

FRIDAY GUEST TOUR - ART, LUNCH & SHOPPING

THE BARNES FOUNDATION ART MUSEUM



The Barnes Foundation History

Philadelphia art collector Albert C. Barnes (1872–1951) chartered the Barnes in 1922 to teach people from all walks of life how to look at art. Over three decades, he collected some of the world's most important impressionist, post-impressionist, and modern paintings, including works by Renoir, Cézanne, Matisse, and Picasso. He displayed them alongside African masks, native American jewelry, Greek antiquities, and decorative metalwork.

The Barnes Today

In 2012, to better serve Dr. Barnes's educational mission, the Barnes moved to Center City Philadelphia. The 93,000-square-foot, two-story building is one of the key anchors of the Parkway Museum District. In its award-winning Parkway home, Dr. Barnes's final 1951 arrangement of the collection is still on view, enhanced by a wide variety of special exhibitions.

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE PHILADELPHIA'S FASHIONABLE NEIGHBORHOOD



Full of fantastic restaurants and home to one of the city's best parks, the Rittenhouse neighborhood is one of the most popular places in the city. Its streets are full of shops, cafes, and magnificent brownstones with window boxes overflowing with seasonal flowers. At the heart of everything is Rittenhouse Square, a park that William Penn planned when Philadelphia was founded.

On a nice day, the park is filled with locals enjoying the weather, as residents and visitors pack the surrounding restaurants for excellent meals and people watching. Some of the best shopping in the city can be found in the neighborhood, particularly along Walnut Street.

One of the most expensive neighborhoods in the city, Rittenhouse has plenty of luxury high rises and lots of stately homes along some of Philadelphia's prettiest streets.

LUNCH AT THE DANDELION



London's culinary revolution makes landfall stateside, care of The Dandelion, a sophisticated British pub serving UK classics from Welsh rarebit, and shepherd's pit to bangers and mash and a U.K. cheese board. Their fish and chips are some of the best around.

Just steps from Philadelphia's bustling Rittenhouse Square, this inviting bilevel restaurant features a whirlwind of idiosyncratic seating areas, bars, hallways, rooms and nooks, each impeccably fashioned to carry its own personality. The Dandelion is one of Philly's most tantalizing and unique dining destinations.

SHOP 'TILL YOU DROP – RITTENHOUSE ROW



Rittenhouse Row, named one of North America's top retail corridors, is Center City Philadelphia's premier retail district, filled with some of the city's best shopping.

Shopping is a kind of therapy for many individuals. Whether or not there's a search for a specific item or for a specific recipient makes little difference. Sometimes the fun is in the browsing and in the adventure of wondering what one might find amongst the racks and shelves and displays. No matter what shopping preferences lead the way for you, Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square certainly has a shop or two to meet those needs.

The diverse mix of local independent retailers and nationally recognized shopping destinations make for a shopper's paradise. Rittenhouse Row's historic shopping streets feature top-of-the-line retailers, including rag & bone and Vince. The area also boasts a strong base of fast fashion retailers and outlets including Nordstrom Rack, Uniqlo and flagship locations for Urban Outfitters, Anthropologie, and Free People brands. Local Rittenhouse Row boutiques include Joan Shepp and Boyds, a landmark Philadelphia fashion destination for the best in men's and women's designer wear.