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Feature by
Debbie Stone

*History, tragedy, and a whole lot of
fun makes Salem a great place for an
autumn jaunt!*

The first tarot card the psychic at Pentagram turned over was a sun, which I was told signifies optimism, success, vitality and fun. She then proceeded to tell me I would have several opportunities coming my way soon. One would be career related; the other not. And a third was going to be a distraction I should not undertake. Other cards she chose indicated good health and awareness, as well as increasing strength in the wake of grief. She was right on the mark with this one, as my father passed away last fall.

It was an auspicious start to my visit to Salem, one of our country's most historic towns and a destination I had tried to visit twice in the past. Three times really was the charm.

Most visitors to Salem are drawn to its well-known witch history.





They primarily come to see the attractions that focus on a very dark period of time in the town's past. Along the way, however, they discover that the city is a many-faceted destination.

For a great overview of the town, take a narrated tour on the Salem Trolley. In one hour, you'll get a crash course on nearly 400 years of history. Points of interest include the Witch Trial Memorial, House of Seven Gables, Salem Witch Museum, Witch Dungeon Museum, Salem Witch House, Pickering Wharf, Salem Maritime Site, Winter Island, Chestnut

Street, and more. The trolley works as a shuttle, too, so you can get on and off at any one of 14 stops.

The tour is informative and entertaining, with colorful tales of key people and pivotal events. You'll learn that Salem was among the first permanent settlements established in the country, having been founded by a band of Puritan fishermen under the direction of one Roger Conant. The town eventually became a maritime powerhouse and leading port. A third of all ships in the country were built here and the city became very prosperous as a result.

Eventually, however, ship-building declined and other industries took over, particularly leather tanning and textile.

Your guide will point out various buildings, homes, shops and statues, providing context to each. You'll ooh and aah as you drive by the massive, stately Federal style mansions in the Chestnut Street District. Designed by Samuel McIntire, known as the "architect of Salem," these handsome beauties are very photogenic.

You'll also pass by the Ye Olde Pepper Candy Shop. Put it on your



list to visit, as it's the oldest candy store in the country and you'll definitely want a tasty souvenir. According to our guide, Oprah is a fan of the place and orders boxes of chocolate turtles each month to give as gifts.

At nearby Winter Island, there are bunkers that stored ammo during WWII, as the place served as a military installation. Get your leis ready as you drive by the island's own Waikiki Beach, sans the tropical breezes.

I also highly recommend doing the A.M. Coffee Walk with Salem Food Tours. Owner Karen Scalia

combines her passion for food with history, and gives a great orientation to the city, past and present. She is a wealth of knowledge and has the inside scoop on all things Salem.

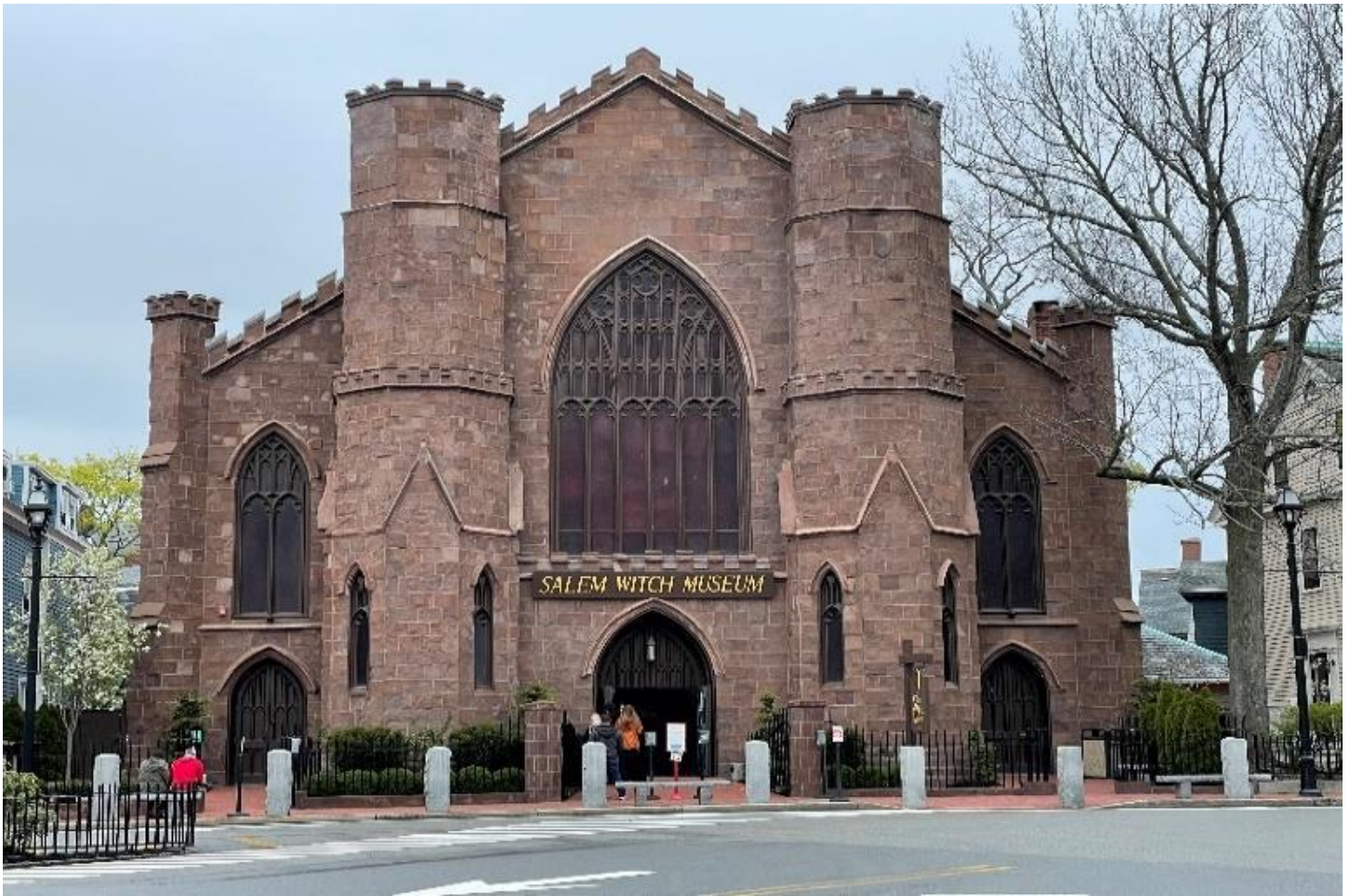
You might be surprised to learn that Salem is a town of firsts. The country's first millionaire, Elias Derby, was from Salem and this is where Alexander Graham Bell completed the first successful long-distance telephone call. The city is also the birthplace of the U.S. National Guard and it's where Parker Brothers produced the game "Monopoly."



The Coffee Walk covers Salem's spice history, too – a period that spanned the end of the American Revolution to the War of 1812. Thanks to Captain Jonathan Carnes, who sailed into town from Indonesia with a load of pepper, Salem became the center of the spice trade in North America.

To conclude the tour, you'll visit Salem Spice for a spice and olive oil tasting session. Of the spices and seasonings I sampled, the Alderwood Smoked, Chipotle Honey Rub, and Amchur were my favorites; the latter which is made with green mango and has a tart





citrus essence. And I waxed poetic over the Cranberry Pear White Balsamic Vinegar.

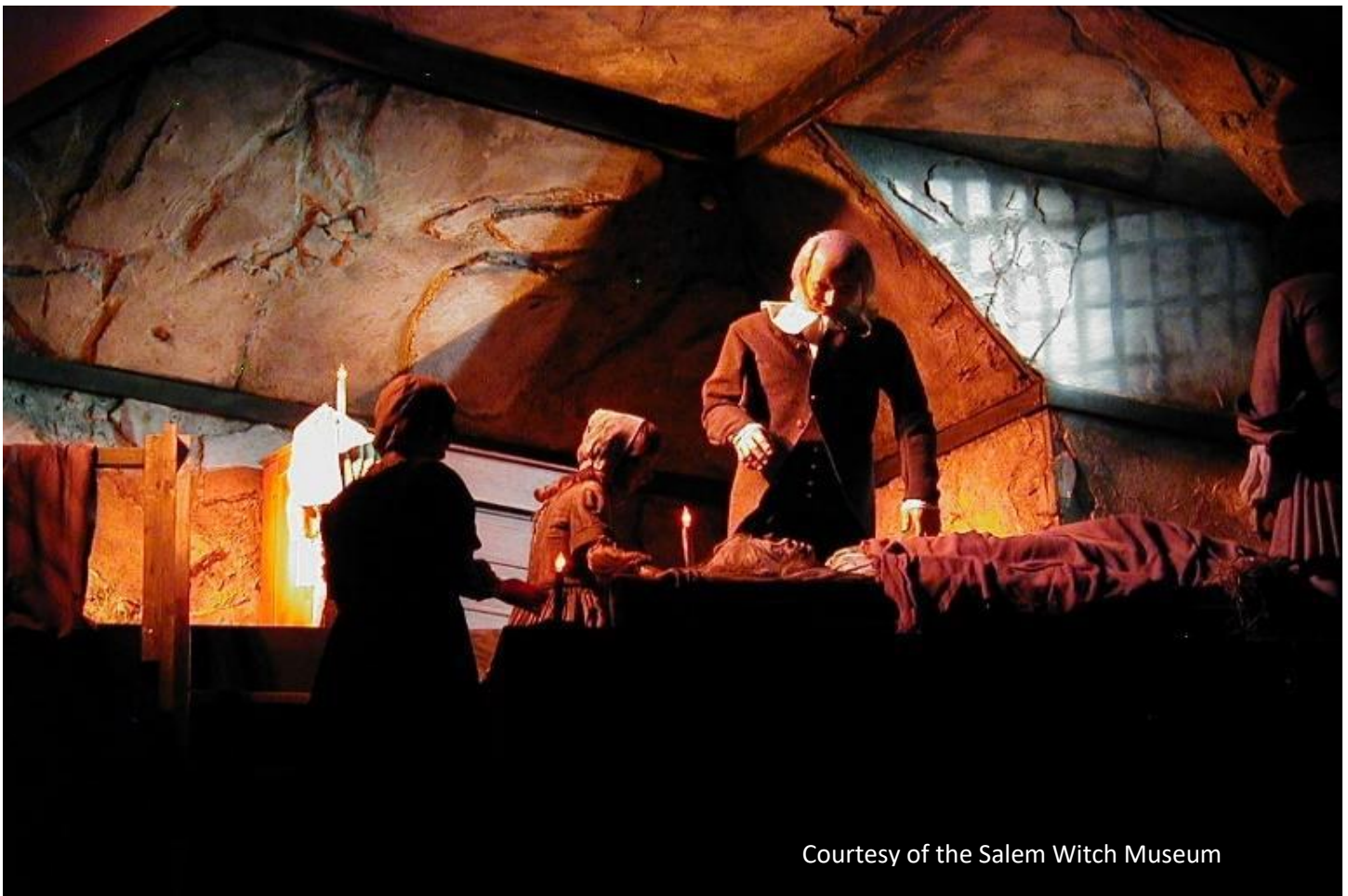
The most popular witch trial-related attractions are the Witch Museum, Witch Dungeon Museum, Witch Trials Memorial and Witch House.

It's hard not to notice the Witch Museum, as the building, an historic church, is very imposing. The museum was created to help people understand the true story behind the events of 1692.

The Salem witch trials were incited by mass hysteria among the area's deeply religious populace

regarding witchcraft in their communities. Two young girls, Abigail Williams and Elizabeth Perry, started the chain reaction after having uncontrollable fits of rage. A doctor diagnosed witchcraft as a possible ailment, which spurred more women to act similarly. Fingers were pointed and within months, nearly 200 people were accused of the crime of witchcraft on the basis of insidious lies, suspicions and ignorance.

The colonial governor of Massachusetts, Governor Phips, created a special tribunal to deal with the matter. Nineteen of the



Courtesy of the Salem Witch Museum

condemned were executed by hanging and one was pressed to death by stones. Several others died in prison awaiting their fate.

Over time, the public grew tired of the trials and several began denouncing the prosecutions. Governor Phips ceased the proceedings, not because of public pressure, but because his wife became a suspect. He ultimately pardoned the guilty in 1693.

In the first part of the museum, visitors sit on benches in a darkened room, as they watch the aforementioned events unfold via the use of thirteen life-size stage

sets. The sets are complete with figures, lighting and narration, offering an immersive presentation.

The second part of the museum provides background on the development of witchcraft beliefs in Europe, explains the evolution of the image of witches and then discusses the terrifying aspects of modern-day witch hunts.

In the Witch Dungeon Museum, you'll be treated to a live reenactment of one of the actual witch trials, adapted from 1692 historical transcripts. The presentation brings to life the



horror of those unjustly accused and the hopelessness of their situation against a system that did nothing to protect them. It's followed by a guided tour of a recreated dungeon with all its abject and inhuman conditions.

The Witch House is the 17th century home of Witch Trials Judge Jonathan Corwin, who lived here with his family for over forty years. It's the town's only remaining structure with direct connection to the terrible events of 1692 and as such, is one of Salem's most recognizable and

photographed buildings. Contrary to its name, there were never any convicted or accused witches living in this house. The place, however, is rumored to be haunted.

A visit to the Witch House is a step back in time to the lifestyles, furnishings and architecture of this period in history, with insight into the particular events of 1692. You realize how easily someone could be accused of witchcraft in colonial America. Salem's populace was comprised of Puritanical, intolerant people with a deep-seated fear of the devil. Anyone who stood out,

acted differently or wasn't part of the mainstream society had a target on his/her back.

I was most impacted by the Witch Trials Memorial. The memorial is strikingly simple, yet incredibly powerful. At the entrance are inscriptions in stone of the victims' protests of innocence. A three-sided granite wall creates a perimeter; within which are stone benches bearing the names and execution dates of each of the twenty victims. It's an enduring tribute to these individuals, who

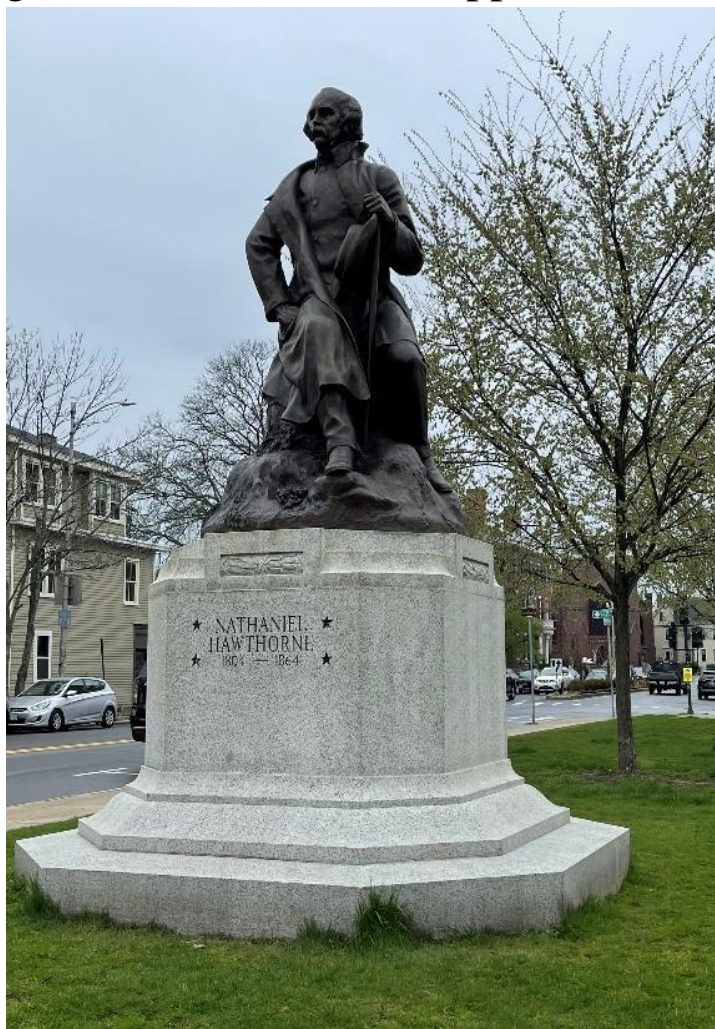
chose death rather than compromise their personal truths.

Two of my favorite nonrelated-witch attractions in Salem are the House of Seven Gables and the Peabody Essex Museum, or PEM as it is often called. The House of Seven Gables, or the Turner-Ingersoll Mansion, is a colonial, large timber-framed home that is best known for being the setting for distinguished author Nathaniel Hawthorne's celebrated novel of the same name.



A Salem citizen, Hawthorne spent his formative years living in the community before returning later in his life with his wife, Sophia. The town and its history had a profound impact on him and served as inspiration for a number of his books. Interesting to learn is that the author was so ashamed of his Puritan ancestors and their unsavory actions that he changed his name from Hathorne to Hawthorne to distance himself from them.

Built in 1668, the house went through different renditions and various owners before it was inherited by



Hawthorne's second cousin, Susanna Ingersoll. Hawthorne used to visit his cousin and became very familiar with the home. Later, it became the property of Caroline Emmerton, a philanthropist and preservationist, who worked to restore its original appearance.

The site, which also includes Hawthorne's birthplace and two other dwellings, is designated a National Historic Landmark District. Before or after your tour, take time to meander around the grounds and admire the lush gardens, as well as the lovely seaside views.

The Peabody Essex has the distinction of being the oldest continuously





operating and collecting museum in the U.S. It possesses a staggering number of works of art and culture, from maritime and American art to Asian, Oceanic, and African collections.

PEM actually comprises three campuses, Salem being the main hub. Centered on the historic East Marine Hall of 1825, the museum has had various additions over the years and now includes 33 other buildings, 24 of which are historic houses. It also boasts the only complete Qing Dynasty house outside China.

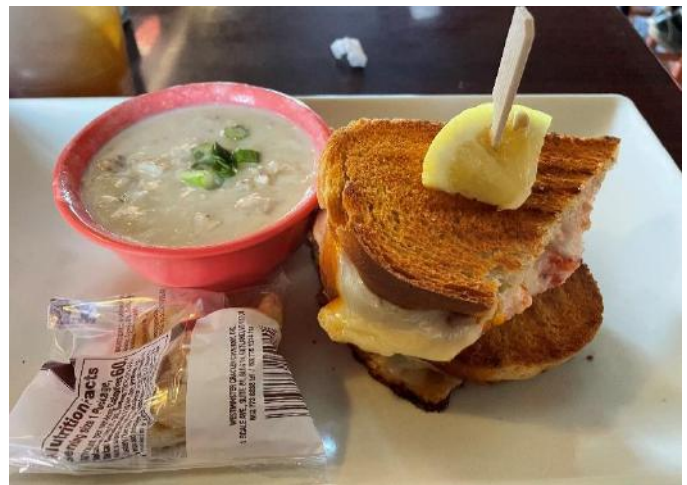
The Yin Yu Tang was home to

the Huang family for more than two hundred years. By the mid 1980s, the house stood empty. As part of a cultural exchange agreement, the museum was able to obtain the building. It was dismantled and shipped to the States, trucked to Salem, where it was meticulously reconstructed and opened to the public in 2003. Visitors can do a self-guided tour of the place and gain a unique perspective on Chinese art, architecture and culture, while imagining eight generations of the dwelling's inhabitants going about their daily lives.

I spent much time perusing the museum’s collection of “Salem Stories.” This exhibit is a compilation of vignettes about the people, places and events that shaped the area, with paintings, sculptures, manuscripts, artifacts, even a specimen of an ancient leatherback turtle, and more.

You’ll definitely work up an appetite seeing all the sights in Salem. Good to know that the town boasts a vibrant culinary scene. Seafood reigns supreme, which is always music to my palette.

Chowder and lobster are mainstays on many restaurant menus in town. Red’s Sandwich Shop has a Lobster Mania selection, where you’ll find this tasty crustacean in



rolls, quesadillas, grilled cheese sandwiches, mac n’ cheese, on flatbread pizzas, in sliders, and more.

The decision-making process is agonizing!

I had memorable dinners at both Turner’s Seafood at Lyceum Hall and the Adriatic



Restaurant. At Turner’s, it’s all about New England fresh, local, catch of the day fare. The place boasts an authentic shuck and serve oyster bar plus it has a seafood market right on site. Offerings are extensive with everything from Baked Stuffed Shrimp and Haddock Marsala to Fish Cakes and Tuna Sashimi. I’m still dreaming of the Clams Casino and Crab Pie I devoured. Staff are

friendly and provide attentive service in this upbeat, casual establishment.

Mediterranean-inspired fare is the specialty at warm and inviting Adriatic. The menu features brick oven pizzas, pastas and fresh seafood. My husband and I shared a Bag of Munchkins (lobster, corn and scallion fritters) to start, then split the salmon and risotto with shrimp. For dessert, we settled on the Pistachio Rose Water Cake. We scraped our plates clean, then proceeded to walk off our meal on Salem Night Tours' "Haunt and History Tour."

As we strolled the streets, our guide regaled us with spooky legends and purported

hauntings of various buildings in town. It was a full moon that night, which heightened the eerie quality to the experience and upped the goosebump ante.

You can shop till you drop in Salem, especially if you're looking for magic and occult-themed items, or Halloween merchandise.

Harry Potter fans will want to make a

beeline for Wynott's Wands, where

handcrafted magic wands have been elevated to an artform. And there's no shortage of psychics in town, who will be happy to do a

reading for you.





When it comes to accommodations, you'll be pleased to know that Salem has a variety of options. As history played a dominant role during my visit, I chose to stay at the Hawthorne Hotel, a member of Historic Hotels of America. Adjacent to Salem Common and walkable to all major attractions, this iconic property, with a rich heritage, has been a landmark in town for a century. Architects consider it a classic example of the Colonial Revival style.

Deciding upon the hotel's name was a no brainer back in 1925, due to the fact that it was located near three buildings with connections to eminent author, Nathaniel Hawthorne: The Mall Street home where he wrote the *Scarlett Letter*, the Herbert Street residence where he grew up, and his birthplace on Union Street, which was subsequently moved to



the House of the Seven Gables complex.

Many generations have fond memories of celebrating special events in the Hawthorne's Grand Ballroom. And over the years, the place has attracted numerous celebs, including Bette Davis, Johnny Cash, Robert de Niro,



Courtesy of the Hawthorne Hotel



Jennifer Lawrence, Walter Cronkite, Presidents Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush, Colin Powell and more. But its fame really skyrocketed when Elizabeth Montgomery and Dick Sargent, and the rest of the cast of the popular T.V. show, “Bewitched,” stayed at the hotel to film scenes for “The Salem Saga.”

There are framed photos of the event and even of the menu created by the hotel’s chef to commemorate the occasion, with such dishes as Green Goulash Stew (fish chowder), Fried Salamander

(fried shrimp) and Eye of Newt Ambrosia (zucchini squash).

The hotel offers spacious, well-appointed guest rooms with comfy beds, a classic-style lobby, two on site restaurants (Tavern and Nathaniel’s) and free parking; the latter which is always appreciated. I found the staff to be exceptionally welcoming and patient with my many questions.

For more information:

- www.salem.org
- www.hawthornehotel.com



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New Britain CT's Oktoberfest

Feature By
Paul Pence

*During Oktoberfest, we are ALL
German! Pass the sausage and beer.*



We tend to think of German heritage in America being limited to places like the Midwest or Pennsylvania, but the German immigration of the 1800's gave us communities all over the US that are proud of their German Roots. Places like New Britain, Connecticut dust off their German heritage from time to time in the Autumn to hold their own version of the Bavarian festival known as “Oktoberfest”

Just as everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's day, everyone is German during Oktoberfest.

Oktoberfest in Bavaria started in 1810 as an agricultural festival to celebrate the wedding of King

Ludwig to Princess Therese. The original festival became an annual event, eventually becoming the most attended festival in the world, running for the two weeks that lead up to the first Sunday in October.

Visitors from around the world are attracted to an abundance of music, games, vendor booths, and of course beer.

Even though the huge beer halls were a late addition to the festival, beer may be the reason Oktoberfest is imitated in the US. Many of the 19th century immigrants established breweries, so Oktoberfest in the US has become a way to connect others with their heritage while also helping their businesses.

Modern day craft breweries like New Britain's Alvarium Beer Company brewery join in the fun. Alvarium celebrates with German folk music and competitions like stein holding where competitors see who can hold full mugs of beer at arm's length the longest. Special foods are added to the menu to go with "festbier" made just for Oktoberfest. Yes, the German word for beer is bier, pronounced exactly the same way.

The servers dress in traditional Bavarian costume, like the distinctive drendl dress, but it's not unusual for patrons to show up in lederhosen to join in the fun themselves.

Even when it's not Oktoberfest,



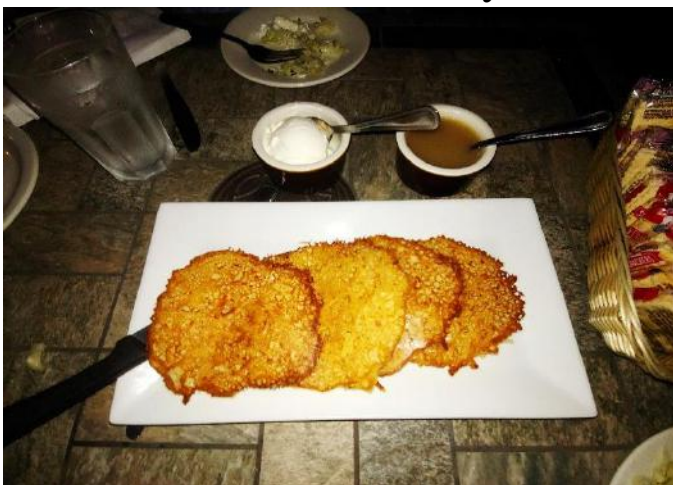


Alvarium is a great place to visit, with 14 different beers brewed on site (mostly German inspired), great snacks like chewy thick pretzels, and a dog-friendly atmosphere. They even have hard cider and seltzers, in case you don't drink beer.

In 2021, the whole city of New

Britain celebrated its 150th anniversary.

Downtown was closed to traffic and the central square was turned over to entertainment, vendors, and music. Food trucks lined up along the side streets, shops opened their doors wide, and the distinctive honeybee-themed bridge over the





expressway became a music theater. The Oktoberfest bierhall, limited to drinking-age adults only, served beer in abundance.

For those who find more joy in traditional German foods than crowds, New Britain's East Side Restaurant serves excellent

German foods year around.

Of course the biergarten patio is bustling during Oktoberfest evenings and very popular with people who love imported German beers, but the restaurant is best known for its food. Knockwurst and sauerbraten and schnitzel and



rulatin and spätzle and kartoffelpoofers, all done the way Oma and Opa would have made them. Rulatin? That's beef rolled around cooked onions and pickle in a hunter sauce. Spätzle is a pasta dish.

Kartoffelpoofers are pancakes made out of potatoes. Oh, and beets and coleslaw and cabbage and cottage cheese. And for dessert, how about apple streusel?

The restaurant's rooms are themed to make it feel like you're dining in Germany, with the Heidelberg Room's ceilings covered with glass beer mugs, each dedicated to a single regular customer and the Hunter's Lounge decked out with dark wood, a huge fireplace, and deer trophies.

Catch the last piece of this year's



Oktoberfest, or plan on catching next year's celebration.

For More Information:

- alvariumbeer.com
- www.eastsiderrestaurant.com
- www.ctvisit.com







A large display of carved and lit jack-o'-lanterns in a dark, wooded setting. The pumpkins are arranged on wooden stands and are illuminated from within, casting a warm orange glow. The background is filled with bare tree branches and more pumpkins, creating a festive and spooky atmosphere.

Jack O' Lantern Spectacular

Feature by
Linda Eagleson

*A family-friendly Halloween
experience filled with more Jack-o-
lanterns than you can count.*



Creating an atmosphere of delight and amazement, the annual "Jack o' Lantern Spectacular" at the Roger Williams Park Zoo each October is a truly inspiring demonstration of artistry and dedication.

Each year's theme changes – One year, the theme was 'Around the World', featuring pumpkins carved into artistic depictions of places and things from around the world, from the Eifel Tower to Australian kangaroos.

But the theme didn't stop there; it featured a variety of pumpkin carving celebrating celebrities like

Ghandi and fictional characters like James Bond -- each identifiable as icons of their own parts of the world.

The event's primary artist, John Reckner, an Oxford, Massachusetts mailman, was inspired by a Vermont farm that he had seen lined with glowing jack o' lanterns.

In turn, he organized the first jack o' lantern spectacular in Oxford in 1988. There were 185 jack o' lanterns featured in this first event, all carved by local residents and displayed on a hillside behind a local school. About 300 spectators attended.

Now a resident of Rhode Island, Reckner has taken on the responsibility of organizing this

event for the Roger Williams Park Zoo.

The premier presentation of the jack o' lantern event attracted more than 80,000 visitors, making it a tradition for many New England families. A team of over 30 professional pumpkin carvers spend six weeks creating the trail, developing different themes, backgrounds, and a truly breathtaking display of over





150,000 pounds of jack o lanterns, each carved with painstaking detail and artistry.

The centerpiece of the display, known as the "tree of light", is displayed in the focal point of the trail, with individual carvings of fantastically illuminated pumpkins

-- hanging from trees, mounted on tree stumps, and some even emitting smoke and fire. The wonderment of the whole event would keep the family entertained and very appreciative of the monumental undertaking.

Visitors feast their eyes on scenes of famous sports heroes, celebrities, historic figures, and, of course, a wild pumpkin patch of endangered species. A very family-oriented event that will continue to entice thousands for years to come.

Expect a long wait, but also expect to be entertained while waiting. Costumed characters and



clowns stroll up and down the lines to help make the time pass quickly. A jazz band eases the wait once the line winds through the gates of the zoo. Booths sell glowing and flashing trinkets, and there's a chance to purchase cider to warm your insides. There's even a large screen TV showing animal documentaries. Visiting the Jack O' Lantern Spectacular on a weeknight or closer to closing time will help reduce the length of the lines.

Come and enjoy the marvel of it



all. Plan on an evening of fun and entertainment. And, don't forget, bring along a trusted friend, as this is "Halloween"!

For More Information:

- www.rogerwilliamsparkzoo.org





Borgata



Sky High Rollers Fly Borgata

Feature By
Paul Pence

Here's a peek into whole different world for the gaming community's "High Rollers"... and a little more feet on the ground exploration of Atlantic City.



It's a rare pleasure to have that feeling of luxury and specialness that was once a huge part of air travel -- we found it as guests of Fly Borgata, who treated my wife and me to a weekend as “high rollers” at Atlantic City's Borgata.

In the sixties, the” jet set” were the people who had both the leisure time and wherewithal to jump on a jet plane and be whisked away to glamorous destinations. Since then, jet travel and relaxing destinations have become affordable – but at the cost of cramped tourist-class seats and cookie-cutter resorts.

The Borgata Hotel, Casino, and Spa in Atlantic City has a special service for a limited number of guests. They charter a 30-passenger jet, a Dornier 328, outfitted in first class luxury with leather seats and attentive crew members, to fly weekend guests from an array of East Coast locations.

For Rhode Island, we fly out of Northstar Aviation. With free overnight parking across the street, Northstar welcomes their visitors with a comfortable first class lounge. No long lines, no x-ray machines, shoe removal, or TSA pat-downs. In fact, I purposefully carried my ever-present Leatherman multitool with me, just to say that I did it.

The Dornier 328 sat right outside the door – we walked to it, climbed a few stairs, and we were inside, where every seat is a cushy, comfortable, leather-covered first class seat. No little prop plane --

this is a decent sized, comfortable charter jet.

The flight took us out over Block Island before turning west, and in 45 minutes we arrived at the Atlantic City airport.

We had checked one bag, which arrived in the usual airport carousel. Then outside all of the passengers were put on a comfortable bus. Another 20 minutes and we were in Atlantic City and unloading in front of the Borgata Hotel.

The Borgata's 41-story gold glass hotel, with 2000 guest rooms and suites, was visible as soon as





business-class hotel room. We were happy that the room also included a fridge, an extra comfort in keeping the weekend's leftovers edible and our sodas cold.

The hotel sits well away from the famous Boardwalk, but for most visitors, whatever is outside the casino

we approached Atlantic City. A second gold glass tower has the sister property, the Water Club, with 800 additional guest rooms and suites.



doors is of little interest. For most visitors, the 161,000 square foot casino is the primary attraction. It includes 182 gaming tables, 3150 slot

Check-in was rapid, with the Fly Borgata guests being given VIP treatment with their own check-in desk.

Our room was on the 30th floor, looking toward the city through floor-to-ceiling windows. With crisp, modern décor, the room had all the comforts of a





restaurateurs Greg and Marc Sherry, where the word beef should be spelled in all capital letters. It's Borgata's copy of the renowned Old Homestead in New York City, where they focus on the four main food groups – beef, beef, beef, and beef. My wife had the 18 ounce filet mignon. Yes, 18

machines, a 100-seat racebook, and over 80 tables in the poker room.

But the Borgata isn't limited to gambling. They also have five destination restaurants,

including Bobby Flay Steak, Old Homestead Steak House, Wolfgang Puck American Grille, Izakaya Modern Japanese Pub, and Fornelleto Cucina & Wine Bar.

We wallowed in excess at the Old Homestead Steak House, run by



ounces. And I enjoyed the Empire cut of Prime Rib on the bone.

There are eight casual dining restaurants.

• The Metropolitan –



contemporary and classic American foods

- Borgata Buffet – a buffet of entrees, snacks, and desserts
- Bread + Butter – sandwiches and gourmet beverages
- Noodles Of The World (N.O.W.) -- Japanese, Chinese, Korean cuisine
- Borgata Baking Company – accessible sweets and eats
- Long Bar – city bar-feel serving light bites and bar fare
- 28 West Bar & Bites – Euro-inspired bar featuring specialty cocktails, craft beers, and delectable small bites

- The Sunroom – sun-filled lobby/lounge at The Water Club offering delicious bites

We ate a snack at Bread + Butter, a nice casual place where diners go through a line to place an order, sit at Formica tables for their meals, and are directed to leave the dishes on the table. They serve breakfast there, making an early day easier, if you need more than the coffee maker in the room.

There is also an even-more casual option – The Cafeteria – multi-concept quick service dining featuring Fatburger, Tony Luke’s cheese-steaks, Ben & Jerry’s,



Panda Express, and so on.

Borgata's 70,000 square feet of event space includes the 1,000-seat performance theater The Music Box and six signature Borgata Nightlife experiences:

- MIXX – dance club with world-renowned DJs
- B Bar – lounge centrally located on the casino floor
- mur.mur – intimate nightclub with signature bottle service and celebrity DJ's
- 28 West Bar & Bites - Euro-inspired cocktail and piano bar
- Gypsy Bar – Borgata's rock & roll and tequila bar featuring live

music

- Long Bar – city bar atmosphere
- Borgata has 17 retail stores, ranging from souvenirs, sundries, and gifts to shops like Hugo Boss, Vintage Wine Boutique, and Fixation Shoes & Accessories.

We didn't the chance to explore the spas, but we did find time to walk along the 1.1 mile long bayside sculpture park. Every 50 yards or so on a relaxing walk, we enjoyed sculpture and after sculpture. It circles all the way to the bridge to Brigantine Island, where the waters of the bay flow into the Atlantic.



We also discovered the jitneys - little busses running 24/7 that open up all of Atlantic City if you need a break from playing in the casino. Sure, real high rollers would have a limo on hand, but we were happy that we had a chance to explore the famous boardwalk and beaches of Atlantic City on our modest budget.

Our flight back was simple. Our bus waited outside until we were all loaded, from there to the airport to the plane, and back home to Northstar Aviation at TF Green Airport without a bit of stress and in perfect comfort.

Now the neat thing about the whole experience is that it's open to anyone. Check out the Fly Borgata website for prices and packages,

but you'll find that being flown off to a weekend getaway and being treated like a high roller doesn't require the finances of a high roller.

For More Information:

- www.theborgata.com
- www.flyborgata.com
- www.northstarpvd.com
- www.artcnw.com/acsw
- www.jitneyac.com





Hardly Roughing The Northeast's Autumn

*Three quiet escapes and a chance
immerse yourself in the slow
rhythm of fall in nature,
comfortably.*

To experience the best of fall and the great outdoors without the hassle of truly roughing-it, Huttopia's "prêt-a-camper" sites have three locations for fall foliage peeping: New Hampshire's White Mountains, Southern Maine, and New York's Adirondacks.

These French woodland bare-bones glamping sites offer an appeal to families with outdoor activities suited for all, distance and privacy, and an underlying sense of community between individuals with the shared interest of getting closer to nature.

The retreats are tucked away on the banks of Iona Lake in New

Hampshire near North Conway, in the forest surrounding Sand Pond in Southern Maine, and in the mountains of the Adirondacks near the town of Lake George., offering quiet escapes and a chance immerse yourself in the slow rhythm of fall in nature.

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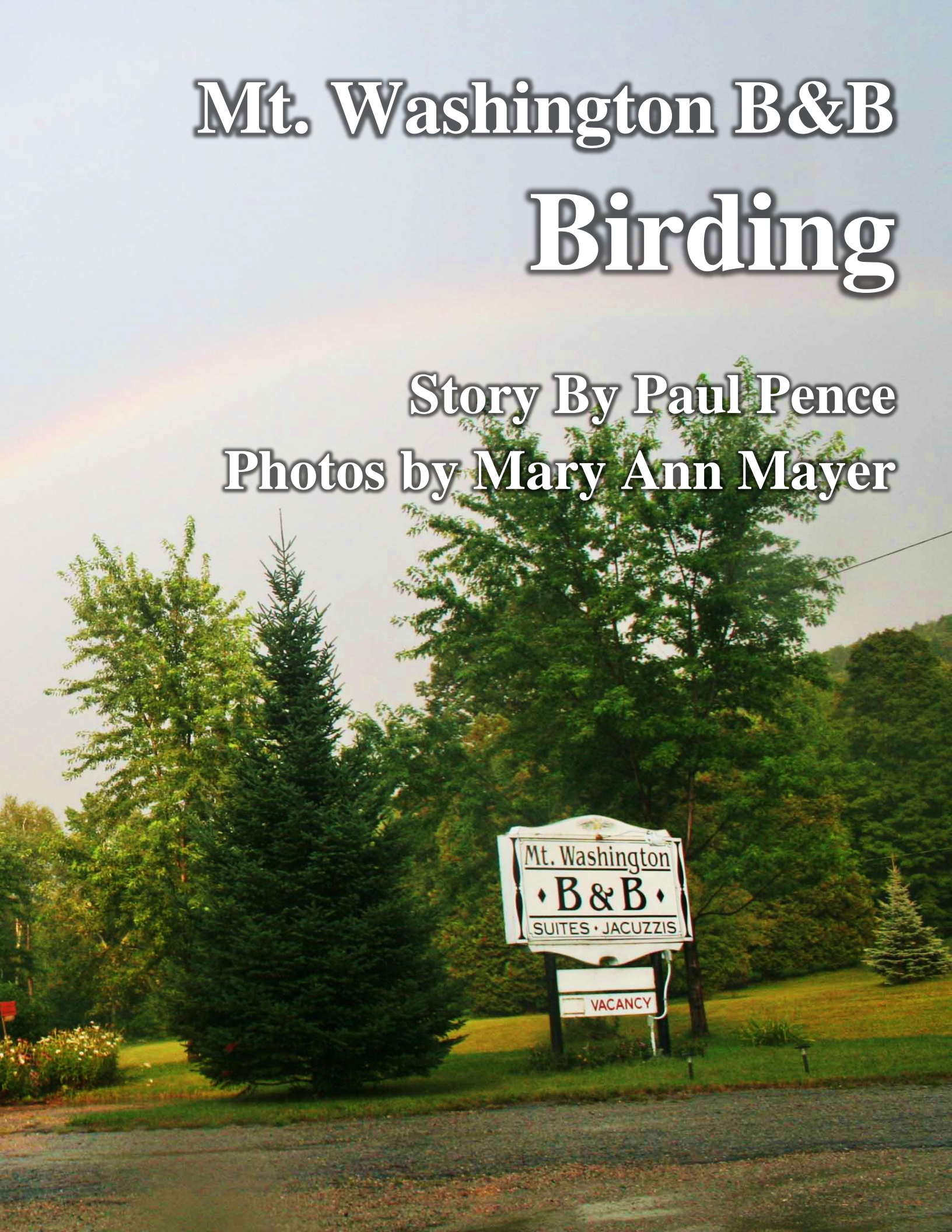
• canada-usa.huttopia.com





Mt. Washington B&B Birding

Story By Paul Pence
Photos by Mary Ann Mayer





A stay at the Mount Washington Bed and Breakfast, nestled in the natural beauty of New Hampshire's North Country, isn't just a relaxing getaway, it's also a chance to experience nature up close, perhaps adding a few of the area's birds to your list of discoveries. The B&B sits just north of the protected White Mountains National Forest with its unique alpine habitat and a stone's throw away from the Androscoggin River, making it a great home base for any birder.

The 1853 farmhouse has been expanded over the years and spent time as a wayside inn. Since 1999, the Mayer family has run the B&B, making it a comfortable and

welcoming place to be pampered.

Early birders might head out before breakfast to look for eagles and osprey flying low over the Androscoggin cruising for an



unwary fish.

The osprey, sometimes called seahawks, are larger than their hawk cousins, with wings that stretch as much as six feet. They fly with steady wingbeats, sometimes cruising with bowed wings, then dive with claws outstretched.

The distinctive Bald eagles flap slowly, low over the treetops. It's less common to catch them with fish in their talons, but for most people just the sight of the US National symbol with its wings outstretched as much as seven and a half feet is enough to declare the

sight the high point of the trip.

Loons, ducks, and geese along with the occasional errant shore birds make the early morning move along quickly.

Then, with a bit of luck, a good zoom lens, and a fast shutter on their cameras, returning to the B&B to share pictures over a delicious breakfast featuring one of the B&B's specialties, like a thick almond-encrusted Amaretto French toast or a baked apple with homemade maple granola.

During breakfast, the feeders right outside the B&B windows



might bring bickering hummingbirds and a variety of seed-eating meadow birds. Even without a rare spotting, the antics of chickadees and the excited flutter of colorful finches add an extra smile to a tasty breakfast.



For the afternoon, an expedition to the slopes of Mount Washington gives a chance for birders to add an extremely rare bird to their lists -- the Bicknell's thrush nests above the 3000 foot level of Mount Washington, one of the few locations with the right combination of cold temperatures, thin

vegetation, and plenty of moisture aligning with an easy access for humans.

This small brown and grey bird breeds only in the Northeast before they migrate to the Caribbean for the winter. Guided tours travel up the Mount Washington Auto Road in early June, providing one of the easiest ways to add a new star to the bird book.

Dining in Gorham offer lots of choices. Of course nothing beats a well-planned and well-provisioned picnic as part of a bird-spotting hike, but come

dinnertime, visitors to the area enjoy a broad selection of restaurants. The most widely recommended restaurant is SALT, with a comfortable pub atmosphere and an international cuisine that focuses on locally-sourced ingredients.

After dinner, it's time for relaxing, perhaps in the Mount Washington B&B's common areas, maybe playing a board game, or admiring the decorative quilts on the walls made by Mary Ann Mayer. Or even better, discussing your bird sightings with Mary Ann, an avid birder herself. She may suggest places to check out and stories of interesting bird sightings passed along through the bird spotter's rumor mill.

Then, bedtime in one of the



B&B's seven guest rooms, each named after a local bird. Some of the rooms overlook the pond, others offer views of Mount Washington, but all are comfortable and homey.

Then, after a quiet night and well rested, it's time for yet another great breakfast and another day of being out in nature.

For More Information:

- www.mtwashingtonbb.com 





Autumn in NYC's Hidden Forest

The Thain Family Forest at New York Botanical Gardens is a magical place in the autumn.

During Fall Forest Weekends, visitors can revel in the unique autumnal beauty and resilience of the 50-acre Thain Family Forest, the largest expanse of New York City’s original wooded landscape. Tours and other events provide opportunities to learn about this historic old-growth forest.



Two themed discovery walks focus on the Thain Family Forest’s birds and natural history. Visitors can explore the diversity of migrating birds that find food and habitat in the Forest and learn more about ongoing efforts to make New York City a safer place for avian life. The natural history tour provides an opportunity to appreciate the beauty of the Forest in a new light. During this one-hour walking tour, expertly trained

guides will present facts about the trees as well as the history, geology, and ecology of the Forest. Visitors should wear comfortable shoes and seasonal attire for the weather.

Activities including poetry, science, Shakespeare, and fiddlers fill the schedule for November

For More Information:

- www.nybg.org/event



BEN & JERRY'S

ICE CREAM



I Scream For Ice Cream Ben & Jerry's

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Debbie Stone



*There's a great reason to explore
the Green Mountains... Ice Cream!*



If you get to explore the charming town of Stowe and its surrounds. You'll discover cute shops, quaint, covered bridges, dramatic waterfalls, lush forests, a ski and snowboard museum and one of my favorite destinations – Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, in nearby Waterbury.

I knew the ice cream factory was closed to tours, but I was happy to settle for a trip to the Scoop Shop to get a cone. However, I never expected there to be so many flavors. It was difficult making a decision, but my server assured me that the staff is trained to be very

patient with customers! I eventually settled on a scoop of Coconut Seven Layer Bar and one of Peanut Butter Half Baked. And of course, I had to sample my husband's Coffee Coffee Buzz Buzz Buzz, and Chocolate Therapy, too.

As we tried to make our cones last as long as we could, we went to pay our respects at the Flavor Graveyard. Here's where flavors go when they die, and where you can pay tribute to the "dearly departed." Erected in 1997, with just four flavors – Dastardly Mash, Economic Crunch, Ethan Almon and Tuskegee Chunk – the graveyard is now home to 35 departees. This unique resting place is complete with granite headstones listing the late flavor's year of "birth" and "death," along with a witty epitaph explaining why it ended up six-feet under.

Ben & Jerry's receives several thousand requests each year from fans beseeching it to "rein-cone-ate" their favorite fallen flavor. They hold out hope because once in a great while, discontinued flavors do come back from the grave!



Up close and personal with Massachusetts Cranberries

*Southeast Massachusetts tours
that let you see cranberry bogs and
harvesting operations.*

Massachusetts is the oldest cranberry growing region in the country. Today, there are approximately 13,300 acres of commercial cranberry bogs in the state, primarily in Plymouth, Bristol, and Barnstable counties.

The cranberry is a unique fruit, native to Massachusetts, and has become synonymous with Thanksgiving Day



celebrations across the country thanks to its role in our nation's history. Taking place from late September to early November, the cranberry harvest season coincides with the fall foliage season, providing a double dose of visual splendor.

Although the state's growers nurture the native perennial cranberry vines the whole year through, the industry is in its most identifiable harvest month -- October.

This is the pinnacle of the growing season. The bogs are alive

with activity while our growers are rewarded for their hard work with the hope of another growing season coming to fruition.

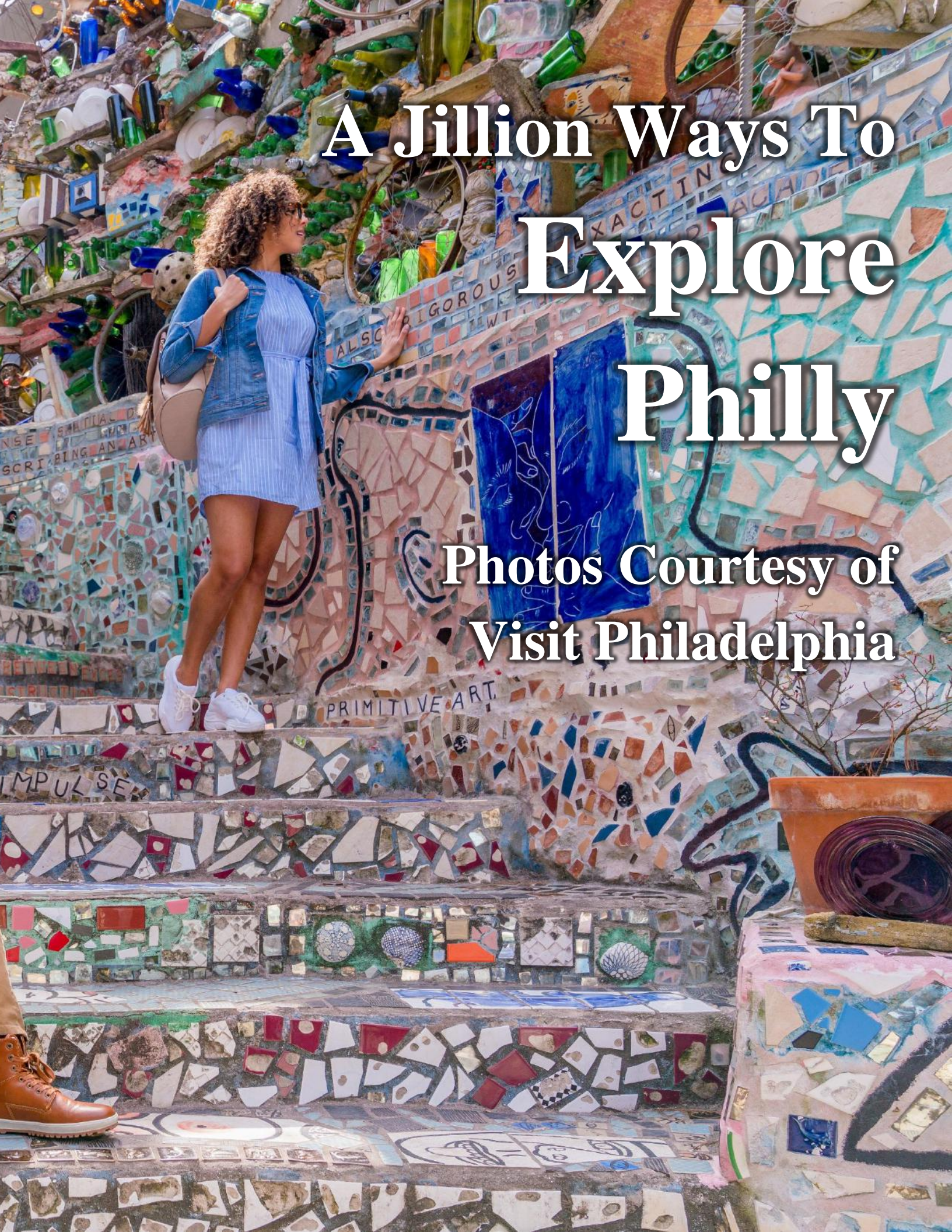
Where to go for a tour:

- Annie's Crannies, Dennis
- Bensons Pond, Middleboro
- Cape Cod Cranberry Bog Tours, Orleans
- Chamberlain Farm, Berkley
- Edgewood Bogs & Cape Cod Select, Carver, MA
- Spring Rain Farm East Taunton





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A Jillion Ways To Explore Philly

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Visitors to Philadelphia can choose from an assortment of options to explore the region, including those of the air, automotive, audio, culinary, self-guided and water-based varieties. And the sightseeing fun doesn't stop when the sun goes down. Those who come out at night can join tours that feature behind-the-scenes action and, if so desired, spirits from beyond. Here's a selection of tours available throughout the region.

History Lessons By Day & Night:

The Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia – Visitors

get an up-close look at historic sites such as the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall during this 75-minute walking tour. It runs daily from April through November and meets at the National Constitution Center. Private/group tours are available year-round with advance reservations. 525 Arch Street, (215) 525-1776, theconstitutional.com

History of Valley Forge Trolley Tour – This 90-minute guided trolley tour of Valley Forge National Historical Park highlights some of the key sites of the 1777-78 winter encampment. The tours take place year-round, including the December holidays (limited schedule until March). 1400 N. Outer Line Drive, Valley Forge, (610) 783-1074 nps.gov/vafo

Horse-Drawn Carriages – Guides recount Historic Philadelphia's past as visitors sit back in quaint horse-drawn carriages. Tickets are available at the Independence Visitor Center. 6th & Market Streets, (215) 923-8516, phillytour.com

Historic Philadelphia Inc.'s

Independence After Hours – This evening walking tour visits historic landmarks and meets up with Colonial characters. The experience begins with a three-course meal at City Tavern. The Colonial host then “sneaks” everyone into the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall), where Founding Fathers are discussing the Declaration of Independence. The tour runs select days, late May through October, and departs from the Independence Visitor Center. 6th & Market Streets, (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

National Park Service Tours – Rangers lead themed walking tours around Independence National Historical Park. Tour times and starting locations vary by season and are available at the Independence Visitor Center. 6th & Market Streets, (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

New Americans Tour – Developed by VISIT PHILADELPHIA® in partnership with the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Affairs, the self-guided New Americans Tour celebrates

the people, places and events that shaped America. visitphilly.com/newamericans

The Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia Architecture Walking Tours –

These 90-minute walking tours interpret the past, present and future of the Philadelphia region as expressed through architecture, urban design and social history. Guided tours are available May through October; private tours are available year-round by emailing tours@preservationalliance.com. 1608 Walnut Street, (215) 546-1146, preservationalliance.com

Historic Philadelphia, Inc.’s Tippler’s Tour – From May through December, the over-21 set can sing along to 18th-century drinking songs, enjoy stories of the drinking traditions of Colonial times and sample a few drinks and snacks as they ramble through Historic Philadelphia with a Colonial guide. Tipplers stop at local watering holes such as National Mechanics, City Tavern, and Victoria Freehouse. Along the way, they learn important information, such as Benjamin

Franklin’s names for a drunk person (“nimptopsical” and “tipsicum grave”). Independence Visitor Center, 6th & Market Streets, (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

Twilight Tours – From mid-June through Labor Day, free guided walking tours show off Independence National Historical Park every evening starting at 6 p.m. Groups meet at the Park Ranger Desk at the Independence Visitor Center. 6th & Market Streets, (215) 597-7919, friendsofindependence.org

Covered Bridge Driving Tour – Covered bridges serve as beautiful and historic landmarks for scenic Bucks County. Visit Bucks County offers turn-by-turn driving instructions for a self-guided tour of the county’s dozen quaint bridges. (215) 639-0300, visitbuckscounty.com

Ghostly Offerings:

Ghost Tour of Philadelphia –

Do spectral spirits really inhabit Independence Hall, St. Peter’s Cemetery, the Powel House, battleship Olympia and other historic landmarks? Visitors find out when they hear the true ghost stories and visit real haunted houses during this candlelight walking tour of Independence National Historical Park, Society Hill and Old City. Signers’ Garden, 5th & Chestnut Streets, (215) 413-1997, ghosttour.com

Ghost Tours of New Hope –

Saturday nights from June through November, lantern-lit tours of New Hope feature stories about the town’s spine-chilling hauntings. Private tours can be arranged year-round. Main & Ferry Streets, New Hope, (215) 348-1598, ghosttoursofnewhope.com

Grim Philly Twilight Tours –

Authors and professors lead these highly researched, grown-ups-only, year-round, off-the-beaten-path tours—all historic, many quite scary. Walking, tavern and riverboat tours include ghosts,



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Oktoberfest, speakeasies, the Jersey Devil and others. 599 Market Street, (856) 829-3100, grimphilly.com

Spirits of '76 Ghost Tour – The paranormal stories on this ghost tour are “one part history, two parts haunt.” Guests who dare to take this 75-minute outdoor walking journey see 20 of Philly’s frights, including haunted historic homes and graveyards. Public tours run April through November; private/group tours and VIP ghost hunts available year-round. Tours meet at Cosi Restaurant. 325 Chestnut Street, (215) 525-1776, spiritsof76.com

Food & Film Circuit:

Chew Philly Food Tours – These 2.5-hour tours through the Manayunk and Chestnut Hill neighborhoods treat guests to eight tastings of savory and sweet foods and includes bits of history and culture along the way. (800) 656-0713, phillyfoodtours.com



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City Food Tours – Themed tours of culinary delights include a Decadent Gourmet Tour, Ethnic Eats of South Philly, Prohibition Cocktails, Philly Pizza and Highlights of East Passyunk. (877) 413-7224, cityfoodtours.com

South Philadelphia Food Tours – South Philly is home to Chef Jacquie, the personable culinary guide who leads daily behind-the-scenes tours of the Italian Market, offering groups hearty tastes of meatballs and gravy at Villa di Roma and samples at other stalwart Italian and Mexican food vendors along South 9th Street. On Monday through Thursday evenings, she hosts a

four-course progressive
dinner along
burgeoning East
Passyunk Avenue.
(610) 506-6120,
taste4travel.net

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can enjoy a carefree day
at some of the area’s
finest wineries, breweries,
brewpubs and distilleries, all while
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The guided, all-inclusive, private
tastings are offered in Bucks
County and beyond. (484) 695-
6465, tastingsandtours.com

Wok ’n Walk Tours – Chef
Joseph Poon’s tours of Chinatown
make for unforgettable vacation
stories. The private group jaunts
include visits to a fortune cookie
factory, an Asian grocery, a
Chinese bakery and a Chinese
place of worship, among other
stops, and end with a meal at one of
Chef Poon’s favorite Chinatown
restaurants. (215) 928-9333,
josephpoon.com



Aesthetic Outings:

**Brandywine River Museum of
Art Studio Tours** – The Wyeths
and the Brandywine Valley go
hand-in-hand. Art lovers can
choose from tours of the Andrew
Wyeth Studio, the N.C. Wyeth
House and Studio and the Kuerner
Farm. Ticket prices include same-
day and next-day admission to the
museum. (610) 388-2700,
brandywinemuseum.org

City Hall Tours – Covering
more than 14.5 acres,
Philadelphia’s City Hall is the
largest municipal building in the
United States—and one of the most
elaborate. The exterior features
more than 250 sculptures
representing people of the world

and their continents—all designed by Alexander Milne Calder. The most notable sculpture is the one at the very top: a 37-foot statue of city founder William Penn. A two-hour guided tour of the building and 15-minute tower tours are offered every weekday. Broad & Market Streets, Room 121, (215) 686-2840, phlvisitorcenter.com/cityhall

Emergence of a Modern Metropolis Tour – Run by the Center for Architecture and Design, this year-round, two-hour tour explores the transformation of Philadelphia from an engine of industry to a 21st-century capital of business and culture. It features the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the Wanamaker building and the Comcast Center, among other landmarks. (215) 569-3186, philadelphiacfa.org

Hidden City Tours – Visitors and locals who want to discover lesser-known landmarks and stories choose Hidden City Tours. Itineraries include Life & Death at Mount Moriah Cemetery, David Lynch’s Eraserhead, Forgotten Broad Street and Philly Jazz Walking Tour. Schedules and

meeting spots are determined tour-by-tour, and most sell out in advance.

hiddencityphila.org/events

Mural Arts Trolley, Walking and Love Letter Tours – Aboard an antique trolley, guides relay the stories behind a selection of Philadelphia’s nearly 4,000 murals during two-hour tours, running select days April through November. Aboard the Market-Frankford Line train (called “the el” for its elevated portion) to West Philadelphia, lovers, dreamers and street art appreciators are guided past artist Stephen Powers’ Love Letters, a series of 50 rooftop murals and street-level signs, weekends January through May and September through December. Those who prefer to view works on foot can sign up for two-hour walking tours, also offered on select days April through November. Reservations

recommended. Tours depart from the Philly Tour Hub, 229 Arch Street or Pennsylvania Academy of

the Fine Arts, 128 N. Broad Street, (215) 925-3633, muralarts.org

Mural Mile – With a map, art fans can move at their own pace. Those who opt for the mural tour go from commercial districts to residential blocks throughout Center City. The map is available online. Guided tours of the Mural Mile are also offered to explore the compelling stories behind each of the public art projects. (215) 925-3633, muralarts.org

Museum Without Walls™: AUDIO – This free tour gives people an engaging way to experience more than 65 outdoor sculptures along Kelly Drive and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, City Hall, and throughout West Fairmount Park. Both art enthusiasts and recreational passersby can use their phones, a free mobile app, audio downloads or the website to hear three-minute interpretive segments. More than 150 authentic voices—people connected to the sculptures—



reveal stories as unique as the artworks. (215) 399-9000, museumwithoutwallsaudio.org

Philadelphia’s Magic Gardens – Beginning at the artist’s sculptural masterpiece, this one-hour walking tour highlights Isaiah Zagar’s whimsical mosaics along South and Bainbridge Streets, between 8th and 10th Streets. Neighborhood walking tours run April through October.. Site tours through the mosaic installation take place November through March. 1020 South Street, (215) 733-0390, phillymagicgardens.org

By Air, Water, Bike & Segway:

Big Red Pedal Tours – Aboard

Big Red Pedal Tours, participants explore Philly by day or by night aboard a 15-passenger pedicycle. Together, the group propels the open-air “tour bus” to a series of stops around town. The daytime tour includes historic sites such as the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and Betsy Ross House. After dark, it’s a pub-crawl-on-wheels, stopping at three bars in roughly two hours. Come fall, riders can take hot toddies tours too. (215) 625-2509, bigredpedaltours.com

Biplane Rides Over Philadelphia – High-flyers can choose from unforgettable 30-, 50- or 75-minute open-cockpit rides that include flying over the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and Penn’s Landing, staring eye-to-eye with William Penn or catching an aerial view of the Main Line and New Hope. (800) 247-2371, biplaneridesoverphiladelphia.com

Patriot Harbor Lines – Up to 45 guests board two reproduction classic 1920s commuter yachts for tours of the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers. Options include private charters, the Boat to Bartram’s Garden Cruise, Hidden

Architecture Cruise, Grim Philly Terror Cruise, Secrets of the Schuylkill Tour, Delaware River Harbor Cruise, Sunset Cruise, Patriot Harbor Wine Cruise, Walnut to Walnut Cruise, EcoUrban Cruise to Petty’s Island and Philly By Boat Cruise. Schuylkill River tours depart from the Walnut Street Dock, and Delaware River tours leave from the Independence Seaport Museum. (267) 908-3076, phillybyboat.com

Philadelphia Segway Tours by Wheel Fun – After hands-on training, people take off on motorized Segways. Riders choose from the three-hour Full City Tour and a two-hour Old City Historic Tour. Both options leave from the Independence Visitor Center and include the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. 6th & Market Streets, (215) 523-5827, phlvisitorcenter.com, philadelphia.segwaytoursbywheel fun.com

Philly Bike Tour Co. – These guided bike tours feature routes through different sections of Philadelphia, including the Classic

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City Tour, covering main attractions such as the Liberty Bell and the Philadelphia Museum of Art; the Art is All Around Us Tour; and the Fairmount Park Historical Tour. All include a bicycle, helmet and water bottle.

2015 Fairmount Avenue, (267) 521-2150, phillybiketours.com



for one-hour excursions, which run most weekends and select Thursday evenings during the summer. Specialty experiences, including moonlight tours and private group tours, are also available. Departs from the Walnut Street Dock. Schuylkill Banks at Walnut Street, (215) 222-6030, ext. 100, schuylkillbanks.org

Ride The Ducks – After a lively tour riding through and beyond Historic Philadelphia to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the amphibious vehicle splashes down into the Delaware River. Participants can purchase signature duckbill “quackers” as souvenirs of their 80-minute land-and-river look at the city. Tickets are available at the departure site and the Independence Visitor Center. 6th & Chestnut Streets, (877) 887-8225, phillyducks.com

Schuylkill Banks Kayak Tours – Visitors receive 30 minutes of kayaking instruction before heading out on the Schuylkill River

Wheel Fun Rentals – At the Independence Visitor Center, those who prefer to tour on two wheels can rent a bike and everything else they need for a self-guided tour—route map, helmet and lock. Wheel Fun also offers guided Segway tours for those explorers who prefer a less strenuous mode of transportation. 6th & Market Streets, (800) 537-7676,

phlvisitorcenter.com

A Bit of Everything:

Awfully Nice Tours – On these intimate driving tours, visitors can customize their city or regional experience based on their specific areas of interest, or they can choose from pre-designed options with themes such as countryside, winery, church, neighborhood and Rocky. Tours range from two-hour to full-day outings and include a personal driver/guide and pick-up and drop-off service from hotels. (215) 280-3746, awfullynicetours.com

Big Bus Company – Riders can see the sights from an outdoor seat atop these double-decker buses, or they can ride in the bottom. Passes are good for up to three days, and passengers can hop on and off at the 27 stops throughout the city. Tickets are available online, on the bus or at the Independence Visitor Center. 6th & Market Streets, (215) 389-TOUR (8687), phillytour.com

Philadelphia Trolley Works – This Victorian-style trolley allows riders to hop on and off while

visiting popular attractions throughout the nation's most historic area and beyond. Passes are good for up to 72 hours, and passengers can explore from 27 stops throughout the city. Tickets are available online, on the trolley or at the Independence Visitor Center. 6th & Market Streets, (215) 389-TOUR (8687), phillytour.com

Philadelphia Urban Adventures – A more off-the-beaten-path approach to touring, this organization offers options such as the Food for Thought food truck jaunt through the University City neighborhood; the Italian Market Immersion tour, during which visitors meet vendors and sample their goods; Markets, Mosaics & Magic, which includes Philadelphia's Magic Gardens; the two-hour Philly On Tap, complete with local beers during happy hour; and the two-hour History in HD, combining history and refreshments. Additional options, such as the Center City Holiday Tour, are offered seasonally. (215) 280-3746, philadelphiaurbanadventures.com

Philly By Segway – Choose from four options for gliding

through town, including one- and two-hour rides through the city, a cheesesteak tour that include tastes of five different sandwiches or a two-hour Mural Arts Program tour through Old City, Chinatown and Northern Liberties. The experience includes 30 minutes of training. Guides take photos along the way and upload them for free so people can fully enjoy the outing. 229 Arch Street, (215) 280-3746, phillybysegway.com

PHLASH Downtown Loop – The PHLASH is the quick, easy and inexpensive connection to key historic attractions and cultural institutions. Making 22 stops, the purple bus is just \$2 per ride or \$5 for an all-day pass. Passes can be purchased online, at all Visitor

Center locations or on the bus (exact change required). It runs every 15 minutes from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., April through Labor Day and from Thanksgiving through New Year's. From Labor Day through Thanksgiving, it operates on the weekend only. (800) 537-7676, phillyplash.com

Watson Adventures Scavenger Hunts – Even Philadelphia experts are sure to learn something new during a Watson Adventures scavenger hunt. Topics range from the family-friendly Wizard School Scavenger Hunt at the Philadelphia Museum of Art to the adults-only Haunted Philadelphia and Munch Around the Market. (877) 9-GO-HUNT, watsonadventures.com

On Greater Philadelphia's official visitor website and blog, visitphilly.com and uwishunu.com, visitors can explore things to do, upcoming events, themed itineraries and hotel packages. Compelling photography and videos, interactive maps and detailed visitor information make the sites effective trip-planning tools. Along with Visit Philly social media channels, the online platforms communicate directly with consumers. Travelers can also call and stop into the Independence Visitor Center for additional information and tickets.



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