



**Wharton Partners Club/Wharton Kids Club**

**Survival Guide**

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## **WELCOME**

Welcome to Wharton! Anyone who is a spouse, significant other, boyfriend, or girlfriend is considered a Wharton Partner. Anyone who is pregnant, becomes pregnant or has kids when arriving at Wharton is a Wharton parent and has Wharton Whiz Kids! While it can be often intimidating leaving your life behind to start afresh at Wharton and Philadelphia, we hope the Wharton Partners Club and Wharton Kids Club will help you assimilate to life here. Business school is an incredible experience and we have all found the two clubs to be our main source of support, lifelong friends, and a ton of fun.

When you arrive at Wharton and Philadelphia, you'll find that Wharton has an amazing community and opportunities available. There are numerous clubs on campus, and partners are allowed to join all of them. In addition, both the Wharton Partners Club and the Wharton Kids Club have regular activities for their members, including dinners out, trips around Philadelphia to the various sights, music class for the kids, and weekly meetings so moms and tots can get together.

One final note – we hope this guide will help you begin your exploration of Wharton and Philadelphia and that it proves useful! However, as Philadelphia is a very large city, we obviously cannot include everything or even close to everything in this guide. If you have a favorite item/place/etc. that was inadvertently left out that you would like included, please feel free to email Chandra Lund at [chandra.wkc@gmail.com](mailto:chandra.wkc@gmail.com).

We look forward to you joining the Wharton community!

## **WHO WE ARE**

### Wharton Partners Club

The Wharton Partners Club (WPC) is for partners, both married and unmarried, of Wharton graduate students. We currently have over 200 members, about 40% of which are from international countries.

The Wharton Partners Club is a great forum for partners and their students to get to know each other and have fun! We do our best to help you adjust to your new life as part of the Wharton community and provide you with resources to help make your move a smooth transition. The Wharton Partners Club is also a great networking facility for your job search.

### Wharton Kids Club

The Wharton Kids Club (WKC) is comprised of families within the Wharton community who are experiencing the two years of business school either with children or expecting children. Business school is a challenge for everyone with rigorous academics and

busy recruiting schedules and the WKC was formed to serve as a support network during such a unique adventure!

We have roughly eighty families in the WKC and over ninety Wharton Whiz Kids. The WKC strives to benefit and support these diverse families, a group who has come from all over the globe -- New York, San Francisco, Paris, and even as far as Seoul and Moscow. All of us have brought different professional and personal experiences to Wharton, but most of us are living in Philadelphia for the first time and are learning the city as we go along!

The most important part of the Wharton Kids Club is our children -- The Wharton Whiz Kids. We all want to create a wonderful two years for them as well as for ourselves in beautiful Philadelphia, and the Wharton Kids Club serves as an integral part of that experience.

## **PHILADELPHIA INFORMATION**

### About Philadelphia

Founded in 1682 by William Penn, Philadelphia is one of the oldest major American cities. Its role in the American Revolutionary War was integral, as "Philadelphia, from its central situation, the extent of its commerce, the number of its artificers, manufactures and other circumstances, [was considered] to be to the United States what the heart is to the human body in circulating the blood." The city served as a temporary capital of the United States in the late 1790's and was the location of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States.

Geographically, the city sits between the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers and is roughly 135 square miles in size. Philly is a much more temperate climate than New England, but is filled with your typical Northeast patterns - hot, humid summers, mild tempered springs and falls (including BEAUTIFUL Autumn colors!), and cold winters. Though much colder than more temperate cities such as San Francisco, Philadelphia is milder than other cities in the Northeast, averaging 25-39 degrees Fahrenheit in January.

Philadelphia is the home of MANY firsts, including the first hospital in the United States, the first university (University of Pennsylvania), the first zoo, and of course, the first collegiate business school!

Some Historical Facts:

1681 - The first parks or public enclosures laid out in North America for the pleasure and convenience of the people were dedicated at the settlement of Philadelphia, in the Northeastern, Southwestern and Centre Squares.

1698 - The first public school in the America Colonies was established at Philadelphia, and a corporation created, entitled "The Overseers of the Publick Schoole" founded.

1731 - The Library Company of Philadelphia, the first public institution of that kind in America, was founded in Philadelphia by Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Hopkinson, Thomas Cadwalader and others. Philadelphia."

1732 - The Philadelphia Hospital, the oldest in America, was established in connection with the Philadelphia Almshouse.

1749 - First scientific institution in America, founded by Benjamin Franklin.

1777 - The United States flag on record, was made here on Arch Street, by Elizabeth Ross.

1789 - The first Congress of the United States met here in Congress Hall.

1790 - The Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, the oldest law school in America, was founded in 1790, with James Wilson of the United States Supreme Court, as professor of law.

Opening of the first Stock Exchange started in America.

1881 - Through a donation of Joseph Wharton, The Wharton School is founded as the world's first collegiate business school.

### Climate

Philadelphia falls in the northern periphery of the humid subtropical climate zone.

Summers are typically hot and muggy, fall and spring are generally mild, and winter is cold. Snowfall is variable, with some winters bringing moderate snow and others bringing some snowstorms. Annual snowfall averages 21 inches (534 mm).

Precipitation is generally spread throughout the year, with eight to eleven wet days per month, at an average annual rate of 42 inches (1068 mm). Because snow does not generally stick for more than a day or two, most cars with four wheel drive are sufficient and snow tires are not necessary. However, during very icy mornings, there are often weather alerts discouraging people to drive, especially on the Schuylkill Expressway.

## Average Temperatures and Precipitation in Philadelphia:

	<a href="#">Jan</a>	<a href="#">Feb</a>	<a href="#">Mar</a>	<a href="#">Apr</a>	<a href="#">May</a>	<a href="#">Jun</a>	<a href="#">Jul</a>	<a href="#">Aug</a>	<a href="#">Sep</a>	<a href="#">Oct</a>	<a href="#">Nov</a>	<a href="#">Dec</a>
Avg High	25°F	28°F	35°F	44°F	55°F	64°F	70°F	69°F	61°F	49°F	40°F	31°F
Mean	32°F	35°F	43°F	53°F	64°F	72°F	78°F	76°F	69°F	57°F	47°F	37°F
Avg Precip	3.52 in.	2.74 in.	3.81 in.	3.49 in.	3.89 in.	3.29 in.	4.39 in.	3.82 in.	3.88 in.	2.75 in.	3.16 in.	3.31 in.
Record High	74°F (1950)	79°F (1930)	87°F (1945)	95°F (2002)	97°F (1991)	102°F (1934)	104°F (1966)	106°F (1918)	102°F (1881)	96°F (1941)	84°F (1950)	73°F (1998)
Record Low	-7°F (1984)	-11°F (1934)	5°F (1872)	14°F (1923)	28°F (1966)	44°F (1984)	51°F (1966)	44°F (1986)	35°F (1963)	25°F (1969)	8°F (1875)	-5°F (1880)

## VISITING WHARTON

### Transportation Options

#### Airports

Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)

215/937-6937 or 1-800-PHL-GATE

<http://www.phl.org>

Most people fly into PHL, as it is only 7 miles from the city.

From Center City, the cab ride to the airport is between 10 and 20 minutes and is a set fee of \$28.50 (this area encompasses: Fairmount Ave (most Northern point), South Street (most Southern point) Delaware River (most eastern point) and University City/ 38th Street (most Western point). Any destination that falls within these boundaries is eligible for the Center City flat rate.) Another transportation option is the SEPTA train which has regular trains into the city for \$7.00 each way (stops include Airport Terminals A-East, B,C,D and E, Eastwick Station, University City, 30th Street Station (Amtrak), Suburban Station (connections to regional rail lines), and MarketEast/The Gallery (connection to Greyhound Bus Terminal).

There are several direct flights a day from most major cities in the United States, especially on US Airways (the airline is based in Philadelphia). Other major carriers serving Philly are United Airlines, American Airlines, Northwest Airlines, and Southwest Airlines.

Newark International Airport (EWR)

<http://www.ewr.org>

While farther than PHL, Newark is under 2 hours drive from Philadelphia and has many international flights in on a daily basis. Trains service between the EWR and 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station in Philadelphia and the cost between \$100-200 round trip; duration is about an hour. Almost every major carrier services Newark, as it is one of New York City's three major airports.

## Rental Cars

Alamo (800/327-9633)  
Avis (800/831-2847)  
Budget (800/527-0700)  
Dollar (800/800-4000)  
Enterprise (800/736-8222)  
Hertz (800/654-3131)  
National (888/868-6207)

## Bus

Greyhound  
<http://www.greyhound.com> You can travel by bus from New York or Washington (as well as many other cities!) throughout the day. Fares from New York and Boston are around \$50 round trip.

## Train

Amtrak  
<http://www.amtrak.com> There are several daily direct trains on Amtrak from both New York and Washington DC to Philadelphia. Cost ranges from \$90-300. Less expensive tickets are available outside of commuting hours. Reservations are required.

## Taxis

Taxi cabs are easy to hail in Philadelphia at all, if you need to call one:  
County Cab (215/728-8000)  
Liberty Cab (215/389-8000)  
City Cab (215/492-6500)  
Olde City Taxi (215/708-8888)  
Academy Cab & Yellow Cab (215/333-3333)

## **MOVING TO PHILADELPHIA**

### City Design

Although Philadelphia is the nation's 5<sup>th</sup> largest U.S. city, (with a population of 1.5 million, 6.2M in the surrounding metro region) it is a relatively easy city to get around, especially in Center City.

The city is arranged in a grid, with Broad and Market Street centrally intersecting at City Hall.

- East-West streets to the south of Market Street include Chestnut, Walnut, Locust, Spruce, Pine, Lombard, and South Streets.
- Streets to the north of Market Street include Arch, Race, Vine, Callowhill and Spring Garden Streets.
- Numbered streets run North/South, starting with Front Street on the east side of the city along the Delaware in Old City, and ending with 69<sup>th</sup> Street in West Philly.
- Broad Street is actually 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

Finding a particular address is not difficult if you remember the following simple rules:

- If you are trying to find an address located on a street with a name, the number will indicate where to go as it corresponds with the cross streets. For example, 1850 Walnut Street is Walnut Street between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- If you are trying to find an address on a numbered street, remember the numbers start from zero at Market Street and increase by 100 with each block. For example, 250 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street is on 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Walnut and Locust Streets (the second and third streets south of Market).

Also, there are few major highways with which you will become familiar. Highway 95 runs up and down the East Coast and is east of Center City along the Delaware River. Rte 76 is referred to as the Schuylkill (pronounced “skoo-kill”) Expressway, Rte 476 (the “Blue Route”) intersects with Rte 76 west of Philadelphia, and Rte 676 (the “Vine Street Expressway”) runs north of Market and south of the Art Museum along the north side of Center City.

### Transportation Within Philadelphia and Its Suburbs

#### Within Philly

##### Walking

Most areas of downtown are easily accessible on foot. From City Hall to the either waterfront is only about 15 blocks. Many areas of the city are best and most easily seen walking.

##### Driving

As in any big city, while it might be easy to find where you want to go, it's not always easy to find a place to park. Free parking in the city is limited. There is a lot of metered parking (\$2.00/hr) but you are generally limited to 2 hrs per space and you cannot just keep putting quarters in the meter every two hours. The parking authority is very efficient and swift – you will be ticketed. Always keep a stash of quarters for this

purpose because businesses are understandably reluctant to give out change because they get asked so often. If you are willing to pay more (\$\$), parking garages and pay lots are plentiful in the city. Many garages offer early-bird specials if you are in by 10:00 am and out by 6:00 pm but are nonetheless quite pricey (\$12-22/day).

#### SEPTA Bus, City Subway, or Trolleys

This city's bus and subway system are extensive. You can virtually go anywhere on these forms of public transportation and they are safe and generally clean. You can buy single tokens or packs of 5 or 10 at the Penn Book Store or various locations (see the SEPTA website at [http://www.septa.com/fares/sales\\_locations/center\\_city.html](http://www.septa.com/fares/sales_locations/center_city.html)). If you buy tokens the cost comes out to \$1.45 a ride. The buses will also accept dollar bills, but it will cost you \$2. Daily, weekly (\$20.75) or monthly transpasses (\$78.00) are also available for frequent use.

#### PHLASH

PHLASH is a bus/trolley which serves primarily the downtown area with a continual bus loop through the entertainment centers on South Street and Columbus Blvd, Center City and the Parkway area.

#### Taxis

In Philadelphia, taxis tend to be more expensive than in other Northeast cities but they are widely available (meter starts at \$2.70 for the first 1/10 of a mile; \$0.23 for each additional 1/10 of a mile or fraction thereof; \$0.23 for each 37.6 seconds of wait time). They offer a flat rate of \$28.50 from the airport to any Center City location. (See more information in the *Visiting Wharton* section).

#### Bicycle

For the bold at heart you can cycle through the city, although traffic can be heavy and many drivers have little regard for cyclists. The West River Drive and Kelly Drive offer nice bicycling paths.

#### To/From Suburbs or Surrounding States

##### SEPTA Regional Rail Line

This is the best way to get to/from the suburbs for those who choose not to drive. With stops at 30th Street, 15th Street (Suburban Station) and Market East (Convention Center) you can access almost anywhere in Center City with ease (and visa versa, if you choose to live in the city but work in the suburbs or other states close by like Delaware). An added benefit is that monthly and weekly passes are available at a discount.

## PATCO Hi-Speed Line

If you are traveling from Southern New Jersey, this train makes several stops in Center City. PATCO also has bus lines that travel to Philadelphia from Southern New Jersey.

## River Link Ferry

This is a great option if you would like to visit the attractions on the Camden Waterfront. The ride is only about 20 minutes and you get a whole different view of the city from the water. Ferry runs daily May – September.

## **LIVING IN PHILADELPHIA**

### Neighborhoods

#### Rittenhouse Square

Rittenhouse House is defined as the area bordered by Market Street to the north, Broad Street (14th) to the east, South Street to the south and 21st Street to the west. The streets south of Walnut (Locust, Spruce, Delancey, and Pine) are more residential than the streets north of Walnut (Chestnut, Sansom, and Market). The square itself is situated between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> streets on Walnut Street, and is one of five original squares laid out by William Penn. Exclusive boutiques and several restaurants surround this square. It's a 25 minute walk from campus or a 15 minute bus ride down Walnut St. On sunny days you can find several Wharton kids riding tricycles and playing with balls within its confines. Most of the popular student high rises are within a 5-minute walk from the square and there are a variety of both apartment building and brownstone options from which to choose.

Popular Wharton Buildings: Dorchester, Rittenhouse Claridge, Wannamaker, Carlyle, 1500 Locust

Pros: Lots of Wharton students/families; close proximity to shops, restaurants, and bars; one of the nicest neighborhoods in Philly; safe.

Cons: Expensive; limited parking; slightly farther from campus than other Wharton-inhabited neighborhoods

#### Art Museum/Fairmount

Art Museum/Fairmount is the neighborhood north of the Ben Franklin Parkway that extends from about 20<sup>th</sup> St in the east, the Schuylkill River to the west, and Girard to the north. This neighborhood is a good compromise between the suburbs and Center City because it is primarily row homes, has a lovely neighborhood atmosphere and has lots of nice little restaurants, coffee shops and small service businesses. A great place to get a row house for less than you would pay in Center City. It is about a 15-minute bike ride to campus, 20 minutes via bus and subway.

Popular Wharton Buildings: N/A because mainly brownstones and rowhouses

Pros: Affordable to buy a house; less expensive rent; many couples/families not necessarily connected to Wharton; close to Art Museum and Fairmont Park; close vicinity to other parks and playgrounds; parking is easily accessible

Cons: Long commute to Wharton (no direct public transportation); less safe than Rittenhouse and Fidler; not as many Wharton families

### Center City West

Center City West is an area from Rittenhouse Square to the east, the Schuylkill River to the west, Market Street to the north, and Locust Street to the south. This area is the neighborhood closest to campus in Center City and has a couple of large apartment buildings which are popular among Wharton students, partners, and families.

Popular Wharton Buildings: Riverloft, 2400 Chestnut, Riverwest

Pros: Close to school; close to Rittenhouse Square and its restaurants, shops, bars; Convenient to Schuylkill River Park

Cons: Busy/noisy; not much greenery; parking can be a hassle

### Fidler Square

Fidler Square is only a few blocks from Rittenhouse Square, is one of Center City's coziest neighborhoods. The area is bordered from 21st Street to the East, the Schuylkill River to the West, and from Locust to South Street on the north and south, respectively. With the exception of Locust Point and Locust on the Park, two large apartment buildings, this area is predominantly comprised of brownstones, small apartment buildings, and rowhouses. The neighborhood is also within walking distance of many restaurants and all of the Center City attractions. Aside from Center City West, this area is the closest walk to campus - 10-20 minutes.

Popular Wharton Buildings: Locust on the Point, Locust on the Park, Fidler Commons, Fidler Square Apartments

Pros: Lots of Wharton couples/families; close proximity to campus; dog park, Fidler Square, and Taney Park (playground) are all within a few blocks; close proximity to Schuylkill River Trail; close to restaurants and bars; easy street parking; very safe

Cons: often older amenities in brownstones/rowhouses; not many large apartment buildings; 10 minute walk from many of the restaurants/shops in Rittenhouse Square

### Logan Square

Logan Square is bordered by Spring Garden Street to the north, Broad Street to the east, Market Street to the south, and the Schuylkill River to the west. The area is very close to the museums (Art Museum, Franklin Institute, Rodin Museum) on Ben Franklin Parkway as well as Logan Square itself. Besides the high-rise apartments, row homes and brownstones line the streets around Race, Arch and Cherry between 19th and 22nd. 20-35 minute walk from campus, depending on where you live.

Popular Wharton Buildings: Edgewater, 2100 Parkway, The Lofts at 1835 Arch

Pros: Many Wharton students/families; easy access to Fairmont Park, Art Museum, and the trolley; 5 minute walk from Chestnut Street (bars, restaurants, shops, etc.); close to a few parks and playgrounds; close proximity to the Schuylkill River Trail, close freeway access; Edgewater and 2100 Parkway are newer buildings

Cons: Less safe than Rittenhouse and Fitler Squares; besides Edgewater, residences in this area are slightly farther from campus than other Wharton neighborhoods; parking can be challenging when big events are taking place (parades, large running races, funerals); not as quaint as Rittenhouse or Fitler.

### Northern Liberties

Northern Liberties is located north of Center City (specifically, Olde City) and is bordered by Girard Avenue to the north; Callowhill Street to the south; North 6th Street to the west; and the Delaware River to the east (from Callowhill Street to Laurel Street; from Laurel Street to Girard Avenue the eastern boundary is North Front Street). In recent years, Northern Liberties has become a center for local artists and musicians. Large improvement and revitalization projects have also been undertaken recently, causing a large jump in property values. The neighborhood has been targeted for revitalization because it is very close to Center City. An up and coming neighborhood, you can get a much bigger place for the money in this area.

Pros: Much more for your money; cute up and coming neighborhood

Cons: Very long commute to Wharton (30-40 min with traffic); not many Wharton couples/families in the neighborhood

### Olde City, Independence Park and Society Hill

Olde City, Independence Park and Society Hill make up the oldest and trendiest neighborhoods in Philadelphia. I-676 (Vine Street) borders Olde City to the north and Market Street to the south. Society Hill is everything south of Market street and north of South Street. The Delaware River borders Both Olde City and Society Hill to the east and 6th Street to the west. Olde City is the far mid-eastern section of Philadelphia along the Delaware River and confined within Walnut and Vine Sts and Front and 6th Sts. Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and other historical sites are located in this area. Over the past 10 years, Olde City has become the center of Philadelphia's art world. Browse in more than fifty museums and galleries, all within an easy walking distance of your home. In addition, this area is known for its restaurants and independently owned boutiques. Society Hill is a charming area of the city, and it is considered an exclusive area of Philly. A minimum of 30 minute bus ride to campus.

Popular Wharton Buildings: N/A

Pros: Great restaurants, bars, and boutiques; close proximity to many parks, including

Independence Hall; trendy

Cons: Very far from campus; expensive; not many Wharton students/families

South Philly

South Philly is the area south of South Street. This area is a very cultural part of the city and is filled with the classic neighborhoods, as seen in the film *Rocky*. In the heart of South Philly you will find the Italian Market, a popular outdoor farmers market, and many of the famous cheesesteak eateries.

Popular Wharton Buildings: Naval Square

Pros: Close to dog park, Fitler Square, and Taney Park; close proximity to Schuylkill River Trail

Cons: Not quite as safe as Rittenhouse and Fitler Squares; with the South Street Bridge closure in December 2008, the area is less accessible to campus

University City

University City extends from the Schuylkill River west to 40<sup>th</sup> Street and encompasses the campuses of the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University. Though not many Wharton couples/families choose to live in some parts of this area because it is not considered as safe as other neighborhoods, there is a new building, Domus, which is pretty popular. The building is convenient to campus and is secure. In addition, the existence of Sansom Row offers many popular bars and restaurants from which to choose.

Popular Wharton buildings: Domus

Pros: Closest proximity to campus; Domus is a new building

Cons: Not as family friendly (low instance of parks/playgrounds); not as safe as Center City; less Wharton couples/families than Center City

West Philly

West Philly is an area fairly close to campus where you will find your money goes a lot further. If you are interested in housing in this area, we recommend starting your search beyond 38<sup>th</sup> Street (where undergrad housing basically stops) and ending it around 45<sup>th</sup> Street (due to safety reasons). This area can be incredibly convenient in terms of Wharton; approx a 6-8 minute walk/a 4 minute bike ride. On street parking is free and generally plentiful.

Pros: Close to Wharton; up and coming area

Cons: Safety; not many Wharton couples/families

## Housing Advice

The greatest piece of advice we can give you is to allow yourself ample time in looking for a place to live. Figure out what is important to you. If you like entertaining people, you might want to make sure you have a dishwasher. If you do a lot of laundry, make sure your laundry facility is as convenient as makes you comfortable. With all the stress as well as the incredibly busy first year at Wharton, the small things you think will only mildly irritate you in August turn into a bigger deal by about February! You will find it well worth the trouble to find a place you like to be happy during your two years here. For those hoping to find something during Wharton Welcome Weekend, we strongly encourage you to extend your stay a few extra days.

HOWEVER, DO NOT PANIC IF YOU CANNOT OR DO NOT FIND SOMETHING WELCOME WEEKEND!!!!

Over 90% of Wharton students and their families choose to live close to campus in Center City (or some in University City). The other 10% choose to live in the suburbs, as money goes a lot further.

## Living in the City

As you begin your quest to find housing, you will become familiar with Philadelphia area neighborhoods. Areas most popular among Wharton students are the closest to campus and are the nicest neighborhoods. They are Center City (which encompasses neighborhoods like Rittenhouse Square, Fidler Square, Center City West, Logan Square, and Olde City) University City (area nearest campus), the Art Museum Area, Northern Liberties, and West Philly. Most Wharton students live in Center City or University City because of their close proximity to campus.

**Advantages:** During the first year especially, there are many group projects and learning team meetings. If you live in the suburbs, expect that your student will be traveling to meet their team. The walk to campus is about 20 minutes or you can ride your bike in 10-15. The bus and trolley (green line) are also convenient ways to get to campus from most parts of center city. The city offers plenty of high rises, smaller apartment buildings and brownstones. Many couples/families find living in the city very exciting and convenient. There are many sights right outside of your doorstep and other Wharton couples/families are within 10 or 20 blocks for camaraderie.

**Disadvantages:** Depending on where you live, like in any large city, parking, crime and street noise can be problematic. A lot of this is blown out of proportion – but the bottom

line is that you just have to be careful. Most areas are very well lit, but in those that aren't, use the buddy system. Car theft is a problem. Probably the biggest disadvantage is that your dollar doesn't go quite as far in the city. Among the "popular" neighborhoods, in order of most expensive to least expensive generally, any apt/residence defined as being in Rittenhouse Square, Fitler Square, Center City West, or Logan Square will be among the highest rents, followed by University City and Olde City. The Art Museum area, Northern Liberties, West Philly locations are likely the least expensive neighborhoods in Philadelphia. Just as other large cities, buildings with doormen and other amenities are more expensive (price/space) than those small buildings without a doorman or a rowhouse/brownstone.

### Living in the Suburbs

Advantages: Larger dwellings for less. Compared to a 2BR in the city, you could find a single-family home with a yard in the suburbs for a comparable price. Some couples/families feel safer in the suburbs and enjoy the quieter setting. There are plenty of things to do and some students find the commute on the train convenient as a quiet time for more studying.

Disadvantages: Some students may feel like it is a hassle to have this commute every day. There are often gaps in their schedules and they can use this time to study, but for those that live nearby, they can swing home for lunch, etc. As mentioned earlier, these students will be commuting more in the evenings for learning team meetings than will that of their teammates b/c meetings take place in locations convenient to the majority. In addition, it is often hard for the partner (especially with children) to be far away from all of the other partners and partners with children, especially when the students are so busy their first year at Wharton.

### Pets

#### Cats and Small Dogs

Although landlords would most likely prefer to avoid all pets just as in other major cities, cats and small dogs have not been an issue. Most of the large apartment buildings allow cats and dogs under 30 pounds with not very much hassle.

#### Dogs

Having a dog definitely makes the housing hunting task more challenging, but there are MANY students/couples/families who have them so don't let it deter you from bringing pooch with you! Wharton students have had good luck with one realtor, Herman Realty, with their dog-friendly properties (<http://www.hermanrealtygroup.com/>).

The dog park in center city is located in the Schuylkill River Park located at 25th and Spruce (just in front of Locust on the Park). This park has an off leash area. Another dog park area is Rittenhouse square, but there is no off leash area.

## Horses

On the off chance you have a horse, they can be stabled in Fairmount Park. There are several barns to choose from, and each has its own atmosphere.

## Pet Sitters

### Paws and Purrs Sitters

<http://www.pawsandpurrsitters.com/>

(610) 874-4075

[fran@pawsandpurrsitters.com](mailto:fran@pawsandpurrsitters.com)

### PhilaPets

<http://www.philapets.com>

(215) 893-0894

[info@philapets.com](mailto:info@philapets.com)

## WHARTON HOUSING GUIDE

If you are interested in apartment living in Philly, please refer to the *2008 Wharton Housing Guide* for descriptions of over 50 apartment buildings in the city. The guide can be found on the Partner Club and Wharton Kids Club websites at [www.whartonpartners.org](http://www.whartonpartners.org) or [www.whartonkidsclub.com](http://www.whartonkidsclub.com).

If you are interested in brownstone/rowhouse living, check [craigslist!](#) Most families interested in brownstones/rowhouses have had wonderful luck with the San Francisco-based online resource. In addition, there are always second year students moving out of their houses/apartments, so please contact us ([whartonpartners@yahoo.com](mailto:whartonpartners@yahoo.com), [whartonkids@gmail.com](mailto:whartonkids@gmail.com)) for more information and/or attend the open house tours during welcome weekend.

An additional guide for all graduate students is available on the UPenn Off Campus Services website. Please note that not all information is necessarily applicable for Wharton students (the graduate community is MUCH larger than the Wharton community), but it's a great resource about the neighborhoods and Philly in general

- [www.upenn.edu/offcampusservices](http://www.upenn.edu/offcampusservices) ("Comprehensive Graduate Guide") or <http://www.business-services.upenn.edu/offcampusservices/documents/GraduateGuide09online.pdf>

The following are additional resources for your house/apartment hunt:

- [www.historiclandmarks.com](http://www.historiclandmarks.com) (877/ 563-6754) – Olde City
- [www.apts-now.com](http://www.apts-now.com) – Olde City

- [www.phillyapartments.com](http://www.phillyapartments.com)
- <http://www.phillyapartmentco.com>
- [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) (Philly's primary newspaper)
- [Philadelphia Weekly](#) (free in boxes on street corners)
- [Apartment Shoppers Guide](#) (free in boxes on street corners, or order for \$4.00 on (800-551-APTS)
- [The Main Line Times](#)
- [The Welcomat](#) (a free newspaper that lists apartments for rent)
- [Off-Campus Living Office](#) at 4046 Walnut St. (215/898-8500). They have many listings for all types of living arrangements, information is updated weekly, and their service is free
- <http://www.rentnet.com>
- <http://www.apartmentguide.com>
- <http://www.apartments.com/>
- [NeighborhoodPlace.com](#) - statistical snapshots or more detailed analyses of schools, crime risk, and cost of living for hundreds of U.S. cities
- Carlos Peraza 215-280-6698, [caperaza@aol.com](mailto:caperaza@aol.com) (in addition to craigslist for real estate in Fairmont)

## **AUTOMOBILES**

Many people debate as to whether or not a car is necessary at Wharton. The immediate answer might be "no". Parking can be tough to find in Center City and unfortunately, many housing options do not include parking or charge a monthly fee. Depending on your neighborhood, street parking can be difficult and may require zone permits for parking during certain hours. However, life (especially to those with children) is made much easier if you do have a car in Philadelphia. Wharton Partners and parents find themselves regularly running errands in New Jersey or in the Philadelphia suburbs every week at Target, Costco, etc., because many of the major chain stores are not located in Center City. In addition, there are many attractions/day trips to areas outside of Philadelphia which are much more easily assessable with a car. While you absolutely can function without a car, it makes daily living significantly easier if you do.

Advantages: Many of the larger stores (large grocery stores, Target, IKEA, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, etc.) are driving distance or in the suburbs, and most of the serious shopping (King of Prussia mall – the 4<sup>th</sup> largest in the U.S. and Cherry Hill Mall) is located outside the city; other attractions are outside of the city.

Disadvantages: Parking and car insurance in the city is expensive. Parking garages range \$165-\$350+ and insurance, while depending on your car, will likely be more than double what you are paying now. If you can, look into keeping you state insurance in

the state you are in now. Some companies have a temporary garaging rate if you are a student and can establish a residence in the state from which you are moving. Car theft and vandalism are a problem (thus the reason for high insurance rates). Even garaged cars are candidates. Do not leave anything in sight in the car.

### Car Registration

If you plan to return to another state after graduating from Wharton and you do not plan to park on the street as your primary parking method, you do not have to obtain Pennsylvania license plates. Please note, however, that to obtain a residential permit in Philadelphia, you need Pennsylvania license plates (and therefore have to obtain a Pennsylvania Driver's License as well).

To change your car registration, you need to go to your nearest "Tag Office" to register your car. You must register your car if you want to apply for a residential parking permit. Look in the yellow pages for the Tag Office nearest you. It costs approximately \$75 and they generally only accept cash. The easiest way to register your car in PA is to join the American Automobile Association (AAA). The Center City AAA office is located at 20th and Market on the south side and they offer FREE parking behind the building while you attend to your business with AAA. You can register your car in PA with assistance from AAA bringing the following information:

- The title to your car.
- If you have a loan on your car, you must have the AAA office correspond with your lien holder for the title (usually this is done by fax) so be sure you have you lien holder's name, phone/fax number and your loan account number.
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of your car
- Your car's mileage
- Your PA driver's license

After your initial paperwork is cleared with AAA you must submit your car to a state inspection within 10 days. Partners have had luck with the service they received at the Firestone Tire and Service Center at 31st and Market.

### Driver's License

Just as with registration, if you plan to return to another state after graduating from Wharton, you do not have to obtain a Pennsylvania Driver's License.

However, if you are planning to stay in Philadelphia and have a car in Pennsylvania, you must obtain a Pennsylvania drivers license within 60 days. To obtain a PA driver's license you must go to a PennDot office (Department of Transportation) with your current out-of-state driver's license (either current or within 6 months of the expiration date), your social security card, at least two pieces of mail with your local name and address. The fee for a 4 year license coming from out of state is \$28.00, but it is probably a good idea to bring your checkbook or a money order as they do not accept

cash or credit cards. PennDot offices are across from the Aramark Building at 11<sup>th</sup> and Market St. and on Columbus Boulevard--on the southbound side a few blocks before Home Depot. Check the yellow pages for other locations. No appointments can be made. Plan to spend at least several hours waiting in lines. Bring a book or something else to occupy your time while you wait. The 1108 Market Street location is open from 8:30am – 4:15pm Mon-Sat. Call 1-800-932-4600 or 1-717-412-5300 (out of state) for additional information. For more information, check the PennDot website for new residents - [http://www.dot3.state.pa.us/new\\_residents/driver\\_license.shtml](http://www.dot3.state.pa.us/new_residents/driver_license.shtml) .

### Parking

Residents of Center City can get a permit to park indefinitely in designated spaces on city streets for \$35 the first year and \$20 the second. Contact the [Philadelphia Parking Authority](#) (PPA) at (215) 683-9730 or visit their offices at 3101 Market Street, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. To obtain a parking permit, you'll need to show your vehicle registration and proof of your residence using a lease, utility bill or driver's license.

Before you register your car in Philadelphia after your arrival, or if you have family/friends in town, the PPA also issues temporary monthly parking permits for \$15 for fifteen days or \$30 for thirty days. Just make sure to have your family/friends bring a copy of your utility bill with them, the registration to their car (even if it is a rental). 3101 Market Street, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Parking lots are very expensive and cost from \$8-15 an hour, up to a daily maximum of \$12-22. Street parking is available, but not easy to find depending on the time of day and where. It is \$.25 for 8 minutes (\$2.00 per hour). Monthly Rates around Rittenhouse Square often go from between \$165-\$350+.

## **ALTERNATIVES TO BRINGING YOUR CAR TO WHARTON**

### Car Rentals

Car Rental companies are plentiful in the city and the rates are reasonable (\$30-\$40 per weekend day):

- Alamo (800/327-9633)
- Avis (800/831-2847)
- Budget (800/527-0700)
- Dollar (800/800-4000)
- Enterprise (800/736-8222)
- Hertz (800/654-3131)
- National (888/868-6207)

### Philly Car Share

[www.phillycarshare.org](http://www.phillycarshare.org)

(215-730-0988)

PhillyCarShare is Philly's most economical and environmentally friendly way to get four wheels with various plans including rates starting at just at \$3.60/hour or \$39/day, plus 22¢/mile. Some premium plans require a \$15.00 a month fee, so make sure to opt for the plan which makes the most sense financially.

#### SOME TIPS ABOUT AUTOMOBILES AT WHARTON:

- If you are looking for a job in the area, you may want to hold off selling your car until you know where you are going to work or if your work will require local travel. If you bring a car to Philadelphia ALWAYS carry a lot of quarters, the city is very efficient at enforcing the parking laws.
- Many of the Wharton students transfer their car registration and driver license to Philadelphia. Unlike other major cities in the U.S., cars without Philadelphia license plates with drivers who possess a Pennsylvania driver license do not have the option of obtaining a resident parking permit.
- When finding a place to live, try to assess how important it is to have your car. If it is an important factor, look for a place with parking or a parking garage. While Wharton couples/families have been successful at finding a separate garage for their car, it is much more of a hassle.

## HEALTH INSURANCE

### Insurance Basics

For most people without children and parents of children who are not pregnant, all students and dependents (but not children) are eligible to use the UPenn Student Health Services (UPenn SHS). The student health insurance is a requirement by Wharton, so it's a good idea to use it when you can because it is significantly less expensive than almost all insurance plans. The UPenn Student Health Services has providers trained in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology and also nurse practitioners and physician's assistants. However, the UPenn SHS provides neither OB (or many other specialized fields) care, nor does it provide pediatric care.

<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/shs/aboutshs.php>

Most students at Penn, especially those with a family, choose to opt in to an additional health insurance plan. While expensive, many students choose Aetna Student Health or Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Aetna

[http://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/stu\\_conn/student\\_connection.aspx?groupID=724535](http://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/stu_conn/student_connection.aspx?groupID=724535)

Blue Cross Blue Shield

<http://www.bcbs.com/>

Some additional websites that could provide as useful tools in your insurance search:

[www.insweb.com](http://www.insweb.com)

[www.ehealthinsurance.com](http://www.ehealthinsurance.com)

### Doctors

As if getting used to a new city, new studies, new housing and new people isn't enough, now you have to find a new doctor. If you are looking for a specialized medical practitioner, choosing new doctors can be a real headache if you don't have any recommendations. Below is a list of Obstetricians, Gynecologists, Pediatricians, Family Practice Doctors, and hospitals that might be helpful in your search.

You can also you can read the profiles and report cards of various healthcare specialist and institutions at [www.healthgrades.com](http://www.healthgrades.com). This information is generated by great sources, such as the Health Care Financing Administration of the US Department of Health and Human Services, the National Committee for quality Assurance, and medical boards from every state in the U.S. You will also find maps and driving directions to help you make it to that first appointment on time – though you'll probably have to wait once you get there. The Hospitals Report Cards section lets you search for a local health-care institution with experience in performing specific medical procedures.

If you are planning to live in the Main Line area, check out [www.mainlinehealth.org](http://www.mainlinehealth.org) to find out more information about the many healthcare providers, hospitals, etc.

Emergency Dentist Referral: (215) 925-6050

Emergency Doctor Referral: (215) 563-5343

### OB/GYN

#### Practices

Bryn Mawr Birth Center Midwives  
918 County Line Rd  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010  
(610) 525-6086

The Curtis Center  
601 Walnut Street, Suite 925 East  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
(215) 829-8000

Jefferson OB/GYN  
834 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
1-800-533-3669

Penn Care Women First  
800 Spruce Street, #6  
Philadelphia, PA  
(215) 829-5555

UPenn OBGYN and Midwifery Care (POGA)  
3rd floor  
3701 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 662-6035

Doctors

Michael Feinstein  
829 Spruce Street, #200,  
Philadelphia, PA  
(215) 627-5272

Dr. Jennifer Kolecki  
The Curtis Center  
601 Walnut Street, Suite 220  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
(215) 829-8555

Magness and Stafford OB/GYN Associates  
1810 Haddonfield Berlin Rd  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003  
(856) 795-3313

Dr. Rima Mehta  
Curtis Center  
601 Walnut Street, Suite 925 East  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
(215) 829-8000

Michelle Mele  
800 Spruce Street, #6  
Philadelphia, PA  
(215) 829-5555

Leslie Renbaum  
The Curtis Center  
601 Walnut Street, Suite 220 E  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
(215) 829-8555

#### FAMILY PRACTICE PHYSICIANS

Dr. Matthew Frankel  
135 South 19th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215)564-6500

Daphne Goldberg  
3819 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 615-4460

#### HOSPITALS

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP)  
3400 Spruce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
215-662-4000  
<http://pennhealth.com/hup/>

Pennsylvania Hospital  
800 Spruce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
215-829-3000  
<http://pennhealth.com/pahosp/>

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
111 South 11th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
215-955-6000  
<http://www.jeffersonhospital.org/>

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHoP)  
34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19104  
215-590-1000  
[http://www.chop.edu/about\\_chop/index.shtml](http://www.chop.edu/about_chop/index.shtml)

Virtua West Jersey Hospital Voorhees  
101 Carnie Blvd.  
Voorhees, NJ 08043  
856-325-3000  
[http://www.virtua.org/page.cfm?nav\\_id=67](http://www.virtua.org/page.cfm?nav_id=67)

Bryn Mawr Birth Center  
918 County Line Rd  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010  
610-525-6086  
<http://www.thebirthcenter.org/>

## PEDIATRICIANS

CHoP Faculty Practice  
Sarah Galthrop/Annique Hogan/David Banner  
3550 Market St, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 590-2178  
<http://www.chop.edu/consumer/jsp/division/service.jsp?id=75188>

Center City Pediatrics  
1740 South St  
Philadelphia, PA 19146  
(215) 735-5600  
[www.centercitypediatrics.com](http://www.centercitypediatrics.com)

Haddonfield Pediatrics  
220 N Haddon Ave  
Haddonfield, NJ 08033  
(856) 429-6719  
[www.haddonfieldnj.org](http://www.haddonfieldnj.org)

Society Hill Pediatrics  
Cynthia Hill/MaryAnn McSorley  
1233 Locust Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 545-8188  
<http://pennhealth.com/WagForm/MainPage.aspx?config=provider&P=LP&ID=227>  
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Zavod King Bartlett Pediatrics  
2400 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 567-7337

## **HOME AND OTHER INSURANCE**

It is a very good idea to have renters or homeowners insurance no matter how many household items you own. Usually, home other items insurance are not particularly expensive and can save you a lot of money in the long run!

## **DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE**

Some students have dental and vision insurance and some do not, although it is recommended that you do so (those who don't often schedule cleanings and large procedures right before coming to Wharton and then pay for cleanings during their time at Wharton out of pocket). Unfortunately, dental insurance and vision insurance are not usually covered in a health insurance plan, so you have to purchase it separately. You will want to ask your health insurance company to see if they offer dental/vision insurance in addition to your health insurance plan.

## **BANKING AND CREDIT CARDS**

One of the first things you should do after arriving in Philadelphia is open an account at a local bank. Investigate various banks before choosing which one you wish to use, as all banks have different charges and fees for services, such as ATM access, checking, overdraft protection. You should read the small print carefully before signing up with any bank.

To open an account, you must present two forms of identification, such as your passport and your PennCard. Some banks may require you to provide your Social Security number.

### Checking Accounts

Opening a checking account will assure safe and quick deposit of foreign checks and free you from carrying large amounts of cash. A checking account will also provide you with an accurate, monthly record of your finances.

Checks can be used to pay monthly bills like rent, telephone, and electricity. You can also write a check for some purchases if you provide two types of identification to the merchant. The checks you write are returned to you after being cashed and cleared by the bank, and serve as proof of payment. You must keep an accurate record of your account to make sure you have enough money in your account for each check you write.

It is a serious matter to write a check without having sufficient funds in your checking account. In addition to various fees your bank will charge, you may suffer serious financial consequences and will be vulnerable to legal action.

### Savings Accounts

If you have money that you don't plan to use immediately, you can open a savings or investment account. Depending on how much you deposit, this account will pay you interest. You will receive a monthly statement showing your balance. Be sure to keep these statements as the interest earned on savings accounts may be taxable.

### Automatic Teller Machines (ATM)

Basic banking, such as deposits, transfers and withdrawals, is available 24 hours a day at computerized banking machines (ATM or MAC machines) at most banks. These machines can be found throughout the city. You should only use those located in a safe and secure place indoors, and avoid making withdrawals after dark. You may be charged a fee each time you use your ATM card. Check with your bank for details.

### Credit Cards

Credit cards are popular in the US, but are sometimes difficult to obtain for international students and scholars who have not yet established good credit in the US. You may want to apply for a credit card in your home country rather than in the US.

Major credit cards in the US are Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover, but businesses do not always accept all cards. Credit cards issued by department stores or oil companies are usually easier to obtain and can be used to establish credit.

Use caution in using credit cards as a means of postponing payment for purchases. Almost all credit cards charge interest, which may range from 12% to 22% per year. If your credit card is lost or stolen, file a report with the police and notify the company that issued the card *immediately*.

## **UTILITIES**

### Electric

PECO Energy 1-800-494-4000 - a word of caution - PECO rates are amongst the highest in the country. An apartment that includes electricity will save you big bucks in the summer because of the air conditioning. Ask what different power bills tend to run if you are tight on the cash and are trying to decide between places.

### Gas

Philadelphia Gas Works (215) 235-2050

### Phone

The local phone company is Verizon (800-660-2215) or use the website:

<http://www.verizon.com>

### Telecom Lines

DSL is available in the Philadelphia area through the following providers:  
Earthlink/Mindspring and Verizon. ISDN Lines are also available in some areas.

### Cable

Comcast Cable (1-800-COMCAST) They also provide high speed internet for about the same price as DSL and often have reduced rates for your first few months.

### Emergency

Dial 911 for police, fire or ambulance

### Information

Area code plus 555-1212

## **SHOPPING**

### Grocery Stores

Trader Joe's

[www.traderjoes.com](http://www.traderjoes.com)

2121 Market St

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 569-9282

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Whole Foods

<http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/southstreet/>

929 South St

Philadelphia, PA 19147

Phone: 215.733.9788

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Whole Foods

<http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/philadelphia/>

2001 Pennsylvania Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19130  
(215) 557.0015

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Reading Terminal Market (a Philadelphia institution, a great place to get fresh fish, meats, and produce)

<http://www.readingterminalmarket.org/>

12<sup>th</sup> and Arch

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 922 2317

Hours: Mon–Sat 8:00 a.m. –6:00 p.m., Sun 9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.

\*\$4.00 2-hour parking available with validation across the street at 12<sup>th</sup> and Filbert  
Garage

Rittenhouse Market (Great Scot)

<http://rittenhousemarkets.com/>

1733 Spruce St

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 985-5930

Hours: 7:30 AM - 10:00 PM

South Square Market

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/south-square-market-philadelphia>

2221 South St

Philadelphia, PA 19146

(215) 545-4349

Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

The Fresh Grocer

<http://www.thefreshgrocer.com/>

4001 Walnut Street

Philadelphia, 19104

(215) 222-9200

Hours: 24 Hours

SuperFresh

<http://www.superfreshfood.com/>

1001 South St

Philadelphia, PA 19147

(215) 238.8859

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Sat & Sun 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

ShopRite

[www.shoprite.com](http://www.shoprite.com)

2301 W Oregon Ave

Philadelphia, PA 19145

(215) 336-7300

### Outside of Philadelphia Grocery Stores

Genuardi's (Safeway)

<http://www.genuardis.com>

50 E. Wynnewood Rd

Wynnewood, PA 19096

610-642-5206

Mon - Sat 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Sun 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

\* Genuardi's has delivery

Wegmans

<http://www.wegmans.com>

2100 Route 70 West

Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

(856) 488-2700

Hours: Open 6:00 a.m. - midnight

Costco

[www.costco.com](http://www.costco.com)

201 Allendale Road

King of Prussia, PA

(610) 337-6601

M-F 11:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sun. 10:00am - 6:00 p.m.

100 Centerton Road

Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054

(856) 359-3650

M-F 11:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

One of the best parts of Philadelphia is its Farmers Markets! With numerous markets almost every day of the week from May – November and several markets who are open all year round, there is a huge variety of produce, meats, cheese, bread, etc. The following are popular markets:

Rittenhouse Square, 18<sup>th</sup> and Walnut (Saturday mornings, all year)

Fitler Square, 23<sup>rd</sup> and Pine (Saturday mornings, all year)

Schuylkill River Park, 25<sup>th</sup> and Locust (Wednesday afternoons, May – November)

Headhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Lombard (Sat/Sunday mornings, May-November)

Fairmont, 22<sup>nd</sup> and Fairmont (Thursday afternoons, May-November)

Italian Market, 9<sup>th</sup> and Washington (Every day, all year)

### Discount Retail Stores

Target

1 Mifflin St

Philadelphia, PA 19148

(215) 463-7311

4000 Monument Rd

Philadelphia, PA 19131

(267) 233-5020

2137 Route 38  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002  
(856) 317-1445

Walmart  
1675 S. Chris Columbus Blvd  
Philadelphia (S), PA 19148  
(215) 468-4220

500 Route 38  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002  
(856) 665-5430

Kmart  
424 Oregon Avenue West  
Philadelphia, PA 19148  
(215) 336-1778

901-99 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 629-2410

IKEA  
2206 S. Columbus Boulevard  
Philadelphia, PA 19148  
(215) 551-4532

Bed, Bath & Beyond  
70 E. Wynnewood Road  
Wynnewood, PA 19095  
(610) 642-9295

2130 Marlton Pike West  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002  
(856) 910-2820

#### Other Shopping - Philadelphia

Philadelphia has a ton of clothing shopping. The best part of the city (and of Pennsylvania as a whole) is that there is no sales tax on clothing (makes for some great deals compared to New York or San Francisco). Everything else is taxed at 7% in Philly and 6% outside of Philly in Pennsylvania. Over the bridge in New Jersey, the sales tax is 7% on everything (including clothing).

### Chestnut Street

Chestnut Street from 20th Street to 13th Street includes many shops including Sephora, J. Crew, H&M, Boyd's and a few small furniture stores.

Chestnut Street (13th - 20th)

### Walnut Street

Often referred to as the city's premier shopping district, Walnut Street between 18th and Broad (Rittenhouse Row) hosts many upscale stores including Burberry, Tiffany, and Coach. In addition to shops, there are many restaurants in these few blocks including the world-renowned Le Bec Fin!

Walnut Street (Broad - 18th)

### Macy's Downtown

Macy's in Center City opened in 2006 in the former John Wanamaker building. The store boasts many landmarks, but the undisputed highlight is its "Great Pipe Organ." Originally erected in 1904, the organ is one of the world's largest. Macy's Grand Court is the ideal location for it, offering exceptional acoustics to the organ's incredibly dynamic sound.

1300 Market Street

### Antique Row

Just six blocks from the Pennsylvania Convention Center, antique-lovers can hunt for treasures in the shops along Pine Street (from 10th to 18th). It has long been a favorite spot to search for antique books, stained glass and furniture, much of it museum quality.

Pine Street (10th-18th)

### Other Shopping - Outside Philadelphia

#### King of Prussia Mall

Known as the biggest mall in the country besides The Great Mall in Minnesota (and is actually bigger than The Great Mall if you exclude the roller coaster!), the King of Prussia Mall boasts over 400 restaurants and stores. Almost every store you can imagine is here from Nordstrom and Neiman Marcus, to Crate and Barrel and Costco.

<http://www.kingofprussiamall.com/>

#### Cherry Hill Mall

Cherry Hill Mall is a great alternative to King of Prussia when you want something a little less overwhelming. Unlike King of Prussia, Cherry Hill has the only Container Store in the area. Located just over the bridge from Philadelphia, it takes about 15 minutes to get there. In addition to the mall itself, there are several other smaller malls in the area with many stores including Costco, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Home Goods. However, remember to fill up your gas tank in New Jersey (MUCH less expensive than Pennsylvania and your gas gets pumped for you) and bring your dollars for the \$4

bridge toll when you come home!

[www.cherryhillmall.com](http://www.cherryhillmall.com)

### Suburban Square

A beautifully landscaped outdoor mall, Suburban Square is small, but has many of the major chain stores including Williams Sonoma, Macy's, and the closet Apple store around! Only about 20 minutes from Philadelphia out Lancaster.

<http://www.suburbansquare.com/>

### Springfield

Located Southwest of Philadelphia on Baltimore Pike, Springfield has many shops including Babies R' Us, Target, Pier 1, and Bed, Bath & Beyond. In addition, the Springfield Mall (<http://www.shopspringfieldmall.com/>) is only a few blocks further and has Macy's, Stride Rite, Gymboree, and much more!

### Miscellaneous Local Merchants

Rittenhouse Hardware (and all sorts of other stuff!)

2001 Pine Street

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 735-6311

Rittenhouse Pet Supply

135 S 20th St # 135

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 569-2555

La Colombe Torrefaction

130 S 19th St

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 563-0860

[www.lacolombe.com](http://www.lacolombe.com)

Fosters Urban Homeware

124 N. 3rd St.

Philadelphia, PA 19106

(267) 671-0588

[www.shopfosters.com](http://www.shopfosters.com)

Metropolitan Bakery  
262 S 19th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 545-6655  
[www.metropolitanbakery.com](http://www.metropolitanbakery.com)

Local Merchants for Children  
Cookie Cutters (Haircutters for Children)  
7932-34 Germantown Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19118  
(215) 248-5437  
[www.haircutsarefun.com](http://www.haircutsarefun.com)

54 E. Lancaster Avenue  
Ardmore, PA, 19003  
(610) 658-2887

Wiggleworms (Haircutters for Children)  
171 Byberry Rd  
Philadelphia, PA 19116  
(215) 969-2399

Children's Boutique (Shoes, Clothing, Toys)  
1702 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 732-2661

Born Yesterday  
1901 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 568-6556

Lolli Lolli  
713 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
(215) 625-2655  
[www.lollilolli.net](http://www.lollilolli.net)

Happily Ever After  
1010 Pine St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 627-5790

Open House  
107 South 13th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19195  
(215) 922-1415  
[www.openhouseliving.com](http://www.openhouseliving.com)

Genes  
122 S 13th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 735-4300  
[www.shopgenes.com](http://www.shopgenes.com)

O'Doodles Toy Store  
8335 Germantown Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19118  
(215) 247-7405  
[www.odoodles.com](http://www.odoodles.com)

Ali's Wagon  
2017 Fairmount Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19130  
(215) 913-4276  
[www.aliswagon.com](http://www.aliswagon.com)

## **RESTAURANTS**

There are too many great restaurants and hang out spots to mention them all here. So here are several favorites of Wharton students, partners, and families:

### Restaurants

Alma de Cuba (Cuban)  
1623 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 988-1799  
[www.almadecubarestaurant.com](http://www.almadecubarestaurant.com)

Amada (Spanish)  
217 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
(215) 625-2450  
[www.amadarestaurant.com](http://www.amadarestaurant.com)

Audrey Claire (American, BYO)  
276 S 20th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 731-1222  
<http://www.audreyclaire.com/>

Bridgid's (American)  
726 N 24th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19130  
(215) 232-3232  
[www.bridgids.com](http://www.bridgids.com)

Café Lutecia (French Café)  
2301 Lombard Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19146  
(215) 790-9557

Devil's Alley (Bar and Grill)  
1907 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 751-0707  
<http://www.devilsalleybarandgrill.com/>

Devon Seafood Grill (Seafood)  
225 S 18th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
(215) 546-5940  
[www.devonseafood.com](http://www.devonseafood.com)

DiBruno's (American Café)  
1730 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 665-9220  
<http://www.dibruno.com/rittenhouse.html>

Distrito (Mexican)  
3945 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 222-1657  
[www.distritorestaurant.com](http://www.distritorestaurant.com)

Figs (Moroccan)  
2501 Meredith St  
Philadelphia, PA 19130  
(215) 978-8440

Friday Saturday Sunday (American, wine is only \$10 over cost!)  
261 S 21st Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 546-4232  
[www.frisatsun.com](http://www.frisatsun.com)

Greek Lady (Greek)  
222 S 40th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 382-2600  
[www.greeklady.com/](http://www.greeklady.com/)

L'Oca (Italian)  
2025 Fairmount Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19130  
(215) 769-0316  
[www.locafairmount.com](http://www.locafairmount.com)

Mad Mex (Mexican)  
3401 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 382-2221  
[www.madmex.com](http://www.madmex.com)

Mama Palma's (Pizza/Pasta; BYO Wine)  
2229 Spruce St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 735-7357

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant (Seafood)  
One South Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 568-6888  
[www.mccormickandschmicks.com](http://www.mccormickandschmicks.com)

Melograno (Italian; BYO)  
2010 Sansom Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 875-8116

Mercato (Italian; BYO)  
1216 Spruce St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 985-2962  
[www.mercatobyob.com](http://www.mercatobyob.com)

New Dehli Indian Restaurant (Indian)  
4004 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 386-1941  
[www.newdelhiweb.com](http://www.newdelhiweb.com)

Parc Rittenhouse (French)  
227 S 18th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 545-2262  
[www.parc-restaurant.com](http://www.parc-restaurant.com)

Pietro's (Pizza)  
1714 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 735-8090  
[www.pietrospizza.com](http://www.pietrospizza.com)

The Sidecar Bar & Grill (American)  
2201 Christian St  
Philadelphia, PA 19146  
(215) 732-3429  
[www.thesidecarbar.com](http://www.thesidecarbar.com)

Supper (American; BYO and fixed menu first Sunday of every month)  
926 South St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 592-8180  
[www.supperphilly.com](http://www.supperphilly.com)

Tiffin (Indian)  
710 W. Girard Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19176  
(215) 922-1297  
[www.tiffin.com](http://www.tiffin.com)

Trio (Thai; BYO)  
2624 Brown St  
Philadelphia, PA 19130  
(215) 232-8746  
[www.triobyob.com/](http://www.triobyob.com/)

Twenty Manning (Asian Fusion)  
259 S 20th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 731-0900  
[www.twentymanning.com](http://www.twentymanning.com)

White Dog Café (American)  
3420 Sansom St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 386-9224  
[www.whitedog.com](http://www.whitedog.com)

Zocalo (Mexican)  
3600 Lancaster Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 895-0139  
[www.zocalophilly.com/](http://www.zocalophilly.com/)

One fun part of going to UPenn is that there are a TON of great food trucks surrounding the university with almost every kind of food.

Two Favorites: Chinese at Spruce/37<sup>th</sup> Street

Mediterranean at Locust Walk/40<sup>th</sup> Street

Another staple of Philadelphia is “the cheesesteak”! While there are many, many, many steak places in the city, two shops, Pat’s and Geno’s were two of the first cheesesteak shops in the city and are a bit of a Philly institution. Most people have a favorite between the two, so check them both out!

#### Pat’s

1237 E Passyunk Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19147  
(215) 468-1546  
[www.patskingofsteaks.com](http://www.patskingofsteaks.com)

#### Geno’s

1219 S 9th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19147  
(215) 389-0659  
[www.genosteaks.com](http://www.genosteaks.com)

#### Desserts

Brown Betty Petite  
269 South 20th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19176  
(215) 545-0444  
[brownbettydesserts.com](http://brownbettydesserts.com)

Betty’s Tasty Buttons  
2241 Grays Ferry Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
[www.bettysfudge.com](http://www.bettysfudge.com)

### Wine Bars

Tria (Wine Bar)  
123 S. 18th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 972-8742  
[www.triacafe.com](http://www.triacafe.com)

Vintage Wine Bar  
129 S 13th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19176  
(215) 922-3095  
[www.vintage-philadelphia.com](http://www.vintage-philadelphia.com)

### Other Bars/Pubs/Taverns

Alfa Restaurant and Bar  
1709 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 751-0201  
[www.alfa-bar.com](http://www.alfa-bar.com)

Barristers Bar & Grille  
1823 Sansom St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 496-0786

Bonner's Irish Pub  
120 S 23rd St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 567-5748

Cherry Street Tavern  
129 N 22nd St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 561-5683

Doobie's  
2201 Lombard St  
Philadelphia, PA 19146  
(215) 546-0316

Drinker's Pub  
1903 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 564-0914  
[www.drinkerspub215.com](http://www.drinkerspub215.com)

Eulogy  
136 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
(215) 413-1918  
[www.eulogybar.com](http://www.eulogybar.com)

G Lounge  
111 S 17th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 564-1515  
[thebestlounge.com](http://thebestlounge.com)

Good Dog Bar and Restaurant  
224 S. 15th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
(215) 985-9600  
[www.gooddogbar.com](http://www.gooddogbar.com)

Irish Pub  
2007 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 568-5603  
[www.irishpubphilly.com](http://www.irishpubphilly.com)

JL Sullivan's  
Bellevue Building  
200 S Broad St  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
(215) 546-2290  
[www.jlsullivans.com](http://www.jlsullivans.com)

Locust Bar  
235 S 10th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 925-2191

Loie  
128 S 19th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 568-0808  
[Loie215.com](http://Loie215.com)

McGillin's Olde Ale House  
1310 Drury St  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 735-5562  
[www.mcgillins.com](http://www.mcgillins.com)

Monks Café  
264 S 16th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19146  
(215) 545-7005  
[www.monkscafe.com/](http://www.monkscafe.com/)

New Deck Tavern  
3408 Sansom St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 386-4600  
[www.newdecktavern.com](http://www.newdecktavern.com)

Roosevelt Pub  
2220 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 569-8879

Rum Bar  
2005 Walnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 751-0404  
[www.rumbarphilly.com](http://www.rumbarphilly.com)

Smokey Joe's Tavern  
208 S 40th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 222-0770  
[www.smokeyjoesbar.com](http://www.smokeyjoesbar.com)

Standard Tap  
901 N 2nd St  
Philadelphia, PA 19123  
(215) 238-0630  
[www.standardtap.com](http://www.standardtap.com)

Ten Stone  
2063 South St  
Philadelphia, PA 19146  
(215) 735-9939  
[www.tenstone.com](http://www.tenstone.com)

Victory  
Across the street from Eulogy

The following links should help you find additional restaurants:

<http://philadelphia.citysearch.com>

<http://opentable.com/start.aspx?m=13&n=41>

<http://www.centercityphila.org/restaurantweek> - every couple of months Philadelphia has a restaurant week where many restaurants offer a 3 course meal at a discounted rate.

<http://www.yelp.com/philadelphia>

The local newspapers also review the restaurants in the area, and these reviews are available online.

Tips about Philadelphia's Restaurant Scene:

- Philadelphia has a big selection of BYO restaurants (where you bring your own wine or booze). Some of the best restaurants in the city are BYO.
- Many mid-priced restaurants don't take reservations or don't take reservations on the weekends. The waiting time can be long for a popular place. Try off hours or call ahead for those places if you do not like to wait.

## ATHLETIC FACILITIES

David Pottruck Recreation Center

<http://www.upenn.edu/recreation/>

3701 Walnut Street

Philadelphia, PA

Mon-Thurs 6:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Fri 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Sat 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sun 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Pros: Great facility with a ton of options (climbing wall, pool, group exercise, pilates studio); prices are reasonable

Cons: Fighting the undergraduates for machines/availability; no child care; parking is difficult and expensive

Sweat Fitness

<http://www.sweatfitness.com/>

200 S. 24th St.

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Mon-Thur: 5am-11pm

Fri: 5am-9pm, Sat/Sun: 8am-8pm

\*There are additional clubs in Center City

Pros: Very convenient location

Cons: Expensive; very basic equipment; no child care

Philadelphia Sports Club

<http://www.mysportsclubs.com/clubsched/clubdetail.htm?rg=PSC&a=Philadelphia&c=161>

2000 Hamilton Street

Philadelphia, PA 19130

215.568.9555

Open 24 hours from Monday 5:30am - Saturday 6:00pm , Sunday 8:00am - 6:00pm

Pros: Convenient location; many classes; child care; parking

Cons: Expensive

\*There are additional clubs in Center City

### Bally's Total Fitness

1435 Walnut St

Philadelphia, PA 19102

(215) 564-2121

M-Th 5:00A-11:00P, Fri 5:00A-9:00P, Sat 8:00A-6:00P, Sun 8:00A-6:00P

Pros: Cheap; convenient location; child care at South Philly club

Cons: Not nearly as nice as other clubs; parking can be challenging on Walnut Street

## **OUTSIDE FITNESS**

### Schuylkill River Trail

One of the best parts of Philadelphia is the Schuylkill River Park Trail. Opened in 2004, the trail runs for 45 miles from 25<sup>th</sup>/Locust to Valley Forge. The trail is very well maintained (it's even plowed during the winter months!) and safe. There are a variety of runners, cyclists, walkers, roller bladers, and strollers almost every day and even more on the weekends.

### Fairmont Park

The world's largest landscaped urban park, Fairmount is accessible to all Philadelphians; in fact, no city resident lives more than a mile from one of the 65 neighborhood parks that form part of Fairmount. From strolling by Boathouse Row to rollerblading, playing Frisbee, or simply running around, this is an ideal location for outdoor activities.

## **BEAUTY**

Since Philadelphia is a large city on the East Coast, there are numerous salons from which to choose. However, this list will hopefully get you started, as it includes recommendations for current Wharton students and partners:

### Hair Salons

Aveda Institute

[www.jeanmadeline.com](http://www.jeanmadeline.com)

4000 Chestnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19104

(267) 350-8800

Pros: CHEAP; nice people; good job; ton of services (hair and nail)

Cons: Takes a lot longer than other salons; you run the risk with a student

AMS Salon

<http://amssalon.com/>

123 S 16th St

Philadelphia, PA 19102

(215) 569-1515

Pros: Megan Riley was named "Best Colorist" in the 2008 Philly Magazine

Cons: Expensive

Toppers Spa

[www.toppersspa.com](http://www.toppersspa.com)

117 S 19th St

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 496-9966

Pros: Always rated high in Philly Magazine; they have a ton of services available (hair and nail)

Cons: Expensive

Opera Barber Shop

138 S. 20th St (between Walnut & Sansom)

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 567-3401

Pros: Good pricing (\$16 for men); quick

Cons: Sometimes too quick

Siaani Salon

<http://www.siaanisalon.com/>

1517 Walnut St.

Philadelphia, PA. 19102

215-567-5600

### Nail Salons

Rittenhouse Manicure

268 S 20th St

Philadelphia, PA 19176

(215) 546-4501

Pros: Very clean; they do a great job

Cons: Expensive

#### 4 Sisters Nail Salon

141 S 20th St

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 563-7898

Pros: Less expensive than others; they do a good job

Cons: Not quite as clean as Rittenhouse

#### Charming Nails

24 W Lancaster Ave

Ardmore, PA 19003

(610) 642-3003

Pros: GREAT service; long massages both for the mani/pedi and while your nails are drying; cheaper than Center City

Cons: Ardmore is a 20-30 minute drive from Center City

#### Other Salons

International Salon (Waxing)

1714 Sansom St

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 563-1141

Pros: Cheap, very fast; flight attendants are rumored to stop in Philly to frequent International

Cons: Not deluxe

### **PLACES OF WORSHIP**

To better assist Wharton students and their families in finding a place of worship, we have provided a partial list of establishments. Please note that this list is far from all-inclusive and we are in no way promoting one place over another.

Tenth Presbyterian Church (Presbyterian)

[www.tenth.org](http://www.tenth.org)

1700 Spruce St

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 735-7688

Church of Holy Trinity – Rittenhouse Square (Episcopal)

<http://www.htrit.org/>

1904 Walnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19103  
215-567-1267

First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia (Unitarian)

<http://www.philauu.org/>

2125 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 563-3980

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel (Jewish)

<http://www.bzbi.org/>

300 S 18th Street  
Philadelphia, PA  
(215) 735-5148

Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

<http://www.lds.org>

3913 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 386-4999

Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

<http://www.lds.org>

4720 N Broad St  
Philadelphia, PA 19141  
(215) 329-1627

St Francis Xavier Catholic Church - The Oratory (Catholic)

<http://archdiocese-phl.org/parishes/7840.htm>

2319 Green Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19130  
215-765-4568

Trinity Memorial Church (Episcopal)

<http://www.trinityphiladelphia.org/tmc/index.html>

22nd & Spruce Streets  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
215-732-2515

Ebenezer Seventh Day Adventist

1437 Christian St

Philadelphia, PA 19146  
(215) 545-2650

Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion  
[www.lc-hc.org](http://www.lc-hc.org)  
2110 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 567-3668

St. Agatha, St. James  
[www.saintsaj.org](http://www.saintsaj.org)  
3728 Chestnut St  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 386-9732

## **INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS/FAMILIES**

Students enrolled at Wharton have a great resource at the University of Pennsylvania International Programs Office.

Main Office Website:  
<http://www.upenn.edu/oip/iss/forms/index.html>

List of Applicable Forms:  
<http://www.upenn.edu/oip/iss/forms/index.html>

### Types of Visas

F-1 Status: You may hold scholarships, fellowships, and assistantships, work on campus during the academic year (up to 20 hours per week) and work full-time during vacation or break periods. No work is permitted off -campus without an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) for practical training authorization on the students I-20.

F-2 Status: Dependents of F-1 students are NOT permitted to hold paid employment of any kind under any circumstances.

J-1 Status: You may work on campus pursuant to the terms of their scholarship, fellowship, or stipend. On-campus employment is permitted up to 20 hours per week when attending classes; fulltime during vacation or break periods. Written permission from the responsible officer is required. Off -campus employment is permitted only with permission from the Program Responsible Officer. In addition, permission is granted only under the parameters of the USCIS.

J-2 Status: J-2 spouses and children (over the age of 14) are eligible to apply for employment authorization. Applications for employment authorization may only be filed once in the U.S. in J-2 status and can take more than three months to be adjudicated. Accordingly, no J-2 spouse or child should expect to begin any employment within three months of arriving in the U.S. J-2 visa holders are subject to social security taxes, federal income taxes, and where applicable, state and local income taxes.

H-4 visa holders are not permitted to work in the US under any circumstances.

All dependent visa holders are eligible to do volunteer work. The Civic House coordinates a variety of volunteer activities for the Penn community.

#### Civic House

3914 Locust Walk

Philadelphia, PA

(215) 898-4831

<http://www.upenn.edu/civichouse/>

Most International partners who are holding F-2 cannot work in the US. If they are interested, they can apply for a J-2 visa on their own. Approval of the visa depends on the profession. Alternatively they can find a company who is willing to apply the visa on their behalves. Below are certain sites that might be useful

<http://www.nih.gov/od/ors/dirs/isb/j2visa.htm>

<http://faq.visapro.com/J2-Visa-FAQ.asp>

You may also want to contact other partners. Let them know what kind of job you are looking for or what company you are targeting. Current partners may already be established in that field or company and can help you with information or an interview.

For more extensive information about visas, please refer to the following site:

<http://www.upenn.edu/oip/iss/visa/index.html>

#### Social Security Cards

All international students and scholars who have secured legitimate employment are eligible to apply for a US Social Security Number (SSN). You will need this number to file your annual tax return, to be employed, and for a variety of other purposes, including signing up for utilities and applying for a credit card. The number assigned to you by the University (e.g., 949-00-9999) is *not* a Social Security Number; it is a Penn ID number, used only for university-related business.

For Social Security Number application instructions, please contact ISSS. For additional information, visit the US Social Security Administration (SSA) web site:

<http://www.ssa.gov/> and refer to the F1 and J1 SSN applications.

## Out of Country Driver's License

If you plan to be in Philadelphia for a longer stay (over a year, for example), you may consider applying for a Pennsylvania Driver's License or State ID card. Both documents are good alternatives to carrying your passport for identification purposes and the Driver's License will also allow you to drive in the United States.

The state of Pennsylvania honors a valid foreign driver's license with an International Driving Permit for a period of up to one year. When the foreign license or International Permit expires, you must apply to [PennDOT](#) for a Pennsylvania license in order to continue to drive.

Please see our "Driver's License" section of this survival guide for more information.

If you do not have a Social Security Number (SSN), you must bring the following documentation to the Driver License Center in order to obtain a PA driver's license or state ID card:

- Passport
- I-94 card
- Visa stamp
- I-20 (for F-1) or DS-2019 (for J-1) with a program end date that is at least one year away
- Letter of denial/indecision from the US Social Security Administration (SSA)
- Driver's license letter verifying attendance at the school listed on the I-20/DS-2019 (obtain from ISSS)
- 2 proofs of residency

## Classes

### Language Lessons

Nationalities Service Center  
<http://www.nationalitiesservice.org/>  
Nationalities Service Center  
1216 Arch Street 4th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 893-8400

Lingual Institute:  
<http://www.lingualinstitute.com/>  
1420 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
(215) 561-4040  
[info@lingualinstitute.com](mailto:info@lingualinstitute.com)

The Kaiserman JCC:

<http://www.phillyjcc.com/homepage.html>

45 Haverford Road

Wynnewood, PA 19096

(610) 896-7770

English Classes

Community College of Philadelphia

[http://faculty.ccp.edu/dept/Learn\\_lab/](http://faculty.ccp.edu/dept/Learn_lab/)

Learning Lab

Community College of Philadelphia

Philadelphia, PA 19130

215-751-8484

English Language Center

Drexel University

<http://www.drexel.edu/elc/index.html>

229 N. 33rd Street

Philadelphia, PA 19104

(215) 895-2022

### Personal Safety

As we have stated in previous sections, Philadelphia is a great city, but like any large city in the US, has its instances of crime. So, please be cautious. Stay on well lit streets and/or walk with a friend. Do not leave valuables in your car if you have one.

### International Phone Calls

With most cellular phone companies, dialing internationally is no problem and most have international calling plans available. Without the international rates included in your plan, the rates are usually very high, so please check with the cellular company before making a ton of calls!

If you decide to purchase a pre-paid phone card, rates online can be a great deal. A few companies people have used are [www.callingcards.com/](http://www.callingcards.com/) and [www.centcalls.com/](http://www.centcalls.com/). Other options include convenience stores, gas stations, and large discount retailers (please refer to the *Shopping* section of this guide).

When placing calls from Philadelphia or anywhere else in the United States to another city within the US or Canada, you will need to use a long distance carrier or a calling card. To dial, push "1" and then the area code (215 or 267 in Philadelphia) and then the seven-digit phone number.

When calling outside of the United States, you need to dial '011' to get outside of the United States phone network, then the country code, and finally the city code. For a list of country codes, please refer to the following website -

<http://www.countrycallingcodes.com/>

### Tips on American Culture

American culture can be a bit baffling at times, especially for students who have not spent time here. To help maneuver, we've provided a few areas of which to be aware:

#### Tipping

Americans almost always add 15-20% to all bills of services (restaurants, bars, haircuts, and taxi rides to name a few) and view it as impolite if a tip is not given. There are certainly times where that standard rule does not apply in instances of very good or very bad service, but Americans tip the majority of the time regardless.

#### Nightlife

Restaurants and bars that serve alcohol are required to check your identification, as the drinking age in the United States is 21 years of age. So, please remember to bring a valid ID (ideally, an identification card or driver's license instead of a passport) when you go out.

#### Smoking

Several major cities in the United States have either banned smoking entirely or severely limited the habit. Smoking is often not permitted inside restaurants or bars and is even prohibited within a certain number of feet of a restaurant or bar in many cases.

## **WHARTON WITH CHILDREN**

There's no way of hiding that students with families are a minority at Wharton. That being said, the Wharton Kids Club (WKC) boasts a membership of almost 80 families! The WKC truly does serve as a support network for the Wharton families as a way to make instant friends, to keep the kids busy and having fun, to keep the moms sane, and to help students and their families ease into life in Philadelphia and Wharton. Wharton Kids are referred to "Wharton Whiz Kids" and have regular activities, playgroups, parties, and outings designed specifically for them.

The club coordinates fun activities all around Philadelphia every week including trips to various museums, craft days, picnics in the park, special classes like music and Spanish, and one special event every month such as the Halloween Party, Valentine's Day craft, or a trip to an orchard for apple picking. The children of the club really do form special bonds with each other because they see each other several times a week and are for the most part, similar in age. In addition, the WKC hosts a moms' night out once a month.

## Sights For Children In Philadelphia

While there are a ton of activities for children in Philadelphia and its surrounding areas, the following are a few favorites among Wharton parents:

Please Touch Museum

<http://www.pleasetouchmuseum.org/>

Memorial Hall in Fairmount Park

4231 Avenue of the Republic

Philadelphia, PA 19131

(215) 581 3158

Hours: Monday thru Saturday 9 am–5 pm

Sunday 11 am – 5 pm

Membership Options; Free with Military ID

Smith Memorial Playgrounds and Playhouse

<http://www.smithplayhouse.org>

Reservoir Drive at 33rd Street

Philadelphia

(215) 765-4325

Hours: Tues-Sun 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. year round

Philadelphia Zoo

<http://www2.philadelphiazoo.org/>

34th Street and Girard Avenue in Fairmount Park

Philadelphia, PA

(215) 243-1100

Hours: 9:30AM-5:00PM (Mar 1 – Nov 1)

9:30AM-4:00PM (Nov 2-Feb 28)

Membership Options

Academy of Natural Sciences Museum

<http://www.ansp.org/>

1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA

(215) 299-1000

Hours: 10:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m. weekdays

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekends

Franklin Institute

<http://www2.fi.edu/>

222 North 20th street

Philadelphia

(215) 448-1200

Adventure Aquarium  
<http://www.adventureaquarium.com/>  
1 Riverside Drive  
Camden, NJ 08103  
856-365-3300  
Hours: Open Daily 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Membership Options

### Playgrounds

Markward (Taney) Playground  
26th and Pine

Rittenhouse Square  
18<sup>th</sup> and Walnut

Fitler Square  
23<sup>rd</sup> and Pine

### Preschool/Daycare

When planning to come to Wharton with children, preschool is often a popular/relevant topic. There are several great preschools in the Philadelphia area. The following schools/day care programs are those which have been recommended by other Wharton moms.

## Preschools

### **THE BEACON CENTER**

*2125 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia*

Tel: (215) 963-0748

Website: [www.beaconcenterforchildren.com](http://www.beaconcenterforchildren.com)

Email: [info@beaconcenterforchildren.com](mailto:info@beaconcenterforchildren.com)

Beacon Center, a unique program that has been in operation for over twenty-five years, provides educational, emotional, creative and social guidance for children in a home-like and loving environment. Beacon Center believes in sensory learning through play, games, manipulatives, and exploration making a child's first "school" experience a relaxed, friendly and joyous one. A day at Beacon Center will include language arts, reading readiness, science, music, movement, math, and art activities that are stimulating and will encourage children's growth and development. The ultimate goal is to form a union with parents to help children develop confidence, a strong self image and a thirst for learning. Beacon Center is conveniently located to public transportation, restaurants, museums, parks and the University of Pennsylvania. Temporary parking is available for drop-off/pick-up. The Beacon Center offers flexible schedules and enrollment throughout the year as space permits.

Age: 2-5 years old

Tuition: \$372 - \$1399 per month

Wait List Time: 4-6 months

### **GREENE TOWNE (MONTESSORI) SCHOOL**

*2121 Arch Street, Philadelphia*

Tel: (215) 563-6368

Website: [www.greenetowneschool.org](http://www.greenetowneschool.org)

Email: [info@greenetowneschool.org](mailto:info@greenetowneschool.org)

Greene Towne School, located in Center City, Philadelphia, is dedicated to providing a stimulating learning environment for children ages 18 months to 6 years, consistent with the values and principles developed by Dr. Maria Montessori. Greene Towne's curriculum is designed to develop each child's full human potential -- emotionally, physically, intellectually, and socially -- and to foster a life-long love of learning. Greene Towne's programs aim to meet the diverse needs of the children and families we serve.

Age:

Toddler Class (18 months - 3 years)

Primary Class (3 years - Kindergarten)

Tuition: \$655 - \$13,290 annually)

Waiting List: 12-18 months

### **KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTER**

*1700 Market Street, Lower Level, Philadelphia*

Tel: (215) 789-9476

Website: <http://www.kindercare.com/our-centers/center-details/303009>

The KinderCare Difference is our commitment to your child's future. With our experienced staff and innovative programs unlike any other, we provide your child with an unsurpassed learning experience. Your child will discover that learning is fun, while making new friends and building strong relationships with teachers who partner with you in your child's education.

Age: 6 weeks 6 years

Tuition: Call for specific pricing; for two days, \$160 per week

Waiting List: 1 month

### **ST. MARY'S NURSERY SCHOOL**

3916 Locust Walk, Philadelphia

Tel: (215) 386-0321

Website: [www.stmarysnursery.org](http://www.stmarysnursery.org)

Email: [director@stmarysnursery.org](mailto:director@stmarysnursery.org)

The Saint Mary's Nursery School offers children an early educational experience embracing family, continuity and development as a basis for learning. Children are nurtured and educated in a community classroom that includes children from 18 months to five year of age, skilled teachers, parents and other involved family members. The educational curriculum is carefully planned to be developmentally appropriate, based in play, creativity and the arts with an emphasis on the social-emotional health and development of each child. We are committed to the family environment and the stability and community that generations of children enjoyed before they were placed into age groups and graduated classrooms. Our children also enjoy a single and stable classroom that does not change from year to year . It is our experience that all of these elements create a homelike environment that allow children to relax and open up to all aspects of learning.

Age: 18 months to 5 years

Tuition: \$417 - \$1144 per month

Wait List Time: 1 month

### **TEMPLE BETH ZION - BETH ISRAEL**

*300 South 18th Street, Philadelphia*

Tel: (215) 735-5148

Website: [www.bzbi.org](http://www.bzbi.org)

The Abigail R. Cohen Preschool and the Laurie Wagman Playschool offer a play-based developmental program designed to meet the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual needs of each child. Children explore, discover, and learn through their play; therefore, we offer an enriched environment for this exploration. The environment includes experiences and materials that are stimulating, challenging, and satisfying.

Age: 18 months - 5 years

Tuition:

Playschool (18 months -36 months)

T/TH: member: \$2900, non-member: \$3250

M,W,F: member: \$3975, non-member: \$4500

Preschool (3 - PreK)

M, W, F: member: \$5850, non-member: \$6575

M-F: member: \$8200, non-member: \$9150

Wait List Time: 12-18 months

### **TRINITY PLAYGROUP**

*2212 Spruce Street, Philadelphia*

Tel: (215) 732-2519

Website: [www.trinityplaygroup.org](http://www.trinityplaygroup.org)

Email: [trinityplaygroup@speakeasy.net](mailto:trinityplaygroup@speakeasy.net)

Trinity Playgroup is a State licensed, private, nonprofit, nonsectarian, play-based preschool that serves all children equally. We offer a continuous educational experience that is based in play to meet the social, academic, and emotional needs of children of each developmental level from 18 months until they are prepared to enter Kindergarten. We believe that as children play, they develop social and interpersonal skills, fine and gross motor abilities, self- help skills, language, and cognitive abilities. We strive to provide each child with a secure and enriching group experience while building curiosity, self-confidence, trust, and self-expression. A close relationship is maintained and encouraged with each family so that parents can share in their child's early education and development. Located in a beautiful church, this playschool is very popular with the Wharton kids. It consists of 3 cheerful well-equipped classrooms and the program is flexible and the fee is fair. The staff is very caring and warm.

Age: 18 months - 5 years

Toddler Class: 18 months - 2.5 years

Intermediate: 3-4 years old

Pre-K Class: 4 - 5 years old

Tuition: \$1952 - \$6436 per semester depending on how many days and how many hours per day the child attends

Wait List Time: Take applications 14 months in advance (July for the following fall);

usually the wait time is 12-18 months otherwise

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA CHILDREN'S CENTER**

*Left Bank Commons, Suite 100 (3160 Chestnut Street), Philadelphia*

Tel: (215) 898-5268

Website: [www.upenn.edu/childcare](http://www.upenn.edu/childcare)

This school has a preschool program for children 3-Kindergarden and an infant/toddler program beginning at 12 weeks. Open 7:00am to 7:00pm. There is an indoor gym room, art room, computer room and a fully equipped outdoor play area. There is a special rate for employees/students of UPENN. NAEYC certified.

Age: 3 months to 5 years

Tuition: \$129-\$323 per week

Wait List Time: 9 - 12 months

The following schools/day care programs are those which we know about, but do not have Whiz Kids currently attending:

**BRIGHT HORIZONS** (NAEYC Accredited)

*401 N. 21st Street, Philadelphia*

Tel: 215-563-6447

Website: [www.brighthorizons.com](http://www.brighthorizons.com)

Email: [BRST@brighthorizons.com](mailto:BRST@brighthorizons.com)

**PARENT INFANT CENTER** (NAEYC Accredited)

*4205 Spruce Street, Philadelphia*

Tel: (215) 898-4180

Website: [www.parentinfantcenter.org](http://www.parentinfantcenter.org)

**MAGIC YEARS CHILD LEARNING CENTER**

*1901 JFK Boulevard, Philadelphia*

Tel: (610) 272-4902

**FORMATIVE YEARS PRESCHOOL INC.**

*1925 Lombard Street, Philadelphia*

Tel: (215) 735-3558

**FRIENDS CHILD CARE CENTER**

Director: Antonette Berger

1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia  
Tel: (215) 241-7011

**THE CARING CENTER**

Director: Sherilynn Kimble  
3101 Spring Garden St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
215-386-8245  
<http://www.thecaringcenter.org/index.html>

**INFANT FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

Program Director: Rebecca Turner  
1001 S. 45th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
215-386-5097  
[www.melc.org/location.htm](http://www.melc.org/location.htm)

**FAMILIES FIRST CENTER**

Director: Kim Umphrey  
3939 Warren St.  
Philadelphia PA 19104  
215-382-2499  
[www.melc.org/location.htm](http://www.melc.org/location.htm)

Preschools Outside Philadelphia

**NARBERTH PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL**

*Windsor and Grayling Avenue, Narberth PA*  
Tel: (610) 664-4880  
Website: [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)

## Private Schools (Kindergarten and Up)

If your child is five years old or older, Philadelphia has great private schools. The following is a small list to get you started:

Friends Select School

[www.friends-select.org](http://www.friends-select.org)

1651 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 561-5900

[Anita@friends-select.org](mailto:Anita@friends-select.org)

Germantown Friends School

<http://www.germantownfriends.org/>

31 West Coulter Street

Philadelphia, PA 19144

215-951-2300

The Philadelphia School

[www.tpschool.org](http://www.tpschool.org)

2501 Lombard Street

Philadelphia, PA 19146

(215) 545-5323

[TPSwebmaster@tpschoool.org](mailto:TPSwebmaster@tpschoool.org)

St. Peter's School

<http://st-peters-school.org/>

319 Lombard Street

Philadelphia, PA 19147

215.925.3963

The Waldorf School of Philadelphia

<http://www.phillywaldorf.com/>

7500 Germantown Ave

Philadelphia, PA 19119

(215) 248-1662

## Public Schools (Kindergarten and Up)

The public school in Center City is called Greenfield Elementary. It is one of the best public schools in Philadelphia. They have Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Boundaries to attend Greenfield are Ben Franklin Parkway to the north, the Schuylkill River to the west, Bainbridge Street to the south, and Broad street to the east.

Greenfield Elementary  
http://www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/greenfield/  
22nd and Chestnut Streets  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Phone: (215)299-4666

The following is a website for more information about local public schools:  
<[www.phila.k12.pa.us](http://www.phila.k12.pa.us)>.

School districts in the Main Line area which are consistently ranked in the top 10 in Pennsylvania:

Lower Marion [www.lmsd.org](http://www.lmsd.org)  
Haverford Township [www.haverfordk12.pa.us](http://www.haverfordk12.pa.us)  
Radnor Township [www.rtsd.org](http://www.rtsd.org)

There are several sites which let you search schools and their ratings. The following are a few of them to help you start your search!

[www.schoolmatch.com](http://www.schoolmatch.com)  
[www.greatschools.net](http://www.greatschools.net)  
[www.schooldigger.com](http://www.schooldigger.com)

As children respond differently to situations, it's best to check out schools on your own. Remember schools and daycares accredited by the National Association for the Education of the Young Child (NAEYC) meet stricter guidelines than most. NAEYC ([www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)) can provide you with a list of accredited schools in the area: write 1313 L Street NW, Suite 500, Washington DC, 20005; or call (202) 232-8777.

Please check the Wharton Kids Club website, [www.whartonkidsclub.com](http://www.whartonkidsclub.com) for much more information!

## **THINGS TO DO AROUND THE CITY**

Philadelphia is a beautiful city in the Northeast which is packed with activities for everyone! While many of us had not spent very much time in the city before coming to Wharton, we have all found Philadelphia to be a wonderful place for ourselves (and our children if we have them).

There are few "must see" attractions in Philadelphia:

#### General Attractions/Historical Attractions

Independence National Historic Park

<http://www.nps.gov/inde/>

Independence National Historic Park preserves several sites associated with the American Revolution in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States. Administered by the National Park Service, the 45-acre park comprises much of the historic area of downtown (or "Center City") where Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, the Independence Visitor Center, are located, along with dozens of other historic buildings and educational centers.

National Constitution Center

[http://www.constitutioncenter.org/ncc\\_home\\_Landing.aspx](http://www.constitutioncenter.org/ncc_home_Landing.aspx)

The National Constitution Center is a history museum on Independence Mall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, just two blocks from the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, and across the street from The United States Mint at Philadelphia. The museum teaches visitors the history and relevance of the United States Constitution through theatre, interactive exhibits, and hundreds of historic artifacts.

Philadelphia Art Museum

<http://www.philamuseum.org/>

As one of the largest museums in the United States, the Philadelphia Museum of Art invites visitors from around the world to explore its renowned collections, acclaimed special exhibitions, and enriching programs, both in person and online. Besides its architecture and collections, the Philadelphia Museum of Art is well known for the role it played in a famous scene in the film *Rocky*, and also in four of its sequels, *II*, *III*, *V* and *Rocky Balboa*. Visitors to the museum can frequently be seen mimicking Rocky's famous run up the front steps, now known locally as the *Rocky Steps*.

Reading Terminal Market

<http://www.readingterminalmarket.org/>

Reading Terminal Market is an enclosed public market found at 12<sup>th</sup> and Arch Streets in downtown Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Over 80 merchants offer fresh produce, meats, fish, groceries, flowers, baked goods, crafts, books, clothing, and specialty and ethnic foods. Every space in the market is rented out; three of the vendors are descendants of original market merchants.

## Italian Market

<http://www.phillyitalianmarket.com/>

The Italian Market, frequently referred to simply as 9th Street, has its origins as a marketplace in the later 19th and early 20th centuries. The area, outside the original boundaries of William Penn's planned city, was an area for immigrants to settle in. Italian immigrants began to move into the area around 1884, when Antonio Palumbo began receiving "hundreds of Italian immigrants into his boardinghouse." Shops along 9th Street opened up shortly afterward to cater to the new Italian community and have remained in the area to this day, with many of the present vendors tracing the founding of their business back to the first decade of the 20th century.

## Pat's/Geno's

Among the many Philadelphia cheesesteak eateries, Pat's and Geno's Steaks are the best known (and most publicized). The rivals are located across the street from each other on 9th Street and Passyunk Avenue in South Philadelphia. Geno's is also famous for the controversy involving posted signs that read: "This Is America: When ordering please speak English".

Many Philadelphians proclaim allegiance to a particular steak shop as the maker of "the best" cheesesteak. There is much lively debate to be had in Philadelphia over what makes one establishment's cheesesteak better than another's. Street vendors also prepare and sell cheesesteaks from trucks and carts in and around the city, especially on the larger college campuses.

## Fairmont Park

<http://www.fairmountpark.org>

Fairmount Park. What is it exactly? For some, it's their neighborhood park. For others, it's the Schuylkill River bordered by Kelly and Martin Luther King Drives. Yet others describe it as "a big park in Philadelphia". But when pressed to elaborate, some confusion abounds.

In the here and now, Fairmount Park is Philadelphia's Park System. With over 9,200 acres, it claims 10% of the land in Philadelphia (City and County). Fairmount Park has been called "one of the largest urban parks in the country" (although other cities are catching on to this great idea and are collecting green space).

## Valley Forge National Park

<http://www.nps.gov/vafo/>

Valley Forge was the site of the camp of the American Continental Army over the winter of 1777–1778 in the American Revolutionary War. This was a time of great suffering for George Washington's Army, but it was also a time of retraining and rejuvenation. The

site of the encampment became a Pennsylvania State Park in 1893 and, on the 4th of July, 1976, it became *Valley Forge National Historical Park*. The modern park features historical and recreated buildings and structures; memorials; and a newly renovated visitor center, which shows a short film and has several exhibits. A chapel was built in 1903 as a memorial to George Washington. An adjoining carillon of 58 bells represents all U.S. states and territories. It resides in a tower built by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Other park amenities include walking and bicycle trails. The park supports around 1000 deer which can be seen grazing in the wide open fields.

The Kimmel Center

<http://www.kimmelcenter.org/>

The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts and the Academy of Music serve as home to eight Resident Company performing arts organizations, including The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Ballet, Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, American Theater Arts for Youth, PHILADANCO, Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Peter Nero and the Philly Pops®. Kimmel Center, Inc.'s mission also includes arts in education, community outreach and a rich diversity of programming through its Kimmel Center Presents, sponsored by Citi and Broadway at the Academy series of performances. The Kimmel Center has a student ticket program that applies to partners with a Penn ID card. Tickets are \$8, purchased a shortly before each show.

In addition, please refer to our “Living in Philadelphia with Children” section for more activities.

There are a number of annual events in Philadelphia which are well attended. Here are some of them:

- Philadelphia Fringe Festival: [www.pafringe.org](http://www.pafringe.org) Music, dance, theater, poetry, puppetry and more (September)
- Philadelphia Distance Run: [www.ingphiladelphiadistancerun.com](http://www.ingphiladelphiadistancerun.com) (September)
- Philadelphia Marathon: [www.philadelphiamarathon.com](http://www.philadelphiamarathon.com) (November)
- Thanksgiving Day Parade down Ben Franklin Parkway on Thanksgiving morning (November)
- Rittenhouse, City Hall, and Fidler Square tree lighting ceremonies (December)
- Mummers Parade throughout Philly to celebrate the New Year (January)
- Chinese New Year. Celebrate in Philadelphia's own Chinatown. Dragon parades and firecrackers go off every Sunday during the New Years Celebrations, starting around Noon. The 15th day of the New Year is called the Lantern Festival, which is celebrated at night with lantern displays and children carrying lanterns in a parade. (January/February)
- The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Flower Show claims to be the largest and most prestigious garden event in the United States [www.theflowershow.com](http://www.theflowershow.com) (March)

- The Philadelphia Film Festival: [www.phillyfests.com](http://www.phillyfests.com) A two-week celebration of the best of new world cinema (April)
- Italian Market Festival: <http://www.9thstreetitalianmarketfestival.com/> Festival featuring live entertainment, games and food booths at the longest continuing operating outdoor market in the USA (May)
- Dad Vail Regatta: [www.dadvail.org](http://www.dadvail.org) Sixty colleges and universities and more than 3,000 rowers participate in the largest rowing competition in America (May)
- Broad Street Run: [www.broadstreetrun.com](http://www.broadstreetrun.com) (May)
- Race for the Cure: [www.komenphiladelphia.org](http://www.komenphiladelphia.org) 5K run/race held every Mother's Day to donate and support research for breast cancer (May)
- The Manayunk Arts Festival: [www.manayunk.com](http://www.manayunk.com) (June)
- The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade begins on 20<sup>th</sup> and JFK Blvd and winds through town (July)

### Performance

Philly has a big theater scene. This link provides a month by month schedule of what plays and musicals are being done around town:

<http://www.theatrealliance.org/>

Opera Company of Philadelphia: <http://www.operaphilly.com/>

Pennsylvania Ballet: <http://www.paballet.org/>

### Sports

Philadelphians love their sports teams!

NFL (Eagles) - [www.philadelphiaeagles.com/default.jsp](http://www.philadelphiaeagles.com/default.jsp)

NBA (Sixers) - [www.nba.com/sixers/](http://www.nba.com/sixers/)

MLB (Phillies) - [www.phillies.com/](http://www.phillies.com/)

NHL (Flyers) - [www.philadelphiaflyers.com/](http://www.philadelphiaflyers.com/)

Fox and Hound Smokehouse & Tavern—15<sup>th</sup> & Spruce is a center city favorite to watch local, regional, or national college and professional sports games.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

### Working at UPenn

All University job postings can be found at <http://www.hr.upenn.edu/jobs>. The "official" word is that HR prefers applicants to submit their resumes online. However, it's most effective to communicate directly with someone at the University, either by phone, fax, email, or in person. We suggest calling the department you are applying in to find out the hiring manager – University Wide Human Resources will not give out that information to outside candidates.

Another way to begin your job search at Penn is to use the temporary hiring service, *Unique Advantage Partnership*: <http://www.unigadv.com/>. This service places prospective applicants in office support positions and will then communicate with HR to find you a permanent position. Partners have met with much success using *Unique Advantage Partnership*, so don't rule out the option of temping...it's often the very best way to get your foot in the door at Penn.

Jobcircle.com has job fairs every few months throughout NJ and the Philadelphia area: <http://www.jobcircle.com/jobfairs/>

#### Non-UPenn Employment Opportunities/Resources

You can also look up additional Employment Agencies in the phone book to get a full listing. Included below are some of the more well known ones.

#### General

[www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org)

[www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)

[hotjobs.yahoo.com](http://hotjobs.yahoo.com)

[www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com)

[www.phillyjobs.com](http://www.phillyjobs.com)

[www.jobcircle.com](http://www.jobcircle.com)

[www.upenn.edu/careerservices](http://www.upenn.edu/careerservices) (useful interviewing tips)

[jobstar.org](http://jobstar.org) (sample resumes and cover letters, sponsored by the public library)

#### Higher Education

[www.chronicle.com](http://www.chronicle.com) (*Chronicle of Higher Education*)

#### Colleges and Universities

The local universities have job listings in many areas from Healthcare to Research to IT.

[www.drexel.edu](http://www.drexel.edu) (Drexel University)

[www.brynmawr.edu](http://www.brynmawr.edu) (Bryn Mawr College)

[www.haverford.edu](http://www.haverford.edu) (Haverford College)

[www.swarthmore.edu](http://www.swarthmore.edu) (Swarthmore College)

[www.villanova.edu](http://www.villanova.edu) (Villanova University)

[www.temple.edu](http://www.temple.edu) (Temple University)

[www.sju.edu](http://www.sju.edu) (St. Joseph's University)

[www.tju.edu](http://www.tju.edu) (Thomas Jefferson University)

#### High Tech Industry

[www.aerotek.com](http://www.aerotek.com)

[www.dice.com](http://www.dice.com)

[www.computerweekly.com](http://www.computerweekly.com)

[www.roberthalftechnology.com](http://www.roberthalftechnology.com)

[www.cdicorp.com](http://www.cdicorp.com)

#### Law

[www.findlaw.com](http://www.findlaw.com)

[www.roberthalflegal.com](http://www.roberthalflegal.com)

#### Museums

[www.aam-us.org/aviso](http://www.aam-us.org/aviso)

[www.museum-employment.com](http://www.museum-employment.com)

[www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org) (Philadelphia Museum of Art)

[www.acnatsci.org](http://www.acnatsci.org) (Academy of Natural Sciences)

#### Medical Professionals

[www.medisysqi.com](http://www.medisysqi.com)

#### Non-Profit

[www.opportunitynocs.org](http://www.opportunitynocs.org)

[www.philanthropy.com](http://www.philanthropy.com) *Chronicle of Philanthropy*)

#### Accounting / Financial / Administrative

[www.accountemps.com](http://www.accountemps.com)

[www.acsysinc.com](http://www.acsysinc.com)

[www.accountingprincipals.com](http://www.accountingprincipals.com)

#### Language (ESL, translating, etc.)

Berlitz - 215-735-8500, [www.berlitz.us/locations/pa\\_philadelphia.html](http://www.berlitz.us/locations/pa_philadelphia.html)

DPT Business School - 215-673-2275, [www.dptschool.com/UNTITLEDFRAMESET-2.HTM](http://www.dptschool.com/UNTITLEDFRAMESET-2.HTM)

Lingual Institute - 215-564-4040, [www.lingualinstitute.com](http://www.lingualinstitute.com)

Alliance Francaise - 215-735-5283, [www.alliancefrancaisephiladelphia.com/en/](http://www.alliancefrancaisephiladelphia.com/en/)

The French Communication Institute – 215-568-7765

#### Job Hunting Tips

- Having an address and phone that appears local is very important.
- "Determine exactly what kind of job you're seeking. Develop your network of contacts and talk to them about in what kind of job you're interested. Try to set up informational interviews with people in your industry to get a better feel of what may be available, or ask people if they have additional contacts for you."

- "Most of us felt pressured to start the job search from home, but only when we were actually in Philly did we see results. If you're interested in looking for jobs at Penn and Urban Outfitters in particular, you might try submitting your resume online for a few openings, but as soon as you arrive in Philly, start contacting people directly. People are often reluctant to consider your job application if they see an out-of-state address." However, especially in this economy, it's a good idea to get looking early if you can!
- "Don't rule out the old-fashioned method of searching through the newspaper HELP WANTED section...the *Philadelphia Inquirer* Sunday edition can give you several leads."
- "If you'd like to work at Penn or Urban Outfitters, be aggressive in your search. Try forming a relationship with one of the recruiters at Human Resources or Unique Advantage Partnership. Knock on doors and show people that you're really interested in working."
- Definitely use your student, your student's network, the Wharton Partners Club, and Wharton Kids Club as resources. Often times, students have a huge network right away, from people you meet at Welcome Weekend, to all the pre-term activities. In addition, second years often give up their jobs when their student graduates or know of openings and can help first years out. If you are looking for a job and know in which industry you are interested, please email either [whartonpartners@yahoo.com](mailto:whartonpartners@yahoo.com) or [whartonkids@gmail.com](mailto:whartonkids@gmail.com) and we can post an announcement with current students and their partners.

### Working From Home

Every day working from home or maintaining your job remotely becomes easier and more common. If you work for a large corporation that has offices locally, look into transferring to that office.

Employee turnover is a large expense to organizations and cuts into productivity. Many employers will work with their employees on arrangements that are mutually suitable for retention. The most important item to consider is how often you really need to be in your home office. If you have direct reports, this could be more than you expect (especially if you experience turnover or growth). Your company may have a program already in place. Be prepared for the amount of work that you will need to do to get approval for this type of arrangement (research, documentation, proposal), and in the end be prepared to sign an agreement on the arrangement.

Although you may often find that you are less effective in meeting "dialed-in", you may also find that you are more productive at home without the day-to-day interruptions of office bantering.

Traveling to and from the airport is relatively easy – a cab is easy to grab, traffic to and from the airport rarely exists and the Philadelphia airport (unlike some cities) is very close to downtown.

Although you may think the winter is the worst time to fly, Philadelphia is located in a low-lying area and is subject to many thunderstorms and thick haze during July/August/September. During non-summer months, high winds are a deceptive problem.

## Essential Work Tools for Telecommuting

Internet Connection: Center City has DSL and Cable Modem options. DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) is available through Verizon and Earthlink. Service starts at approximately \$40/month for regular service. Your company may have a nationwide agreement with a carrier that you will need to use. Ultimately, any carrier outside of Verizon will have to work with Verizon to get DSL installed and it takes a WHILE (plan on 3 months at the worst). Comcast is the local cable company that provides high speed internet through the cable line. The cost is about the same as DSL. Things to think about when deciding DSL vs. Cable:

- Performance is comparable
- If you want DSL you need to have a local phone line, so if you just use cell phones at home or VoIP services (like Vonage) this is not the best choice. If you have a phone but not cable TV, then DSL is probably the best option.
- Many people have wireless these days, if you don't have or want a wireless router then you should think about where the cable access or phone jacks are in your home. It may be easiest to pick the one that your apt is best suited for. If you want your computer in the bedroom, make sure there is a way to connect it or be aware that you may have to slit the lines yourself.

Dedicated work phone line: You may want to consider having two lines (in addition to your home line) for faxes and a backup if your DSL goes down. You can set it up as personal (the rates are less) and sign up for AT&T 5-7cents/minute plan. The good news is that you can bill it to your corporate card directly.

For your dedicated work number, you may want to consider the Verizon answering service and ultra call forwarding. This will allow you to forward your phone and check messages remotely. If possible, try to give co-workers one number to reach you at so they don't become frustrated or view you as less available. If you maintain office space at a company site, chances are that you can set up the phone to forward to your home office when you are not there.

Blackberry/iPhone – a good idea for a telecommuter. A blackberry or iPhone will allow you to get your e-mail the same time your desktop receives them and will sync with your calendar, contacts, tasks and memos. If your company has a Blackberry or iPhone server, they can probably provide you with a license so you can use your work email address.

Fax Machine/Copier – Although you may think you don't initially need a fax, the one time you do will be critical. All-in-one printers (fax/scanner/copy/print) are small and cheap.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Whether you are an international Wharton partner who is not able to work in the US, or you're simply looking for opportunities to make a difference in your spare time, Philadelphia and Wharton offer many opportunities to volunteer and give back to the community.

### At Wharton

- Wharton International Volunteer Program – You can work with your student to scope a 3-4 week project working with a nonprofit organization in a developing country. If you decide to also work on that project, Wharton may cover some of your expenses. For more information, see [www.wivp.org](http://www.wivp.org)
- Rebuilding Together - [http://wga.wharton.upenn.edu/club\\_info.asp?ID=102](http://wga.wharton.upenn.edu/club_info.asp?ID=102)
- Wharton Cohort Community Service Representatives organize annual events such as the Turkey Disco Bowl and Angel Tree toy drive. To get involved, ask the Partners Committee Community Service Chair!
- Bizworld is a club that teaches business and entrepreneurship to Elementary school kids. Wharton partners are eligible to participate and in the past have found the program very rewarding - [http://wga.wharton.upenn.edu/club\\_info.asp?ID=83](http://wga.wharton.upenn.edu/club_info.asp?ID=83)

### Around Philadelphia

- Philadelphia Cares - <http://www.philacares.com>
- Volunteer Match - <http://www.volunteermatch.org/bymsa/m6160/c/opp1.html>
- Craigslist - <http://philadelphia.craigslist.org/vol>
- PhillyBlog.com - <http://www.phillyblog.com/philly/volunteer>
- Volunteer at the Philadelphia Zoo - <http://www2.philadelphiazoo.org/participate/volunteer.htm>
- Habitat for Humanity - <http://www.habitatphiladelphia.org/volunteer>
- Stand Up For Kids outreach to homeless youth - <http://www.standupforkids.org/local/pennsylvania/Philadelphia>
- Volunteer at an animal shelter with the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - <http://www.pspca.org/careers/volunteer>
- Martin Luther King day of service is an annual event held in January each year - <http://www.mlkday.gov>

## APPENDIX I: AREA WEBSITES

Wharton Partners: [www.whartonpartners.org](http://www.whartonpartners.org)

Wharton Kids Club: <http://www.whartonkidsclub.com>

[www.gophila.com](http://www.gophila.com) Official guide for Philadelphia travel and tourism information including vacation packages, itineraries, tours, hotels, restaurants, museums, and historic sites. You can sign up to get weekly e-mails on what is going on in Philly.

<http://www.libertynet.com>, the Web site of the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau, has general information about the city, current events, and links to dozens of tour operations and local attractions.

<http://philadelphia.craigslist.org/>, an online “bulletin board” with everything from jobs and apartments to personal ads.

<http://philadelphia.citysearch.com/>, great site for looking up bars or restaurants by type or location. It also has listings of events in the area, as well as, a spa and beauty section.

[www.phl.org](http://www.phl.org) is the site of Philadelphia International Airport and provides up to the minute departure and arrival information. You can also get this information by calling 1-800-PHL-GATE

[www.septa.com](http://www.septa.com) the site for the transportation agency SEPTA, provides schedules, detailed maps and fares for its bus, train, and subway routes, and news about changes on the lines due to construction. You can also put in your starting and destination points and it will give you the quickest route to get there.

<http://www.philly.com/> A gateway to Philadelphia on the Web, including news from the Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News.

[www.phillymag.com](http://www.phillymag.com) News, weather, event listings and our personalized dining guides ... Philadelphia Magazine online! Search for “Best of Philadelphia” restaurants, beauty salons, bars, etc.

<http://cityguide.aol.com/philadelphia/main.ado> From the schedule of Philadelphia 76ers to the nearest public library, the Your Town channel offers info on local news, restaurants, entertainment (including movie listings), shopping and people. You sign up to have weekly e-mails sent to you with event information.

<http://philadelphia.areaguides.net/> Philadelphia Area Guide provides travel and business information for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It offers information about lodging, dining, hotels, real estate, maps and weather.

## APPENDIX II: EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES

Country	Address	Phone	Fax	Website	Email
Afghanistan	360 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10017 12 West 56th Street New York, New York 10019	(+1-212) 972 2276	(+1-212) 972 9046		<a href="mailto:afghancons@aol.com">afghancons@aol.com</a>
Argentina	119 East 36th Street New York, NY 10016	(+1) (212) 603-0400	(+1) (212) 541- 7746	<a href="http://www.consuladoargentinoennuevayork.com">http://www.consuladoargentinoennuevayork.com</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:fcnyor@mrecic.gov.ar">fcnyor@mrecic.gov.ar</a>
Armenia	150 East 42nd Street, 34th Floor New York NY 10017-	(212) 686-9079	(212) 686-3934	<a href="http://www2.un.int/public/Armenia/">http://www2.un.int/public/Armenia/</a>	<a href="mailto:armenia@un.int">armenia@un.int</a>
Australia	5612 Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP 1701 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19103	+1 212 351 6500 (24 Hours)	+1 212 351 6501	<a href="http://www.newyork.usa.embassy.gov.au">http://www.newyork.usa.embassy.gov.au</a>	
Belgium	1185 Avenue of the Americas (Sixth) 21st Floor New York, NY 10036	(1) (215) 963 5092	+ (1) (215) 963 5092	<a href="mailto:sjannetta@morganlewis.com,philadelphia@diplobel.org">sjannetta@morganlewis.com,philadelphia@diplobel.org</a>	
Brazil	1650 Market Street, 36th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103	(917) 777-7777	(212) 827-0225	<a href="http://www.brazilny.org">http://www.brazilny.org</a>	<a href="mailto:consulado@brazilny.org">consulado@brazilny.org</a>
Canada		(267) 207-2721	(267) 207-2722	<a href="http://www.philadelphia.gc.ca">http://www.philadelphia.gc.ca</a>	

Chile	Public Ledger Building, Suite 1030, 6th and Chestnuts Streets, Philadelphia PA 19106	(215) 829-9520	215 -829-0594	<a href="mailto:cnfilaus@infionline.net">cnfilaus@infionline.net</a>	
China	2300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington DC 20008	(202)328-2500	(202)328-2582	<a href="http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/">http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/</a>	<a href="mailto:webmaster@china-embassy.org">webmaster@china-embassy.org</a>
Ivory Coast	2424 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20008	(202) 797-0300			
Egypt	3521 International Ct. N.W. Washington DC 20008	(+1) (202) 8955400	(+1) (202) 8955400	<a href="mailto:embassy@egyptembdc.org">embassy@egyptembdc.org</a>	
France	4101 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington DC 20007	[1] (202) 944 60 00	[1] (202) 944 61 66	<a href="http://ambafrance-us.org">http://ambafrance-us.org</a>	<a href="mailto:info@ambafrance-us.org">info@ambafrance-us.org</a>
Georgia	1615 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Suite 300 Washington DC 20009	(202) 387-2390	(202) 387-0864	<a href="http://embassy.mfa.gov.ge">http://embassy.mfa.gov.ge</a>	<a href="mailto:washington.emb@mfa.gov.ge">washington.emb@mfa.gov.ge</a>

Germany	4 Penn Center, Suite 2001600 John F. Kennedy Blvd.Philadelphia, PA 2220 R Street, NW Washington DC 20008	1-215-568-5573	1-215-6650375		honconsulphila@aol.com
Guatemala	2300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington DC 20008	(202) 745-4952	(202) 745-1908	<a href="http://www.guatemala-embassy.org/">http://www.guatemala-embassy.org/</a>	info@guatemala-embassy.org
Hong Kong	2107 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington DC 20008	(202)328-2500	(202)328-2582	<a href="http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/">http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/</a>	
India	3514 International Drive, NW Washington DC 20008	00-1-202-9397000		<a href="http://www.indianembassy.org/">http://www.indianembassy.org/</a>	
Israel	3000 Whitehaven Street NW Washington DC 20008	00-1-202-364-5500		<a href="http://www.israelemb.org/">http://www.israelemb.org/</a>	
Italy	2520 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington DC 20008	00-1- 202-612-4400		<a href="http://www.ambwashingtondc.esteri.it/Ambasciata_Washington/">http://www.ambwashingtondc.esteri.it/Ambasciata_Washington/</a>	
Japan	2940 Tilden Street, NW Washington DC 20008	00-1-202-238-6700		<a href="http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/english/html/index.htm">http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/english/html/index.htm</a>	
Kuwait	3516 International Court, N.W. Washington DC 20008	00-1-202-966-0702		<a href="http://www.kuwait-info.org/">http://www.kuwait-info.org/</a>	
Malaysia	1911 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington DC 20008	00-1-202-572-9700		<a href="http://www.kln.gov.my/perwakilan/washington">http://www.kln.gov.my/perwakilan/washington</a>	
Mexico	Washington DC 20036	00-1-202-728-1600		<a href="http://portal.sre.gob.mx/eua">http://portal.sre.gob.mx/eua</a>	

Mozambique	1990 M Street North West, Suite 570 Washington, DC 20036	00-1-202-293- 7146/9		<a href="http://www.embamoc-usa.org/">http://www.embamoc-usa.org/</a>
New Zealand	37 Observatory Circle, Washington DC 20008	(202) 328-4800	(202) 667-5227	www.nzembassy.com
Nigeria	1333 16th Street NW, Washington DC 20036	(202) 986-8400	(202) 775-1385	www.nigeriaembassyusa.org
Portugal	866 Second Ave, 9th floor, New York, N.Y. 10017	(212) 759-9444	(212) 355-1124	www.un.int/portugal
South Korea	2320 Massachusetts Ave NW., Washington DC 20008	(202) 939-5654	(202) 342-1597	www.koreaembassy.org
South Korea	335 East 45th Street New York, NY 10017	212-439-4000	212-986-1083	<a href="http://www.un.int/korea/">http://www.un.int/korea/</a>
Spain	150 East 58th St., 30th floor New York, NY 10155	212-355-4080	212-644-3751	<a href="http://www.spainconsul-ny.org">http://www.spainconsul-ny.org</a>
Switzerland	2900 Cathedral Ave. NW Washington DC 20008	202-745-7940	N/A	<a href="http://www.swissemb.org/">http://www.swissemb.org/</a>
Turkey	821 United Nations Plaza New York, NY 10017	212-949-0160 (4)	212 983-1293	<a href="http://www.turkishconsulateny.org/">http://www.turkishconsulateny.org/</a>
United Arab Emirates	747 Third Avenue, 36th Floor New York, NY 10017	212-371-0480	212-371-4923	Email: <a href="mailto:uae@un.int">uae@un.int</a> , <a href="mailto:areun@undp.org">areun@undp.org</a>

United Kingdom	845 Third Avenue New York, NY 10022	212-745-0200	212-754-3062	<a href="http://www.britainusa.com/ny/">http://www.britainusa.com/ny/</a>
Venezuela	1099 30th Street NW, Washington DC 20007	202-342 2214	202-342 6820	<a href="http://www.embavenez-us.org">http://www.embavenez-us.org</a>
Vietnam	866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 435 New York, NY 10017	212-644-0594	212-644-5732	<a href="http://www.un.int/vietnam/">http://www.un.int/vietnam/</a>

## APPENDIX III: CONVERSIONS

(METRIC UNITS, CLOTHING, SHOE SIZES, COOKING MEASURES)

### Metric Conversions Length

1 millimeter (mm) = 0.03937 in 1 centimeter (cm) = 10 mm = 0.3937 in 1 meter (m) = 100 cm = 1.0936 yd  
1 kilometer (km) = 1,000 m = 0.6214 mile 1 inch (in) = 25.4 mm 1 foot (ft) = 12 in = 0.3048 m  
1 yard (yd) = 3 ft = 0.9144 m 1 mile = 1,760 yd = 1.6093 km

### Area

1 square cm (cm<sup>2</sup>) = 100 mm<sup>2</sup> = 0.1550 in<sup>2</sup> 1 square meter (m<sup>2</sup>) = 10,000 cm<sup>2</sup> = 1.1960 yd<sup>2</sup> 1 hectare (ha) = 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> = 2.4711 acres  
1 square km (km<sup>2</sup>) = 100 ha = 0.3861 mile<sup>2</sup> 1 square inch (in<sup>2</sup>) = 645.16 mm<sup>2</sup> 1 square foot (ft<sup>2</sup>) = 0.093 m<sup>2</sup>  
1 square yard (yd<sup>2</sup>) = 9 ft<sup>2</sup> = 0.8361 m<sup>2</sup> 1 acre = 4840 yd<sup>2</sup> = 4046.86 m<sup>2</sup> 1 square mile (mile<sup>2</sup>) = 640 acres = 2.59 km<sup>2</sup>

### Volume/Capacity

1 cubic cm (cm<sup>3</sup>) = 0.0610 in<sup>3</sup> ~ 1 cubic decimeter (dm<sup>3</sup>) = 1,000 cm<sup>3</sup> = 0.0353 ft<sup>3</sup>  
1 cubic meter (m<sup>3</sup>) = 1,000 dm<sup>3</sup> = 1.3080 yd<sup>3</sup> 1 liter (l) = 1 dm<sup>3</sup> = 0.2642 US gal 1 liter = 0.2200 Imp gal  
1 hectoliter (h) = 100 l = 2.8378 US activities 1 cubic inch (in<sup>3</sup>) = 16.387 cm<sup>3</sup> 1 cubic foot (ft<sup>3</sup>) = 0.0283 m<sup>3</sup>  
1 cubic yard (yd<sup>3</sup>) = 27 ft<sup>3</sup> = 0.7646 m<sup>3</sup> 1 US dry pint = 0.5506 l 1 US bushel = 64 US dry pints = 35.239 l 1 US liquid pint = 0.4732 l  
1 Teaspoon = 5 ml 3 Teaspoons = 1 Tablespoon 1 US Cup = 16 Tablespoons  
1 US gallon = 2 Quarts = 8 US Liquid Pints = 16 Cups = 128 Fluid Ounces = 3.7854 l

### Mass (Weight)

1 gram (g) = 1,000 mg = 0.0353 oz 1 kilogram (kg) = 1,000 g = 2.2046 lb  
1 ton (mt) = 1,000 kg = 1.1023 short tons 1 ton = 0.9842 long ton 1 ounce (oz) = 437.5 grains = 28.350 g  
1 pound (lb) = 16 oz = 0.4536 kg 1 short cwt = 100 lb ~ 45.359 kg 1 long cwt ~ 112 lb ~ 50.802 kg 1 short ton = 2,000 lb ~ 0.9072 t 1 long ton = 2,240 lb = 1.0161 t

### Temperature, Length and Distances

Conversion F to C = Subtract 32 - Divide by 1.8 ~ Example: to convert 80 F => 80-32=48 ~ 48/1.8=26.66 C

Conversion C to F = Multi ply by 1.8 Add 32 ~~ Example: To convert 27 C  $27 \times 1.8 = 48.6$  ~~  $48.6 + 32 = 80.6$  F  
Oven Temperatures 250 F (120 C) = very low ~ 300 F (150 C) = low ~ 325 F (165 C) = low/medium ~ 350 F (180 C) = medium ~  
375 F (190 C) = medium/high ~ 400 F (205 C) = hot ~ 450 F - 500 F (230-260 C) = very hot

## Electric Current

The standard US current is 110 volts, 60 cycles alternating current (A.C.) Appliances running on 220-240 volts will not work in the United States. Most appliances or hardware stores in metropolitan areas carry current conversion kits that will work on appliances. Many visitors bring these from home.

## Water & Energy

1 liter weighs 1 kilogram 1 cubic meter weighs 1 ton  
1,000 British thermal units (Btu) = 0.293 kWh 100,000 Btu = 1 thermal  
1 horsepower = 0.7457 kilowatt 1 calorie (dieticians') = 4.1855 kilojoules  
Crude Oil 1 barrel = 42 US gallons  
1 barrel = 0.159 cubic meter 1 barrel = 0.136 ton (approximately)

## Velocity and Fuel Consumption

1 Miles/hour = 1.609344 kilometers/hour = 0.868976 international knots Miles/US gallon = 0.42514 kilometers/liter  
1 US gallons/mile = 235.215 liters/100 kilometers

## Clothing and Shoe Size

### Women's Clothing

**American** 06 ~ 08 ~ 10 ~ 12 ~ 14 ~ 16 ~ 18 ~ 20 ~ 22

**Continental** 34 ~ 36 ~ 38 ~ 40 ~ 42 ~ 44 ~ 46 ~ 48 ~ 50

**Japanese** 05 ~ 07 ~ 09 ~ 11 ~ 13 ~ 15 ~ 17 ~ 19 ~ 21

**British** 28 ~ 30 ~ 32 ~ 34 ~ 36 ~ 38 ~ 40 ~ 42 ~ 44

### Men's Suits, Overcoats, & Sweaters

**American** 34 ~ 36 ~ 38 ~ 40 ~ 42 ~ 44 ~ 46

**Continental** 44 ~ 46 ~ 48 ~ 50 ~ 52 ~ 54 ~ 56

**Japanese** S ~ M ~ L ~ LL

**British** 4 ~ 36 ~ 38 ~ 40 ~ 42 ~ 44 ~ 46

### **Collar Sizes, Men's Shirts**

**American** 14 ~ 14.5 ~ 15 ~ 15.5 ~ 16 ~ 16.5 ~ 17

**Continental** 36 ~ 37.0 ~ 38 ~ 39.0 ~ 40 ~ 41.0 ~ 42

**Japanese** 36 ~ 37.0 ~ 38 ~ 39.0 ~ 40 ~ 41.0 ~ 42

**British** 14 ~ 14.5 ~ 15 ~ 15.5 ~ 16 ~ 16.5 ~ 17

### **Women's Shoes**

**American** 06.0 ~ 06.5 ~ 07.0 ~ 07.5 ~ 08.0 ~ 08.5 ~ 09.0

**Continental** 36.0 ~ 36.5 ~ 37.0 ~ 37.5 ~ 38.0 ~ 39.0 ~ 40.0

**Japanese** 23.0 ~ 23.5 ~ 24.0 ~ 24.5 ~ 25.0 ~ 25.5 ~ 26.0

**British** 04.5 ~ 05.0 ~ 05.5 ~ 06.0 ~ 06.5 ~ 07.0 ~ 07.5

### **Men's Shoes**

**American** 05.5 ~ 06.5 ~ 07.5 ~ 08.5 ~ 09.5 ~ 10.5 ~ 11.5

**Continental** 39.0 ~ 40.0 ~ 41.0 ~ 42.0 ~ 43.0 ~ 44.0 ~ 45.0

**Japanese** 24.5 ~ 26.0 ~ 27.5 ~ 28.0 ~ 29.0

**British** 05.0 ~ 06.0 ~ 07.0 ~ 08.0 ~ 09.0 ~ 10.0 ~ 11.0

### Equivalent Measurements for Cooking

#### Measure Equivalent

Under 1/8 teaspoon Dash

3 teaspoons 1 tablespoon

4 tablespoons ¼ cup = 2 ounces

5 1/3 tablespoons 1/3 cup

8 tablespoons ½ cup = 4 ounces

10 2/3 tablespoons 2/3 cup

12 tablespoons ¾ cup = 6 ounces

16 tablespoons 1 cup = 8 ounces

#### Cups Equivalent

1/8 cup 1 ounce = 2 tablespoons

¼ cup 2 ounces = 4 tablespoons

1/3 cup 5 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoons

½ cup 4 ounces = 8 tablespoons

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup 6 ounces = 12 tablespoons

1 cup 8 ounces = 16 tablespoons

2 cups 16 ounces = 1 pint

4 cups 32 ounces = 1 quarts