

# **Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter, NECA Philadelphia Recommendations**

## **Food & Drink**

### **Award Winning**

Zahav (Modern Israeli restaurant in Old City) [zahavrestaurant.com](http://zahavrestaurant.com)  
Vernick (New American bistro in Center City) <http://www.vernickphilly.com/>  
Vedge (Vegetarian restaurant for all types of eaters in Midtown Village) [vedgerestaurant.com](http://vedgerestaurant.com)  
Fork (Contemporary American in Old City) [forkrestaurant.com](http://forkrestaurant.com)  
Vetri (One of nation's most acclaimed Italian restaurants located in Midtown Village)  
[vetriristorante.com](http://vetriristorante.com)

### **Italian**

Barbuzzo (Cozy Mediterranean American in Midtown Village) [barbuzzo.com](http://barbuzzo.com)  
Wm. Mulherin's Sons (Wood-fired Italian food in Fishtown) [wmmulherinssons.com](http://wmmulherinssons.com)  
Le Virtù (Homemade pasta and locally sourced ingredients in East Passyunk) [levirtu.com](http://levirtu.com)  
Di Bruno Bros. (Specialty foods and lunch market in Center City) [dibruno.com](http://dibruno.com)  
Ralph's (South Philly authentic) [ralphsrestaurant.com](http://ralphsrestaurant.com)  
Osteria [osteriaphilly.com](http://osteriaphilly.com)

### **Asian**

Morimoto (Japanese food prepared by an Iron Chef in Old City) [www.morimotorestaurant.com](http://www.morimotorestaurant.com)  
Buddakan (Upscale Asian fusion in Old City) [www.buddakan.com](http://www.buddakan.com)  
Han Dynasty (Local Philly favorite) [handynasty.net](http://handynasty.net)

### **Seafood**

Oyster House (Seafood and raw bar in Center City) [oysterhousephilly.com](http://oysterhousephilly.com)

### **Authentic Pizza**

Tacconelli's [tacconellispizzeria.com](http://tacconellispizzeria.com)  
Alice (First U.S. location of the Roman pizza chain, in Center City Philadelphia)

### **Other**

Talula's Garden (Farm to table garden restaurant in Washington Square) [www.talulasgarden.com](http://www.talulasgarden.com)  
Cuba Libre (Cuban food with a tropical ambiance in Old City) [www.cubalibrerestaurant.com](http://www.cubalibrerestaurant.com)  
Dandelion (British gastropub in Center City) [thedandelionpub.com](http://thedandelionpub.com)  
PARC (French Bistro on Rittenhouse Square with great views of the park) [www.parc-restaurant.com](http://www.parc-restaurant.com)  
Tequila's (Upscale Mexican cuisine in a restored mansion in Rittenhouse Square) [tequilasphilly.com](http://tequilasphilly.com)  
Laurel (Specializes in French and American cuisine) [www.restaurantlaurel.com](http://www.restaurantlaurel.com)  
Bibou (French BYOB restaurant in South Philadelphia) [www.biboubyob.com](http://www.biboubyob.com)  
Lucky Strike (Bowling alley in Center City) <http://www.bowlluckystrike.com/>

### **Historic**

The Union League (Formal club founded in 1862 as a patriotic society to support President Lincoln located in Center City) [www.unionleague.org](http://www.unionleague.org)  
City Tavern (First opened in 1772, this reconstructed tavern serves classic American fare and waiters entertain in period dress) [www.citytavern.com](http://www.citytavern.com)  
McGillan's Old Ale House (Lively dive bar that outlived the Civil War and Prohibition, located in Midtown Village) [mccillins.com](http://mccillins.com)  
The Franklin Bar (Prohibition era speakeasy located in Center City) [www.thefranklinbar.com](http://www.thefranklinbar.com)

## **Steakhouse**

Del Frisco's (Grandiose steakhouse located in a historic bank building in Center City) [delfriscos.com](http://delfriscos.com)

Davio's (Northern Italian steakhouse located in Center City) [davios.com/phil](http://davios.com/phil)

Butcher & Singer (Old Hollywood themed restaurant serving steaks and seafood in Center City)

[www.butcherandsinger.com](http://www.butcherandsinger.com)

Capital Grille (Can't go wrong) [www.thecapitalgrille.com](http://www.thecapitalgrille.com)

The Prime Rib [www.theprimerib.com](http://www.theprimerib.com)

Barclay Prime [www.barclayprime.com](http://www.barclayprime.com)

## **Venues with a View – Perfect for a group**

R2L (Upscale American restaurant and lounge on the 37<sup>th</sup> floor in Center City) [r2lrestaurant.com](http://r2lrestaurant.com)

Moshulu (New American breakfast, lunch and dinner served on a 4-masted ship) [www.moshulu.com](http://www.moshulu.com)

Assembly Lounge (Upscale hotel bar in the Logan Hotel with fire pits overlooking the main boulevard in Center City) [assemblyrooftop.com](http://assemblyrooftop.com)

One Liberty Observation Deck (Views from the top of Philadelphia, available for event rentals in Center City) [www.phillyfromthetop.com](http://www.phillyfromthetop.com)

Downtown Club (Event space overlooking historic Independence Mall in Old City)

[www.cescaphe.com/down-town-club](http://www.cescaphe.com/down-town-club)

Waterworks (Event space on the water overlooking the Philadelphia skyline and Boat House Row located on the Schuylkill River beside the Philadelphia Museum of Art) [www.cescaphe.com/water-works](http://www.cescaphe.com/water-works)

Pyramid Club (Event space on the 52<sup>nd</sup> floor in Center City) [www.clubcorp.com/Clubs/Pyramid-Club](http://www.clubcorp.com/Clubs/Pyramid-Club)

## **Sports Bars**

Chickie & Pete's (Have to try the crab fries) [chickiesandpetes.com](http://chickiesandpetes.com)

Xfinity Live (located right in the middle of all Philly Sports Venues) [www.xfinitylive.com](http://www.xfinitylive.com)

## **Irish Bars**

The Irish Pub [www.irishpubphilly.com](http://www.irishpubphilly.com)

Fado [fadoirishpub.com](http://fadoirishpub.com)

## **Best Martini Bars**

The Continental [www.continentalmidtown.com](http://www.continentalmidtown.com)

Capital Grille Bar [www.thecapitalgrille.com](http://www.thecapitalgrille.com)

## **Attractions**

\* = Must-see if you have 1 day in Philly

### **Old City & Penn's Landing**

Museum of the American Revolution (Brand new – nice group space) [www.amrevmuseum.org](http://www.amrevmuseum.org)

Constitution Center (Hosting the Opening Reception) [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org)

Liberty Bell\* [www.nps.gov/inde/liberty-bell-center.htm](http://www.nps.gov/inde/liberty-bell-center.htm)

Independence Hall\* [www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/independenceshall.htm](http://www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/independenceshall.htm)

Franklin Square [historicphiladelphia.org/franklin-square](http://historicphiladelphia.org/franklin-square)

Jeweler's Row

Franklin Fountain Ice Cream and Shane's Candy Shop [www.franklinfountain.com](http://www.franklinfountain.com)

Betsy Ross House (where first American Flag was sown) [historicphiladelphia.org/betsy-ross-house](http://historicphiladelphia.org/betsy-ross-house)

Philosophical Hall (started by Ben Franklin; first Academy meeting was held here) [apsmuseum.org](http://apsmuseum.org)

National Liberty Museum [www.libertymuseum.org/](http://www.libertymuseum.org/)

## **Center City**

### **Upper**

Rittenhouse Square <http://friendsofrittenhouse.org/>  
Franklin Institute <https://www.fi.edu/>  
Kimmel Center performance hall <https://www.kimmelcenter.org>  
Academy of Music concert hall (Pennsylvania Ballet and the Philadelphia Orchestra)  
[www.academyofmusic.org/](http://www.academyofmusic.org/)  
City Hall & Dilworth Park [www.centercityphila.org/parks/dilworth-park](http://www.centercityphila.org/parks/dilworth-park)  
Love Park Statue [www.visitphilly.com](http://www.visitphilly.com)  
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul <http://cathedralphila.org/>  
Jazz clubs (Chris' Jazz Café) [www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/top-places-to-listen-to...](http://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/top-places-to-listen-to...)  
Mutter Museum <http://muttermuseum.org/>  
Academy of Natural Sciences <http://www.ansp.org/>  
Ashton Cigar Bar <http://ashtoncigarbar.com/>  
Hotels: Four Seasons, Ritz Carlton, Lowes, Logan, Rittenhouse, Bellevue (hosted 1939 NECA National Convention)

### **Lower**

Reading Terminal Market\* (have to get the roast pork at DiNic's) [www.readingterminalmarket.org/](http://www.readingterminalmarket.org/)  
Convention Center [www.discoverphl.com/Philadelphia/Conventions](http://www.discoverphl.com/Philadelphia/Conventions)  
Chinatown <http://philadelphia-chinatown.info/>

## **South Philly**

South Street <http://southstreet.com>  
Philadelphia's Magic Gardens on South Street <https://www.phillymagicgardens.org/>  
Italian Market <https://italianmarketphilly.org/>  
E. Passyunk Ave <http://visiteastpassyunk.com/events.php>  
Sports Stadiums <http://www.philadelphia.worldweb.com/SightsAttractions/ArenasStadiums/>  
Geno's and Pat's Steaks <http://www.visitphilly.com/>  
John's Water Ice <http://www.johnswaterice.com/>  
Mummers Museum <http://mummersmuseum.com/>  
Navy Yard <http://www.navyyard.org/information-and-directions/walking-tour-visitors-guide/>  
Termini Brothers Bakery (try their famous cannolis) <https://www.termini.com/>  
Federal Street (iconic soft pretzel factory) <http://www.federalpretzel.biz/>

## **Fishtown/Northern Liberties**

Sugarhouse Casino <https://www.sugarhousecasino.com/>  
Yards Brewing Co. <http://www.yardsbrewing.com/visit/>  
Frankford Hall Beer Garden <http://www.frankfordhall.com/>  
Music Venues- The Fillmore, Johnny Brenda's <http://www.visitphilly.com/nightlife/live-music/>

## **University City & West Philadelphia**

University of Pennsylvania- Franklin Field, Penn Museum, College Hall, Fisher Fine Arts [upenn.edu](http://upenn.edu)  
Drexel University <http://drexel.edu/undergrad/>  
Schuylkill River Banks and Boardwalk <https://www.schuylkillbanks.org/projects/boardwalk>  
Philadanco Dance Company <https://www.kimmelcenter.org/>  
Simeone Automotive Museum <http://www.simeonemuseum.org/>

## **Fairmount**

Philadelphia Museum of Art\* <https://www.philamuseum.org/visit/>

Rocky Statue\* (have to run the steps) [www.rockystatue.com](http://www.rockystatue.com)

Eastern State Penitentiary <https://www.easternstate.org/>

Fairmount Park <http://www.visitphilly.com>

Boat House Row (perfect for morning walk/run) [boathouserow.org](http://boathouserow.org)

Ben Franklin Parkway [www.parkwaymuseumsdistrictphiladelphia.org](http://www.parkwaymuseumsdistrictphiladelphia.org)

Rodin Museum <https://www.philamuseum.org/visit/>

Barnes Foundation <https://www.barnesfoundation.org>

## **Northwest Philadelphia**

Please Touch Museum <http://www.pleasetouchmuseum.org/>

Philadelphia Zoo (America's first zoo) <http://www.philadelphiazoo.org/>

## **Day Trips**

Valley Forge National Historic Park (40 minute drive) [www.valleyforge.org/things-to-do/national-park/](http://www.valleyforge.org/things-to-do/national-park/)

King of Prussia Mall, the largest mall in the US (40 minute drive) <http://www.visitphilly.com/>

Longwood Gardens (1 hour drive) <https://longwoodgardens.org/visit>

Cape May, New Jersey - classic shore destination (1 hour 30 minute drive) <http://www.capemay.com/>

New York City (less than a 2 hour drive or 1 hour 30 minute train ride)

Washington DC (2 hour and 30 minute drive or 2 hour train ride)

QVC Studio tour <http://www.qvc.com/VisitTour.content.html>

The Adventure Aquarium, Camden <https://www.adventureaquarium.com/>

Battleship NJ, Camden <http://www.battleshipnewjersey.org/>

Philadelphia Mural Tour <https://www.muralarts.org/tours/>

## **Sample Itinerary for 1 day in Philly**

Wake up in your hotel and have breakfast.

Take a walk down the Ben Franklin Parkway towards the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Along the way, you will pass a number of beautiful buildings and parks including Sister Cities Park, Logan Circle, the Academy of Natural Sciences, the Central Library, the Franklin Institute, the Barnes Foundation, and the Rodin Museum.

Arrive at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and take a picture with Rocky, then run up the steps Rocky-style. From here, feel free to explore the museum filled with world-class exhibits or check out the gardens and river paths with views of Boat House Row behind the building.

Once you start to feel hungry, catch a Lyft or Uber back into the center of the city for a roast pork sandwich at DiNic's in the Reading Terminal Market. If you really want to treat yourself, grab a donut from the Pennsylvania Amish bakers at Beiler's Bakery, which is also in the Market.

From there, walk towards Old City to see Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, sights where the Founding Fathers laid the foundations of our country.

Make it to your dinner reservation a few blocks away at Zahav before heading to Spruce Street Harbor Park for a stroll on the river before returning to your hotel.