

Flower Show Suggested Itinerary: Philadelphia Flower Show

9:45AM –Arrive at the Flower Show via the bus drop off outside Philadelphia Convention Center @ 12th and Arch.

10:00AM – 12:00PM – Explore a massive, immersive flower-filled entrance garden showcasing the most colorful and beautiful plants and flowers into one unforgettable, sensational garden wonderland. Then, discover large scale floral creations and gardens created by the most talented florists and garden artists from Philadelphia and around the world.

12:00PM – 1:00PM – Take a break and enjoy some of our fine culinary cuisine. Food offerings will include plenty of healthy options as well as sweets, snacks and coffee. For an even larger variety, get your hand stamped for re-admittance and head to the Reading Terminal Market located directly across the street from the Convention Center and Flower Show for never-ending dining options at the Philadelphia staple of food and culture since 1893.

1:30PM – 3:00PM – Check out the hundreds of award-winning plants submitted for judging in the PHS Hamilton Horticourt.

3:00PM – 4:00PM – Take a seat and listen to one of our many industry professionals in horticulture in our Know to Grow lectures.

5:00PM – 6:00PM – Stop in and see our Butterflies Live exhibit full of wonder and make a craft to take home with you at Artisans Row.

6:00PM – 7:00PM – Go shopping in our Marketplace featuring over 180 vendors featuring supplies for your garden, plants and flowers, food and beverage and much more.

7:00PM - Head out until next year.

Area Gardens:

<u>Longwood Gardens - Kennett Square</u>, PA. Special group rates apply for groups of 15 or larger. Per Longwood Garden's website, "Longwood Gardens are a living expression of all that our founder, Pierre S. du Pont, found inspiring, meaningful, and beautiful." From the intricate fountain systems to the meticulous gardens to the architectural grandeur, awe-inspiring discoveries await at every turn.

<u>Chanticleer Garden Tour -</u> Wayne, PA. From their website, "Chanticleer has been called the most romantic, imaginative, and exciting public garden in America." The garden is a study of textures and forms, where foliage trumps flowers, the gardeners lead the design, and even the drinking fountains are sculptural. It is a garden of pleasure and learning, relaxing yet filled with ideas to take home.

<u>Bartram's Gardens</u> in Philadelphia. Bartram's Gardens is the oldest surviving Botanical Garden in North America. The garden is a 45-acre National Historic Landmark. Per their website, Bartram's Garden is a destination and an outdoor classroom and a living laboratory. Owned and operated by the John Bartram Association, their mission is to advance the Bartram legacy of discovery, gardening and art.

<u>Barnes Arboretum</u> – Merion Station. The former residence of Dr. Albert C Barnes and his wife Laura, The Barnes Arboretum is home to the Barnes Foundation's horticulture program, featuring thousands of rare plant specimens including monkey-puzzle trees, lilacs, dogwoods and coastal redwoods.

Philadelphia Museums:

<u>Philadelphia Museum of Art</u> – Philadelphia. Wander the galleries and explore the country's oldest art museums. The collection of more than 200,000 objects reflects a unique history and the passions of generations of Philadelphia collectors and curators.

Rodin Museum – Philadelphia. Managed and operated by the staff at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Rodin Museum features the largest collection of sculptures of Auguste Rodin. The museum itself opened in 1929. Be sure to take in the beauty of the beautiful gardens surrounding the museum which were partially supported, funded and planted by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society!

<u>The Barnes Foundation</u> – Philadelphia. Opening in 1922 This museum houses the art collection of Dr. Albert C Barnes and includes artwork from famed artists including pieces from Pierre Auguste-Renoir, Pablo Picasso, Vincent Van Gogh, and Claude Monet.

<u>Eastern State Penitentiary</u> – Philadelphia. This historical landmark prison, originally opened in 1829, is almost as old as the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (1827), and now has fields surrounding it maintained by the Horticultural Society. Opening as a museum after nearly 150 years in prison in 1994, the prison provides terrific insight into the history of the penal system in America and prisons today.

Historic Philadelphia:

<u>Independence Hall</u> – Philadelphia. Take a tour of the building that birthed the United States! See where the Founding Father's discussed and ultimately signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776.

<u>Liberty Bell</u> – Philadelphia. Get up close and personal with the famous cracked Bell that is a beacon of the United States freedom. Learn of the bell's true stories and myths (the bell in fact did NOT ring on July 4th, 1776!)

<u>National Constitution Center</u> – Philadelphia. The Center's hands-on exhibits, engaging programs, and inspiring theatrical performances immerse visitors in constitutional history. See "Freedom Rising" and view one of the 12 remaining original copies of the Bill of Rights in the country.

Girlfriends Getaway

<u>Local Wine Distilleries and Tastings</u> – There are over 20 local wineries offering tastings in the Philadelphia area. Follow the Wineries and Vineyards trail for great local suggestions!

<u>Theater Shows</u> – Philadelphia. Take in a show at one of Philadelphia's area theaters. There is a wide variety of genres including Broadway, comedy, theater, jazz, dance, and family presentations.

<u>Center City Shopping</u> – Philadelphia. Spend an afternoon shopping throughout Philadelphia. Featuring plenty of upscale fashion stores, antique shops, and elegant boutiques, there is something for all audiences!

<u>King of Prussia Mall</u> – King of Prussia. Per King of Prussia Mall's website, "Featuring a diverse mix of over 400 stores, including Nordstrom, Macy's Neiman Marcus, Bloomingdale's, Lord & Taylor, and a collection of luxury retailers unsurpassed in the region, King of Prussia is one of the most iconic malls in the nation." Plenty of dinner options are available in the mall.

For Millennials & Gen Zs

<u>Beer Tasting and Tours</u> – The Philadelphia area is home to over 50 microbreweries. Follow the Philadelphia Craft Beer Trail for local suggestions on sampling and tasting of some of the area's finest!

<u>Sporting Events</u> –With the NHL (Flyers), NBA (76ers) and MLS (Union) all in season during the Flower Show, there are so many ways to get your sports fix for your group after a day at the Flower Show!

Bring the Family!

<u>Philadelphia Zoo</u> – Philadelphia. See over 1,300 animals including polar bears, lions, penguins, giraffes and more at the country's oldest Zoo! Dating back to 1874, the Zoo still attracts 1.35 million people annually and is the number 1 family attraction in the city.

<u>Adventure Aquarium</u> – Camden. A collection of thousands of underwater fish and mammals alike! Submerge yourself through the shark tunnel, pet a stingray, visit with the hippos and dare to walk over the Shark Bridge, just inches above the shark tank!

<u>Franklin Institute</u> – Philadelphia. Featuring hands-on, educational science exhibits, there is something for attendees of all ages at the Franklin Institute. The Franklin Institute continues its dedication to public education and creates a passion for science.