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WHAT'S IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD? *Rittenhouse Square*

PHILADELPHIA, December 7, 2017 – Long considered one of the toniest neighborhoods in the city, Rittenhouse Square isn't just an enviable address. It's a lifestyle. Home to a number of hotels along with dozens of restaurants and shops, Rittenhouse serves as a point of pride for locals and a favorite among out-of-towners.

Along Rittenhouse's busy sidewalks—many with seating for alfresco dining and drinking in the warm months—residents and visitors find high-end stores; locally owned boutiques; small galleries; bargain stores; theaters and entertainment; cafes; beer, wine and cocktail bars; and restaurants of all kinds, from petite BYOBs to crowd-pleasing chains. The neighborhood buzzes with activity all year long.

Rittenhouse Square is the one-square-block park that gives the neighborhood its name. The green space is more popular with sunbathers, readers, families, artists and even dogs than city planner William Penn ever could have imagined. Festivals, farmers' markets, fairs and general merriment make it the city's best-known—and perhaps, most enjoyed—park.

Boundaries are in the eye of the beholder, but generally, Rittenhouse includes the area between Broad Street and the Schuylkill River and Market and Pine streets. It's easily accessible for out-of-towners: Two train stations, Suburban Station and Amtrak's 30th Street Station, are a short walk or ride away.

Neighborhood tips, itineraries and maps are available at visitphilly.com/neighborhoods.

Restaurants, Bars & Entertainment:

- **1 Tippling Place** – Bargoers who can find this hidden gem—there's no sign outside—give it rave reviews. Comfortable, living room-style seating areas create an ambiance that's the perfect mix of casual and upscale. 2006 Chestnut Street, 1tpl.com
- **24** – Honoring the Italian tradition of *aperitivo*—casual gatherings around food and drinks—Jose Garces' 24 offers wine, craft beer, cocktails, small plates, pizza and pasta. Those lucky enough to grab a balcony seat enjoy views of the Schuylkill River along with their wood-fired fare. 2401 Walnut Street, (215) 333-3331, 24philly.com
- **a.bar** – Part of hotel AKA Rittenhouse Square and sister property to a.kitchen, a.bar caters to the chic set. Open for lunch and dinner daily, a.bar specializes in oysters, charcuterie and snacks complemented by superb wines, craft beers and cocktails. 1737 Walnut Street, (215) 825-7035, akitchenandbar.com

- **a.kitchen** – This understated and modern restaurant inside AKA Rittenhouse Square opens daily for breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner. An unfussy yet spectacular seasonal menu pairs with a selection of 300 natural wines, cocktails and craft beers. 135 S. 18th Street, (215) 825-7030, akitchenandbar.com
- **Abe Fisher** – Taking inspiration from Old-World Jewish cooking, chef Yehuda Sichel creates contemporary versions of schnitzel, smoked pastrami short ribs and duck “Chinatown-style.” Diners can watch the magic happen in the open kitchen at this intimate, dinner-only spot. 1623 Sansom Street, (215) 867-0088, abefisherphilly.com
- **Alma de Cuba** – Guests enjoy savory dishes with a Latin flair before topping off the meal with a chocolate Cuban cigar. Attentive service and knockout décor make this a highlight on Stephen Starr’s lengthy Philly resume. 1623 Walnut Street, (215) 988-1799, almadecubarestaurant.com
- **Art Bar** – Art Bar defies “hotel bar” expectations with craft cocktails and a stylish interior thanks to an art program curated by The Center for Emerging Visual Artists. Sonesta Hotel, 1800 Market Street, (215) 561-7500, sonesta.com/philadelphia
- **Bar Bombón** – The aesthetic may be inspired by Old San Juan, but the all-vegan menu is thoroughly modern. Patrons enjoy Latin American food with a twist along with margaritas available by the glass or pitcher. 133 S. 18th Street, (267) 606-6612, barbombon.com
- **Barclay Prime** – Comfy velvet banquettes, crystal chandeliers and a well-dressed crowd create an upscale atmosphere at this handsome steak stalwart. Barclay lives up to the buzz, with the finest meat and delicious handcrafted cocktails. 237 S. 18th Street, (215) 732-7560, barclayprime.com
- **The Bards** – A dartboard and hearty bar food bring customers in, and pints of creamy Guinness keep them there for hours. The happy-hour crowd orders specials every day—even on Saturday and Sunday. 2013 Walnut Street, (215) 569-9585, bardsirishbar.com
- **Baril** – The inspiration for the kitchen and bar creations might come from southern France, but the ingredients hail from nearby locales, including the restaurant’s own hydroponic garden. Dinner and weekend brunch guests don’t dare resist the delicacies on the cheese trolley. 267 S. 19th Street, (267) 687-2608, barilphilly.com
- **The Black Sheep Pub & Restaurant** – This three-floor neighborhood pub offers hearty Irish-inspired menu items, a selection of quality drafts, TVs and friendly regulars. Brunch devotees stop in on the weekend for a traditional Irish breakfast and \$4 Bloody Marys and mimosas. 247 S. 17th Street, (215) 545-9473, blacksheep.pub
- **Butcher and Singer** – Old Hollywood sets the theme at Stephen Starr’s Rittenhouse steakhouse. Diners order steaks and chops with sides a la carte, and repeat guests know to save room for after-dinner favorites such as New York-style cheesecake, orange sherbet and baked Alaska. 1500 Walnut Street, (215) 732-4444, butcherandsinger.com
- **Butcher Bar** – From the owners of eateries Valanni, Mercato and Varga Bar comes a meat-focused menu tempting carnivores with Sloppy Joe poutine, house-made sausage, four kinds of meatballs and smoked wild boar ribs, along with 16 beers and six wines on tap. 2034 Chestnut Street, (215) 563-MEAT, butcherbarphilly.com
- **Byblos Restaurant and Hookah Bar** – Patrons slip into another world as they feast on Mediterranean cuisine, relax with tableside hookahs, sip on cocktails and dance to world beats. 116 S. 18th Street, (215) 568-3050, byblosrestaurantandhookahbar.com
- **Cavanaugh’s** – With more than 20 televisions and every sports package available, this bar caters to all types of fan—locals and out-of-towners alike. (Yes, even Dallas.) Creative bar food and a dictionary of craft beers bring even the deepest rivals together. 1823 Sansom Street, (215) 665-9500, cavsrittenhouse.com

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- **Cinder** – Beer, cider, wild ales and large televisions draw a fun-loving crowd to this bar. The menu features wood-fired pizza, mussels, cheese and charcuterie. 1500 Locust Street, (267) 761-5582, cindercl.com
- **The Continental Mid-town** – A spirited energy fills the three levels of this fun restaurant and bar, known for its big salads, Szechuan shoestring fries and cheesesteak eggrolls. The enclosed rooftop lounge, which stays open year-round, draws a young, fashionable crowd. 1801 Chestnut Street, (215) 567-1800, continentalmidtown.com
- **D’Angelo’s Ristorante Italiano** – This romantic date spot serves up generations-old family recipes paired with an extensive wine list. On Friday and Saturday nights, guests head to the lounge for cocktails, DJ music and dancing. 256 S. 20th Street, (215) 546-3935, dangeloristorante.com
- **DanDan** – A blend of Taiwanese and Sichuan food takes the stage at this bi-level bistro. Balcony seats are the best in the house and the namesake specialty dan dan noodles are not to be missed. 126 S. 16th Street, (215) 800-1165, dandanrestaurant.com
- **The Dandelion Pub** – Modeled after the contemporary gastropubs in Britain, this cozy Stephen Starr eatery invites Anglophiles to imbibe cask-stored pints and dine on delicious Welsh rarebit, rabbit pie or sticky toffee pudding. And what would a British restaurant be without afternoon tea? 124 S. 18th Street, (215) 558-2500, thedandelionpub.com
- **Davio’s Northern Italian Steakhouse** – This upscale eatery offers a menu full of flavors in an intimate dining room. The cheesesteak spring rolls and veal chops are favorites among the regulars, and complimentary snacks and drink specials keep the happy hour crowd—well, happy. 111 S. 17th Street, (215) 563-4810, davios.com/phil
- **Del Frisco’s Double Eagle Steakhouse** – A former bank building is now a see-and-be-seen bi-level dining room where guests order fine steaks and savory side dishes. A two-story wine tower at the bar acts as the centerpiece of the restaurant, and the area that was once the bank’s vault now hosts private parties. 1426-28 Chestnut Street, (215) 246-0533, delfriscos.com
- **Devil’s Alley Bar & Grill** – Highlights at this two-story gastropub include a Buffalo chicken sandwich, house-made burgers, weekend brunch and a wide selection of local craft beer. Outdoor tables and windows that stay open when weather permits make this an after-work hotspot in the warmer months, while a fireplace, couches and TVs feel cozy come winter. 1907 Chestnut Street, (215) 751-0707, devilsalleybarandgrill.com
- **Devon Seafood Grill** – A Rittenhouse mainstay, this mini chain tempts with its romantic atmosphere, dishes made with fresh ingredients and a not-to-be-missed dessert menu—not to mention its prime location across from the park. 225 S. 18th Street, (215) 546-5940, devonseafood.com
- **Dizengoff** – With just 25 seats, this *hummusiya* draws a line out its door during prime eating hours. Those in the know wait for light, Israeli-style hummus; freshly baked pita; and seasonally changing meat and vegetable toppings. 1625 Sansom Street, (215) 867-8181, dizengoffphilly.com
- **Drinker’s Pub** – As the name suggests, this is a great place to get a drink, beer in particular. The bartenders pour a selection of craft brews, as well as old favorites like Yuengling Lager. 1903 Chestnut Street, (215) 564-0914, drinkersrittenhouse.com
- **El Rey** – With a welcoming, diner feel, Stephen Starr’s Mexican spot serves home-style brunch, lunch, dinner and Mexican sodas and margaritas anytime—and hosts a popular happy hour. 2013 Chestnut Street, (215) 563-3330, elreyrestaurant.com

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- **Farmer’s Keep** – Just because it’s fast doesn’t mean it’s not healthy. Diners choose from plenty of salads with the option to add proteins or a side. A ban on nuts, shellfish, gluten, dairy and eggs caters to nearly everyone. The bottle shop carries 200 craft beers and bottled cocktails. 10 S. 20th Street, (215) 309-2928, farmerskeep.com
- **The Foodery** – People help themselves to bottles and cans from the refrigerator wall or order at the counter for a draft. Brew-perfect food comes in the form of hearty sandwiches and charcuterie. 1710 Sansom Street, (215) 567-1500
- **The Franklin Bar** – Drinkers don’t need a password to sip the expertly mixed cocktails at this speakeasy. The knowledgeable servers happily help navigate the menu with those new to the cocktail scene. 112 S. 18th Street, (267) 467-3277, thefranklinbar.com
- **Good Dog Bar and Restaurant** – Ideal for a drink and buoyant conversation, this friendly two-floor bar has a great jukebox, casual fare and a canine theme. The cheese-stuffed burger and sweet potato fries are fan favorites. 224 S. 15th Street, (215) 985-9600, gooddogbar.com
- **The Happy Rooster** – Patrons of all hunger levels find the perfect pairing for their drinks at this corner watering hole that serves lunch, brunch and dinner. Burgers and fries are a staple here. 118 S. 16th Street, (215) 963-9311
- **Harp & Crown** – Chef and restaurateur Michael Schulson’s handsome venture feels convivial and timeless. Featured here: charcuterie, small plates and seasonal fare—and a by-reservation-only, two-lane bowling alley. 1525 Sansom Street, (215) 330-2800, harpandcrown.com
- **Irish Pub** – The lively bar crowd drinks pints of Irish Pub Stout in the large bar and dining areas, and during warmer weather, the open-air windows let in a pleasant breeze. Sports fans perch around the main bar to catch the game. 2007 Walnut Street, (215) 568-5603, irishpubphilly.com
- **Jose Pistolas** – The food is Tex-Mex, but the beer selection is a little more varied. This is the place for those looking for delicious nachos, a big burrito and a pint of microbrew to wash it all down. 263 S. 15th Street, (215) 545-4101, josepistolas.com
- **Lacroix at The Rittenhouse** – Along with an extensive wine list and elegant décor, the progressive, international menu makes this dining room a gem. Guests seated by the windows enjoy views of Rittenhouse Square. 210 W. Rittenhouse Square, 2nd Floor, (215) 790-2533, lacroixrestaurant.com
- **Ladder 15** – This firehouse-turned-bar has multiple TVs and a rotating selection of beers on tap. Bites and bar snacks include truffle fries, burgers and spring rolls. On the weekends, a young crowd mixes and mingles to DJ music. 1528 Sansom Street, (215) 964-9755, ladder15philly.com
- **Le Chéri** – Here, a French master prepares French classics, such as steak tartare, onion soup and steak frites. Pierre Calmels hails from Lyon, and this elegant bistro with a secluded garden is a *magnifique* showcase for his talents. 251 S. 18th Street, (215) 546-7700, lecheriphilly.com
- **Liberté** – In the lobby of the Sofitel Philadelphia, this modern lounge draws people with handcrafted cocktails—and a list full of fun facts—and French food. 120 S. 17th Street, (215) 569-8300, sofitel-philadelphia.com/liberte-lounge
- **Library Bar** – Just off of the lobby of The Rittenhouse hotel, Library Bar serves small bites and sophisticated cocktails. As patrons relax on comfortable bar stools, armchairs and couches, they can peruse a carefully curated collection of books and fine art. 210 Rittenhouse Square, (215) 790-2685, rittenhousehotel.com
- **The Love** – Restaurateurs Aimee Olexy and Stephen Starr team up again—much to their fans’ delight—for this bi-level restaurant and bar. The American menu features fresh, seasonal food, as well as the most important ingredient: the love. 130 S. 18th Street, (215) 433-1555, theloverestaurant.com

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- **Marathon** – This eatery’s three Rittenhouse neighborhood locations are convenient and satisfying choices for American fare. The build-your-own-omelet option and outdoor seating make it a go-to for brunch on Saturdays and Sundays. 121 S. 16th Street, (215) 569-3278; 1818 Market Street, (215) 561-1818; 19th & Spruce Streets, (215) 731-0800; eatmarathon.com
- **Misconduct Tavern** – A sports bar with a nautical theme, Misconduct is as proud of its happy hour as it is of its better-than-bar-food menu. Dishes include salmon, shrimp or lamb sliders and macaroni and cheese topped with tomatoes, bacon or roasted red peppers. 1511 Locust Street, (215) 732-5797, misconducttavern.com
- **Mission Taqueria** – From the team behind the Oyster House (and located above the Oyster House), this cheerful, sunlit taqueria freshly remixes Mexican classics with results like the green juice margarita, braised lamb tacos with nopale relish and red snapper ceviche with crispy plantains and coconut leche de tigre. And the nachos? They’re a must. 1516 Sansom Street, 2nd Floor, (215) 383-1200, missiontaqueria.com
- **Monk’s Café** – This Philadelphia beer institution pours only the finest craft beers. Novices shouldn’t be intimidated—the helpful bartenders can help to decipher the thick “Beer Bible” and suggest the perfect dish to complement the brew. Regulars swear by the burgers, mussels and frites—all served until 1 a.m. nightly. 264 S. 16th Street, (215) 545-7005, monkscafe.com
- **Oscar’s Tavern** – Oscar’s was a dive bar before they were cool. And it remains true to its rep with cheap beer, jukebox, cash-only policy and old-beer smell. 1524 Sansom Street, (215) 972-9938
- **Oyster House** – Sam Mink continues his father’s mission of serving fresh seafood at reasonable prices. He presents classic dishes with modern flavors and uses local ingredients whenever possible. The happy hour menu includes buck-a-shuck oysters, \$3 beer and a \$5 cocktail. 1516 Sansom Street, (215) 567-7683, oysterhousephilly.com
- **Parc** – Diners may feel as though they’ve gone transatlantic while sitting at this Parisian-inspired bistro. From tables across from Rittenhouse Square, patrons view the park foot traffic while noshing on the fresh breads, onion soup and mussels in Dijon broth. 18th Street, (215) 545-2262, parc-restaurant.com
- **Pietro’s Coal Oven Pizzeria** – The crust on this top-shelf pizza is thin and crispy from the coal-fired ovens. The menu also includes pasta dishes and salads. 1714 Walnut Street, (215) 735-8090, pietrospizza.com
- **Pizzeria Vetri** – Crowds head to this pizza shop for authentic wood-fired Neapolitan-style pies made from the freshest ingredients. In addition to pizza, the menu features new seasonal items four times a year: salads, small bites the house specialty Rotolo and Nutella pizza topped with marshmallows for dessert. 1615 Chancellor Street, (215) 763-3760, pizzeriavetri.com
- **The Prime Rib** – With a business casual dress code and a bar serving up perfectly mixed Manhattans, The Prime Rib exudes class. A well-heeled crowd chows down on the delicious steak and seafood dishes. 1701 Locust Street, (215) 772-1701, theprimerib.com
- **Ranstead Room** – Stephen Starr’s take on the speakeasy shares space with El Rey. Guests at the dimly lit den for liquid treats can talk to the mixologists to order special, off-menu cocktails. 2013 Ranstead Street, (215) 563-3330
- **R2L** – Views that span 40 miles create a grand atmosphere to Daniel Stern’s bar and restaurant, an ultra modern dining room serving American cuisine 500 feet above Center City. (The website lists nightly sunset times, for prime timing.) Two Liberty Place, 50 S. 16th Street, 37th Floor, (215) 564-5337, r2restaurant.com

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- **Raven Lounge** – Free events, eclectic music and board games set Raven Lounge apart from typical bars. Patrons enjoy comedy acts every Thursday night on the venue’s second floor. 1718 Sansom Street, (215) 840-3577, ravenlounge.com
- **Rogues Gallery Bar** – The daily happy hour and amped up bar food such as fried Brussels sprouts and short rib nachos keep the after-work crowd satisfied. Thursday through Saturday, resident DJs spin until 2 a.m. on weekends. 11 S. 21st Street, (215) 561-1193, roguesgalleryphilly.com
- **Rooster Soup Company** – The diner-style luncheonette from the team behind Federal Donuts offers brunch, lunch and dinner plates—biscuit sandwiches, matzo ball soup, milkshakes and chicken potpie—that satisfy appetites and the do-gooder spirit in everyone. All profits are donated to the Broad Street Hospitality Collaborative, an organization that helps feed and provide essential services to Philadelphia’s most vulnerable citizens. 1526 Sansom Street, (215) 454-6939, roostersoupcompany.com
- **Rouge** – Tucked among tough dining competition, this mainstay serves up classic cocktails, simple dishes and sidewalk seating that’s perfect for midday people watching. 205 S. 18th Street, (215) 732-6622, rouge98.com
- **Scarpetta** – The New York location of this elegant, modern Italian restaurant has won endless accolades, including a James Beard nomination for “Best New Restaurant in America.” Philadelphia’s location on Rittenhouse Square features fresh pasta and local ingredients, including its justly famous spaghetti with tomato and basil that’s anything but boring. 210 W. Rittenhouse Square, (215) 558-4199, scarpettarestaurants.com/philadelphia
- **Seafood Unlimited** – Fish lovers seek out this restaurant/market regularly to discover what’s freshest. Diners looking for deals love all-you-can-eat mussels on Mondays and half-priced appetizers during daily happy hours. 270 S. 20th Street, (215) 732-3663, seafoodunlimited.com
- **Shake Shack** – People line up for burgers, dogs and fries from this hip fast-food joint. Those craving an icy-cold milkshake can skip the crowd and jump into the C-line. Friendly staff, outdoor seating, a television and a limited beer list give it a neighborhood vibe. 2000 Sansom Street, (215) 809-1742, shakeshack.com
- **Sichuan House by Jane G’s** – The work crowd comes to this sleek space studded with red lanterns for business lunches, dinner and happy hour at the full bar. The menu highlights classic Sichuan Chinese dishes, including a chef’s tasting menu for \$40. 1930 Chestnut Street, (215) 563-8800, janegsrestaurant.com
- **Smiths Restaurant & Bar** – Suit-and-tie types pile into this sports bar to enjoy happy hour or catch part of a day game. On Friday and Saturday nights, a DJ keeps the crowd on its feet until morning. 39-41 S. 19th Street, (267) 546-2669, smiths-restaurant.com
- **Square 1682** – Adjacent to the chic Hotel Palomar Philadelphia, this American eatery serves small and large plates alongside a variety of creative signature cocktails. The truffle popcorn is a must. 121 S. 17th Street, (215) 563-5008, square1682.com
- **Square on Square** – A favorite of the work crowd and neighborhood residents, Square on Square offers both creative and classic Chinese dishes. Regulars rave about the velvet corn soup and General Powell spicy chicken. 1905 Chestnut Street, (215) 568-0088, squareonsquare.com
- **Stir Lounge** – The music pumping inside this LGBT bar is audible from the outside, enticing passersby to come in and partake in the fun. Friendly bartenders and even friendlier pours accompany the jams. 1705 Chancellor Street, (215) 732-2700, stirphilly.com

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- **SUGA**– At this farm-fresh take on Chinese food, internationally renowned chef and James Beard Award winner Susanna Foo combines her Asian culinary experiences and French techniques from the Culinary Institute of America. Diners choose from classic and exotic dishes for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch. The “Sparkling Susanna” cocktail was named in the chef’s honor; Foo selected the teas by hand in Asia. 1720 Sansom Street, (215) 717-8968, sugabyfoo.com
- **Tinto** – Iron Chef Jose Garces followed the success of his first Philly restaurant, Amada in Old City, with this wine bar and restaurant. The authentic menu features mouthwatering pintxos, the variety of tapas found in Spain’s Basque region. 114 S. 20th Street, (215) 665-9150, tintorestaurant.com
- **Tria** – Specializing in the fermented trio—wine, cheese and beer—Tria prides itself on global wines, boutique beers and tapas-style plates. The knowledgeable staff helps guests choose from the menu’s delectable offerings. 18th & Sansom Streets, (215) 972-TRIA, triaphilly.com
- **Tria Taproom** – Like its counterparts, this edition of the Tria family focuses on wine, beer and cheese—but with a twist. Alcohol is served on tap, not from bottles. The crowd-pleasing menu includes a selection of wood-grilled flatbreads. 2005 Walnut Street, (215) 557-TAPS, triaphilly.com
- **Twenty Manning Grill** – This sleekly modern neighborhood spot offers a sophisticated yet laid-back atmosphere and a menu of refined traditional American cuisine. Tip: Bar guests vie for the couch seats by the front windows. 261 S. 20th Street, (215) 731-0900, twentymanning.com
- **V Street** – The couple behind nationally acclaimed Vedge keep hungry (and thirsty) vegans happy with global street food, such as Peruvian fries and Korean fried tempeh tacos, and creative cocktails at this sleek, relaxed Rittenhouse bar. Even non-vegans love it here. 126 S. 19th Street, (215) 278-7943, vstreetfood.com
- **Vango Skybar & Lounge** – After snagging fizzy cocktails from the bar, partiers kick up their heels to DJ-spun beats. At the rooftop Skybar, king-size beds provide the perfect seats to admire the dazzling city skyline. 116 S. 18th Street, (215) 568-1020, vangoloungeandskybar.com
- **Veda** – Take authentic Indian food, and modernize it. That’s Veda. The two-course prix-fixe lunch and the above-average happy hour (offering bargains on old-fashioneds and Laila cocktails and small plates) make it even more enticing. 1920 Chestnut Street, (267) 519-2001, vedaphilly.com
- **Vernick Food & Drink** – James Beard Award-winning Greg Vernick and his team bring their love of food and drink to their Rittenhouse friends and neighbors. Regulars rave about the food, from the complimentary amuse bouche to the raw seafood dishes to the mix of small and large plates that make sharing easy. 2031 Walnut Street, (267) 639-6644, vernickphilly.com
- **Vesper** – A throwback swanky supper club, Vesper prides itself on its impressive raw bar and carefully crafted cocktails. A hidden underground bar is accessible by dialing the rotary phone in the entrance and waiting for a secret passcode. 223 S. Sydenham Street, (267) 603-2468, vesperphilly.com
- **Village Whiskey** – Jose Garces puts his stamp on this pint-sized neighborhood bar, offering 100 varieties of whiskey, bourbon, rye and scotch alongside sparkling wines and American craft beer. The menu of major burgers, salads and snacks attracts its own crowd. 118 S. 20th Street, (215) 665-1088, villagewhiskey.com
- **Wiz Kid** – In this foremost sandwich city, this shop—the third culinary hit from the team behind Vedge and next-door neighbor V Street—boldly specializes in vegan versions of the popular food group. So what do locals think of the plant-based iterations of the cheesesteak, Korean fried-chicken sandwich, cheese fries and ice cream? They’re eating them up. 124 S. 19th Street, (267) 639-5764, wizkidfood.com

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- **Zama** – Chef Hiroyuki “Zama” Tanaka brings his experience from Pod, Genji and Morimoto to Rittenhouse Square. Zama presents innovative, visually stunning sushi; exquisitely prepared Japanese dishes; and a diverse selection of cocktails, beer and wine. 128 S. 19th Street, (215) 568-1027, zamaphilly.com

Food Only:

- **Agno Grill** – At this organic, vegan-friendly and gluten-free restaurant, diners build their own Mediterranean masterpieces by choosing a base—salad, black rice or wrap—and adding proteins, veggie toppings and sauces such as spicy harissa or lemon tahini. 2104 Chestnut Street, (267) 858-4590, agnogrill.com
- **Chix & Bowls** – The offshoot of a Washington Square Korean fast-service spot lets customers dress up chicken with spicy garlic, honey barbecue and other sauces, to be served on a rice bowl, atop salad, as a sandwich or aside wings. 28 S. 20th Street, (215) 845-5118, chixnbowls.com
- **Cleavers** – The menu centerpiece, the cheesesteak, owes its mouthwatering appeal to its top-quality ingredients—100% USDA domestic rib-eye steak and fresh-baked bread. The shop’s other sandwiches, wraps and salads follow the same ingredient-focused formula, making this a solid choice for lunch or dinner. 108 S. 18th Street, (215) 515-3828, cleaversphilly.com
- **Day by Day** – Well-known for its private catering, Day by Day operates a storefront serving hearty lunches and brunches, with standouts stuffed challah French toast, soy chorizo burrito and potato pancake eggs Benedict. 2101 Sansom Street, (215) 564-5540, daybydaycatering.com
- **Dos Tacos** – This shoebox-sized shop makes up in flavor what it lacks in space. Tacos, Mexican grilled corn and house-made churros keep lunchtime crowds sated, and the late-night menu on weekends is available until 3 a.m. for party animals. 120 S. 15th Street, (215) 567-8226, dostacosphilly.com
- **Federal Donuts** – People come here for one thing: deep-fried joy. It’s delivered in the form of Korean-style chicken, with a variety of rubs and glazes and available in sandwich form, and hot fresh or fancy doughnuts in constantly changing flavors like cinnamon brown sugar, blueberry pancake, strawberry lavender and chocolate eclair. Coffee rounds out the delicacies at this triple-threat. 1632 Sansom Street, (215) 665-1101, federaldonuts.com
- **Friday Saturday Sunday** – The revival of this beloved neighborhood spot serves new American dishes and craft cocktails that look almost too good to enjoy—almost. This sophisticated, bi-level restaurant pleases people who want to indulge in a proper three-course meal, as well as those who prefer drinks and small plates for dinner. 261 S. 21st Street, (215) 546-4232, fridaysaturdaysunday.com
- **Giwa** – The bibimbop (rice bowl) is the star at the new location of this bi-level eatery, but lunch and dinner regulars know to save room for the Korean taco special—buy four tacos, get one free. 1722 Sansom Street, (267) 758-2112, giwakitchen.com
- **Goldie** – This all-vegan, kosher and oh-so-good walkup by CookNSolo (Steve Cook and Michael Solomonov) serves three things: falafel (in a pita or a salad), shawarma-spiced French fries and tehina shakes, making the lunchtime lines worth the wait. 1526 Sansom Street, (267) 239-0777, goldiefalafel.com
- **Hai Street Kitchen** – Creativity flies at this loosely Japanese-inspired fast-food spot, where diners craft custom sushi rolls or rice bowls from out-there ingredients, including Mexican grilled pork belly and pickled mango. 32 S. 18th Street, (215) 964-9465, haistreetkitchen.com

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- **HipCityVeg** – In a city best known for its cheesesteak, HipCityVeg welcomes vegans and vegetarians looking for a quick bite. It focuses on all things green, with a completely plant-based menu and compostable packaging. And because it wouldn't be Philly without one, HipCity even offers a faux cheesesteak. 127 S. 18th Street, (215) 278-7605, hipcityveg.com
- **Honeygrow** – At this bustling spot, a kiosk ordering system, flavorful smoothies and freshly prepared salads and stir-fry draw Center City crowds for lunch and dinner. Newcomers should be sure to sample the honeybar, where they can choose from a variety of local honeys, fruit and toppings to make a delicious, healthy snack. 110 S. 16th Street, (215) 279-7724, honeygrow.com
- **Luke's Lobster** – Even New Englanders approve of the fresh fare at little Luke's Lobster, which imports its crustaceans exclusively from Maine and Canada. The menu includes classic lobster, shrimp and crab rolls, as well as more modern items such as lobster grilled cheese and ice cream sandwiches for dessert. 130 S. 17th Street, (215) 564-1415, lukeslobster.com
- **Mac Mart** – Originally a mac and cheese truck, this now stationary spot serves all kinds of delicious toppings (Buffalo chicken, jumbo lump crabmeat, crunchy fried onions, crispy bacon) atop the childhood favorite. (215) 444-6144, 104 S. 18th Street, macmartcart.com
- **Mama's Vegetarian** – This strictly kosher falafel bar serves eats like eggplant and fried chickpea sandwiches on fresh-baked pitas, perfectly complimented by delicious fries. Tempting pastries such as baklava can follow the meal—or even stand on their own. 18 S. 20th Street, (215) 751-0477
- **Meltkraft** – Operated by New Jersey's Valley Shepherd Creamery, this grilled cheese shop isn't the average sandwich stop. The creamery uses cheeses made from its own grass-fed cow, sheep and goat milk to build sandwiches such as the Valley Thunder, filled with brisket and baked macaroni and cheese. 46 S. 17th Street, (215) 687-4950, meltkraft.com
- **Milkhouse** – Workers, neighbors and visitors get quality and comfort at this grilled cheese and milkshake shop that offers gluten-free options. Breakfast, soups, salads, hand-cut fries and La Colombe coffee round out the menu. 37 S. 19th Street, (267) 639-4286, themilkhouse.com
- **Nom Nom Ramen** – These are not dorm-room noodles. Authentic Hakata-style tonkotsu ramen bowls come filled with mushrooms, bamboo, kelp, pickled ginger or soft-boiled eggs, among other ingredients. To master its flavorful broth, Nom Nom soaks pork bones for more than 24 hours to extract all the richness. 20 S. 18th Street, (215) 988-0898, nomnomramen.com
- **P.S. & Co.** – The menu changes seasonally based on the availability of organic ingredients at this stylishly rustic, 100% organic, plant-based, gluten-free, kosher parve cafe. A variety of green and electrolyte juices round out the healthy offerings. 1706 Locust Street, (215) 985-1706, puresweets.com
- **Philadelphia Chutney Company** – Fast-food Indian is the name of the game here—though it's lighter and healthier than people may be used to. The organically sourced cuisine comes from southern India. 1628 Sansom Street, (215) 564-6446
- **Poi Dog Snack Shop** – Borne out of a popular food truck, Poi Dog specializes in Hawaiian fare, with some Filipino, Japanese and Portuguese influences mixed in. People head to the counter to order their Ahi poke, pulled pork and cabbage, Spam musubi (Spam and rice wrapped in nori) and andagi (deep-fried dough). 100½ S. 21st Street, (215) 279-7015, poidogphilly.com
- **Pure Fare** – Operating on the you-are-what-you-eat principle, Pure Fare serves only fresh, healthy, gluten-free and all-natural foods. Local farmers and artisans provide many of the menu's ingredients. 119 S. 21st Street, (267) 318-7441, purefare.com
- **Rachael's Noshery** – This deli has developed a loyal lunch following among the Center City business community for thick sandwiches, big salads, great pickles and excellent value—most items cost between \$5 and \$11. 120 S. 19th Street, (215) 568-9565, rachaelnosherydeli.com

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- **Real Food Eatery (RFE)** – Here, it’s all in the name. RFE calls Mother Nature its master nutritionist. Patrons build their own salads and bowls by choosing simple, fresh ingredients. 207 S. 16th Street, (215) 608-8941, realfoodeatery.com
- **Revolution Taco** – This storefront combines three Philly food trucks (Street Food Philly, Taco Mondo and Say Cheese) to serve up eclectic tacos (smoked pork pastor; smoked mushroom vegan; roast duck with scallion pancake shell), burritos and house-made empanadas. 2015 Walnut Street, (267) 773-8120, therevolutiontaco.com
- **Rione** – Regulars argue over whether to heat the Roman-style (thicker, rectangular) pizza slices or eat them at room temperature; however, they all agree that Rione ranks among the best pizza shops in the city. The key: the made-from-scratch dough. 102 S. 21st Street, (215) 575-9075, rionepizza.com
- **Shoo Fry** – Poutine, Philly style is the name of the game at this belowground build-your-own fries bar. Potatoes come smothered in cheese curds and gravy, slathered in steak and Cheez Whiz, topped with scrapple, cheddar and an egg. 132 S. 17th Street, (267) 639-2104, shoofry.com
- **Slice** – Serving Neapolitan-style pizza (thin, crispy slices) to the Center City crowd, Slice uses a variety of regular and gourmet toppings. Whole-wheat dough, gluten-free dough and vegan mozzarella cater to all pizza lovers. 1740 Sansom Street, (215) 557-9299, slicepa.com
- **Snap Custom Pizza** – The do-it-yourself ethic rules at the city outpost of this growing local chain. Patrons build up crusts with toppings such as veal meatballs, herb cream sauce, oregano oil and roasted peppers, and design their own salads and grain bowls. 1504 Sansom Street, (215) 568-5000, snapcustompizza.com
- **Spice End** – Kati rolls rule at this Indian street food specialist. Warm flatbreads can be stuffed with a variety of curried meats, cheeses and vegetables served alongside dipping sauces, late into the night. 2004 Chestnut Street, (267) 639-9405, spiceend.com
- **Steve’s Prince of Steaks** – With a prime location, Northeast Philly-born Steve’s offers convenience in addition to its delectable sandwiches. Cheesesteaks, hoagies, burgers and fries satisfy diners looking for a Philly-centric meal. 41 S. 16th Street, (215) 972-6090, stevesprinceofsteaks.com
- **Sweetgreen** – Health-conscious lunch and dinner customers line up to customize seasonal salads on a menu that changes five times a year. Pro-tip: Ordering online cuts down on wait time. 1821 Chestnut Street, (215) 665-9710, sweetgreen.com

Bring-Your-Own-Bottle (BYOB) Spots:

- **Audrey Claire** – Large windows, an open kitchen and outdoor seating—not to mention stellar Mediterranean and American fare—add to the cool, casual ambiance at this corner BYOB. Reservations are not accepted on Friday and Saturday; those waiting often grab a drink across the street at Twenty Manning Grill. 276 S. 20th Street, (215) 731-1222, audreyclaire.com
- **Casta Diva** – A small apartment converted into a cozy Italian restaurant, Casta Diva creates dishes with locally sourced ingredients and fine Italian imports. Musts: the house-made pasta and center cut rib veal chop. 227 S. 20th Street, (215) 496-9677, castadivabyob.com
- **Erawan Thai Cuisine** – This Thai restaurant serves large portions of drunken noodles, shrimp green curry and, of course, pad Thai. People rely on water—along with the wine they brought—to wash down the three levels of spiciness. 123 S. 23rd Street, (215) 567-2542, erawanphilly.com
- **La Viola** – This small, authentic Italian BYOB was so popular, it expanded to a space across the street. Visitors to either of the locations can expect large portions of classic dishes at very reasonable prices. 252 & 253 S. 16th Street, (215) 735-8630, laviolaphiladelphia.com

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- **Mama Palma's** – Neighbors have tried their best to keep this wood-fired pizzeria a secret. Diners dig into a variety of traditional and creative pies, Italian dishes and seasonal salads; enjoy beers extensive menu—or pour from the bottle of vino they brought. 2229 Spruce Street, (215) 735-7357, mamapalmas.com
- **Melograno** – Chef Gianluca Demontis prepares authentic Italian specialties at this elevated trattoria. The savory menu includes pappardelle, risotto and several fish dishes. 2012 Sansom Street, (215) 875-8116, melogranorestaurant.com
- **Porcini** – Brothers Steven and David Sansone opened this very tiny Italian eatery in 1996, and it's been an under-known neighborhood hit ever since. The menu includes house-made pastas, fresh seafood and ingredients imported right from the source—Italy and Sicily. 2048 Sansom Street, (215) 751-1175, porcinirestaurant.com
- **Res Ipsa** – This small, unassuming space belies the impressive nature of the all-day café, serving casual breakfasts featuring ReAnimator Coffee and house-made English muffins; simple lunches of fried green tomato sandwiches and elevated tomato soup and grilled cheese; and, Wednesday through Sunday, note-perfect Sicilian specialties. 2218 Walnut Street, (267) 519-0329, resipsaphilly.com
- **Trattoria Carina** – This 35-seat BYOB also offers a very small bar menu for those who don't want to tote their own. It's just one of the ways the restaurant puts its neighbors first. Other ways: the bright interior, casual vibe and just-right Italian dishes. 2201 Spruce Street, (215) 732-5818

Cafes & Confections:

- **10 Below Ice Cream** – Thai-style rolled ice cream is made to order with fresh ingredients, no artificial flavors or preservatives and, for those who are especially hungry, waffle tacos. Flavors include “mint chocolate madness” (mint, Nutella) and “get avo-control” (avocado, Himalayan salt). 42 S. 17th Street, (267) 317-8838, 10belowicecream.com
- **Almaz Café** – This Ethiopian cafe offers breakfast and lunch, and is known for its doro wot (Ethiopian chicken stew), wrap sandwiches and great cups of joe. Visitors can people-watch from the spacious loft area. 140 S. 20th Street, (215) 557-0108, almazcafe.com
- **Bakeshop on Twentieth** – Downtown workers may claim they come for the fresh-brewed coffee or avocado toast, but it's really the signature Rittenhouse Square—a pretzel-crust fudge brownie with caramel topping—that keeps them coming back. 269 S. 20th Street, (215) 664-9714, bakeshopon20th.com
- **Bluestone Lane Coffee** – This Australian-style cafe in the Warwick Hotel offers its signature espresso beans in drinks like flat whites, plus Aussie edibles like avocado smash toast, breakfast wellness bowls and gluten-free lamington cakes. 1701 Locust Street, bluestonelane.com
- **Capogiro Gelato Artisans** – Dessert lovers think they're in Italy when they taste the goods at this Philly favorite, creators of gelato made from locally sourced ingredients in seasonal flavors and classics such as pistachio, stracciatella and rosemary honey goat's milk. Also on the menu: La Colombe coffee, pastries, sandwiches, salads and snacks. 117 S. 20th Street, (215) 636-9250, capogirogelato.com
- **Elixir Coffee Roasters** – Tucked along a quiet side street, Elixir offers an escape from Center City's high energy. From the ethically sourced beans to the artistically poured froth, every sip here feels like something special. 207 S. Sydenham Street, (239) 404-1730, elixircoffee.com

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- **Good Karma Café** – In addition to fair trade and sustainably sourced organic coffee, Good Karma serves a selection of snacks, salads, soups and sandwiches. A rotating display of works by local artists lines the walls, adding to the community-oriented feel. Tip: The backyard garden at the 22nd Street location is a perfect warm-weather escape. 331 S. 22nd Street, (215) 546-1479; 2319 Walnut Street, (267) 239-2068, thegoodkarmacafe.com
- **Gran Caffè L’Aquila** – Constructed in Italy and transported to Philadelphia, this cafe/bar stays open from morning until night, serving pastries, panini, a dozen flavors of gelato, wine and buzz-worthy coffee. The downstairs stand-up bar lends authenticity—that’s how it’s done in Italy—and the upstairs features a full-service restaurant, gelato lab, wine tastings and Italian classes. 1716 Chestnut Street, (215) 568-5600, grancaffelaquila.com
- **Insomnia Cookies** – The sugary scents of fresh-baked treats waft from this take-out bakery, drawing people inside to try cookie varieties such as chocolate chunk, snickerdoodle, chocolate peanut butter cup and s’mores deluxe. With delivery offered until 3 a.m., the goods here can undermine even the strictest diet. 108 S. 16th Street, (215) 544-2295, insomniacookies.com
- **Joe Coffee** – A New York City transplant that was named one of the best coffee bars in the country by *Food & Wine*, Joe offers caffeine, sweets and outdoor seats, perfect for enjoying the scenery of across-the-street Rittenhouse Square. 1845 Walnut Street, (215) 278-2454, joenewyork.com
- **Konditori Coffee** – Two locations of this Swedish espresso bar serve hot and iced coffee, tea and baked goods, including bagels, biscotti, croissants and muffins, with gluten-free and vegan options. 40 S. 17th Street, (215) 665-8495; 115 S. 18th Street, (267) 519-0246, konditori.com
- **La Colombe** – Daniel Boulud is just one chef who favors the beans from this elegant European-style but Philly-born cafe, which serves its java in beautiful Fima Deruta pottery. Coffee drinkers who want to bring the brewed goodness home can pick up the first-of-its-kind Draft Latte, with patented technology that produces a cold latte in a can, or the For Haiti blend, which supports an organization that teaches Haitian farmers to become sustainable coffee producers. 130 S. 19th Street, (215) 563-0860; 1414 S. Penn Square, (215) 977-7770, lacolombe.com
- **Lil’ Pop Shop** – Just steps off Rittenhouse Square, this homemade popsicle shop serves creamy and non-dairy treats with an emphasis on seasonal and local ingredients. Garden mint chocolate chunk and basil lemonade have been known to grace the menu, as do coffee and baked goods. During the winter holidays, pies take over the space. 229 S. 20th Street, 215-309-5822, lilpopshop.com
- **Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe** – A Philadelphia institution, Metropolitan doles out wonderful breads, spreads, scones and sweets. Rittenhouse Square picnickers can grab artisan cheeses, produce and sandwiches here. Diners who prefer to eat in enjoy croissants, pizzas, salads, sandwiches, quiche and coffee at the sit-down spot next door. 262 & 264 S. 19th Street, (215) 545-6655, metropolitanbakery.com
- **Miel Patisserie** – Gourmet cakes, sophisticated pastry and handcrafted, artisan chocolates line the cases at this tempting shop. Patrons can munch on a hot or cold sandwich or sip an espresso while trying to choose their treat. 204 S. 17th Street, (215) 731-9191, mielpatisserie.com
- **Plenty Cafe** – The all-day cafe is brunch-focused by day and wine and small plates focused by night. The menu is inspired by destinations around the world. A large selection of teas and coffee with custom blends by Square One draws its own following. 1602 Spruce Street, (215) 560-8684, plentyphiladelphia.com
- **Rival Brothers Coffee** – Rival Bros’ own roast beans go into the expertly crafted coffee drinks at this delightful cafe, one of a few city locations. Also on offer: loose-leaf teas, High Street on Market baked goods and pastry, toasts and sandwiches. 1528 Spruce Street, rivalbros.com

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- **Saxbys** – This regional cafe chain takes pride in creating a hospitable atmosphere and providing delicious products, including a Cold Brew collection. Liberty Place, 1625 Chestnut Street, (215) 568-2111; 1800 Chestnut Street, (267) 886-8215; 2000 Walnut Street, (267) 639-5416, saxbyscoffee.com
- **Sip N Glo Juicery** – Juices, smoothies and shakes packed with nutrients make for a healthy treat. The menu changes based on the local produce that’s available, and regulars know to anticipate the monthly drink specials. 257 S. 20th Street; 1700 Sansom Street, (215) 351-9300, sipnglo.com
- **Spread Bagelry** – Montreal-style bagels baked in a wood-fired oven don’t get much better— unless they’re topped with homemade seasonal spreads, such as spring onion scallion cream cheese, freshly ground peanut butter and Amish jam. On the weekends, those in the know bring their own vodka for Bloody Marys. 262 S. 20th Street, (215) 545-0626, spreadbagelry.com
- **Sweet Charlie’s** – Here, the Thai tradition of hand-rolled ice cream comes in flavors such as *LOVE* Park (chocolate, pretzel, peanut butter) and So Cal (açai, honey, coconut, banana) and with toppings such as fruit, roasted marshmallow and Oreo. Thursday through Saturday, Sweet Charlie’s After Dark kicks off at 6 p.m. and caters to the over-21 set with boozy treats. 1921 Walnut Street, (267) 841-ROLL, sweetcharlies.com
- **Swiss Haus Bakery** – Century-old European recipes created with quality ingredients have kept this establishment going for 90 years. Customers come for custom cakes for every occasion, as well as pastries and cookies. 35 S. 19th Street, (215) 563-0759, swisshausbakery.com
- **Waffles & Wedges** – Liege and gluten-free waffles, thick-cut baked potato wedges and La Colombe coffee—it’s an unlikely combination that just works. Toppings for the waffles and wedges range from sweet (Nutella, ice cream and salted caramel) to savory (gravy, chicken and Sriracha). 1511 Pine Street, (215) 309-3222, waffleswedges.com

Different Concepts:

- **Ashton Cigar Bar** – This bar and lounge offers a smoky alternative to the usual after-work drink spot. In addition to 200 varieties of cigars stored in a walk-in humidor, it stocks 365 whiskies and 500 spirits. 1522 Walnut Street, 2nd Floor, (267) 350-0000, ashtoncigarbar.com
- **COOK** – Philadelphia’s hardest reservation to score isn’t at a swanky restaurant; it’s at COOK, a collaborative kitchen-classroom that accommodates 16 guests per class. Celebrated and up-and-coming chefs impart their foodie know-how, demoing doughnuts, knife skills, mixology, homemade pizza and so much more deliciousness. The best part: Guests eat the lesson. 253 S. 20th Street, (215) 735-COOK, audreyclairecook.com
- **Di Bruno Bros.** – Famous for its fine selection of cheeses and meats, this locally owned gourmet mega-store also offers sandwiches, prepared foods made daily and wonderful cappuccino and pastries. The lunch crowd takes their meals to go or enjoys them in the upstairs in the dining area. 1730 Chestnut Street, (215) 665-9220, dibruno.com
- **Spin** – The main attraction at this large, mural-clad social club/bar/restaurant: 17 Olympic-sized ping-pong tables that can be reserved in advance or upon arrival—and a tempting bathtub of ping-pong balls. Players and spectators also enjoy DJ-spun music, creative cocktails and shareable food, including flatbreads, wings and sliders. 211 S. 15th Street, (267) 463-4850, philadelphia.wearespin.com

Music, Stage & Film:

- **Adrienne Theater** – Tucked onto a narrow, quiet block are the main stages for Comedy Sportz, kid-driven MacGuffin and Philly Improv Theater. 2030 Sansom Street, comedysportzphilly.com, macguffintf.com, phitcomedy.com

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- **Chris' Jazz Cafe** – This spot hosts live jazz six nights a week (closed Sunday) and hosts 500 shows every year with local, national and international musicians. A full dinner menu accompanies the great music. 1421 Sansom Street, (215) 568-3131, chrisjazzcafe.com
- **Curtis Institute of Music** – Founded in 1924, Curtis educates and trains a highly selective group of young musicians for professional careers as artists. While only the best and most talented are accepted into the school, anyone can enjoy the free or very affordable performances that are at the heart of the school's learn-by-doing approach. 1726 Locust Street, (215) 893-5252, curtis.edu
- **First Unitarian Church** – Sure, most churches have a choir that performs at Sunday services, but how many host rock concerts? R5 Productions—the same guys who book shows for ultra-cool venues Union Transfer and the Boot & Saddle—set the calendar for this music heaven. Note: All the rocking makes for a warm temperature inside. 2125 Chestnut Street, (215) 821-7575, r5productions.com
- **Helium Comedy Club** – Standup comedians get big laughs Tuesday through Saturday nights at this intimate venue, which serves drinks, snacks and desserts. Funny guys and gals take advantage of the weekly open-mic night and quarterly comedy classes. 2031 Sansom Street, (215) 496-9001, philadelphia.heliumcomedy.com
- **Howl at the Moon** – Dueling pianos, a high-energy crowd and rock tunes make Howl a surefire pick for a fun night out on the town. Audience interaction, requests and dancing create lively shows. 258 S. 15th Street, (215) 546-4695, howlatthemoon.com
- **InterAct Theatre Company** – From the historic Drake building, this contemporary company stages risk-taking and often world-premiere productions that engage and challenge audiences. 302 S. Hicks Streets, (215) 568-8079, interacttheatre.org
- **PFS Roxy Theater** – The Philadelphia Film Society runs the two-screen Roxy Theater, housed in two row houses. It offers educational programs on films and filmmakers and shows popular and independent movies. 2023 Sansom Street, (267) 639-9508, filmadelphia.org/roxy
- **Plays & Players Theatre** – One of the oldest continuously running theaters in the United States, Plays & Players opened as The Little Theatre in 1912. Its location on a quiet, residential street adds to its charm. 1714 Delancey Place, (215) 735-0630, playsandplayers.org
- **Prince Theater** – Featuring dance, comedy, experimental works, operas and film—including the Philadelphia Film Society's annual Philadelphia Film Festival, highlighting the best of American and international cinema—the Prince Theater showcases a range of productions. Some of the nation's biggest cabaret and comedy acts stop at The RRazz Room at the Prince. 1412 Chestnut Street, (215) 422-4580, princetheater.org

Museums, Attractions & Galleries:

- **The Center for Emerging Visual Artists (CFEVA)** – Dedicated to supporting artists throughout the region, The Center for Emerging Visual Artists provides career support, exhibition opportunities and education for visual artists. The public is welcome—free of charge—to enjoy exhibitions, citywide festivals and behind-the-scenes art tours. 237 S. 18th Street, 3rd Floor, (215) 546-7775, cfeva.org
- **Mütter Museum of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia** – Here, visitors discover the secrets of the “Soap Lady,” view the Hyrtl Skull Collection and immerse themselves in other disturbingly informative medical artifacts. A couple of the most popular displays: a tumor removed from President Grover Cleveland and slides of Albert Einstein's brain. 19 S. 22nd Street, (215) 560-8564, muttermuseum.org

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- **One Liberty Observation Deck** – Even birds are envious of this place. An entertaining video plays as the elevator zips visitors up to the 57th floor of One Liberty Place, where wrap-around, floor-to-ceiling windows reveal panoramic views. Interactive kiosks zoom in on Philadelphia landmarks and exhibits offer interesting history, sports and art tidbits that help form the fabric of Philadelphia. 1650 Market Street, (215) 561-3325, phillyfromthetop.com
- **The Print Center** – Free and open to the public, this gallery was founded in 1915, a pioneer in its dedication to the appreciation of prints. Today, this vibrant nonprofit continues to encourage the growth and understanding of photography and printmaking as important contemporary arts via exhibits, publications, education and gallery shop with contemporary prints, photographs and other printed objects created by artists from all over the world. 1614 Latimer Street, (215) 735-6090, printcenter.org
- **Philadelphia Art Alliance** – Across the street from Rittenhouse Square, the Art Alliance showcases contemporary craft and design. Exhibits focus on craft as an active verb and creating an interaction between artists and audience in a distinctive historic setting. 251 S. 18th Street, (215) 545-4302, philartalliance.org
- **The Rosenbach** – Inside a stately row home, this museum houses an impressive collection of art, antiques, rare archives and literary treasures. Among them: the only surviving copy of Ben Franklin’s first *Poor Richard’s Almanack*, James Joyce’s manuscript for *Ulysses*, Bram Stoker’s notes and outlines for *Dracula* and more than 100 personal letters from George Washington. 2008-2010 Delancey Place, (215) 732-1600, rosenbach.org

Shops:

- **Anthropologie** – Housed in a remodeled mansion, this Philly-born chain fills its four floors with clothing, accessories and homewares that epitomize funky-chic. Fashionable shoppers looking for deals head straight to the expansive sale section on the uppermost level; brides-to-be and their bridal parties shop for BHLDN dresses and accessories in the basement. 1801 Walnut Street, (215) 568-2114, anthropologie.com
- **Bella Turka** – Midtown Village’s global jeweler added a second shop of home accents and personal accessories, including some fabulous handmade scarves—with many pieces by Philadelphia and other American designers—to its irresistible repertoire. 1700 Sansom Street, (215) 560-8731, bellaturka.com
- **Benjamin Lovell Shoes** – Benjamin Lovell proves that fashionable shoes don’t have to hurt. Famously comfortable brands, including Dansko, Clarks and Thierry Rabotin, line the shelves. 1728 Chestnut Street, (215) 564-4655, blshoes.com
- **Born Yesterday** – This children’s boutique stocks designer duds and toys for fashionable babies, tots and kids up to size 12 for girls and size 10 for boys. Little ones who rock Philadelphia-themed onesies and T-shirts (custom Rocky, the Eagles) are the most popular kids on the playground. 1901 Walnut Street, (215) 568-6556, bornyesterdaykids.com
- **Boyds Philadelphia** – For more than 75 years, Boyds has been dressing Philadelphians in the best of the best. Guests receive royal treatment from the attentive staff—including valet parking and a few dozen tailors—while browsing the clothing and accessories by big names like Ermenegildo Zegna and Alexander McQueen. 1818 Chestnut Street, (215) 564-9000, boydsphila.com
- **Breakaway Bikes** – This bike shop sells and services bicycles, plus it stocks all of the gear and accessories that bikers need to hit the road safely and stylishly. On the store’s second floor, the Breakaway Training Center hosts indoor cycling sessions, performance training and professional fitting services. 1923 Chestnut Street, (215) 568-6002, breakawaybikes.com

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- **Chestnut Street Shops** – Peppering the independent retailers of this up-and-coming street are low-price stores such as **Banana Republic Factory Store, Buffalo Exchange, Forever21, Gap Outlet & Factory Store, Nordstrom Rack, Old Navy, Target** and **Uniqlo**, along with higher-end chains **Indochino, Sephora, South Moon Under** and **The Shade Store**. Chestnut Street between Broad & 20th Streets
- **Commonwealth Proper** – Frustrated with the fit of men’s shirts, the founder of Commonwealth Proper began selling well-designed, locally made shirts in 2008. Now the shop outfits men in custom-tailored suits, shirts and pants and even offers personal styling. 1839 Chestnut Street, (267) 319-1741, commonwealthproper.com
- **Craiger Drake Designs** – Ready-made and custom jewelry comes with intimate personal attention at this exclusive shop. Personal attention means expert tips on jewelry cleaning, storage, manufacturing qualities—and wholesale pricing. 1701 Walnut Street, 5th Floor, (215) 253-6507, craigerdrake.com
- **Egan Day** – This jewelry boutique walks the line between luxurious and laid back with ease. The tiny parlor of a Civil War-era home carries exclusive, nature-inspired baubles from 15 jewelry artists, including Gabriella Kiss. 260 S. 16th Street, (267) 773-8833, eganday.com
- **Egan Rittenhouse** – Just inside the elegant Rittenhouse hotel, Kate Egan of Egan Day (see above) brings her impeccable taste to a pristine gift stock of Lostine candleholders, Alex Stadler sketches (both local products), elegant glassware, men’s grooming products, wooden-boxed florals—even children’s toys. 210 W. Rittenhouse Square, eganrittenhouse.com
- **ellelauri** – After debuting in Avalon, New Jersey, the Pennsylvania native sisters/owners opened a second location of their trendy women’s clothing boutique in Philly. Gals find fashion-forward skirts, dresses and tops, made exclusively for ellelauri. 114 S. 19th Street, (267) 457-5939, ellelauri.com
- **Frankinstien Bikeworx** – Frankinstien was born out of a genuine love for bikes and bike culture. The shop designs, makes, sells and repairs bicycles, parts and accessories. 1529 Spruce Street, (215) 893-0415, frankinstienbikeworx.com
- **Head Start Shoes** – Head Start Shoes has been a Philadelphia go-to spot for more than 35 years. The store specializes in high-quality Italian boots and shoes for women. 126 S. 17th Street, (215) 567-3247, headstartshoes.com
- **Hope Chest** – Voted one of the top lingerie stores in the world by *Travel + Leisure*, Hope Chest stocks the finest in European and American bras, sleepwear, shapewear and sexy lingerie. Customers stop in as they’d like or make reservations for fittings. 1937 Chestnut Street, (215) 665-9169, hopechestshop.com
- **Jacques Ferber** – Luxurious furs and shearlings, Moncler and and Bogner, Italian leather down from AFG and fur accessories look right at home in this gorgeously revamped historic space. 1708 Walnut Street, 2nd Floor, (215) 735-4173, jacquesferber.com
- **Joan Shepp** – Joan Shepp has been a Philadelphia fashion powerhouse since 1971. Named by *Harper’s Bazaar* as one of the country’s style leaders, she and her daughter Ellen stock their 9,000-square-foot store with designer womenswear from Maison Margiela, Dries Van Noten, Comme des Garçons and Balenciaga, along with local designers. 1811 Chestnut Street, (215) 735-2666, joanshepp.com
- **Joseph Fox Bookshop** – Opened in 1951, this independent walkup has survived mega-stores, online retailers and electronic readers thanks to its obsession with its customers and its loyalty to the written word. The knowledgeable staff helps guests find their next great read in the store, or they order it for next-day delivery. 1724 Sansom Street, (215) 563-4184, foxbookshop.com

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- **Kitchen Kapers** – High-end kitchenware and gadgets await any domestic diva or dude—or simply someone who needs a housewarming gift. Stiletto spoon rest, anyone? 213 S. 17th Street, (215) 546-8059, kitchenkapers.com
- **Knit Wit** – This Rittenhouse staple has been dressing fashionistas since the 1960s. Sweaters, jeans and dresses by designers like Stuart Weitzman, Alexander Wang and Paul Smith hang from its racks. 1729 Chestnut Street, (215) 564-4760, knitwitonline.com
- **LAGOS** – This fine jewelry shop offers enduring jewelry created in Philadelphia by founder and master jeweler Steven Lagos. Perfect for the Philly-proud, the Heart of Philadelphia pendant incorporates architectural elements from City Hall, Independence Hall, Philadelphia Museum of Art and Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. 1735 Walnut Street, (215) 567-0770, lagos.com
- **Long in the Tooth** – In the digital age, Long in the Tooth satisfies purists looking for an old-school music store experience. New and used vinyl records, books and DVDs line the shelves; rockin' tunes flow from the speakers; and friendly, music-obsessed staffers provide expert advice to anyone who needs it. 2027 Sansom Street, (215) 569-1994
- **Omoi Zakka Shop** – Inspired by lifestyle shops in Japan, this locally owned boutique offers soaps, candles, accessories, greeting cards, daily planners and office supplies. 1608 Pine Street, (215) 545-0963, omoionline.com
- **The Shops at Liberty Place** – Shoppers find skin and beauty products at **Kiehl's** and **Aveda**, deals from **Bloomingdale's The Outlet Store** and fashions from national chains like **Express**, **J.Crew**, **Victoria's Secret** and **LOFT Outlet**. 1625 Chestnut Street, (215) 851-9055, shopsatliberty.com
- **Shop Sixty-Five** – Chosen by *Lucky* magazine as one of the best boutiques in the country, Shop Sixty Five outfits its guests in luxury knitwear, designer denim and envy-inspiring handbags. Fashionistas come for the progressive collections including clothes from Helmut Lang, Elizabeth & James, and Rag & Bone. 128 South 17th Street, (267) 239-5488, shopsixtyfive.com
- **Skirt** – Trend-seekers can find contemporary, high-end womenswear in this sleek space. Expert in-store stylists guide shoppers through the racks of recognizable, quality brands such as IRO, Frame, Pam & Gela, Ulla Johnson, Zadig & Voltaire, Mother Denim, Smythe, Autumn Cashmere and See by Chloé. 212 S. 17th Street, (215) 309-8419, shop-skirt.com
- **Sophy Curson** – Since 1929, Sophy Curson has been filling the closets of Philadelphia's most distinguished women. In addition to colorful wool dresses, cocktail frocks and evening gowns, the shop carries European sportswear, jackets and trousers, daytime dresses (with sleeves) and cashmere sweaters. 19th & Sansom Streets, (215) 567-4662, sophycurson.com
- **stadler-Khan** – This gallery/design shop sells the scarves and design works of owner Alexander Stadler. The eclectic shop also features a rotating selection of fine and decorative arts, new and vintage jewelry and glassware and ceramics. 1724 Sansom Street, (267) 242-7154, stadler-kahn.com
- **ToBox** – Everything in this impeccable men's shoe store is for sale, from the nine exclusive-to-Philadelphia shoe brands to the vintage furniture. The built-in shoeshine station keeps loyal customers coming back. 1822 Chestnut Street, (215) 644-9435
- **TownHome** – For jewelry from such designers as Me&Ro, Jennifer Meyer and Heather B. Moore, shoppers squeeze into Dana Bank's tiny shop for customizable pieces. The most popular pieces feature initials, lucky symbols and inspirational words. 1616 Walnut Street, (215) 972-5100, townhomeonline.com
- **Ubiq** – Three floors of kicks, clothes and art keep sneakerheads coming back to this store again and again. It may also help that Mitchell & Ness opened a pop-up shop under its roof. 1509 Walnut Street, (215) 988-0194, ubiqlife.com

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- **Urban Outfitters** – Founded in Philadelphia, Urban stocks its three-story flagship with essentials for the hip, urban lifestyle: men’s and women’s fashions, fun gifts and apartment décor. 1627 Walnut Street, (215) 569-3131, urbanoutfitters.com
- **Walnut Street Shops** – Called “Rittenhouse Row,” Walnut Street has an impressive lineup of national and international retailers. Shoppers walking along its sidewalks find brands including **Apple, Athleta, Barbour, Barneys New York, Bluemercury, Free People, Goorin Bros., Intermix, Jack Wills, Lucky Brand, lululemon, Lush Cosmetics, Madewell, Michael Kors, My.Suit, New Balance, Paper Source, Rag & Bone, Stuart Weitzman, Theory, Tiffany & Co., Timberland, Vince, Warby Parker and Zara.** Walnut Street between Broad & 18th Streets
- **Wayne Edwards Workshop** – This father-and-son operation has been outfitting Philadelphia men since 1970. The atelier specializes in individualized clothing and an edited selection of sportswear. 1710 Sansom Street, 2nd Floor, (267) 606-6691, wayneedwardsworkshop.com

Spas & Beauty:

- **Adolf Biecker Spa/Salon** – Aveda-based haircuts, color, nail services, massages and body treatments are a few of the standout treatments that keep loyal fans feeling fabulous. 1605 Sansom Street, (215) 735-6404, adolfbiecker.com
- **Beans Beauty** – In addition to salon brands, brushes, blow dryers and flat irons, Beans houses an in-store salon for last-minute blowouts or waxing needs. The store also stocks nail care, body care and makeup products. 1733 Chestnut Street, (215) 567-1518, beansbeauty.com
- **BLO/OUT Blow Dry Bar** – In need of quick, professional hairstyling? This salon lets you choose a signature BLO/OUT that includes shampoo, blowdry and styling for only \$40—all in 45 minutes or less and starting as early as 7 a.m. every day. (Other full salon services are available.) 1804 Chestnut Street, (215) 305-8245, bloout.com
- **Body Restoration** – This day spa offers massages, facials, body treatments and waxing. Before and after services, patrons are invited to don plush robes and slippers and relax in the tranquil lounge. 1611 Walnut Street, 3rd Floor, (215) 569-9599, bodyrest.com
- **Heads & Tails Beauty Boutique** – People rave about the waxing at this beauty boutique, which also does blowouts and Phyto Conditioning Treatments. Memberships and series packages help loyal customers save some cash while looking great. 265 S. 19th Street, (215) 875-8343, headsandtailsrittenhouse.com
- **Le Rêve Rittenhouse Day Spa** – Every inch of this spa was designed to make guests feel like royalty—from the plush waiting room to the luxurious couples massages. 255 S. 17th Street, 4th Floor, (215) 790-4444, lereverittenhousespa.com
- **Rescue Spa Philadelphia** – Manicures, pedicures, massages, hair removal, makeovers and hair services are all on the menu, but the outstanding facials and skin treatments make Rescue a standout in the neighborhood—and the world. 1601 Walnut Street, 3rd Floor (215) 772-2766, rescuespa.net
- **Ursula’s About Phace** – Bobbi Brown alum Ursula Augustine opened her makeup studio to provide safe alternatives to harsh beauty treatments. The salon offers sugaring, a natural form of hair removal, in addition to makeup application, customized facials and her signature brow shaping. 1700 Sansom Street, Suite 201, (215) 557-1562, aboutphace201.com
- **Mi Cumbia Organica** – The beauty treatments at this Colombian-inspired nail and waxing salon incorporate natural and organic ingredients like fresh coconut and mango butter. Patrons enjoy authentic style Colombian coffee during services. 328 S. 17th Street, (215) 735-7980, micumbia.co

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Parks & Outdoor Spaces:

- **Dilworth Park** – At the foot of Philadelphia’s iconic City Hall this tree-lined plaza welcomes pedestrians, commuters and visitors. Highlights include a lawn, an outdoor cafe and, in-season, either a walk-through fountain or an ice-skating rink. 15th & Market Streets, dilworthpark.org
- **Fitler Square** – First dedicated in 1896, this half-acre park sits just south and west of Rittenhouse Square. Throughout the year, the square hosts neighborhood gatherings including a holiday tree lighting, Easter egg hunt, Halloween party, a farmers’ market and seasonal fairs. 23rd & Pine Streets, fitlersquare.org
- **John F. Collins Park** – This tiny mid-building oasis provides a quiet lunch spot among shrubs and trees native to the Delaware and Wissahickon Valleys. Gates sculpted by local artist Christopher Ray depict nature scenes of the tri-state area. 1707 Chestnut Street, johnfcollinspark.org
- **Rittenhouse Square** – The centerpiece of an upscale neighborhood, Rittenhouse Square is alive with locals and visitors amid greenery and colorful flowers. The historic park features walkways, sculptures, fountains and a reflecting pool. Craft fairs, art shows, farmers’ markets and events of all kinds shine a spotlight on the picturesque location all year. 18th & Walnut Streets, friendsofrittenhouse.org
- **Schuylkill Banks and Schuylkill River Trail** – This eight-mile stretch of riverbank provides an ideal setting for running, biking, skating or simply enjoying a leisurely stroll and a picnic. Right next to the water, this stretch also offers fishing, kayaking and boating. Entry points are at 25th and Locust streets, Walnut Street west of 24th Street and Chestnut Street west of 24th Street. schuylkillbanks.org
- **Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk** – An extension of the Schuylkill River Trail, this concrete, above-the-water connection is perfect for walkers, runners and bikers. Solar-powered overhead lights keep the boardwalk lit all night. Access points: Locust Street at the end of the Schuylkill River Trail (25th and Locust streets) and the north and south sides of the South Street Bridge. schuylkillbanks.org

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