

Getting Here

Getting to the Philadelphia region is a cinch.

Philadelphia is the second largest city on the East Coast and ranks fifth in the nation, with a metropolitan population of 5.8 million. Philadelphia is conveniently located in the middle of the Northeast Corridor, 100 miles south of New York, 133 miles north of Washington, D.C., and 55 miles from Atlantic City. More than 63 million people – approximately a quarter of the U.S. population – live within a 5.5-hour drive from Philadelphia.

But you don't have to drive; Philadelphia is accessible by car, train, bus, airplane and even cruise ship.

By Plane

[Philadelphia International Airport](#) (PHL) is just seven miles from Center City. SEPTA's R1 line directly links the airport to Philadelphia's downtown for a fast, hassle-free connection. Philadelphia taxis charge a flat rate of \$25 for travel between Center City and the airport. PHL is served by all major domestic carriers and is a major hub for US Airways. The New International Terminal features 13 new international gates, 56 U.S. immigration booths and more amenities to make your trip to Philadelphia as pleasant as possible.

[Philadelphia International Airport](#), (215) 937-6800

You can also fly into Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) or Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI). Amtrak transportation is available from these airports to Philadelphia. See the attached materials for further information on these options. Rental cars are also a convenient option, as the distances are not great.

By Train

Philadelphia is served by [Amtrak](#), which operates rail service along the Northeast Corridor stretching from Boston to Washington, and other major cities in the United States and Canada. Amtrak's **30th Street Station** is minutes from the Pennsylvania Convention Center and Center City hotels.

Other Trains

Local train service is provided by [SEPTA](#), which also connects to NJ Transit trains in Trenton, NJ en route to New York. NJ Transit trains also depart from 30th Street Station for Atlantic City, NJ.

[Amtrak](#), (800) USA-RAIL

[SEPTA](#), (215) 580-7800

[PATCO](#), (856) 772-6900

[NJ Transit](#), (800) 772-2222

By Car

By car, the city is just two hours from New York City, 90 minutes from Baltimore, three hours from Washington D.C. and about an hour from Lancaster County, Atlantic City and the New Jersey shore via major highways.

Philadelphia is served by the PA Turnpike (I-276), I-76, I-476, I-95, US-1 and the New Jersey Turnpike.

[AAA](#), (215) 569-4411 (1-800-AAA-HELP outside of PA)
[Live Traffic Map](#) — Traffic Information

By Bus

Bus service to and from Philadelphia is excellent, with daily arrivals from all parts of the country. The [Greyhound](#) Bus Terminal is located at 10th and Filbert Streets. Greyhound will be rolling out their [brand-new state-of-the-art bus fleet](#) for travel to and from Philadelphia in the near future. Also, Greyhound is offering reduced fares from New York City to Philadelphia if you book at least three days in advance — as low as \$6. [CLICK HERE](#) to check fares from New York City to Philadelphia. Or visit Greyhound's [Deals and Discounts page](#) to see what current offers Greyhound is promoting.

Recently, two additional bus lines have started service to Philadelphia from nearby East Coast cities. [Megabus](#) and [BoltBus](#) both offer spacious seating, free Wi-Fi and affordable fares. Megabus, which specializes in double-decker buses, is the perfect way to start your trip to [Historic Philadelphia](#) with a stop at the [Independence Visitor Center](#) as well as 30th Street Station. Starting March 21, 2010, Megabus will offer daily service between [Philadelphia and Washington, DC](#) with a significant number of seats for only \$1 or \$5. Meanwhile, BoltBus offers an incredibly affordable option with its \$1 "Bolt for a Buck" fares.

For more local trips, SEPTA's bus, trolley and subway services will take you anywhere you want to go in Southeastern Pennsylvania. NJ Transit buses service routes between Philadelphia and South Jersey.

[Megabus](#), 1-877-GO2-MEGA
[BoltBus](#), 1-877-BOLTBUS
[Greyhound Lines](#), (215) 931-4075
[SEPTA](#), (215) 580-7800
[NJ Transit](#), (800) 772-2222
[Academy Bus Tours](#), (215) 665-1734
[New Century Travel](#)

By Boat

A perfect place from where to set sail, Philadelphia is an extremely popular port for cruise vacations. More than 30 cruises a year depart Philadelphia for Bermuda and the Caribbean .

If you cruise from Philadelphia, your vacation can start even before you get onboard! Combine your cruise with a stay-over in Philadelphia and you can enjoy a day full of shopping, dining, sightseeing and more before you even begin your real vacation.

An overnight stay at one of Philadelphia's many wonderful hotels is a great way to start your trip. Smart too — you won't have to worry about a long drive or rushing to catch the cruise: the Cruise Terminal is just minutes from Center City.

[Philadelphia Cruise Terminal at Pier One](#)