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Keep your summer houseguests entertained with five fun new sightseeing tours that even the born-and-raised- here will love

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Film Fan

Because stalking Bradley Cooper is uncouth, snag a seat on a Philadelphia Movie Sites bus tour of former shoot sites; riders watch film clips on the bus's big screen. The tour covers a lot of ground—from the original Famous 4th Street (Philadelphia) to City Hall (Law Abiding Citizen) to the Jamaican Jerk Hut (In Her Shoes). \$35 for a 2.5-hour tour leaving from Independence Visitor Center; dates and times vary; moviesitetour.com. Fuel up: At the Capital Grille, where you'll have a shot at spotting some celebs in the flesh.

Thecapitalgrille.com.

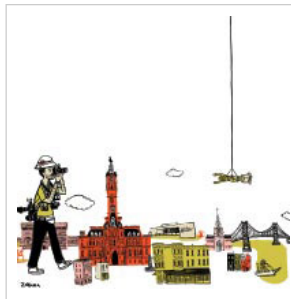


Illustration by Zachariah O'Hora

Crime Buff

As if Eastern State Penitentiary isn't scary enough, the joint has now added a "Prison Inside a Prison" tour that lets visitors cram into a dungeon punishment cell the inmates used to call "Klondike." -Chilling. \$12 ESP admission includes the 30--minute guided tour; 3:15 p.m. weekdays, 12:15 and 3:15 p.m. weekends; easternstate.org. Fuel up: At the aptly named Mugshots cafe, for lattes, breakfast sandwiches, and wraps with names like "The Capone" and "The Scapegoat." Mugshotscoffeehouse.com.

Thrill Seeker

Climbing to the top of City Hall for a sweeping view is nice, but getting a panoramic look at Philly from a helicopter is way more jaw-dropping (and, frankly, less work). A short flight with Fox Choppers Helicopter Company gets you to the tips of the skyscrapers in a blink, plus gives you a bird's-eye view of Citizens Bank Park and a peek at penthouse life. From \$110 per person for a 10-minute flight; phillytour.com. Fuel up: With dinner at R2L, of course—why come back down to earth too soon? R2Lrestaurant.com.

Fitness Junky

Took the 72 Rocky steps at the Museum and didn't break a sweat? Choose your own mileage and pace for a private, customized jaunt with City Running Tours. A guide totes the water and camera (you get digital pics e-mailed to you later) while giving you the lowdown on Philly attractions. Routes and tour length are determined by mileage choice. From \$60 per person for the first six miles (discounts for groups of four or more);

cityrunningtours.com. Fuel up: At Reading Terminal Market, where sweats are perfectly acceptable.

Readingterminalmarket.org.

Art Lover

Why should sightseeing be exhausting? On the Mural Arts Program's Ale & Arts Adventure Center City walking route, you take in some outdoor art, and stop at three bars for pints along the way. Bonus: juicy behind-the-scenes details about the making of the murals that'll appeal to the pub-crawl set. \$30 per person, including beer; 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursdays through September 9th; muralarts.org. Fuel up: Add some grub to your buzz at the Good Dog Bar & Restaurant. Gooddogbar.com.

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