



Tour Name

Lonely Planet Experiences Private Philadelphia Tour: Beyond the Cheesesteak

Tour City

Philadelphia

Tour Snapshot

Combine street food and brain food on this private Philadelphia tour that takes in the hallowed halls of academia, the glory of the grand terminal, the worship of college sports, and the fun of food trucking!

This tour is priced for a minimum group size of two travellers. A solo traveller may still book this private experience but will be charged the base rate for two travellers.

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Highlights

- Experience the best of Philly's street food in the city's University City neighborhood
- Get to know two of Philly's major universities through their unique, eclectic, and tasty food trucks

- Discover Drexel University's historic architecture with a local to tell you all about it
- Visit the University of Pennsylvania's iconic sports venues, impressive libraries, and picturesque campus
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Inclusions: Local English speaking guide, food from three food trucks, trolley token.

Exclusions: Additional food and drink beyond what is included, items of a personal nature, tips and gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration: 2.5 Hours
- Meeting point:
Inside 30th Street Station, near the center of the station next to the WWII Memorial.
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///mock.back.riders](https://www.what3words.com/#!/en_US/3w3w/mock-back-riders)
- Starting time: 11.00 AM
- Ending point:
40th St. Trolley Station - The traveler will be able to ride the trolley (token provided) back to 30th St. or continue into Center City.

Full Itinerary

Feed your mind as well as your belly on this private Philadelphia city tour that bypasses the usual tourist spots and sends you back to school on the university campuses. Don't worry, there won't be an exam at the end — there'll be food trucks instead!

Your private Philadelphia tour begins at the city's largest transportation hub, 30th St. Station. You'll get a glimpse of the fine architecture inside the grand terminal, and be in the midst of the busy intersection of trains, buses, subways and trolleys. We leave the station on foot and begin the journey down Market Street.

Before we make it very far, we'll stop for a taste of the Caribbean or we'll keep it local, at our first group of food trucks. It's a bit of a hidden gem here, and you'll be amazed at the quality of food being produced here.

Just down the road we'll reach Drexel University, where we'll head down one of their new green quads and into the beautiful Main Building, the very first building on Drexel's campus. You'll meander down the hill past World Cafe Live and underneath the highline as trains are passing high above.

From here we enter Penn Park, a brand-new green space with spectacular views of the Philly skyline. After soaking up this panorama, your tour continues over the train tracks and passes by some of the most iconic college sports venues in the country: Franklin Field and the Palestra.

We'll reach our second group of food trucks just in front of Franklin Field. You'll also get to experience this chaotic and wonderful food scene during the heart of lunch — a truly local experience!

From there we head to the heart of Penn's campus, the very first public university in the US. We'll take you inside Fisher Library, an architectural masterpiece by Frank Furness. We'll walk by College Hall, Penn's first building on the campus, and go inside Houston Hall, home of America's first Student Union. From there we walk up Locust Walk, arguably the most beautiful city campus setting in the country.

From there, we end up on Spruce Street, where you'll be treated to something sweet. This is one of the best spots for food trucks in Philly, and a food tour wouldn't be complete without stopping here!

We'll finally arrive at a trolley stop, where your guide will provide a token for you and your travel mates. This street trolley ride is a unique experience and you'll definitely feel like a Philadelphia local once you've taken a trip on it! From this point, you'll have the option to ride back to 30th St. or continue into the city center.

(If you'd prefer to travel as part of a regular group experience, please book our [Beyond the Cheesesteak group tour](#).)

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Need a place to stay?

Heading to Philly without a place to rest your head? Have no fear — the [Sheraton Downtown Philadelphia Hotel](#) is ready to welcome you to the City of Brotherly Love! As our preferred accommodation partner in Philadelphia, we recommend grabbing a room there if you haven't already booked any accommodation. Sleep tight!

Additional information

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Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Closure of sites: Please note that Fisher Library will have restricted access during finals period.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

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