

SHOPS

1 Vagabond

Personal expression is the bread and butter of this beloved boutique, which stocks independent labels like Paloma Wool, Caron Callahan, and TwentySeven ceramics. A back room filled with vintage finds caters to those who aren't interested in looking like anybody else. @shopatvagabond | 37 N. 3rd St.
Mon-Sat: 11am-7pm Sun: 11am-5pm

2 Meadowsweet Mercantile

With a modern selection of women's vintage (leather jackets, straw bags, Levi's, etc.) and a rotating roster of artist pop-ups, this vintage mecca is an ode to the art of curation. @meadowsweetmercantile | 47 N. 2nd St.
Mon-Sat: 12pm-7pm Sun: 12pm-5pm

3 rennes

This dreamy Old City shop carries hard-to-find Japanese designers alongside wispy, endlessly romantic garments. Owner Julia Okun's eye for superior craftsmanship gives her sun-drenched shop the storied atmosphere of old-school ateliers. @rennes_ | 135 N. 3rd St.
Tues-Fri: 11am-5pm Sat: 12pm-6pm Sun: 12pm-5pm

4 Yowie

Our copywriter's favorite shop, this cheerful home and lifestyle shop stocks goods from Japanese artist Ken Kagami, candy-colored drinkware, and a diverse zine library. @hellyowiewie | 716 S. 4th St.
Thurs-Sat: 12pm-7pm Sun: 11am-5pm

5 Brickbat Books

With an amalgam of rare first editions and artist monographs, walking inside Brickbat Books feels like venturing into the personal library of the world's most interesting dinner party guest. @brickbatphilly | 709 S. 4th St.
Tues: 11am-7pm Wed: 11am-5pm
Thurs-Sat: 11am-7pm Sun: 12pm-5pm

FOOD & DRINK

6 Double Knot

Sushi, sake, and dumplings make Double Knot a stylish choice for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, but it's the subterranean izakaya-style dining room, which serves yakitori grilled meats in the evening, that sets it apart from the rest. @doubleknot_phl | 120 13th St.
Cafe: Opens at 7am
Happy Hour: Mon-Sun: 4pm-7pm
Dinner: Mon-Tues: 5pm-10pm Wed-Thurs: 5pm-11pm
Fri-Sat: 5pm-12pm

7 Hiro Ramen

Our favorite ramen bar in the city has a spicy kick, large portions, and a good selection of Japanese sodas. BYOB and cash only. 1102 Chestnut St.
Mon-Sat: 11am-3pm, 4pm-9:30pm

8 Vernick Food & Drink

James Beard Award-winning chef Greg Vernick's experimental twists on comfort food relays a modest but ambitious vision of new American cooking. @vernickphilly | 2031 Walnut St.
Dinner: Tues-Sun: 5pm-11:00pm
Bar: Tues-Sun: 4:30pm-1:00am

9 Res Ipsa

From the founders of Reanimator Coffee and Stock, Res Ipsa (Latin for "it speaks for itself") serves artfully arranged Italian plates in a casual BYO cafe setting. @resipsaphilly | 2218 Walnut St.
Cafe: Mon-Fri: 7am-5:30pm Sat-Sun 8am-10:30pm
Dinner: Wed-Sun 5:30pm-10:30pm

10 Mission Taqueria

Neon lights bring a happy glow into this stylish taqueria, which serves a rainbow of margaritas for the happy hour crowd. @missiontaqueria | 1516 Sansom St.
Mon-Thurs: 11:30am-11pm Fri: 11:30am-12am
Sat: 11:00am-12am Sun: 11:00am-10pm
Happy Hour: Mon-Fri: 5pm-7pm

11 FRIEDA

It's not enough to describe Frieda as just a cafe, or a marketplace, or a community center. At its core, Frieda is a gathering place for all generations, a space where a millennial book club can enjoy afternoon tea next to a group of seniors playing a round of Mah Jongg. @friedaforgenerations | 320 Walnut St.
Tue: 8am-5pm Wed-Thu: 8am-8:30pm Fri: 8am-5pm
Sat-Sun: 9am-4:30pm

12 Middle Child

Inspired by the Italian hoagie shops, Jewish delis, and Greek diners of old-school Philadelphia, Middle Child serves lunch break favorites with a side of humor. @middlechildphiladelphia | 248 S. 11th St.
Mon-Fri: 7am-3pm Sat-Sun: 8am-3pm

13 1 Tippling Place

A homey, midcentury parlour bar serving complex cocktails without pretension; we recommend asking the bartenders to surprise you. @1tpl | 2006 Chestnut St.
Happy Hour: Tues-Fri: 5pm-7pm
Tues-Thurs: 5pm-1am Fri-Sat: 5pm-2am
Sun: 5pm-1am

COFFEE & TEA

14 Ray's Cafe & Tea House

This unassuming Chinatown cafe serves a complex siphon-brewed house coffee, along with cold brew and Japanese charcoal-roasted coffee. 141 N. 9th St.
Mon-Thurs: 8am-6pm Fri: 8am-8pm
Sat: 11:30am-8:00pm

15 WinWin Coffee Bar

This collectively-owned coffee shop transforms into a bar and dance floor when the sun goes down. The back kitchen houses Pizza Gutt, whose cult-favorite pies sell out in minutes. @winwincoffeebar
@pizza_gutt | 931 Spring Garden St.
Happy Hour: Wed-Thurs: 5pm-7pm
Wed-Thurs: 4pm-12am
Fri-Sat: 4pm-2am Sun: 4pm-12am

16 Chapterhouse Cafe & Gallery

Multiple spacious rooms, a cozy atmosphere, and late closing hours make Chapterhouse an ideal place to read after work. 629 9th St. | Mon-Sun: 7am-10pm

17 Menagerie Coffee

The warm, mellow atmosphere that settles in during the afternoon makes this coffee shop the perfect spot to write a paper or relax with a pot of tea. @menageriecoffee | 18 S. 3rd St.
Mon-Fri: 7am-7pm Sat-Sun: 8am-7pm

UNIQUELY PHILADELPHIA

18 The Barnes Foundation

With rare works from the likes of Van Gogh, de Chirico, and Degas, this eccentric private collection boasts some of the most important impressionist works of the 20th century. Tues-Sun: 11am-5pm
2025 Benjamin Franklin Parkway

19 Reading Terminal Market

Open since 1892, no visit to this indoor farmers' market is complete without a reuben from Hershel's East Side or a shake from Bassett's. Stop in during the afternoon to avoid the lunch rush. 51 N. 12th St. | Mon-Sun: 8am-6pm

20 Italian Market 9th street

This beloved outdoor food market personifies the colorful spirit of South Philadelphia. A hot-out-the-oven pretzel from Center City Pretzel Co. is a perfect midnight snack. 1100th block of S. 9th St.
Tues-Sat: 8am-5pm Sun: 8am-3pm

A MOMENT OUTSIDE

21 The Rail Park

Philadelphia's answer to New York's High Line, this recently unveiled elevated park covers three miles of previously abandoned rail lines.

22 PHS Pop Up Garden

A collection of green oasis built in revitalized empty lots, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's seasonal pop-ups are the perfect location for an outdoor afternoon drink.

23 Washington Square West Garden

Our park bench of choice for watching the world pass by.



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