

PHILADELPHIA, PA

Philadelphia, a dynamic place where big city excitement meets hometown charm, awaits your arrival. Famous as the birthplace of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, the cradle of liberty offers much more than cobblestone streets and historical landmarks. Cultural, culinary, artistic and ethnic treasures abound in this city and its surrounding countryside. The fifth largest city in the country, Philadelphia is a welcoming place, a city based on freedom of expression.

The paths to understanding American history all converge in Philadelphia. Here Americans defended their liberty, achieved technological success and forged the ideals of the American Dream.

Today students can enjoy the legacy from more than three centuries of political, economic, social and cultural achievements – all within the Philadelphia area. You will see the sights, sounds and spirit of the 18th century as you listen to music of the day, participate in debates with 18th century colonists, join the Continental Army, meet and talk politics with the heroes of History – George Washington, Ben Franklin, Betsy Ross and others – and learn just what it means to be an American.

Traveling to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with your students enhances your curriculum by enriching students' comprehension and understanding of:

- The foundation of the American Revolution
- The principles articulated in the Declaration of Independence
- The issues involved in the creation and ratification of the United States Constitution and the new government is established
- The development of the Supreme Court's power and its significance through the early 19th century

Step back in history to the birth of our nation.

BETSY ROSS HOUSE

Explore where Betsy Ross lived and made our American Flag.

FRANKLIN COURT

Discover a postal museum, a printing office, an underground museum and the home of Benjamin Franklin.

INDEPENDENCE HALL

Explore where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and signed, and where the Constitution was written.

LIBERTY BELL

See our nation's most revered symbol of liberty. For over two centuries people from around the world have felt the bell's message. No one can see liberty, but people have used the Liberty Bell to represent this important idea.

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Students take part in more than 100 interactive, multimedia, group oriented exhibits dedicated to increasing understanding of the Constitution, its history and its contemporary relevance.

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