Philadelphia's Historic District is packed with places to explore, and it's easily navigable like Center City itself. It's just an 18-minute walk from the north end of the district—Franklin Square, for example—to the south end of the district—let's say Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church. Heading from west to east—African American Museum in Philadelphia to Race Street Pier—takes about 15 minutes. Don't feel like walking? There are ample taxis, buses, Indego bikes and touring vehicles for the taking, as well as Uber and Lyft car services.

### Historic District Essentials
Never been to Philadelphia's Historic District before? Consider this your checklist for an all-American good time:

1. **Liberty Bell**
   A symbol to abolitionists, suffragists and other freedom-seekers around the world and an American must-see. 6th & Market Streets, rph.gov/indie

2. **Independence Hall**
   Where the U.S. Constitution was adopted and the Declaration of Independence was debated, drafted and signed. 6th & Chestnut Streets, rph.gov/indie

3. **Betsy Ross House**
   Telling the story of America's most famous flag maker. 239 Arch Street, historicphiladelphia.org

4. **Franklin Court**
   A ghost house, museum, printing shop and post office exploring the life and legacy of Benjamin Franklin. 322 Market Street, rph.gov/indie

5. **Elfreth's Alley**
   America's oldest continuously inhabited street, where visitors tip toe along the cobblestones and explore the quaint museum. 132-136 Elfreth's Alley, elfrethalley.org

### Practical Advice: Bell & Hall Access
There is no charge to access the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. The Bell does not require tickets, but the Hall does. Day of tickets are available at the Independence Visitor Center on a first-come, first-served basis, but tours fill up fast. Go early for the best selection, or order online in advance for a small fee. rph.gov/indie

### Practical Advice: Getting Around
The side streets and quiet alleys of the Historic District are best explored on your own—no car required. Fortunately, navigating the city is easy. Numbered streets run north/south, and named streets run east/west.

### Practical Advice: Fun For Families
Tour all of the sites in the Historic District Essentials section? Now, check out these fun spots for families:

1. **Franklin Square**
   A carousel, Philly-themed mini-golf, playgrounds and more, all stand and special events like one of William Penn's tiny original squares. 6th & Race Streets, historicphiladelphia.org

2. **National Liberty Museum**
   Small but mighty museum focused on the importance of freedom, courage, equality, diversity—powerfully depicted in the popular Jewish Children sculpture. 321 Chestnut Street, libertymuseum.org

3. **National Constitution Center**
   All about the four pages that changed the world—a topic made fun with opportunities to take the presidential oath of office and sign the Constitution. 525 Arch Street, constitutioncenter.org

4. **Fireman's Hall Museum**
   Restored 1802 firehouse with some of the nation's oldest firefighting equipment and a station to try on fire gear. 147 N. 2nd Street, firemanshallmuseum.org

5. **Independence Seaport Museum**
   Home to a boat-building shop inside and the Spanish-American War Cruiser Pennant inside, offering tours at Independence Seaport & Winterfest, and more than 20 other galleries, many of which serve light lunches and wine until 9 p.m. 2nd & 3rd Streets north of Market Street

### Practical Advice: Historic Happenings
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### Practical Advice: More to See, More to Do
There are more than 100 museums and cultural institutions, with more than 300 exhibits and galleries to explore. From the art world to the sea to the sky, there's something for everyone.

1. **Where To Eat:**
   - **Hungry Hall:** No matter what your budget or what your mood, the Historic District's restaurants will please your palate. Feast on a gyro or cheesesteak at Campo's sandwich shop, hummus at modern Israeli eatery Khyber Pass Pub, or try the inventive cocktails at renowned bar B.C. Farm. rph.gov/indie

2. **Where To Drink:**
   - **RiverRink**
     Can lace up your ice skates for a spin around the RiverRink or take in a sitting-ridge show at Blue Cross RiverRink. rph.gov/indie

3. **Where To Shop:**
   - **Historic Shops:**
     Check out the restored 1902 firehouse with restored fireman's bunker, filled with the when-and-where of firefighting and more. rph.gov/indie

4. **Where To Stay:**
   - **Historic District Essentials**

   - **Independence Hall:**
     The Declaration of Independence—signed, sealed and delivered right here. 5th & Race Streets, america.gov

   - **Betsy Ross House:**
     A country refuge where Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence. 599 S. 3rd Street, rph.gov/indie

   - **Christ Church Burial Ground:**
     Final resting place for several of those who declared and fought for the country's independence, including Ben Franklin, Dr. Benjamin Rush, Francis Hopkinson and many Revolutionary War officers. 5th & Arch Streets, chruchurch.org

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