

# Philadelphia

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CURRENCY  
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PHILADELPHIA IS  
UNESCO'S FIRST  
NAMED WORLD  
HERITAGE CITY

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FLIES DAILY TO  
PHILADELPHIA  
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## The big picture

Opened in 1893, Reading Terminal was the region's main station. Its old shed is now home to a public market, where Philly's melting-pot culture dines on eclectic local cuisine, including cheese steaks.

[readingterminalmarket.org](http://readingterminalmarket.org)



### THE LOCAL'S VIEW

## "There's a surprise around every corner"

Mural artist Meg Saligman on public art



"Look around. Philadelphia is an outdoor art gallery. Most cities have a handful of murals; we have over 2,000. It's hard to go two blocks without seeing one. People come from all over just to see them. Throughout every neighbourhood, vibrant murals have replaced lacklustre walls and public spaces. Many tell stories, so they're a way for people to understand Philadelphia. I value a collaborative process that creates transformation, and the power of people together making beautiful things. Murals can catalyse a community." *Meg Saligman has painted many of Philadelphia's famous outdoor murals, sponsored by Mural Arts Philadelphia*



### THE HOT LIST



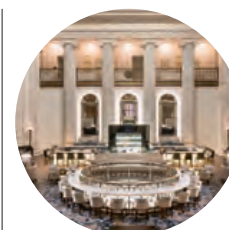
#### THE BARNES FOUNDATION

This gallery within a garden houses the US\$25 billion art collection of Albert Barnes, with greats such as Rubens, van Gogh and Cézanne, arranged in the owner's own configurations. [barnesfoundation.org](http://barnesfoundation.org)



#### JOAN SHEPP

In a neighbourhood of exquisite local boutiques, Philadelphia's chic set deems Joan Shepp on Chestnut Street the gold standard of haute couture and high-end classic designers, spanning Maison Margiela to Etro. [joanshepp.com](http://joanshepp.com)



#### THE RITZ CARLTON

This Pantheon-inspired hotel is newly restored to its original splendour. While all 299 guest rooms are sumptuous, the Club Level includes concierge service. There's also a luxury spa and restaurant. [ritzcarlton.com](http://ritzcarlton.com)