

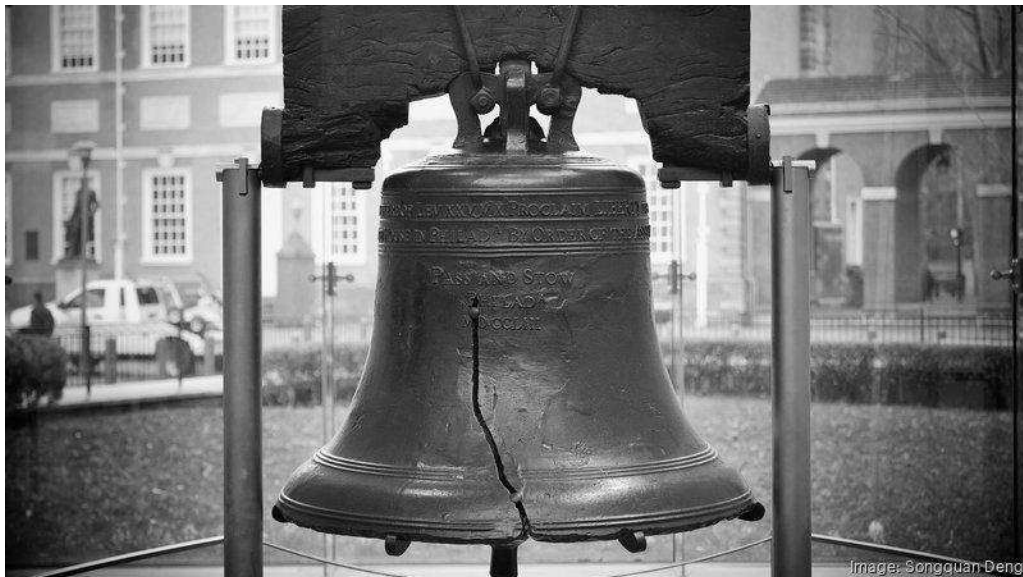
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Liberty Bell, Longwood Gardens among destinations awarded Michelin stars in new Philadelphia guidebook

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The Liberty Bell was given a three-star ranking in Michelin's Green Guide for Philadelphia, denoting it as an attraction "worth a special journey."

The Liberty Bell, Eastern State Penitentiary and Valley Forge National Historical Park are among a number of area attractions to

receive Michelin stars in the French tire and travel company's first edition of its Philadelphia Green Guide.

First announced on May 10, the Philadelphia guidebook will be available in English starting in June. The French language version was released in France, Switzerland and Belgium in March.

Philadelphia is the eighth U.S. city to receive a Michelin Green Guide. The guidebook provides an in-depth look into a city and what it has to offer, awarding "star" ratings to different facets of a destination's tourism experience, including attractions and specific aspects of those attractions. For example, the Philadelphia Museum of Art as a whole received three stars, but several of the collections and pieces of art within the museum were also recognized.

Unlike Michelin's Red Guide, the Green Guide does not give stars to hotels or restaurants.

"What we're trying to do with this travel guide is to push the French travelers to come to Philadelphia, and as there's an English version, to push other people to also come to Philadelphia," Philippe Orain, Michelin Green Guide editor-in-chief, said at a press conference in Philadelphia Thursday.

Michelin chose Philadelphia for several reasons, including for it being the "best gateway" to both the U.S. and the East Coast because of the ease of Philadelphia International Airport compared to larger airports in nearby cities. Orain also noted Philadelphia's accessibility to other big cities such as Washington, D.C., and New York. He called Philadelphia "the most important historical city in the U.S." as the birthplace of America and therefore a way for international travelers to be introduced to the country.

The guidebook's ratings system ranges from one to three stars. One star indicates a place or thing "worth a visit," while two-star destinations are "worth a detour." Three stars — the highest recognition possible — denote an experience "worth a special journey."

Some of the three-star destinations in Philadelphia's Green Guide include Independence National Historical Park, the Barnes Foundation, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Liberty Bell and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, all within the city. To the south in Delaware, the Nemours Estate and Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library also received three stars.

Attractions such as Longwood Gardens and the Museum of the American Revolution were among the two-star recipients, while the Philadelphia Zoo, Reading Terminal Market and the Franklin Institute landed on the list of destinations awarded one star.

Some local neighborhoods and parks were also given ratings. Both Old City and Center City were awarded two stars, and Rittenhouse Square, Washington Square, Fairmount Park and Society Hill each got one star.

To help determine ratings, members of Michelin's team visited Greater Philadelphia over several weeks in September, according to the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau, which partnered with Michelin on the endeavor. The Michelin team rated the region on nine criteria: the visitor's first impression; how well-known the destination is; the number of monuments and activities available; previous forms of recognition; intrinsic artistic value and historical significance; beauty and aesthetic appeal; authenticity and charm; how welcoming a city is; and the visitor's overall experience.

While the guide does not give stars to hotels or restaurants like the Red Guide does, it does list restaurants and hotels, including Zahav, Vernick Fish, Her Place Supper Club, Wm. Mulherin's Sons and W Philadelphia, as editors' favorites.

Only four U.S. cities — Chicago, New York, Washington, D.C., and San Francisco — have Red Guides. Each of those also has a Green Guide.

The Convention and Visitors Bureau previously told the Business Journal that the destination marketing organization hopes the creation of the Green Guide will eventually lead to the city getting a Red Guide as well.

First created in 1900, the Michelin Guides are a series of books that highlight destinations across the globe.

Below is the full list of Philadelphia-area attractions given stars in the Green Guide:

Three stars:

175 beautifully refurbished rooms at the Winterthur Museum
Garden and Library
American art collection at the Philadelphia Museum of Art
Barnes Foundation

Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Conservatory at Longwood Gardens
Decorative arts collection at the Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library
George Washington's campaign tent at the Museum of the American Revolution
Impressionist and post-impressionist paintings at the Barnes Foundation
Independence National Historical Park
Liberty Bell
Nemours Estate
Philadelphia Museum of Art
Sunkaraku ceremonial teahouse at the Philadelphia Museum of Art
"The Bathers" by Cezanne at the Philadelphia Museum of Art
"The Large Glass" by Marcel Duchamp at the Philadelphia Museum of Art
The Manor at Nemours Estate
"Three Musicians" by Picasso at the Philadelphia Museum of Art
Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library

Two stars:

17th century Palace Reception Hall at the Philadelphia Museum of Art
Andrew Wyeth Gallery at the Brandywine Museum of Art
Brandywine Museum of Art
Center City Philadelphia
Diptych by Van der Weyden at the Philadelphia Museum of Art
Eastern State Penitentiary
European art collection at the Philadelphia Museum of Art
Festival of Fountains at Longwood Gardens
Furniture collection at the Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library
Hagley Museum and Library
Independence Hall
Italian Water Garden at Longwood Gardens
"Lansdowne Portrait" by Gilbert Stuart at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Liberty Bell Center
Longwood Gardens
Museum of the American Revolution
National Constitution Center
Old City Philadelphia
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
"Sunflowers" by Van Gogh at the Philadelphia Museum of Art

"The Gross Clinic" by Thomas Eakins at the Philadelphia Museum of Art
Valley Forge National Historical Park

One star:

Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
Beautiful gardens with its river at the Brandywine Museum of Art
Benjamin Franklin Museum (Franklin Court)
Boathouse Row
Brandywine Heritage Galleries at the Brandywine Museum of Art
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
Cedar Grove (Fairmount Park Houses)
Christ Church
City Hall
Countryside of Philadelphia
Dinosaur Hall at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
Eleutherian Mills
Elfreth's Alley
Fairmount Park
Fairmount Park Houses
Faith & Liberty Discovery Center
Gloria Dei Church/Old Swedes Church
Hill-Physick House
Independence Seaport Museum
Masonic Temple
Mount Pleasant (Fairmount Park Houses)
Mütter Museum
Old City Hall
"Penn's Treaty with the Indians" by Benjamin West at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Perspectives on the Decorative Arts in Early America at Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library
Philadelphia's Magic Gardens
Philadelphia Zoo
Pierce du Pont House at Longwood Gardens
Pine Breeze Villa at Fairmount Park Horticulture Center
Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the United States
Reading Terminal Market
Rittenhouse Square
Rodin Museum
"Saint Francis of Assisi Receiving the Stigmata" by Van Eyck at the Philadelphia Museum of Art