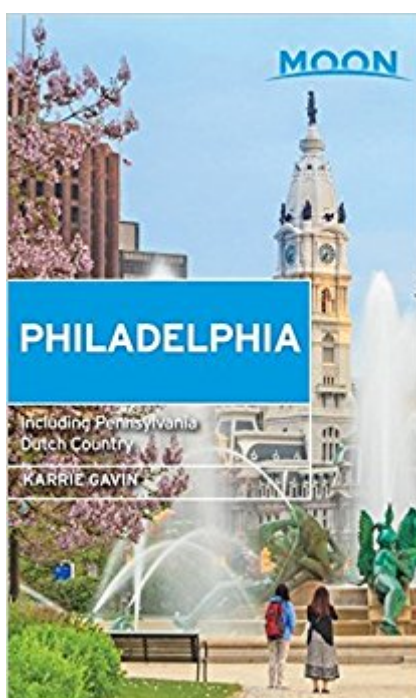


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# Moon Philadelphia: Including Pennsylvania Dutch Country (Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

See Philadelphia Like a Local with Moon Travel Guides! As America's first UNESCO World Heritage City, Philadelphia's well-preserved homes and historic churches mingle with modern skyscrapers, restaurants, and galleries. Explore the timeless City of Brotherly Love with Moon Philadelphia! Explore the City: Navigate by neighborhood or by activity with color-coded maps See the Sights: Visit the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall to soak up some American history, or jog up the famed Philadelphia Museum of Art steps just like Rocky. Relax in Rittenhouse Square, stroll along the Schuylkill River Trail, or catch a concert on the Avenue of the Arts. Tour Edgar Allan Poe's home, hike through peaceful Wissahickon Park, or visit the beautiful Philadelphia Zoo Get a Taste of the City: Centuries-old mom-and-pop eateries share the streets with stylish bistros and Iron-Chef-run restaurants. But don't worry: we've found the top five places for you to grab an authentic Philly Cheesesteak Bars and Nightlife: Beer gardens and upscale martini bars; pubs with fierce karaoke and trivia competitions; and churches converted into music venues and dance clubs: Philly's nightlife has it all Trusted Advice: Philly native Karrie Gavin shares the ins and outs of her beloved hometown Itineraries and Day Trips: All accessible by bus, train, or public transit, including "Fun and Free Philly," "Top 10 for Kids," and the three-day best of Philadelphia, as well as day trips to Pennsylvania Dutch Country, the Brandywine Valley, or Bucks County Maps and Tools: Full-color photos and an easy-to-read foldout map to use on the go Tips for All Travelers: Including advice for LGBTQ visitors, travelers with disabilities, seniors, and families traveling with children or pets With Moon Philadelphia's practical tips, myriad activities, and an insider's view on the best things to do and see, you can plan your trip your way. Exploring more of the state? Try Moon Pittsburgh or Moon Pennsylvania.

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## Customer Reviews

In penning her love letter to Philadelphia, local author Karrie Gavin dusted off 350 years of history and delved into her own personal chronicles. She shared Philly's centuries-old stories and spilled its best-kept secrets, all from the perspective of a 32-year-old born, raised and now residing in the City of Brotherly Love. The result is *Moon Philadelphia*, a new guidebook from Avalon Travel that celebrates Gavin's loyalty to her hometown as much as it teaches visitors about Philadelphia's tourist attractions....What sets the backpack-friendly book apart from previous area guides is that a single local author was chosen to research, organize, photograph and write up the native flavor.

--The Philadelphia Inquirer, September 24, 2008 "It's obvious [Karrie Gavin's] got a love for Philadelphia...she visited hundreds of restaurants, tourist sites and neighborhoods to research and write the book that reads like a friendly conversation. It's as if the author were asked, 'What should I do today?'" --South Philly Review, October 30, 2008 --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Karrie Gavin comes from a long line of Philadelphians that began with her great-grandparents, who immigrated from County Mayo, Ireland, over a century ago. Born and raised in Germantown and Mt. Airy, Karrie now lives in Center City. Karrie attended Central High School of Philadelphia and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in English at Penn State University and a master's degree in journalism at Temple University. Her interest in writing about Philadelphia was sparked during her time as editor of *Campus Philly*, a local nonprofit where she was responsible for creating online and print guides and a magazine about Philadelphia for local college students. Karrie is the former Philadelphia/South Jersey Guide for the website [About.com](#), and her writing has appeared in numerous regional and national magazines, including *Philadelphia* magazine, *Philadelphia Wedding*, *Philadelphia Home*, *AAA World*, and *US Airways* magazine, and in the anthology *PS: What I Didn't Say*, published by Seal Press. Her deep Philly roots and knowledge also serve her (and her clients) well in her work as a real estate agent at *Elfant Wissahickon Realtors*. In her spare time, Karrie assists adults with special needs on vacations and local outings through *Special Vacations*, an organization founded by her mother. She also enjoys hanging out with her husband, her two sons, their dog, and her large network of family and friends. Luckily for her, they are almost

all in Philly! While Philadelphians may leave for a while, they almost always come back.

The book was very helpful. It was well-written, easy to read and find subjects and gave useful information. The maps in the front were a little cumbersome to navigate, having to figure out which direction to turn the pages to get to the connecting map and some in between streets were not there. I used two maps not from the book more: one large fold-out map which gave me a better sense of where I was in relation to where I wanted to go and my phone Google maps to get me there.

This is a terrific guide to the sights and culture of Philly. Excellent on the historic places, dining and lodging. I usually go with Frommers guides, but found this one better.

I LOVE Moon guidebooks. I bought my first one by chance. They are just right for my kind of travel. I do mostly budget with some splurges thrown in. This book has it all and plenty more. Well written, not boring and very hands on.

Exactly what I was looking for!

The insider's vantage point gave us some great, unexpected visits while in Philadelphia.

Great book for the new or seasoned visitor. I used the book along with my GPS until I was more familiar with the city.

I purchased this guide in preparation for a six-day trip to Philadelphia. The information is up-to-date and presently clearly. It is a useful trip planner and provides accurate descriptions for most tourist destinations. In the area of restaurants the listings were very limited and omitted some of the best dining choices for lunch and dinner. I found much more useful dining information on ZAGAT. Philadelphia is a great city for food lovers and there a dozens of great restaurants this guide omitted. I also found the descriptions of hotels lacking a lot of detail. The author should have provided more detail on the rooms, the views, the location, level of service, etc. Overall a decent guide that is OK but could have been a lot more useful if it included more information on restaurants and hotels.

We got around and we had fun

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