



FIND YOUR
PARK



Lights...Camera...Action!

ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET! Independence Square was transformed into a movie lot, and buildings like Independence Hall became the locations for the park's new orientation film. Independence National Historical Park will be premiering this brand new film in the fall of 2015.

This is a much needed replacement of our current film *Independence*, which was directed by John Huston and shot on location in 1975. The new film, produced by the History Channel, reenacts key moments in the founding of the United States and revisits the many struggles for freedom that took place on Independence Square. As you watch, keep your eyes peeled for some of the park staff. Many of them served as "extras" in the film's scenes.

You may also want to take in the park's other films. For younger audiences, we offer *Choosing Sides* in Theater 2 at the Visitor Center. It portrays the lives of four young people as they decide to either stay loyal to the crown or support independence. The Liberty Bell Center screens a documentary on the long and glorious history of America's Liberty Bell, in English and in a variety of other languages. The President's House Site plays five different films that tell compelling stories of the nine enslaved Africans who lived and worked in President Washington's household. Or, go online and



Independence Square was taken back in time and once again became the scene of 18th century gatherings. Filming took place day and night for almost a week.

view the Independence Park YouTube channel. The tour of Independence Hall's bell tower is the most popular.

All films are open captioned and most are available in audio description. Best of all, they're free.

Get Inspired

AS THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE GEARS UP TO celebrate its 100th birthday, we invite you to Find Your Park, *and* to get inspired! Independence National Historical Park offers a variety of ways for people of all ages to do just that this fall.

It's easy to get inspired as you tour Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were debated and signed. You can ponder the relevance of those documents to your life and the lives of so many others. In the Liberty Bell Center, as you gaze at the Liberty Bell you can consider the countless causes that have been inspired by the Bell's timeless message of liberty.

Be sure to see the latest exhibit inside the Liberty Bell Center: *Independence Hall and Votes for Women*. Find out how Independence Hall served as both inspiration and as a backdrop to the Women's Rights Movement.

Check out the sites at Franklin Court and find inspiration in the extraordinary life and example of Philadelphia's own Founding Father, Benjamin Franklin.

Looking for more? Our park rangers and partners have prepared many special programs and exhibits.



Get inspired by the story of the founding of a republic, or explore the road to revolution—all in the "NPS Independence" mobile app. It's FREE.

Discover stories of heroism, sacrifice, intrigue, and tragedy that are sure to inspire. See page 5 for a full list of programs.

Once you've found your inspiration at Independence, share your experience at FindYourPark.com, find out how others have been inspired and plan your *next* visit to one of our nation's other national parks. There are over 400 to choose from. Several nearby are the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site, the Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial, and Valley Forge National Historical Park.

Welcome to the "Best Park in History"

The National Park Service is officially in its 100th year! This newspaper is a great place to Find Your Park, so dig in and see what's waiting for you at Independence National Historical Park. But take a moment and think, too, about what you cannot see.

When our nation's founders gathered in Independence Hall in 1787 to reform the government, they worked behind closed doors. Negotiating... arguing... compromising. Speculation ran rampant of what the result would be. Even Benjamin Franklin had his doubts. The U.S. Constitution was the result! Learn more as you tour Independence Hall or visit the National Constitution Center.

As you enjoy the variety of tours and programs available to you this fall, think about the great men and women who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to create and strengthen our nation. Hear stories you may not have heard before.

So much of what happens in any national park or museum takes place "behind the scenes," the curators who preserve our historic artifacts; the gardeners who patiently nurture our gardens; the historians and archivists who every day teach us something revolutionary about our resources and our history.

Details about all of our programs and exhibits are available in this newspaper or at the Independence Visitor Center. So get started, get out there and see what you can see!

Cynthia MacLeod
Superintendent

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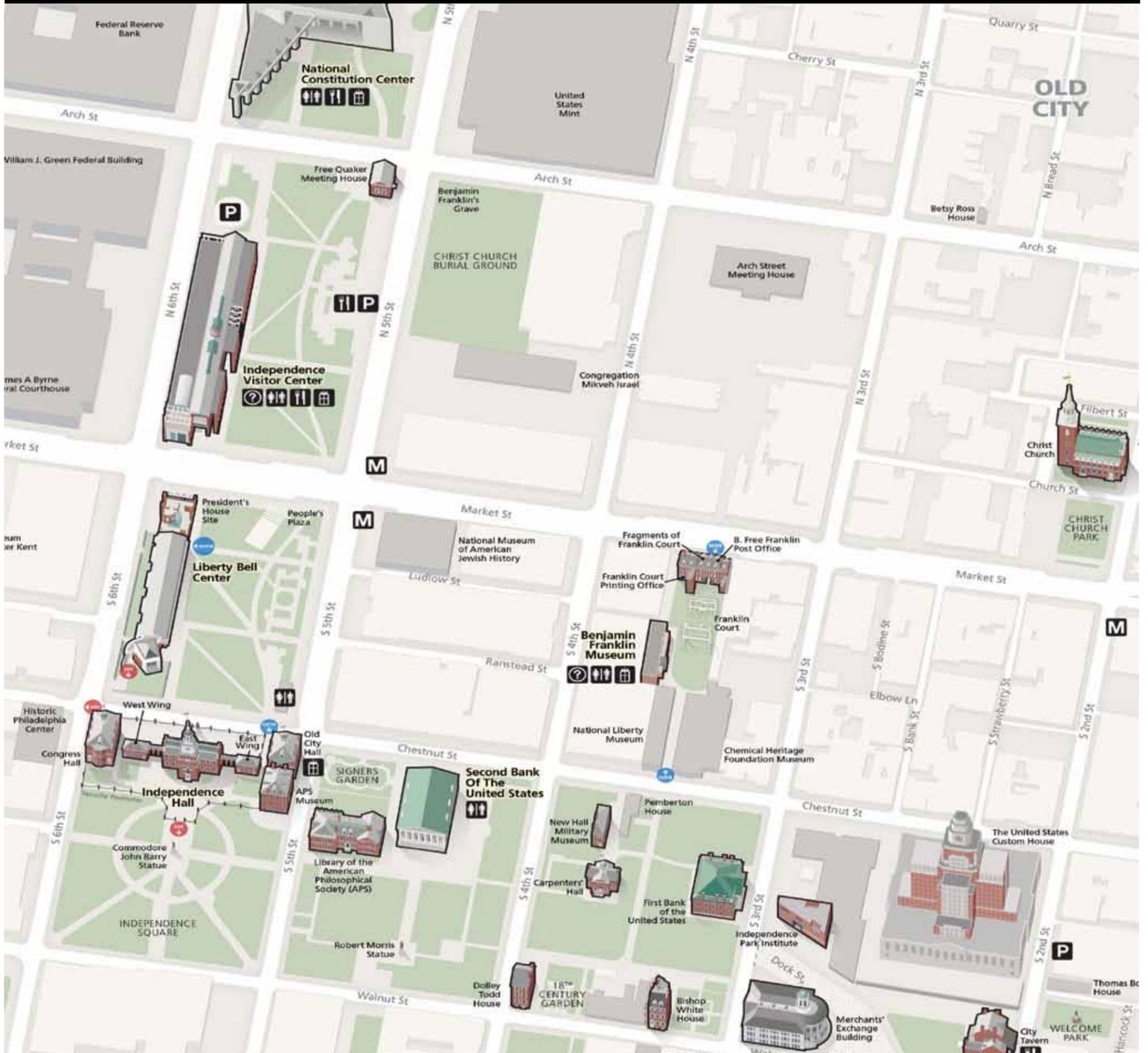
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"Fall" season runs from September 8 through December 31, 2015.



Park map also available in park brochure, or download the NPS Independence mobile app



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Other Sites of Interest

Carpenters' Hall

Chestnut St. between 3rd and 4th Streets
open 10:00am - 4:00pm Tuesday-Sunday

Edgar Allan Poe National Historical Site

532 N. 7th Street
open 9:00am - 5:00pm Friday-Sunday
(closed 12noon-1pm for lunch)

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes' Church) National Historic Site

916 Swanson Street
open 9:00am - 4:00pm Tuesday-Sunday

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial

3rd and Pine Streets
open 12noon-4pm Saturday and Sunday
thru October 31, 2015

Declaration House

7th and Market Streets
Tours at 1:30 and 4pm daily; tour is limited to 15 people, meet in the courtyard at 7th and Market Streets.
thru October 31, 2015

Dolley Todd and Bishop White Houses

Tours offered daily; days and times vary, reservations required. Pick up tickets at Visitor Center information desk.
thru September 30, 2015

Safety

To help protect park resources and ensure an enjoyable visit for everyone, please follow park rules and posted regulations.

- Pets are not allowed inside public buildings, unless a designated assistive animal. Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and under control at all times. Please remember to pick up after your pet and dispose of waste in a trash bin.
- Please dispose of your garbage in trash containers or take it with you when you leave.
- Bicycles are not allowed on park sidewalks and pathways.
- Security checkpoint screening is required for entrance to Independence Square buildings and the Liberty Bell Center.

Accessibility

The park strives to provide access to all our facilities and programs for the broadest possible range of visitors. Due to the historic nature of many sites, access for wheelchairs or other physical challenges cannot always be accommodated. Please ask a park ranger before entering a building to learn what resources are available. Look for signage that indicates assistive listening and audio description services. All park films are open captioned.



Independence Visitor Center

Open daily 8:30am - 6:00pm
September 19-24, open 8:30am - 7:00pm

The Independence Visitor Center is Independence National Historical Park's and the region's welcome center for people all over the nation and the world offering visitor amenities including:

- free, timed tickets to tour Independence Hall
- multilingual visitor services representatives
- on-site ticketing to more than 60 area tours and attractions
- free brochures and regional maps
- free, informative historical and orientation films
- free wifi and cell-phone charging station
- public restrooms
- on-site café



Follow @PHLVisitorCntr, the Visitor Center's virtual concierge service on Twitter. For more information, call 215-965-7676 or visit PHLvisitorcenter.com. Please check www.worldmeeting2015.org for information on the Annual World Meeting of Families, and Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia the weekend of September 25-27.

Independence Hall

Open daily 9:00am - 5:00pm (tickets required)
September 19-24, open 9:00am - 7:00pm

Stand inside the birthplace of our nation. See the room where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were debated, drafted, and signed.

Ranger-guided tours begin every 15-20 minutes. Free tickets are available on the day of your visit at the ranger desk at the Independence Visitor Center. Tickets may also be reserved in advance online at recreation.gov, or by calling 877-444-6777.

Note: Must arrive at least 30 minutes prior to tour time to pass through on-site security screening. Security screening closes 15 minutes before the building closes for the evening.



Liberty Bell Center

Open daily 9:00am - 5:00pm
September 19-24, open 9:00am - 7:00pm

Come see the international symbol of freedom in all its glory. Learn about the Liberty Bell's legacy as a symbol of protest and celebration, from its humble beginnings as the State House bell to its use as a rallying cry to end slavery and an inspiration to the modern civil rights movement.

Note: On-site security screening before entry. Screening closes 5 minutes before the building closes for the evening.



National Constitution Center

Open 9:30am - 5:00pm Monday thru Friday;
'til 6pm on Saturdays; 12N - 5:00pm Sundays
www.constitutioncenter.org, 215-409-6600

The museum of *We, the People*, America's Town Hall and a headquarters for civic education brings the U.S. Constitution to life for visitors of all ages. With interactive exhibits, theatrical performances, and historical documents of freedom, stop by and learn about the rights and freedoms guaranteed to all Americans.





Congress Hall

Open 9-5 daily

Walk the halls of Congress and see the chambers where the first House of Representatives and Senate of the United States met and debated during those formative years. Hear the stories of conflict and compromise as elected officials struggled to interpret the meaning of the U.S. Constitution.



West Wing

Open 9-5 daily

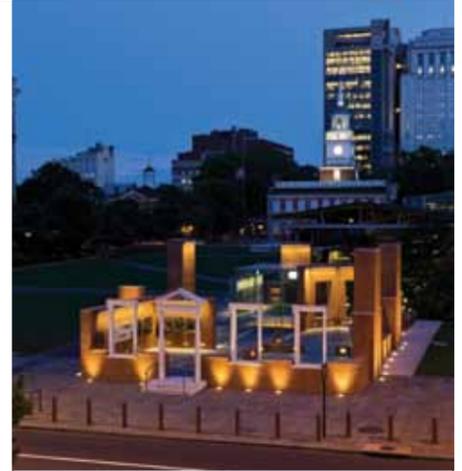
This gallery contains some of our nation's most celebrated documents - original printed copies of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of the United States. Also on display is the silver Syng inkstand, believed to be the one used by the signers in the cause of independence.



Old City Hall

Open 9-5 daily

This building, completed in 1791, once served as City Hall for the city of Philadelphia. During the early years, the courtroom was used by the U.S. Supreme Court to hear cases that tested the interpretation of our Constitution. City Council met on the second floor while court convened below.



The President's House: Freedom and Slavery in the Making of a New Nation

Open 7am-10pm daily

George Washington and John Adams both lived at this site while serving as President of the United States. Washington's household included numerous indentured and enslaved servants. Adams never owned slaves and employed a small staff. These outdoor exhibits examine the paradox between slavery and freedom in the founding of our nation, in a place right next door to the Liberty Bell itself.

For park information, visit us on the web at www.nps.gov/inde



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New Hall Military Museum

Open 12N-5 daily
thru October 31, 2015

Open 9-5 Veterans Day,
November 11, 2015 and
Army/Navy Game weekend,
December 12 & 13, 2015

Home to the War Department in the 1790s, the museum highlights the history of the Continental Army, Navy, and Marines. Constructed by the Carpenters' Company, the building houses a memorial to members of the U.S. Marine Corps who lost their lives during World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.



Benjamin Franklin Museum

Open 9-5 daily

Explore the life and legacy of one of Philadelphia's most famous sons. This underground museum displays historical objects, animated videos, and computer interactives that allow visitors to learn about Benjamin Franklin through his life-long interests in science, philanthropy, business, and politics. The exhibits reveal interesting aspects of Franklin's character and try to explain his continued popularity and relevancy today.



Franklin Court Printing Office

Open 10-5 daily

As a printer himself, Benjamin Franklin understood the power of the press. Visitors can see first-hand how an 18th century printing office operated and discover the pivotal role that the printed word played in the American Revolution and the founding of the nation. Adjacent to the printing office is the newspaper office of Franklin's grandson, Benjamin Franklin Bache.



Fragments of Franklin Court at 318 Market St.

Open 1-5 daily
thru October 31, 2015

This home, built in 1786 by Benjamin Franklin as a rental property, features an archeological exhibit containing artifacts found buried in Franklin Court. Now stripped to the bare walls, this house provides a behind-the-scenes look at construction techniques. Examine 18th century building practices, observe some of Benjamin Franklin's fire safety improvements, and see fragments of pottery and other household goods found in Franklin Court.

Guided Tours and Programs

National Park Service
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Fall 2015

***"The British Occupation of Philadelphia"* walking tour**

Hear the stories of the officers, soldiers, and civilians during the British occupation of Philadelphia from September 1777 to June 1778. Which side would you choose?

2pm, September 12 & 13, 19 & 20, and October 3 & 4

Meet at the arbor in the Franklin Court courtyard (1 hour)

***"American Revolutions: How Spain and Her Colonies Saved the United States"* walking tour**

Explore Old City Philadelphia and learn about the Hispanic diplomats who lived there and discover their vital contributions to the American Revolution.

2pm, October 10 & 11, 17 & 18, and 24 & 25

Meet at the Signers Garden at 5th and Chestnut Streets (1 hour)

***"Meet Edgar Allan Poe"* family fun**

Meet Mr. Poe in the Visitor Center Fun Zone. Play games, collect a trading card and stickers! Read your favorite Poe story and listen to Poe himself recite "The Raven."

3pm, October 31 and November 1

Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market Streets (90 minutes)

***"Small but Feisty: The Birth of the U.S. Marine Corps"* ranger program**

Hear the stories of the people and events that led to the formation of this legendary fighting force during the American Revolution, right here in Philadelphia.

3pm, November 7 & 8

Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market Streets (30 minutes)

***"Meet the Patriots"* living history ranger program**

Visit New Hall Military Museum on Veteran's Day and hear what life was like for the people who supported the "Glorious Cause" that was the American Revolution.

9am - 5pm, November 11

New Hall Military Museum on Chestnut Street, between 3rd and 4th Streets

***"The First Americans"* ranger program**

Meet a park ranger and discover the different roles Native Americans played in the founding of the United States before, during and after the American Revolution.

3pm, November 14 & 15, 21 & 22, and 28 & 29

Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market Streets (30 minutes)

***"Washington Crossing the Delaware"* ranger program**

Revisit the events surrounding the famous Christmas night journey as Washington and his troops crossed the icy river into New Jersey to confront the British forces.

3pm, December 5 & 6, 19 & 20, and 26 & 27

Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market Streets (30 minutes)

***"Remembering our Early Veterans"* ranger program**

To coincide with the annual Army/Navy game, join a park ranger and learn about the Continental Army and Navy and the struggles of the newly created Armed Forces.

3pm, December 12 & 13

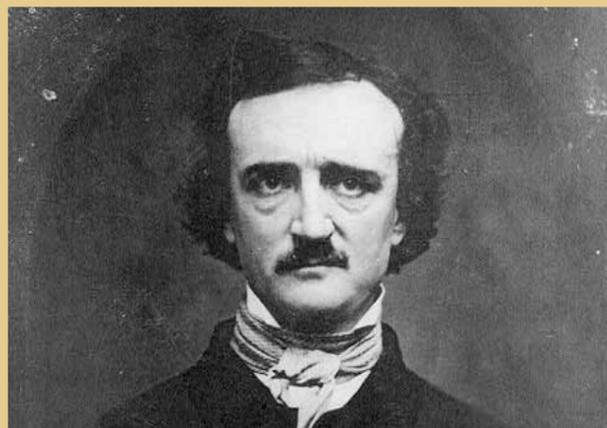
Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market Streets (30 minutes)



Visiting Head of State: Pope Francis September 25-27, 2015

During the visit of Pope Francis, the park will operate on a modified schedule. For building hours and updates please check www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/hours.

***The Germantown White House will be open for the
Germantown Festival, October 3, 2015, from 10am-4pm.
5442 Germantown Road, Philadelphia, PA 19144***



"In the Mind of Poe"

**Special Tour of Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site
532 N. 7th Street
Friday, October 16, 2015
7pm-9pm**

Encounter characters from the imagination of former Philadelphia resident, Edgar Allan Poe. Join park staff and volunteers on this haunting literary tour through Poe's house. Meet memorable narrators and Poe himself as they recite passages from popular poems and tales such as "Annabel Lee," "The Tell-Tale Heart," and "The Raven." Tours begin every 30 minutes and are limited to 25 people, first come, first served.

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



Special Exhibition: *Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights* now through 2017

The National Constitution Center is proud to be the first institution in Pennsylvania to exhibit one of the 12 surviving copies of the Bill of Rights. Part of the New York Public Library's renowned collection, the Bill of Rights will be displayed alongside a first edition of the Stone Engraving of the Declaration of Independence, and a rare copy of the first public printing of the U.S. Constitution. Also on display are illustrations of the 10 Amendments especially commissioned for the exhibit in the brand new George H.W. Bush Gallery.



The Ninth Amendment, Illustrated by Allen Crawford/Plankton Art Co.

Speaking out for Equality: the Constitution, Gay Rights, and the Supreme Court now thru September 2, 2016

Through artifacts, personal stories, pivotal court cases—and pushback—*Speaking Out for Equality* chronicles the decades-long debate over gay rights, a debate that ultimately brought issues of LGBT equality before the Supreme Court.

**What's Cooking, Uncle Sam?
The Government's Effect on the American Diet
October 9, 2015 thru January 3, 2016**

Travel from "farm to table" as you explore the changing American diet in this multimedia exhibit. Visitors of all ages will discover how world events, innovation, government regulations, research, and economics have shaped what we eat and why.

Support Your Park with Eastern National



Pick up a passport book or keepsake pin at the Independence Square store.

Come browse through the park's museum stores. Operated by Eastern National, each store carries one of kind items to commemorate your visit to the park. Learn about the history of the park and the Founding Fathers through a special selection of books, postcards, apparel, and household goods. See the beautiful selection of Jamestown colonial glass or visit the special section for children's gifts in each store. Stores are located in the Benjamin Franklin Museum and Old City Hall. *A portion of sale proceeds goes to support the park.*

Philly Freedom 5K Run October 3, 2015

The Philly 5K run is the race that will change history. Not really, but like the people of 1776, you have to make a choice. Do you run as a loyalist in support of King and Country or will you stand up for your rights and run as a Patriot for Independence. The winning side gets to choose the fate of our nation...for the day!



All proceeds go to fund the important work of the Friends of Independence National Historical Park. To register or to find out more about the Friends please visit: www.friendsofindependence.org or call our office at 215-861-4971.

Independence After Hours Tour



A one of a kind chance to "sneak" into Independence Hall after hours! Join your colonial guide for a delicious three course meal at historic City Tavern before heading out on an evening of adventure in the park. Eavesdrop on conversations of the Founding Fathers as they debate the Declaration of Independence in the summer of 1776.

5:30pm
Friday and Saturday thru October 24

Admission: \$85 Adults; \$80 Seniors, Students and Military; \$55 Kids 12 & under.
For reservations, call 215-629-4026

Free Quaker Meeting House

Like today, at the time of the Revolution, Quakers objected to going to war for any reason. "Free" Quakers split from the main body in support of the Revolution. Visit the site where Free Quakers worshipped and learn more about the fascinating history of this little-known group.

Open Saturday and Sunday, 11am-4pm
September thru November

These programs are presented in cooperation with Historic Philadelphia, Inc.

Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving Day:
Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall open 11am-4pm.

Christmas Eve:
Park buildings close at 3:00pm.

Christmas Day:
All park buildings are closed.

New Year's Day:
Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall open 11am-4pm;
Visitor Center open 8:30am-5pm.

CITY TAVERN RESTAURANT
Est. 1773

Open Daily at 11:30 a.m. Lunch, drinks & dinner
The corner of 2nd & Walnut Streets, 138 South 2nd St., Philadelphia
www.CityTavern.com 215-413-1443

December 1773: City Tavern opens boasting the second largest ballroom in the British North America.	January 1789: City Tavern becomes the headquarters of the Merchant's Coffee House & Place of Exchange.
May 1774: Paul Revere arrives at City Tavern to announce the closing of the port of Boston.	1976: The newly rebuilt City Tavern opens in time for the bicentennial.
September 1774: City Tavern is the unofficial meeting place of the first continental congress. Participants include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson & John Adams.	1994: Chef Walter Staib wins congressional approval to operate City Tavern & feature 18th century gourmet cuisine.
July 1777: America's first Fourth of July celebration is held at City Tavern.	Today: Chef Walter Staib's <i>A Taste of History</i> premiers on PBS & wins Emmy Awards, a James Beard nomination, is filming new seasons!
August 1777: General Washington uses City Tavern as the official headquarters of the Continental Army.	



You can catch a PHLASH bus outside the Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market Streets.

PHLASH Bus

Sightseeing in Philadelphia couldn't be easier aboard the Philly PHLASH Downtown loop. Making stops at Independence National Historical Park, the PHLASH bus connects visitors to 22 key destinations, including the Benjamin Franklin Museum and National Constitution Center. For just \$2 per ride or \$5 per day, it's an affordable and convenient way to see the sights. Stay tuned to phillyplash.com for updates on when you can catch the PHLASH!

"The Rule of Law as Precondition to 21st Century Progress"

With U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer



September 17, 2015, 5:00pm
in Congress Hall
(Reservations required)

Independence NHP and the World Affairs Council bring you U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, author of *The Court and the World*. He will examine the work of SCOTUS in an increasingly interconnected world in which all sorts of public and private activity obliges the Court to consider and understand circumstances beyond America's borders.

Following Justice Breyer's session, international jurists Mrs. Suet-Fern Lee and Dr. Amel Mili will discuss the present and future development of the rule of law in all key regions of the world. Seating is limited. For reservations call 215-597-7130.

Two Entrées for the Price of One

Valid Sunday through Friday lunch or dinner. Only valid with the use of a major credit card. Not valid on Saturdays, restaurant holidays or with special menus. Not Valid Sept 6, Oct 9-11, Nov 25-28, Dec 24 & 31, 2015. Expires Dec 31, 2015. Walk-ins Welcome