

A full-page photograph of a Philadelphia RiverLink Ferry on the Delaware River. The ferry is white with a blue roof and yellow railings. Two people are standing on the upper deck. In the background, the Betsy Ross Bridge is visible, along with industrial buildings and smokestacks on the riverbank. The sky is blue with some clouds.

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The savvy traveler's guide to finding fun in Philadelphia

ON THE GO

Day Tripping

Outside the Philadelphia city limits, a plethora of small towns await your visit. With rising temps and sunny skies, May is the perfect time to spend the day in one of these easy-to-reach getaways. From the charm of New Hope, where a day is spent visiting art galleries and shopping in local boutiques, to Collingswood, New Jersey, where a short journey across the bridge offers a great dining scene, farmer's market and the new DePace Sports Museum, each destination offers its own unique treasures to explore.

The RiverLink Ferry makes it easy to get to and from the Camden Waterfront and Penn's Landing.

City Escapes

Discover the close-by getaways sitting right outside Philadelphia's Center City neighborhood. Once you arrive, their small-town allure offers a day full of wonderment. By Amy Gordon



Chestnut Hill



New Hope



Adventure Aquarium

NEW HOPE, PENNSYLVANIA

Quaint and quirky, New Hope has long served as a haven for artists, actors and Philadelphians in need of a break from city life. This riverside community forty miles outside of Center City overflows with small-town charm. Hop aboard the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad, a steam train that takes visitors on a 45-minute narrated tour through the surrounding countryside, then stroll the six-block stretch of Main Street, which comprises the heart of downtown and has several art galleries, restaurants and bars with live music and outdoor seating. Celebrate Pride Week in New Hope May 15-22.

KENNETT SQUARE, PENNSYLVANIA

Did you know that the Mushroom Capital of the World is located just outside of Philadelphia? In nearby Chester County, Kennett Square and its surrounding farms produce 60 percent of the mushroom supply for the entire country. For all things fungi, head to The Mushroom Cap, which specializes in mushroom-related kitchenware, home décor, snacks and ingredients. Then walk along State Street to shop and grab a bite at the hyper-locally sourced Talula's Table or the mushroom-centric Portobellos.

CHESTNUT HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

Though technically part of Philadelphia, Chestnut Hill feels worlds away from city life, which is why the town makes an excellent stand-in for Hogsmeade during the annual Harry Potter Festival every fall. Chestnut Hill is just a 25-minute drive from Center City and is easily accessible via public transportation. Germantown Avenue, the neighborhood's main drag, boasts a selection of locally owned storefronts and visitors can view the sunrise and sunset at Skyspace, a permanent light installation by renowned artist James Turrell; meander through meadows, streams and sculptures at Morris Arboretum; and study paintings from local artists at Woodmere Art Museum.

COLLINGSWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Just over the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, Collingswood, N.J. is a short drive, bus or train ride from Center City. Named for the once-prominent Collings family, this commuter-friendly haven features a walkable downtown, beautifully restored homes and an engaged, vibrant community of residents. The town's dining scene abounds with authentic options for Italian, Asian,

Caribbean, South American and Southern cuisine. As of May 2, the Collingswood Farmers' Market is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon. Locals come here to mingle and enjoy goods from farmers, bakers, artisans, makers and purveyors based nearby. Collingswood's newest blockbuster attraction, the DePace Sports Museum, houses more than \$30 million worth of sports memorabilia, including boxing trunks that once belonged to Joe Lewis, Jim Thorpe's leather football helmet and Phillies star Mike Schmidt's locker.

THE CAMDEN WATERFRONT, NEW JERSEY

Directly across the Delaware River from Penn's Landing, the waterfront district in Camden, N.J. provides nonstop opportunities for family-friendly fun. Be sure to tour Adventure Aquarium, which touts more than 8,500 aquatic species, including the largest collection of sharks on the east coast. The Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial, a retired military vessel, also calls Camden home, and kids love the Camden Children's Garden, which features indoor and outdoor exhibits. Plus, the RiverLink Ferry makes it easy to cruise back to Penn's Landing at the end of the day.

SPRING AWAKENINGS

Springtime has arrived in Philly. Rittenhouse Square is teeming with picnickers, the dazzling horticultural displays at Longwood Gardens are beautifully in bloom, and some of the area's best outdoor attractions are open for the season once again. Check out these warm-weather spots that make Philly shine.

Spruce Street Harbor Park

This pop-up park opens for the season on May 6. A unique urban beach on the Delaware River Waterfront, Spruce Street Harbor Park draws Philly locals and visitors, who come to relax in tree-slung hammocks, soak up sun in Adirondack chairs, try their luck at Boardwalk-style carnival games and munch on everything from cotton candy to unique bites from Philly's top restaurateurs.

Yoga at Race Street Pier

Practice your sun salutations on the shores of the Delaware River with free instruction from April through November. Classes start at 7 am and 6 pm Monday through Thursday, 7 am on Friday, and 9:30 am on Saturday and Sunday. New this year, monthly Twilight Yoga classes will coincide with the full moon.

Shofuso Japanese House and Garden

Celebrate history and culture at this traditional-style Japanese house and garden. Set on 1.2 acres in West Fairmount Park, the strikingly scenic site represents seventeenth-century Japan, with cherry blossom trees, artistic murals, a tea garden and more.



Shofuso Japanese House