

ASC INSIDER'S GUIDE TO LOCAL PHILLY FAVES

(Restaurants, Bars, Coffee Shops, Quirky & Cool Places/Events, Kids Stuff, and Live Music Scene!)

1. Locals' Restaurant Picks

(V) = Vegetarian-vegan

(W) = Walking distance from the conference

Reservation-worthy

Make reservations 90 days in advance to get into these foodie favorites!

Vedge (W, V) – Chef Rich Landau, 2017 James Beard Award Winner, Best Chef, Mid-Atlantic

Vegan deliciousness for non-vegans

1221 Locust Street

"Is Vedge the best vegan restaurant in America? It might be one of the best restaurants, period." –

Philadelphia Magazine

<http://vedgerestaurant.com/>

Vernick – (W: 1 mile) Chef Greg Vernick, 2017 James Beard Award Winner, Best Chef, Mid-Atlantic

New American, Seasonal ingredients

2031 Walnut Street

"We would be back again and again, if only we lived in Philadelphia." – New York Times

<http://www.vernickphilly.com/>

Zahav – (W: 1.2 miles) Chef Michael Solomonov, 2017 James Beard Award Winner, Outstanding Chef

Modern Israeli Cuisine

237 St. James Place <http://www.zahavrestaurant.com/>

Talula's Garden (W, \$\$\$)

Modern American menu, prepared with carefully-sourced ingredients and a light European touch, changes with the seasons. 210 West Washington Square

<http://www.talulasgarden.com/>

Vetri (\$\$\$\$) (W: 1.2 miles)

Superb Italian/Mediterranean food in an intimate townhouse setting.

312 Spruce St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

<http://vetririsistorante.com/>

Vegetarian/ Vegan

Hip City Veg (V, W)

121 South Broad Street (Broad and Chestnut)

Note: No alcohol served

<http://hipcityveg.com/>

V Street – Same owners as Vedge (V, W)

Vegan street food, casual; 126 S. 19th Street (19th and Chestnut) <http://vstreetfood.com/>

For more vegetarian and vegan, look here:

<https://philly.eater.com/maps/best-vegetarian-vegan-restaurants-philadelphia>

Food—Local Can't Misses (in no particular order)

Monk's Café (\$\$) (W)

Mussels, fries, craft ales & other Belgian-accented offerings dispensed in a brewpub setting.

264 S 16th St, Philadelphia, PA 19102

<http://www.monkscafe.com/menu/>

The Continental – Philadelphia (\$\$) (W)

Stephen Starr's first restaurant serves an eclectic menu & classic martinis in a neo-diner space.

138 Market St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

<http://www.continentalmartinibar.com>

1225 Raw Sushi and Sake Lounge (\$\$) (W)

Modern sushi bar offering an array of fresh fish & sake options in a posh space with outdoor seats.

1225 Sansom St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

<http://1225raw.com/>

El Vez (\$\$) (W)

Trendy Mexican joint serving upscale eats & cocktails in a colorful, flashy setting.

121 S 13th St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

<http://www.elvezrestaurant.com/>

Max Brenner – Chocolate by the Bald Man (\$\$) (W)

Restaurant and retailer- chocolate & related novelties.

1500 Walnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19102

<http://www.maxbrenner.com/locations/usa/restaurant-philadelphia/>

Mixto (\$\$) (W) This 2-story spot spot offers Pan-Latin food, margaritas, outdoor dining & festive decor.

1141 Pine St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

<http://mixtorestaurant.com>

Alma de Cuba (\$\$\$) (W)

Fusion fare with Cuban influences; happy hour with specially priced tapas & cocktails in the lounge.

1623 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

<http://www.almadecubarestaurant.com>

Estia -Philadelphia (W)

Greek food at its best. Missing the fresh cuisine of the Greek Isles? Best appetizers: the octopus and Estia chips!
1405-07 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA
<http://estiarestaurant.com/philadelphia-pa/philadelphia-pa.asp>

Sansom St. Oyster House (\$\$) (W)

Oysters, lobster & other East Coast-style seafood feature at this stylish eatery open since 1976.
1516 Sansom St, Philadelphia, PA 19102
<http://oysterhousephilly.com/>

Dinardo's Famous Seafood (W)

Crabs served Baltimore-style or sautéed-garlic-style head the menu at this longtime seafood spot.
312 Race St, Philadelphia, PA 19106
<http://www.dinardos.com/>

Amada (W)

Spanish Tapas by Iron Chef Jose Garces
217 Chestnut Street
<http://philadelphia.amadarestaurant.com/>

Dutch Eating Place (W)

Pennsylvania Dutch counter in Reading Terminal Market offering homestyle breakfasts & lunches
Located in Reading Terminal Market, 51 N. 12th Street
<http://www.readingterminalmarket.org/merchants/94-dutch-eating-place>

Interstate Drafthouse

Funky Hipster Bar and Restaurant; try their gator Po'Boys
1235 E. Palmer Street
<http://interstatedrafthouse.com/>

2. Cafes and Coffeehouses

Monkey & Elephant Café

Supports young persons aging out of foster care!
2831 W. Girard Avenue
<http://www.themonkeyandtheelephant.org/>

Milkboy (W) 11th and Chestnut St.

MilkBoy Philly is a restaurant, bar, cafe and live-music venue all in one, located in Center City Philadelphia at Try the breakfast Burrito!
<http://www.milkboyphilly.com/about/>

La Colombe (W) (A growing chain but home is Philly!)

South side of City Hall across the street.
Best canned cold brew (but expensive!)

MugShots

Crime-themed coffeehouse near Eastern State Penitentiary
1925 Fairmount Avenue
<http://www.mugshotscoffeehouse.com/>

3. Drinks & More

Bar Hygge (pronounced "hYOO-guh")

2 year old Hip Spring Garden brewpub known most for its creative tasting "boards." Hygge Happy Hours are Monday through Friday from 4pm-6:30pm featuring discounted house-made beer, growler fills and \$10 specialty boards.
1720 Fairmount Ave
<http://www.barhygge.com/>

Crime and Punishment Brewing Co.

How could we not list this brewpub!?! Beer names include: Indecent Exposure, The Guillotine, and House Arrest. 2711 W Girard Ave
<http://crimeandpunishmentbrewingco.com/about-cnp/>

Eulogy Belgian Tavern (\$\$) (W: 1.1 mile)

Belgian tavern known for its moules frites & hundreds of beers from all over the world.
136 Chestnut Street
<http://www.eulogybar.com/>

Hop Sing Laundromat (\$\$) (W)

Swanky speakeasy-style bar building a reputation with its meticulously made cocktails. 1029 Race St, Philadelphia, PA
<http://www.hopsinglaundromat.com/>

Charlie was a Sinner (\$\$) (W)

Vegan cafe/bar dishing up creative, plant-based small plates & drinks in sexy, dark environs.
131 S 13th St, Philadelphia, PA 19107
<http://charliewasasinner.com/>

Prohibition Tap Room (\$\$) (W)

Casual gastropub featuring craft beer & comfort food in a dimly lit, jukebox-equipped venue.
501 N 13th St, Philadelphia, PA 19123
<http://prohibitiontaproom.com/>

Positano Coast by Aldo Lamberti (\$\$)

Breezy Italian outfit offering a seafood-focused menu, a seasonal open-air dining room & happy hour.
212 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19106
<http://www.positanocoast.net/>

Drinks and More, (Continued)

Cuba Libre Restaurant and Rum Bar (\$\$)

Cuban cuisine & a vast rum bar accented by Caribbean decor & late-night salsa dancing. 10 S. 2nd St, Philadelphia, PA
<http://www.cubalibrerestaurant.com/>

Vesper (\$\$\$) (W)

Posh reconceptualization of a historic dining club with a Continental menu & dancing.
223 S Sydenham St, Philadelphia, PA 19102
<http://vesperphilly.com/>

4. Cheap Eats

Any stall in Reading Terminal Market (\$\$) (W)

Famous indoor farmer's market offering diverse food fare, housewares & area specialties since 1892.
51 N 12th St, Philadelphia, PA 19107
<http://www.readingterminalmarket.org/>

Moriarty's Restaurant and Irish Pub (W)

Best wings in Philadelphia
1116 Walnut Street <http://www.moriartyspub.com/>

John's Roast Pork

Best cheesesteak in Philadelphia: Note: Get there for lunch (they close when they run out of bread) and know what you want to order or get yelled at by John
14 Snyder Avenue (South Philly)
<http://www.johnsroastpork.com/>

Goldie (V, W) – Falafel shop owned by James Beard

Award Winner Michael Solomonov, of Zahav
1526 Sansom Street
<http://goldiefalafel.com/>

Cheap Eats, but health conscious “fast food”

Fuel – Center City (W)

1225 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19107
Local chain serving organic wraps, panini & bowls, plus juices & coffee, in a casual, modern space.
<http://www.fuelrechargeyourself.com/>

Real Food Eatery (high quality, whole foods) (W)

207 South 16th Street
<http://realfoodeatery.com/>

Verts (Mediterranean) (W)

1601 Market St
<http://www.eatverts.com/>

Note: Chinatown is filled with “cheap eats.”

For more **cheap eats**, look here:

<https://philly.eater.com/maps/best-cheap-food-restaurants-philadelphia>

5. Neighborhoods To Walk And Explore

<http://www.visitphilly.com/philadelphia-neighborhoods/>

Downtown Shopping (e.g., Walnut & Chestnut St.) (W)
Art Museum Area/Ben Franklin Parkway
South St.
Penn's Landing/Waterfront
Chestnut Hill
Manayunk
Olde City

Best of Kid Stuff

Please Touch Museum; Philadelphia Zoo; Camden Aquarium; Franklin Institute Science Museum
See the musical “Annie” at Walnut Street Theatre (W):
<https://www.walnutstreettheatre.org/>

6. Quirky & Cool Stuff

The Rocky Steps and Statue at the Phila Art Museum (W)

<http://www.rockystatue.com/the-statue/>



Eastern State Penitentiary (W!)

22nd and Fairmont, Phila PA
America's first prison (no longer in use)
<https://www.easternstate.org/>

Mural Arts Philadelphia tours -see our LAC-supported tour of Restorative Justice-themed building murals in “tours” section of ASC meeting site or join an independent (but more expensive) tour:
<https://www.muralarts.org/>
Philly is the mural capital of the world!

Dilworth Park (City Hall) Ice Skating Rink

Usually opens around the week of ASC

Hear former VP Joe Biden Speak at the Academy of Music, Wed Nov 15th (American Promise Tour):

<https://www.kimmelcenter.org/>

Quirky & Cool Stuff (continued)

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens

1020 South St. Philadelphia 19147

Covering an indoor and outdoor space equivalent to half a city block, Philadelphia's Magic Gardens glisten with creativity, urban renaissance and a hint of madness. <https://www.phillymagicgardens.org/>

The Stoozeum (Ambler, PA)

Containing close to 100,000 pieces of Stoogeabilia, the Stoozeum (rhymes with museum) offers fans a chance to view a vast array of artifacts which celebrate the legacy of this legendary comedy team.

<http://stoozeum.com/>

Mütter Museum

The Mütter Museum is a medical museum located in the Center City area of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It contains a collection of medical oddities, anatomical and pathological specimens, wax models, and antique medical equipment
19 S 22nd St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

<http://muttermuseum.org/>

6. Live Music (Local Arrangement Committee skews Rock-n-Roll so...)

Great website to keep track of all the RnR music offerings: <http://rockonphilly.com/>

Philly's best venues ranked:

<https://www.thrillist.com/lifestyle/philadelphia/best-philadelphia-music-venues>



The Fillmore Philadelphia -

incredible new multi-faceted state-of-the-art 25,000 square foot venue.

<http://www.thefillmorephilly.com/>

Don't miss:

Thurs November 16th: Radio 104.5 Presents:
Bleachers – Gone Now Era Part 2

\$1 from each ticket will be donated to The Ally Coalition. The Ally Coalition works with members of the music, fashion and entertainment worlds to raise awareness and funds in support of LGBTQ equality.

Union Transfer (W)– 1026 Spring Garden St. Phila.

Tues, Nov. 14: Lukas Nelson and the

Promise of the Real & Nikki Lane.

Wed, Nov. 15: Slowdive

Thurs, Nov 16: Luna

Friday, Nov 17: The Lone Bellow

<http://www.utphilly.com/>

Ardmore Music Hall – Friday, Nov 17th- take the Regional Rail train (Paoli – Thorndale line) right to this awesomely small and acoustically sound venue to see Big Sam's Funky Nation (Noladelic PowerFunk)

<http://www.ardmoremusic.com/>

Academy of Music (W) (yes, the famous theater):

The Brian Setzer Orchestra's 14th Annual Christmas Rocks! Tour

Nov 17 | 8:00 pm

for tickets go to <https://www.kimmelcenter.org/>



And don't forget:

Philadelphia is the first and only American city to be recognized by UNESCO as containing a world heritage site (Independence Hall), and recently joined the list of World Heritage Cities. Visit <http://worldheritagephl.org> to learn why Philadelphia is so noteworthy and to view an excellent 30 minute documentary about its rich history.