PLANNING GUIDE

for University Groups
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## Betsy Ross House

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## Franklin Square

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Independence After Hours

Take a journey back in time and walk the cobblestone streets of Philadelphia on the eve of July 4, 1776. Encounter the men and women who are bound to make history while enjoying a traditional Colonial dinner at City Tavern. Then, walk to the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall) for an exclusive after-hours tour. You may even meet the Founding Fathers as they put the finishing touches on a revolutionary document.

City Tavern ★ Prix Fixe Menu

18th-Century Shrub
Non-alcoholic beverage made from seasonal fruit

Tavern Country Salad
Julienned carrots, cucumber, tomato, field greens, raspberry shrub & extra virgin olive oil vinaigrette

Entrée Choices:
Turkey Pot Pie
Tender chunks of turkey, mushrooms, early peas, red potatoes, sherry cream sauce & flaky pastry crust baked in a pewter casserole

Beef Bourguignon
This rich stew originates from the Burgundy region of Eastern France and influenced the American cooking culture through emigration and the fanaticism of French cooking by founding fathers such as Thomas Jefferson

Paillard of Salmon
Citrus marinated, pan-seared, mashed potatoes, sauce béarnaise & vegetable of the season

Dessert
Chef’s choice of Colonial-inspired desserts made daily by in-house pastry chefs

Special dietary needs can be accommodated upon request

Pricing & Information

Group Rate: $75 per person
Group Size: 25 person min. / 50 person max.
Duration: 2 ½ hours
Start Time: 5:30pm
Start Location: City Tavern
(138 S 2nd St, corner of 2nd & Walnut)

Independence After Hours includes approximately 3 city blocks of walking, sometimes on cobblestone or uneven pathways. Please wear comfortable shoes.

Alcoholic beverages are available, but not included.

Due to time constraints, coffee & tea are not offered.

Complete your itinerary:
★ Betsy Ross House
★ History Maker Tour
★ Bloodletting & Burials
Join our Colonial Tippler who will escort your group on an entertaining pub crawl through Old City, to both historic and modern-day watering holes. Enjoy traditional drinks and a sip of history as your guide shares songs and toasts of the taverns of old.

Tour includes appetizers and libations at each location.

**Visiting during the holidays? Try our special, seasonal version:**

**YULETIDE CHEERS & BEERS**

It’s the most wonderful time... for a beer! It is 1777 and the British are occupying Philadelphia. Will there be holiday celebrations during this tumultuous time? Stroll with us into the holiday season in charming Old City, whilst enjoying winter brews and seasonal treats.

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**PRICING & INFORMATION**

- **Group Rate:** $45 per person
- **Group Size:** 25 people
- **Duration:** approximately 2 ½ hours
- **Start Time:** 5:30pm
- **Departure Location:** Betsy Ross House
  (239 Arch St, between 2nd & 3rd)

*Tippler’s Tours include several city blocks of walking, sometimes on cobblestone or uneven pathways. Please wear comfortable shoes.*

**Complete your itinerary:**
- ★ Betsy Ross House
- ★ History Maker Tour
- ★ Founding Fathers & Mothers
History Maker Tour

Your personal History Maker will transport you back in time on a walk through America’s most historic square mile. All History Makers portray real people from America’s past and deliver an authentic experience rich with historical content and first-person narrative.

Tours may include speaking points at any of the following sites:
- Liberty Bell
- Independence Hall
- Carpenters’ Hall
- City Tavern
- First Bank of the United States
- Second Bank of the United States
- Free Quaker Meeting House
- Christ Church Burial Ground
- Arch Street Meeting House
- Betsy Ross House
- Elfreth’s Alley
- Christ Church

Requests for specific sites will be accommodated as best as possible.

Due to time restrictions, tours do not include entry into any sites.

Tours focused on the following topics are available upon request:
- African American History
- Women’s History
- Military History
- Yellow Fever
- American Revolutionary History

PRICING & INFORMATION

Group Rate: $400 flat rate for 1 hour
$500 flat rate for up to 2 hours

Group Maximum: 30 people per guide
(more guides can be booked to accommodate larger groups)

Duration: 1 - 2 hours

Departure Location: Independence Visitor Center (6th & Market Streets)

Tours include several city blocks of walking, sometimes on cobblestone or uneven pathways. Please wear comfortable shoes.

Complete your itinerary:
- Betsy Ross House
- Tippler’s Tour
- Founding Fathers & Mothers

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Travel back to 1760 Philadelphia and learn about the city’s gruesome history of infection and inoculation. Stroll the cobblestones and uncover true, macabre tales about bloodletting, smallpox, yellow fever, and other gross experiences. Along the way, meet figures who lived through the ghastly 18th century and discover why Philadelphia was an infectious place to be!

**Bloodletting & Burials**

**Pricing & Information**

- **Group Rate:** $15 per person
- **Group Minimum:** 20 people
- **Duration:** 1 hour
- **Departure Location:** First Bank of the United States (3rd Street, between Chestnut & Walnut)

*Tours include several city blocks of walking, sometimes on cobblestone or uneven pathways. Please wear comfortable shoes.*

**Complete your itinerary:**

- Betsy Ross House
- Founding Fathers & Mothers
- Independence After Hours
- Tippler’s Tour

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Meet the men and women who forged a nation! This engaging presentation will give you an exclusive look into the minds of some of the great men and women who fought for freedom and liberty for all. Learn about their personal and political lives from their own perspective. Questions and interactions are encouraged.

Choose from:
- John Adams ★ Benjamin Franklin ★ Thomas Jefferson ★ Abraham Lincoln
- William Penn ★ Betsy Ross ★ George Washington ★ Martha Washington

**PRICING & INFORMATION**

- **Group Rate:** $16 per person
- **Group Minimum:** 20 people
- **Duration:** 1 hour
- **$200 fee may apply for groups of 75 people or more**

**Complete your itinerary:**
- ★ Betsy Ross House
- ★ History Maker Tour
- ★ Tippler’s Tour
- ★ Bloodletting & Burials
George and Martha Washington’s own advice on love and marriage echoes through the words of our First Couple as they share the story of their courtship, former loves, and the trials of war and of the Presidency upon their 40-year-long marriage.

We Differ As Rational Friends

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A Presidential Debate between John Adams & Thomas Jefferson: Bitter political rivals and close personal friends, Adams and Jefferson discuss, debate, and sometimes decry the revolutionary storms they weathered throughout a relationship spanning 50 years.

**PRICING & INFORMATION**

**Group Rate:** $1,400 flat rate per program  **Duration:** 45 minutes — 1 hour
No trip to Historic Philadelphia would be complete without a visit to the home of America’s most famous flag maker. Meet Betsy in person in her upholstery shop and learn about her fascinating life and career. You’ll learn about Betsy’s undercover activities, her family life, and of course the iconic flag-sewing story.

**Betsy Ross House**

**Convenient location available for bus drop-off and pick-up**

**PRICING & INFORMATION**

**Group Minimum:** 20 people

**SELF-GUIDED TOUR**
- *general admission*
- **Group Rate:** $2 per person

**AUDIO TOUR**
- *featuring the voice of Betsy Ross*
- **Group Rate:** $4 per person

**Open 10:00am - 5:00pm Daily**
Extended hours available for groups

*Visit the Betsy Ross Shop on site, featuring gifts, crafts, flags, costumes, books, glassware, and more!*

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Betsy Ross House  Group Programs

Colonial Chocolate Making
Meet an 18th-century chocolate maker and learn about the history of chocolate in Colonial Philadelphia. This interactive demonstration features techniques that were used in the 18th century and provides guests with the opportunity to try out their own chocolate-making skills. All programs include a sample of American Heritage® hot chocolate drink, inspired by a Colonial recipe.

American Heritage® is a product of Mars Wrigley Confectionery.

PRICING & INFORMATION

Group Rate: $18 per person
Group Size: 20 person min. / 55 person max.
Duration: 1 - 1 ½ hours

Price includes admission for a self-guided tour of the Betsy Ross House
Available during and after operating hours
(Additional fees may apply)

An Evening with Betsy
Avoid the crowds and experience a unique evening tour of the Betsy Ross House with Betsy. Betsy tells her own story, sharing little-known details about her life on your private, self-guided tour of the house, including an interactive visit in her upholstery shop, where you will learn more about Betsy’s life as a working woman, upholsterer, and flag maker, and her contribution to what would later become the American Flag.

PRICING & INFORMATION

Group Rate: $18 per person
Group Size: 20 person min. / 75 person max.
Duration: 1 hour

Price includes admission for a self-guided tour of the Betsy Ross House
Only available after operating hours

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Franklin Square

One of Philadelphia’s five original squares, award-winning Franklin Square is an outdoor amusement oasis located in the heart of the Historic District. Centered around its beautiful fountain, Franklin Square also features the Parx Liberty Carousel, the one-of-a-kind Philly Mini Golf course, and the renowned SquareBurger.

Fountain Show

The 180-year-old, historic Franklin Square fountain dances along to popular music choreographed to songs by Boyz II Men, Katy Perry, Louis Armstrong, and more. Enjoy free intimate daytime and evening performances, with synchronized colored illuminations after dusk.

*Performances run daily April through October*

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**SquareBurger**

**PRICING & INFORMATION**

- **MEAL VOUCHER**
  - includes entrée, fries, & soda
  - Group Rate: $10 + tax

- **ICE CREAM VOUCHER**
  - Group Rate: $2.75 + tax

- **MILKSHAKE VOUCHER**
  - Group Rate: $5.50 + tax

  **Group Minimum:** 20 people

Open seasonally April through December during park operating hours

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Franklin Square Attractions

Philly Mini Golf
Putt your way through Center City's only miniature golf course, featuring 18 holes designed after favorite Philly spots like Elfreth’s Alley, the Ben Franklin Bridge, and the Liberty Bell.

PRICING & INFORMATION

Group Rate: $8.50 per adult / $6.50 per child
Group Minimum: 20 people

Parx Liberty Carousel
This classic, American-style carousel features hometown racehorse heroes Afleet Alex and Smarty Jones, along with a bald eagle, dragon, zebra, and other colorful animals.

PRICING & INFORMATION

Group Rate: $2.50 per ticket
Group Minimum: 20 people
Franklin Square Festivals

Holiday Festival
Experience the magic of the holiday, dazzle in the lights of the Electrical Spectacle Light Show presented by PECO, and warm up with comfort food and hot beverages at Ben’s Sweets & Treats.

Chinese Lantern Festival
The spectacular festival in Franklin Square is a celebration of light and culture that features magnificent steel-framed and silk-wrapped giant lighted sculptures, created by hand using traditional Chinese methods.

PRICING & INFORMATION
Open mid-November through December 31
Entrance into the festival is free.
Food and beverages can be purchased on site.

PRICING & INFORMATION
Open in spring/early summer
Contact Group Sales for pricing & dates.

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