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With the Democratic National Convention to be held here in July, Philadelphia has never been more ready to show itself off to the world. [RELATED ARTICLE](#)



A bike-share station at Race Street Pier, a recently redesigned modern hi-level extension with spectacular views of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge. *Shawn Leggett for The New York Times*

With the Democratic National Convention to be held here in July, and its expected influx of 50,000 people, Philadelphia is more than ready to show itself off to the world. Thanks to a compact city center and plenty of bike lanes — plus a popular bike-share program — Philadelphia rewards exploration on two feet or two wheels. A college town, the city has a young vibe and a profusion of happy hours, as well as one of the most dynamic culinary landscapes in the country. The restaurant scene is expanding rapidly, from Frankford Avenue in the north to Passyunk Avenue in the south, discarding traditional “red sauce” Italian restaurants and working-class bars in favor of indie B.Y.O.B.s and elegant cafes. With an ever-increasing number of stellar museums, the transformation of industrial spaces into artist studios and a newly invigorated clutch of outdoorsy offerings, the city has never been more inviting — and not just to the Democrats.

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12. ART AND HOAGIES NOON

It's hard to believe that the [Barnes Foundation](#)'s 3,000-strong collection of Impressionist, Post-Impressionist and early modern paintings was once owned by a single man. Take the hour long tour that starts at noon (\$45, includes \$25 admission fee; book far in advance) for insights into the work and the history of Dr. Albert C. Barnes's once-private collection. It's unthinkable to leave the city without stopping at a [Wawa](#), the convenience store that — according to locals, at least — has the best coffee, hoagies and meatball subs around. Follow up your museum visit with a trip to the new location at Broad and Walnut Streets. Pick up an Italian hoagie, and stroll up to City Hall to eat it at the newly designed green space [Dilworth Park](#), under the benevolent gaze of the William Penn statue atop the building.

Lodging

The Logan Hotel

Located in a very central spot formerly occupied by the Four Seasons, The Logan Hotel (1 Logan Square; [theloganhotel.com](#); doubles from \$249) opened in December 2015 after a thorough redesign. Note the massive chandelier constructed from portraits of famous Philadelphians in the foyer.

Rittenhouse 1715

This small hotel (1715 Rittenhouse Square St.; [rittenhouse1715.com](#); doubles from \$249) was once a carriage house and has a comfortable, homey atmosphere in its 23 rooms. The helpful staff have plenty of local tips.

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