



OLLI Goes to Philadelphia!

May 22-25, 2017



Walk in the footsteps of our Founding Fathers on this 4-day tour to historic Philadelphia, PA. This remarkable city is filled with American history, stunning architecture, countless museums and bustling markets. We will tour through the city's many historic and cultural districts as we learn more about the "Birthplace of a New Nation".

Highlights of this 4 day / 3 night tour include:

Take a journey back to 1776 and eavesdrop on our Founding Fathers in a special Independence Hall After Hours Guided Tour, followed by dinner at the famous City Tavern • Tour through the many historic and cultural districts of the city on a Sightseeing Tour with a Local Guide • Visit Independence National Historic Park which includes the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall (a World Heritage Site), and the Visitors Center • Take a Self-Guided Tour of the United States Mint – where you can witness coins (or commemorative medals) being made • Visit the country's third largest art museum – the Philadelphia Museum of Art which houses nearly 230,000 objects (an optional 1 Hour Guided Tour is included) • Visit Reading Terminal Market – considered one of the greatest public markets in the country • Free time to explore the city and its countless museums and attractions on your own • Luxury motor coach transportation • Services of a Professional Tour Director • 5 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 1 Dinner

Deluxe Tour Cost: \$849 per person * based on double occupancy

Additional pricing: \$1169 single occupancy/ \$699 triple or quad occupancy

Departure from Concord, NH



For More Information or to Reserve:

Call the OLLI office at 603-513-1377





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Monday, May 22nd - On the first day of our trip we will depart New Hampshire and make our way to Philadelphia. We will make rest breaks and a lunch stop along the way. Upon arrival, you will have time to check in to your room before departing for a one-of-a-kind tour this evening. We will walk in the footsteps of our Founding Fathers, take a short tour of **Independence Hall** - one of Philadelphia's most famous landmarks, and the location where both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were debated, written, and ratified by the Founding Fathers of the USA - and enjoy dinner at the **City Tavern** this evening. **(D)**

(Included Specialty Tour: The only tour of its kind, Independence After-Hours Tour takes you on a realistic journey back to 1776. After an 18th-century-inspired dinner at historic City Tavern, and a visit by Thomas Jefferson, the group sneaks into Independence Hall where they eavesdrop on Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin discussing the Declaration of Independence).

Tuesday, May 23rd - This morning enjoy breakfast before departing for our day in the city! Around every corner of this city lies a piece of American history, as we'll discover today on our **city sightseeing tour** with a local guide. We will tour through the city's many historic and cultural districts as we learn more about the "Birthplace of a New Nation".



We will get a chance to return to the **Independence National Historic Park**, where you can gather additional information about Independence Hall, watch informative films, and get an up-close look at the Liberty Bell.



This afternoon we will visit the bustling **Reading Terminal Market**, where you will have time for lunch on your own. Established in 1892, it is the nation's oldest continuously operating farmers' market and considered one of the greatest public markets in the country. You can enjoy eating virtually every type of cuisine including authentic Philly Cheesesteaks and traditional Pennsylvania Dutch fare — all available from largely family-run stands.

This afternoon, we will visit the **United States Mint** – where both pocket change and commemorative coins are made! Even though the U.S. capital moved from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C., in 1800, the manufacture of coins and medals has stayed primarily in Philadelphia for the past two centuries. At least half of the nation's circulating coins and most of the commemorative medals are struck in this building; visitors get to watch operations on the mint floor during a self-guided tour that includes interactive displays, early mint and coining equipment, and rare and historic coins.

We will return to the hotel in the late afternoon and you will have time to relax and enjoy dinner on your own this evening. **(B)**

Wednesday, May 24th – After an included breakfast, we will depart and make our way to the **Philadelphia Museum of Art** – the third largest art museum in the country, and a must-see attraction in the city. Its impressive holdings include Renaissance, American, Impressionist and Modern art and over 80 period rooms - from the medieval cloister to the Indian temple. In addition, it is home to the famous steps and "Rocky" statue.



Upon arrival, you can take an optional 1-hour tour led by a museum guide prior to exploring the museum on your own.

Special Note: Your Philadelphia Museum of Art admission is valid for the Rodin Museum and Perelman Building, which you can visit on your own in the afternoon until 5:00pm. The Main Building of the Museum is open until 8:45pm.

This **afternoon and evening you are free** to explore the city on your own. You may opt to take a hop on and off tour that will bring you to 27 different locations in the city, take a carriage ride through the historic district or you can simply stroll through the beautiful parks and tree lined streets.



Nearby attractions include Rittenhouse Square; the National Constitution Center – the only museum dedicated to the U.S. Constitution; the Betsy Ross House; the Academy of Natural Sciences; the Barnes Foundation and many others that are within walking distance or a short cab ride away. Your tour director can assist you with planning your free time. **(B)**

Thursday, May 25th - After breakfast, we say farewell to Philadelphia and begin our journey back to New Hampshire. We will make a stop for an included lunch and rest breaks along the way. **(B,L)**

PRICE AND INCLUSIONS

Price:

\$ 849 pp (dbl) / \$ 1169 single / \$ 699 pp triple or quad*

**triple and quad rooms include two beds, a rollaway may be requested for an additional \$25 per night*

Optional travel protection plan is encouraged and can be purchased separately. Please review the Travel Insured International Group Travel Protection Plan for details.

Included in your tour:

- Independence Hall After Hours Guided Tour & dinner at City Tavern
- City Sightseeing Tour with Local Guide
- Independence National Historic Park – including Independence Hall, Liberty Bell Center and Visitors Center
- Self-Guided Tour of the United States Mint
- Admission to the Philadelphia Museum of Art including an optional 1 Hour Guided Tour
- 3 Nights Hotel including luggage handling, taxes and gratuities
- 5 Meals: 1 dinners, 1 Lunch & 3 Breakfasts including gratuities

Tour Exclusions: All items and expenses of a personal nature and **gratuities to your coach driver** (recommended amount is \$4-6 per person per day) and **step on guide** are not included in your package.

Hotel Information:

Embassy Suites City Center – 1776 Benjamin Franklin Parkway PH: 215-561-1776

The newly renovated Embassy Suites by Hilton Philadelphia – Center City hotel is conveniently situated in the heart of downtown near the historic district. Numerous cultural and historical attractions are located within walking distance or a short cab ride away.

All of the rooms are suites that include a separate living room with sofa bed, dining area, balcony, and kitchen area with microwave, coffee maker, and refrigerator.

Additional amenities include: fitness center, hotel business center, complimentary wifi, room service, on site restaurant and lounge. A delicious, complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast is offered each morning, and a hotel Manager's Reception every night – featuring complimentary refreshments and great company.