**Historical Sites and Landmarks in Philadelphia**

There are a few “Must-See” places in Philadelphia that are historical sites of importance, sites and places that have deep roots in American history. View our list of historical sites that you can visit on your next field trip to our city. We can add any of these sites or landmarks to a field trip itinerary, please mention any of these to our field trip planners.

**Betsy Ross House**

Visiting the house of Betsy Ross would be an awesome experience. This winter – the Philadelphia patriot believed to have made the first American flag – and see how working – class people lived in Colonial Philadelphia.

**Elfreth’s Alley**

Walk down the oldest continuously occupied residential street in the nation. Yes, it is true! It is indeed crowned as “*Our nation’s oldest residential street*”. It is also a National Historic Landmark that will make you fell in love with it.

**Fort Mifflin on the Delaware**

Let us walk you through the site of the greatest bombardment of the American Revolution and the oldest fortification in continuous use in the United States, from 1771-1954. It is also known as Mud Island Fort, but it was originally named as Fort Island Battery. It is the U.S. National Register of Historic Place and the U.S. National Historic Landmark.

**Edgar Allen Poe National Historical Site**

Learn about the brief and tragic life of the author Edgar Allen Poe in the house where Poe penned some of his classic stories. Yes, this historic house was once rented by the famous American author Edgar Allen Poe. It is a place of immense historic importance. It is the U.S. National Register of Historic Place, the U.S. National Historic Landmark, and the U.S. National Historic Site.

**Historic Franklin Court**

Follow in the footsteps of Franklin and see the “Ghost House” depicting Franklin’s home; an underground museum with displays, including Franklin’s inventions and interactive exhibits; a real working colonial-era print shop; and the B. Free Franklin Post Office, the first in the U.S. founded by Franklin.

**Historic Houses of Germantown**

See where the Battle of Germantown was fought during the American Revolution, the first bible was published and more. Built in the 17th century A.D., the Colonial Germantown Historic District is a designated National Historic Landmark District in the Germantown and Mount Airy neighborhoods of Philadelphia.

**Independence National Historical Park**

Tour “America’s most historic square mile” including, the Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall, Second Bank of the United States, Congress Hall, Carpenters’ Hall and more. These historic places will take your heart, and left you craving for coming over and over again to see them.

**National Constitution Center**

Learn about the Constitution of the United States at the only museum dedicated to the Constitution; featuring more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits and “Signers Hall,” with life-size statues of the signers of the Constitution.

**Philadelphia’s City Hall**

Tour the largest and most elaborate city hall in the country, which features a 548-foot tower, topped by a 37-foot bronze statue of William Penn. See the actual cell of some of America’s most notorious criminals, including Willie Sutton and Al Capone at this architectural and historically significant prison.

**Masonic Temple**

This National Historic Landmark, which lists George Washington among its members, features guided tours through seven ornate lodge halls, each one representing a different architectural style. It is an important historic icon that will take your heart.

**Valley Forge National Historical Park**

You do not know what it is like to visit this historic site and recreation area where Gen George Washington and his troops survived the famed encampment of 1777-78. U.S. it is a National Register of Historic Places, U.S. National Historic Landmark District, and U.S. National Historical Park.

**Washington Crossing Historic Park**

Visit this 500-acre site and recreational area where George Washington led his troops across the Delaware River for a pivotal battle. This place tells the firsthand account of this important battle led by George Washington. It is now a state park operated by Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

**Christ Church and Burial Ground**

Sit in the same pews where George Washington, Betsy Ross, and Benjamin Franklin worshipped. Visit here the burial ground containing the graves of Franklin and other famous Revolutionary War leaders and pay tribute to these great people who dedicated their lives to make this country a better place to live.

**Longwood Gardens**

Let us expand your knowledge of botany at this premier horticultural display garden offering 1,050 of formal gardens, fountains, meadows, woodlands and nearly four acres of heated greenhouses. It is one of the premier horticultural display gardens in the United States.

**The Academy of Natural Sciences**

You can not only dig for dinosaurs, discover fossils and gems, but also learn about the environment at this entertaining natural science museum. There is no denying the fact that the Academy of Natural Sciences is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the New World.

**Free Library of Philadelphia**

So it is a public library housing the best local history, travel, and resource collection in Philadelphia. The library also features a collection of rare books and manuscripts dating back to this country’s earliest recorded times. It is really a heaven for the people who love to read books.

**National Liberty Museum**

Let’s celebrate American heroes and the ideals of freedom at this museum honoring more than 1,000 outstanding individuals of all ethnic backgrounds. National Liberty Museum opened its door to the public in the year 2000 and it has now become an important place of study.