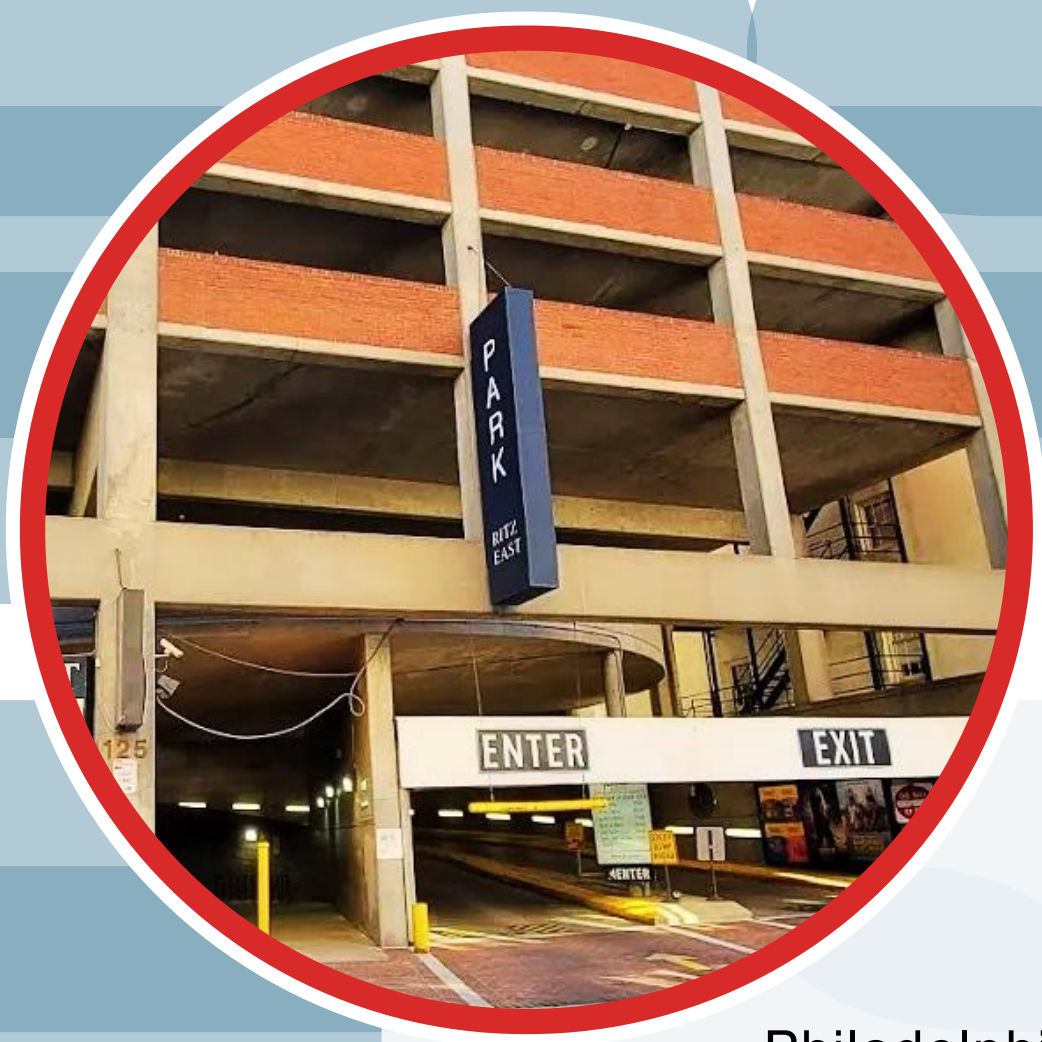


# Car Rentals

The car rental process is similar to other places around the world, and reservations can be made online in advance.

Keep in mind that if you're flying into any airport other than Philadelphia, you'll likely encounter several toll roads along your route. It's a good idea to have at least US\$100 in cash on hand for tolls. While it might not be necessary to use all of it, it's better to be prepared.

Many of the car rental companies offer an **E-ZPass** option, which is highly recommended. E-ZPass allows toll payments without having to offer cash to the teller. The amount accrued will be added to your rental agreement and can be paid at the return of your rental car. It is suggested that you check with the rental company about their policy for traveling on toll roads.



# Parking

Philadelphia isn't the most parking friendly city, therefore it's best to use parking garages, which are conveniently located throughout the area.

For those renting a car and are staying at a hotel in Philadelphia, hotels offer on-site valet parking. While it's a bit more expensive than nearby garages, it's the easiest option for travelers and highly recommended for convenience.

If you're visiting Philly for a day trip or training seminar (like many PSA staff), there are plenty of parking garages around town. You can also download the [ParkMobile](#) app or [SpotHero](#) app on your phone to assist with finding street parking or parking garages. You can pay for any metered street parking by using this app.



# Getting Around Town

If you choose to stay at a hotel in the city of Philadelphia, you are only about a 5 min walk to some of the most iconic landmarks in Philadelphia (Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Penn's Landing, etc.).

Philadelphia does have taxis, but they are not plentiful in all locations. It's easy to get a taxi from the Philly airport or from the Philly 30th St. Train Station (the two locations we recommend to take a taxi over Uber due to ease of availability), but outside of these locations, an Uber would be a better option. Philly taxis are not known for their cleanliness, but they are safe. Philly taxis can be paid by cash or credit card.



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If you have some free time and want to explore Philadelphia beyond the hotel – such as visiting the art museums or the Reading Terminal Market) - we recommend using Uber ([Explore the Uber Platform | Uber United States](#)). Uber is a ride-sharing app that can be downloaded to any smartphone. Prior to usage, you'll need to add your credit card information through the app. The great thing about Uber is that it's a cashless transaction; all payment is processed through the app. After your ride, Uber will send you an email receipt for your records.



# Hotels



Philadelphia offers plenty of hotel options within walking distance to local restaurants, but parking may not always be available. The drive to PSA Penn Terminals takes ~30 minutes. Below are hotels within a 10-minute drive to the terminal.

**Spring Hill Suites by Marriott**- 201 Industrial Hwy, Ridley Park, PA 19078

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/phlsr-springhill-suites-philadelphia-airport-ridley-park/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>

**Philadelphia Airport Hotel**- One Arrivals Rd Terminal B, Philadelphia, PA

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/phlar-philadelphia-airport-marriott/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>



# Attractions

**Reading Terminal Market**- 1136 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

<https://readingterminalmarket.org/>

**Love sculpture**- 15th Street and JFK Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19104

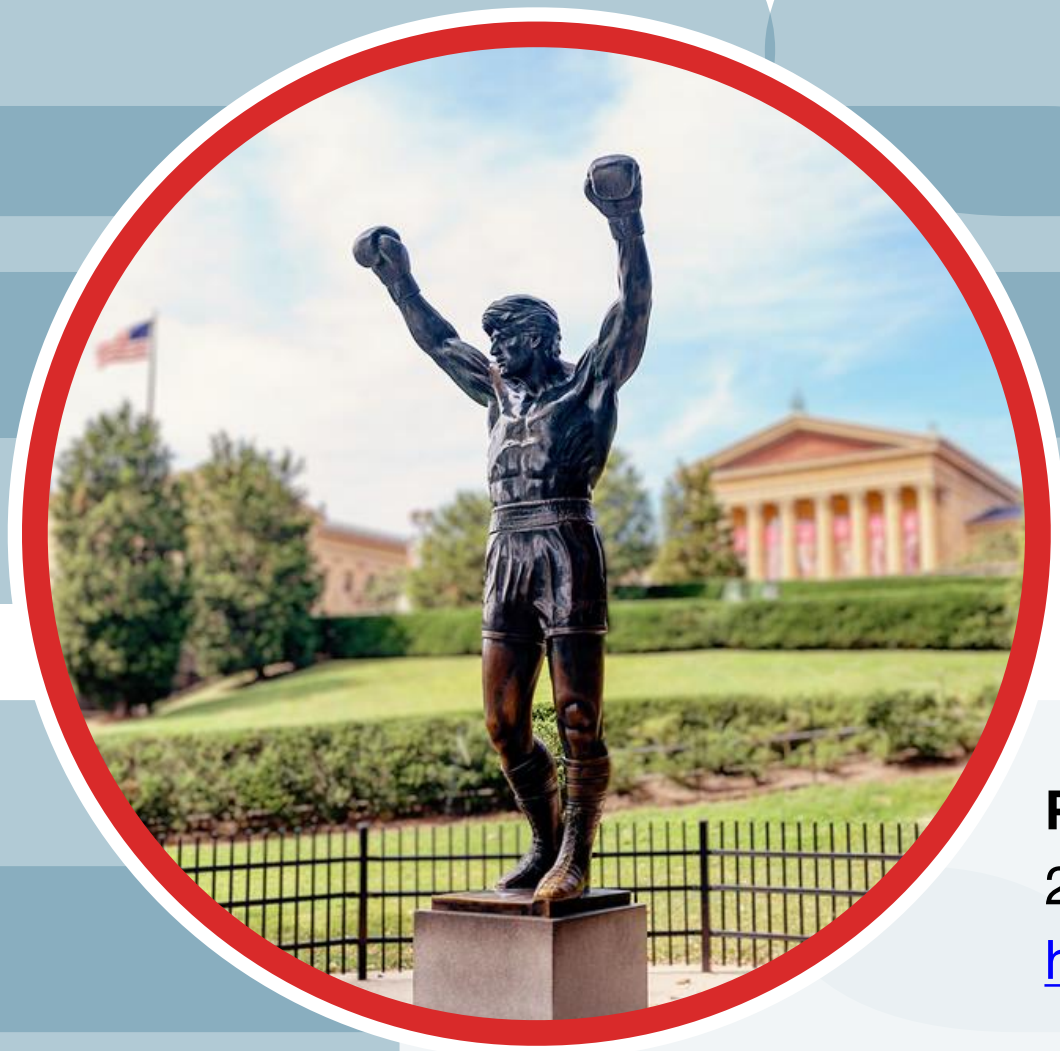
<https://www.visitphilly.com/things-to-do/attractions/love-park/>

**Rittenhouse Square**- 1800 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Lush green space surrounded by elegant shops and cafes.

**Washington Square**- 210 W Washington Square, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Home to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



# MUSEUMS

**Philadelphia Art Museum-** The “Rocky Steps”  
2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19130  
<https://www.philamuseum.org/>

**Franklin Institute-** 222 N 20th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
<https://www.fi.edu/>

**Rodin Museum-** 2151 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19130  
<http://www.rodinmuseum.org/>

**Museum of the American Revolution-** 101 S 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106  
<https://www.amrevmuseum.org/>

**Natural History Museum-** 1900 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
[The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University \(ansp.org\)](http://www.academyofnaturalsciences.org/)

**Independence Seaport Museum-** 211 S Christopher Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19106  
<https://www.phillyseaport.org/>



# Restaurants

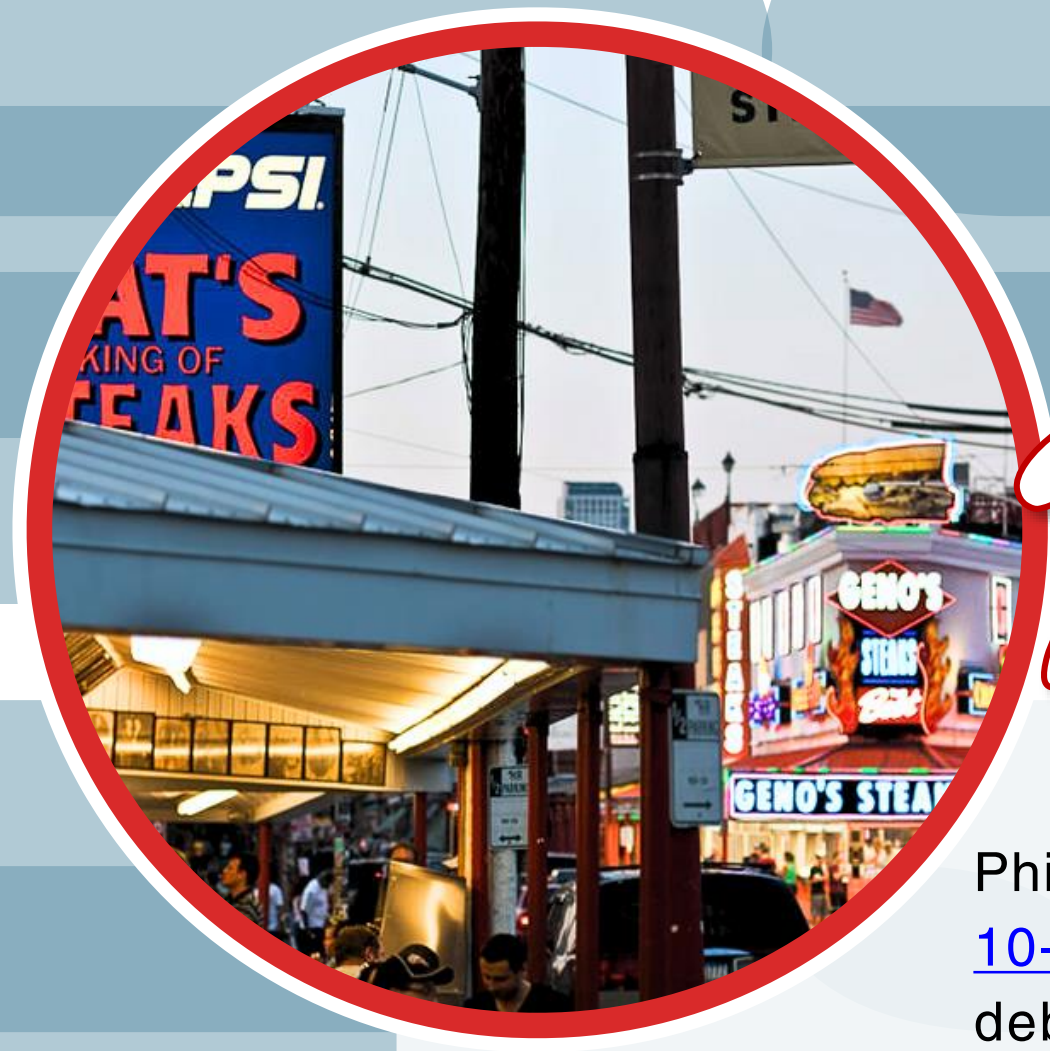
**Zahav-** 237 St James Pl, Philadelphia, PA 19106  
[Zahavrestaurant.com](http://Zahavrestaurant.com)

**Vetri-** 1312 Spruce St, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
[vetricucina.com](http://vetricucina.com)

**Del Frisco's Grille-** 225 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
[delfriscosgrille.com](http://delfriscosgrille.com)

**Buddakan-** 325 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19106  
[buddakan.com](http://buddakan.com)

**Morimoto-** 723 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19106  
[morimotorestaurant.com](http://morimotorestaurant.com)



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Philly cheesesteaks! <https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/top-10-spots-for-authentic-philly-cheesesteaks/undefined> endless local debate about which is best cheesesteak.

**John's Roast Pork-** 14 E Snyder Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19148  
[johnsroastpork.com](http://johnsroastpork.com)

**Dim Sum Garden-** 1024 Race St, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
[dimsumgardenphilly.com](http://dimsumgardenphilly.com)

**Casa Mexico-** 1134 S 9th St, Philadelphia, PA 19147  
[chefcristinamartinez.com](http://chefcristinamartinez.com)



# *Tipping Policy*

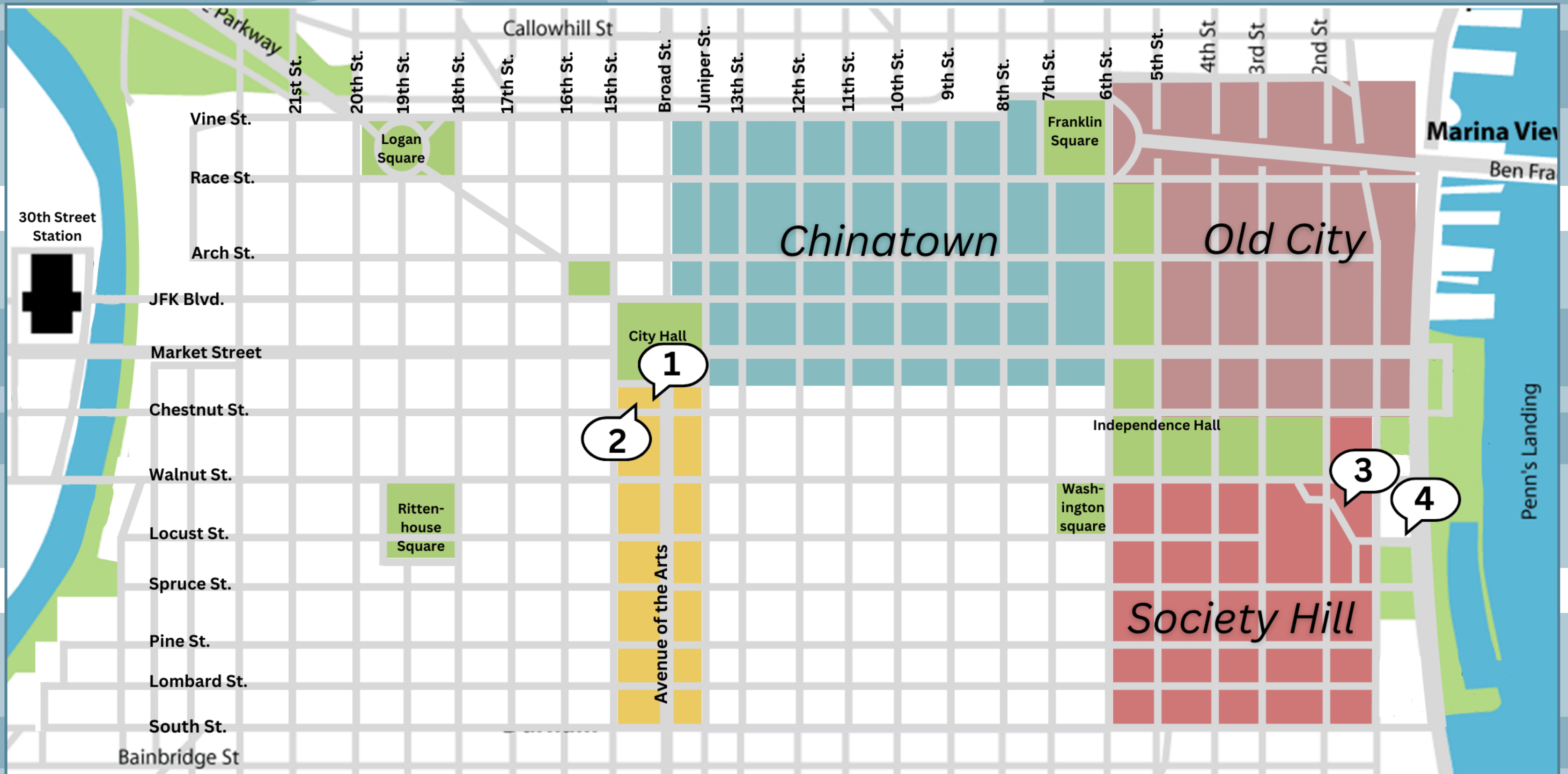
Tipping is customary in the U.S. for services such as taxi, Uber, and food service at restaurants and bars. Gratuity is usually calculated by the payee after the bill is settled, with tips typically ranging from a 15% tip to 20%.

For valet service or parking attendants who park or retrieve your car, a tip of ~US\$5 is customary.

If you use the hotel porter to assist with your bags, a tip of US\$5/bag is standard. However, using the porter service is optional.

If the doorman helps you get a taxi or assists with loading/unloading luggage, a tip of US\$5 is customary.

# Map of Downtown Philadelphia and Preferred Hotels



**1**

Ritz- Carlton Hotel, Philadelphia  
 10 Ave of the Arts  
 (215) 523-8000  
[www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com)

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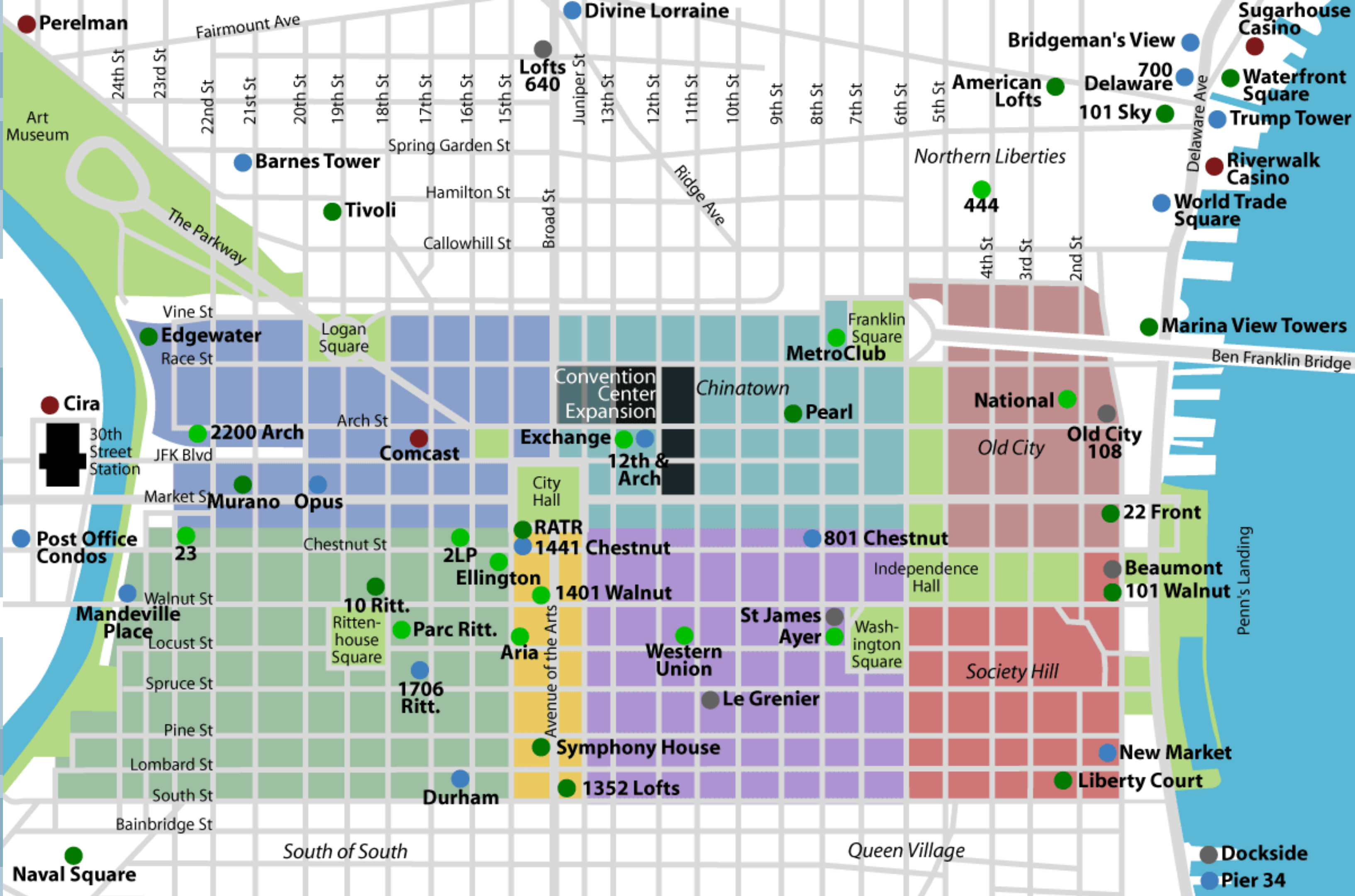
W Philadelphia Hotel  
 1439 Chestnut St.  
 (215) 709-8000  
[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

**3**

Philadelphia Marriott Old City  
 1 Dock St.  
 (215) 709-8000  
[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

**4**

Hilton at Penn's Landing  
 201 S Christopher Columbus Blvd.  
 (215) 521-6500  
[www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)





# Regional Rail & Rail Transit

SEPTA



### LEGEND

- Market-Frankford Line
- Broad Street Line & Broad-Ridge Spur
- Norristown High Speed Line
- Trolley Lines (Routes 10, 11, 13, 15, 34, 36, 101 and 102)
- Regional Rail Lines (end shows route destination)
- PATCO Line (train to New Jersey (not a SEPTA service))
- Free interchange (no transfer needed between transit services)
- Pedestrian Connection (additional fare needed for connecting service)
- Wheelchair accessible station

### INFORMATION

Customer Service: 215-580-7800  
 TDD/TTY: 215-580-7853  
 Website: [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org)



Amtrak to:  
Baltimore  
Washington DC