



Looking for something fun to do? Just sitting around all day, doing nothing? Just come to Philadelphia, the greatest, most historical, and most fun city on earth. No offense, other cities. (We are also very polite.) Who has Independence Hall? We do! Which city was home to Ben Franklin? Philly! Which city was our government created in? That would be our “City of Brotherly Love”, Philadelphia. Every street you’ll stumble across you will find famous people, places, and shops. Everything significant to our proud country’s creation came from Philadelphia. So what are you waiting for? Book your trip now. Here is some information to kick off your trip to Philadelphia. - Nate Strout

Franklin Facts

Do you know anything about Ben Franklin? Well don’t worry, I’m here to tell you a lot of facts you need to know about Ben Franklin. Ben Franklin was one of the founding fathers of our country. Did you know that Ben Franklin ran away from home because he got into a fight with his brother? Ben Franklin ran from Boston to Philadelphia. That is a very far journey. Ben Franklin was also known for writing books. His brother taught him how to print on a press at home.

If you want, you can stop at Franklin’s print shop. You will find copies of the Declaration of Independence for \$3.00 and Ben Franklin quotes for \$1.00 or \$2.00. Do you know what Franklin’s print shop used as paper... recycled old clothes!!! Franklin’s print shop does something to make old clothes into a kind of paper.

You should also go to Ben Franklin’s grave, located at Christ Church. Did you know his family’s grave is right next to his? And did you know 20,000 people went to his funeral? Franklin was famous for many things. I hope you learned a lot about Ben Franklin. ~ Jackson Foodim



Ben Franklin was a very deep thinker.

Is this the 18th Century?

Historic Hall

A place to go that really takes you back 300 years may not sound possible to a person like you, but in Philadelphia it is. Independence Hall (otherwise known as the Pennsylvania State House) just

screams 18th century! From the court house to the very place the constitutional convention was held, you will feel like a colonist of the 13 colonies. You may be wondering how you can get a look at the historic building, well wonder no more, just buy a ticket and go on one of the many tours given each day.

Stand Court!

One of the most wonderful rooms in Independence Hall is the court house. It has everything a colonial court had including a box for the suspect to stand in. When a cop told someone that they were going to stand court they meant it. The box is black and enclosed on 3 of the 4 sides. The fourth has a rope that hangs on one side and attaches to a clasp on the other to keep the suspect secure. Since Independence Hall is 90% original on the outside and 70% original on the inside you can easily tell that the plaque that hangs above where the judge sits is from another time period. In the time when Ben Franklin was around there was a plaque that hung above the judge's chair. The plaque represented the king of Britain. This outraged the colonists now that the government was in their hands so the plaque was burned. A copy of the plaque still hangs in the same place it did to this day. The court is really :



This is the court house/ room in Independence Hall. Do you see the plaque up high? It is a copy of the one the colonists burned.

Convention Held!

In 1787 a constitutional convention was held to improve the government. Many people including George Washington, Ben Franklin, James Madison and Alexander Hamilton attended. The convention was held at (yes, you guessed it) Independence Hall, which back then was called the Pennsylvania state house. The tour of Independence Hall lets you see the very room where the convention began. Did you know that each states delegate's sat at separate tables? One of the coolest things about the room is George Washington's chair. The chair is not a copy, it is the real one. Ben Franklin studied Washington's chair throughout the convention wondering if the sun at the top of the chair was rising or setting. At the end of the convention, he declared that the sun was rising; just like the country.

Come Visit Soon!!!!

Independence Hall has been around for hundred of years (it was started in 1732 and completed in 1753) and still is a place full of history and fun. If you decide to head on down to Philadelphia Independence Hall will always be waiting.

~ Hailey Shapiro

Fun Facts

- Marcus de Lafayette was the first to call the Pennsylvania state house “Hall of Independence” which eventually evolved into Independence Hall.
- Independence Hall was almost torn down due to the fact that it was barely being used once the national capital became Washington DC.
- Ben Franklin was the oldest delegate that came to the



The National Constitution Center

The National Constitution Center is a museum that is very interesting because it has many exhibits about the constitution. The museum itself is very large because it is made up of 85,000 square feet of limestone which came from the same quarry that mined the limestone for the Empire State Building. This museum that opened on 2003 is the first museum that is only about the constitution or topics related to it.

The National Constitution center is a must-go location if you visit Philadelphia. The theater in the National Constitution Center is a 360 degrees seating show with 5 angles. There is a show called, “Freedom Rising” that is about the history of this rising nation and about the nation becoming free.

So what are you waiting for? Visit the National Constitution Center and learn about the Constitution!

-Ian Codner