

# CONNECTION

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## Profile

# The Philadelphia Story



Philadelphia is the second-largest city on the East Coast and the fifth-largest in the United States. The residents of Philadelphia are proud to remind us that the country was born here. The country's Founding Fathers met, discussed, and formed the United States of America in Philadelphia.

The foundations of Philadelphia, and all of the United States, are rooted in the neighborhood of Old City area. It was settled by city founder William Penn and his fellow Quakers in the late 16th century. It later served as the seat of government for rebellious colonial patriots during the America Revolution in the 1770s.

Today, some of the well-preserved historical structures, buildings, and homes that date back to the 18th and 19th centuries still situated on narrow cobblestoned streets, stand alongside

modern buildings and high-rises.

With a legacy of hosting prestigious events, Philadelphia had everything needed to host the 2016 Democratic National Convention. It was also chosen as site of Republican National Convention in 2000.

Philadelphia thrives on tourism because of its rich colonial history and culture. An efficient infrastructure, including clearly marked signs, a convenient transit system, and a state-of-the-art visitor center, has been created by the city authorities and the National Park Service to give visitors a memorable experience. Most of Philadelphia's central neighborhoods can be explored on foot.

Many of Philadelphia's most popular sights are to be found in Old City, within what is called "America's most historic square mile." They include Independence Hall and the iconic Liberty Bell. Outstanding museums, including the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Barnes Foundation, are located in the city center.

French sculptor Auguste Rodin's (1840 -

1917) most famous artwork, The Thinker, sits outside the Columned façade that leads into the courtyard of the Rodin Museum.

Philadelphia's early architectural styles, derived from the colonists' native Britain, can still be seen in the older areas of Philadelphia colonial buildings, incorporated simple Georgian and Palladian designs, which evolved into a bolder Federal style, with touches of Roman and Greek classical styles.

The 19th century brought grander designs fueled by the Victorian era and the French-influenced Beaux-Arts style. While modern buildings crowd parts of the city, it is the scattering of postmodern skyscrapers that enliven the city's skyline.

The exciting part of

my trip to the historic city of Philadelphia was to see its industry-changing innovations. It reminded me of the Marcel Proust quote, "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscape, but in having new eyes."



▲ posing with Founding Father Ben Franklin, who appears on the \$100 dollar bills



▲ arriving at the Philadelphia International Airport



▲ visiting exhibition about the history of Philadelphia



▲ Philadelphia Marketplace is a bustling tourists attraction

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