

Wilberforce University Alumni Association

Philadelphia, New Jersey, Delaware Chapter

Moonlight Cruise Event Details:

Saturday, August 13, 2022 thru Sunday, August 14, 2022 Time: Embark @ **11:30 PM** | Cruise @ **12:00 AM** – **2:00 AM** | Disembark @ **2:00 AM**

What's Happening in Philly Area this Weekend

I. African American Museum of Philadelphia



When: Friday to Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM

The African American Museum in Philadelphia is the first institution built by a major United States city to house and interpret the life and work of African Americans. Our doors are open for your enjoyment and enlightenment. Visit us and experience the richness and vibrancy of African American heritage and culture come alive in four magnificent exhibition galleries filled with exciting history and fascinating art.

Where: 701 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19106

a. Time Slot 1: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
b. Time Slot 2: 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM
c. Time Slot 3: 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM
d. Time Slot 4: 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

II. Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival at Franklin Square



When: Nightly Through Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 6 PM to 11 PM 200 N. 6th Street, \$12 to \$20.



It's your last chance to catch it all: The bright lights. The beautiful lanterns. The picture-perfect memories.

The Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival illuminates Franklin Square with dozens of massive, intricate, handcrafted lanterns constructed by artisans from China. All 30-plus lantern designs are brand-new for 2022. Expect a walk-through bamboo forest, a giant whale (that swims!), plenty of mythological creatures and interactive installations like a kaleidoscope selfie spot. Also on the docket at this uber-popular ticketed event: live cultural performances, shopping, dining, the Dragon Beer Garden and more.

Where: Franklin Square, 200 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia, PA

III. COMEDY in Philadelphia

- a. **Punchline Comedy Club** *Corey Holcomb* August 12-13, 2022, 7:30 11:30 PM at 33 W. Laurel St. Philadelphia, PA
- b. **Lou & Choo's Lounge** (*Buckwild & Crew*) August 14, 2022@ 6 10 PM at 2101 Hunting Park Philadelphia, PA (*tickets Eventbrite \$30 includes complimentary BBQ & drink*)

IV. CASINOS

- a. **Rivers Casino** (24 hours) 1001 N. Delaware Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19125 Featuring: George Benson (August 11, 2022 @ 8pm)
- b. Live! Casino (24 hours) 900 Packer Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19148

V. ENTERTAINMENT

- a. **Dell Music Center** (August 11, 2022) 2400 Strawberry Mansion Drive, Philadelphia, PA Featuring: Charlie Wilson @7pm (215) 685-9560
- b. **Motown Red Carpet Musical Production** Discovery Charter School @ 4700 Parkside Ave., Philadelphia, PA August 13, 2022 6 10 PM *(Tickets on Eventbrite)*
- c. **Wiz Khalifa & Logic Vinyl Verse Tour 2022** () Freedom Mortgage Pavilion 1 Harbour Blvd, Camden, NJ August 14, 2022, 6:30 10:30 PM
- d. SATURDAY R&B BRUNCH and DAY PARTY 813 Sansom St. Philadelphia, PA August 13, 2022 @ 1-5 PM

VI. <u>20th Anniversary Give Back to the Community Festival in Nicetown</u>

When: August 12-13, 2022

North Philadelphia's Nicetown neighborhood hosts <u>a two-day community festival</u> featuring live music performances and DJ sets, multicultural vendors, a fashion show, and a neighborhood march for peace. The Friday night and Saturday events are centered in and around Nicetown Park.

Where: Nicetown Park, 4301 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA



VII. Fit Girl Fresh Weekend at the W Philadelphia

When: August 12-14, 2022

It's a fit girl summer! This <u>three-day event</u> celebrates health, fitness and financial freedom for women. The 10th annual celebration features daily workout parties, panel discussions and guest speaker lectures. A la carte <u>tickets</u> are available for individual events or go big with VIP passes for the entire weekend.

Where: W Philadelphia, 1439 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

VIII. Treat yourself at one of the many food-related happenings taking place around town:

- a. **Everybody Eats at Bok Bar**: Everybody Eats a team of Black chefs dedicated to empowering communities and fighting food insecurity take over the kitchen at Bok Bar to serve up a menu featuring an impossible smash burger, beef or salmon cheesesteaks and rotating desserts (through August 28, 2022).
- b. **Burger of the Month: The Kahuna Burger at Lucky's Last Chance**: The folks at Lucky's Last Chance fresh off of <u>a finalist run</u> in *Good Morning America*'s Ultimate Burger Spot competition <u>serve up a special burger</u> at both locations for the month of August. Topped with pork roll and pineapple, the Kahuna Burger is a celebration of Hawaiian flavor with a Philly twist (through August 31, 2022).
- C. Meet the Maker Happy Hour at Hyatt Centric Center City: Enjoy complimentary light bites and refreshments from Patchwork restaurant as you check out works from Philly photographer and historian Stuart Goldenberg. The reception celebrates Goldenberg's Storied exhibition, which is on display at the hotel through the end of August (Thursday).
- d. **Summer BBQ Series at Philadelphia Distilling**: Dig into a Hawaiian-themed barbecue menu and sip on some delicious summer cocktails on the patio at Philadelphia Distilling during the final installment of their Summer BBQ Series. All food and drink items are \$10 each or four items for \$30 (Sunday).

IX. The Oval XP on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway

When: Through Sunday, August 21, 2022 (Wednesdays through Sundays)

The <u>Benjamin Franklin Parkway</u> undergoes a major glow up for 2022 as Eakins Oval transforms into <u>The Oval XP</u> — an eight-acre urban oasis in front of the <u>Philadelphia Museum of Art</u>. The reimagined public space features a number of brand-new experiences for 2022, including:

- a. the largest outdoor beer garden in the city, with 24 craft beers on tap and a pop-up kitchen featuring a rotating menu from local chefs
- b. a mobile Ferris wheel (standing at an impressive 108 feet tall)
- c. kid-friendly activities, including a classic carousel and The Imagination Station, complete with a nine-hole miniature golf course, builder kits and interactive games
- d. the Summer Sound Stage, which hosts a number of concerts and performances throughout season
- e. a 33,000-square-foot ground mural titled *Common Ground* by artist Calo Rosa, and
- f. two virtual reality domes featuring 360-degree immersive audio and visual experiences.



X. Top FREE Things to do in Greater Philadelphia

- a. https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/top-free-philadelphia-attractions/
- b. We know that (some of) the best things in life are free.
 - i. So budget-conscious travelers, rejoice! It's super easy to spend a few days (or more) seeing the sights in Philadelphia without spending much at all.
 - ii. Here's what's free to do in Philly: quintessential historic attractions (like the Liberty Bell Center and other attractions in Independence National Historical Park); outdoor hangs (like Spruce Street Harbor Park and Franklin Square); iconic public art (Rocky Statue, LOVE sculpture) and much more.
 - iii. Outdoor Movies @ **DILWORTH PARK**: Ghostbusters: Afterlife (August 12th) 1 S. 15th Street, Philadelphia, PA
 - iv. Plus, there are a handful of pay-what-you-wish opportunities at some of Philadelphia's top museums.
 - v. Here's our guide to some of the best free (and almost free) things to do in Philadelphia.





When: Daily 9 AM - 7 PM (mask required)

Throughout the expansive, light-filled <u>Liberty Bell Center</u>, larger-than-life historic documents and images explore the facts and myths surrounding our nation's most famous Bell. The 2,080-pound, mostly copper structure is housed here, too, and crowds line up for a glimpse. No tickets are required to visit the Liberty Bell Center, though residents and visitors may need to wait in a line. (Learn more about visiting the bell <u>here</u>.)

Don't miss: A photo with the Liberty Bell (obviously). The iconic cracked gong makes for a stellar photo backdrop with <u>Independence Hall</u> in the background behind glass-windowed walls.

Where: Liberty Bell Center, 526 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA

Independence National Historical Park





In the heart of <u>Old City</u> is where the country was born. The grassy expanse between 5th and 6th Streets from Walnut to Race Streets — known as <u>Independence National Historical Park</u> — contains some of the most seminal locations in our country's history. One of those spots, <u>Independence Hall</u> — where the good ol' Declaration of Independence was signed — remains mostly free to the public, although tickets are required. (There is a \$1 administrative fee on the free ticket.) <u>Congress Hall</u> and <u>Old City Hall</u> — also part of the Independence Hall complex — are free to visit.

• **Don't miss:** The Assembly Room of Independence Hall, the place where both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were signed.

Where: Independence National Historical Park, 6th & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA

The Rocky Statue and the Rocky Steps



Yo, Adrian! The Rocky Statue and the Rocky Steps at the Philadelphia Museum of Art are two of the most visited attractions in Philadelphia — and they're both free. Live a little piece of film history in the most Philadelphia way possible. (For inexpensive ways to head inside the iconic Philadelphia Museum of Art, keep reading.)

• Don't miss: A run up those iconic steps. Once there, turn around — arms hoisted in the air, of course — to cherish the spectacular view of the Philadelphia skyline. Then head back down to find the bronze statue of Rocky at the bottom that was originally commissioned for Rocky III.

Where: Rocky Statue and Steps, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA

<u>LOVESculpture</u>



Love don't cost a thing. One of the City of Brotherly Love's best-known landmarks is <u>LOVE</u> itself — the Robert Indiana sculpture in John F. Kennedy Plaza (or <u>LOVE Park</u>, as it's known to locals). The sculpture was restored and repainted in 2018, and the park was entirely redesigned to add more green areas and a high-tech water feature.

The <u>AMOR sculpture</u> — a Spanish version of the <u>LOVE sculpture</u> — is on display at <u>Sister Cities Park</u>, a short walk from LOVE Park.

• Don't miss: Your chance to take the ultimate selfie. There may be a line, but it moves quickly.

Where: LOVE Park, 15th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA



Elfreth's Alley



The free-to-stroll-through <u>Elfreth's Alley</u> was home to the 18th-century artisans and tradespeople who were the backbone of colonial Philadelphia. While a modern city has sprung up around it, the alley now preserves three centuries of evolution. Philadelphia citizens still occupy these homes, with their old-fashioned flower boxes, shutters, Flemish bond brickwork and other architectural details. Two adjacent houses, built in 1755, are now a museum and open to the public (for a small fee).

• Don't miss: <u>Bladens Court</u>, the alley-within-the-alley named after a biscuit maker. It's a tiny walkway between two of the street's homes.

Where: Elfreth's Alley, 124-126 Elfreth's Alley, Philadelphia, PA

Independence Visitor Center



The gateway to all things Philadelphia, the <u>Independence Visitor Center</u> is the perfect place to begin a visit to the region. Just a stone's throw from some of Philadelphia's most popular attractions — Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell — visitors get a free comprehensive orientation to the culture (you'll need it), history, shopping and dining options available throughout the region from the friendly and knowledgeable staff.

• **Don't miss:** The <u>free welcome film</u> in the center's theater and the interactive digital wall that lets visitors explore the city's offerings via a touch screen.

Where: Independence Visitor Center, 599 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA

XI. Seasonal Attractions

a. In the summer, <u>Spruce Street Harbor Park</u> draws thousands of residents and visitors with features like a beer garden, food stands, colorful hammocks and carnival-style games. The urban oasis also hosts fun-filled festivals and alfresco concerts of all musical genres.





- b. Blue Cross RiverRink offers roller skating in the summer and ice skating in winter
 - i. A few steps away, <u>Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest</u> delights guests with roller skating, a boathouse-style lodge and carnival rides. In the colder months, the site transforms into <u>Winterfest</u>, with an Olympic-sized ice skating rink, outdoor fire pits, delectable bites and holiday li

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Let's network and get our boat ride party-on, while raising much needed scholarship funds for our HBCU's!