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JULY 16: Bastille Day Festival at Eastern State Penitentiary

Celebrate Bastille Day the Philadelphia way at Eastern State Penitentiary. For over 20 years, the historic prison has played host to the traditional festival celebrating all things French. Enjoy a block party featuring The Bearded Ladies, a cabaret troupe who will present a reenactment of the French Revolution through song, dance and appearances by Napoleon, Benjamin Franklin and more. The performance is free, but limited VIP seating is available with a donation. 2027 Fairmount Ave., 215.236.3300; easternstate.org/bastille-day-preview.



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5 Great Things Not to Be Missed

1 QFLIX PHILADELPHIA > JULY 5-10

Join the Philadelphia Independent Film and Video Association as they exhibit American and international lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and queer independent films during qFlix. Purchase a badge for access to all films and select parties, or opt for single show tickets. *Multiple venues; qflixphilly.com*

2 BLUEGRASS AND BLUEBERRIES AT PEDDLER'S VILLAGE > JULY 16-17

An ideal summer day can be had just a short drive outside of Center City. Take the family and enjoy bluegrass and country music, live entertainment, children's activities and tons of blueberry treats. 2400 Street Rd., New Hope, Pa., 215.794.4000; peddlersvillage.com

3 XPONENTIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL > JULY 22-24

Popular and up-and-coming artists take the stage at the XPoNential Music Festival. Great for all ages, the festival has family-friendly activities alongside a lineup of artists like Ryan Adams, Alabama Shakes and more. 2 Riverside Dr., Camden, N.J.; xpnfest.org

4 PHILLY'S BBQ FEST > JULY 30

Calling all meat-lovers. Citizen's Bank Park is hosting the first annual BBQ Fest. Tickets include over 40 samples, a rib eating competition, carnival games, live music and more. 1 Citizens Bank Way; phillybbqfest.com

5 THE OVAL > JULY 15-AUGUST 21

Every summer, eight acres of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway transform into a community space with season-long events, food trucks, a beer garden and more. 2601 Benjamin Franklin Parkway; theovalphl.org

TOP SPOTS

Time to Eat. Dig into the Philly food scene with dining specials, events and samplings held throughout the city this July.

JULY 3

WAWA SMOOTHIE SHACK

Partake in Wawa Welcome America! with free samples of their refreshing smoothies, officially back just in time for summer. Find them during the Independence Block Party at Independence Hall from 3 pm-7 pm. 520 Chestnut St., wawa.com/welcomeamerica.aspx

JULY 14-24

UNIVERSITY CITY DINING DAYS

Enjoy the best University City has to offer with the "3 courses, 3 prices" special during University City Dining Days. Choose between three price levels for a pre-fixe, three-course meal at over 30 restaurants. Just note: Alcoholic beverages are not included in the price. universitycity.org

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SEPTEMBER 28

CENTER CITY SIPS

Sips may focus on wine, beer and cocktail specials, but sometimes the best thing about the annual promotion is the food offerings. Find discounted appetizers at various restaurants, like nachos at MilkBoy and grilled skewers at Uptown Beer Garden, in the downtown area through the summer. centercityphila.org

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