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Come to University City and visit one of Philadelphia's most diverse and vibrant neighborhoods. We are minutes from Center City and easily accessible. Spend 36 hours in University City and experience some of the best food, art, shopping and culture Philadelphia has to offer.



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Friday



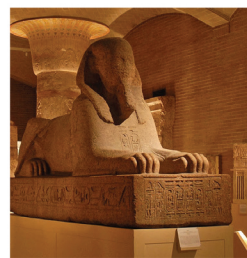
1:30PM Arrive at 30th St. Station

Philadelphia's iconic **30th Street Station** is a hub for Amtrak, New Jersey Transit and SEPTA, which operates regional rail lines, subways, trolleys, and buses. While there, grab a drink or bite to eat at **Bridgewater's Pub** or pick up flowers or a carryout meal from the wide array of vendors. You can also catch a cab, hop on and ride **Indego**, Philadelphia's bike share, or set out on foot.



2PM Relax at The Porch

Before exploring University City, walk outside the southern exit of the station and enjoy the **Porch at 30th Street Station**, one of Philadelphia's premiere public spaces. The Porch features inspired seating including custom swings, rich horticulture, rotating performances, and food and drink options. The Porch is the perfect place to relax outdoors after a long trip or to pass time while waiting for your train.



3PM Meet a Mummy

Venture inside **The Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology** (3260 South St) to see galleries showcasing rare materials and objects from around the world, including the largest collections of Egyptian artifacts in the United States. Don't miss the 12-ton granite sphinx in the Egyptian wing!



7PM Dine Around the World

University City features a diverse and eclectic dining scene, with cuisine from around the globe and restaurants by internationally acclaimed chefs. **The Fat Ham** (3131 Walnut St) is Top Chef winner Kevin Sbraga's Southern small plates and barrel-aged cocktail restaurant (their hot chicken was voted best in the city). Iron Chef Jose Garces' **Distrito** (3945 Chestnut St) is a tribute to Mexico City. Stephen Starr serves up contemporary Pan-Asian cuisine at his futuristic **Pod** (3636 Sansom St), with a sushi conveyor belt. Want something simpler? Fill up on a wide array of gourmet mobile food options at 33rd and Arch, nicknamed "Food Truck Alley."



9PM Catch a Show

For a late-night bite, drinks and live music, head to **World Cafe Live** (3025 Walnut St). Every detail has been designed to optimize the live performance experience, and they host national & local contemporary acts on two stages nearly every night.



Saturday

9AM Take a Ride through the Neighborhood

Hop on a bike from **Indego Bike Share** and ride over to **Drexel Park** (32nd & Powelton Ave) for amazing views of the city. Wander through Powelton Village and find a mix of brightly painted houses, unique shops, galleries, and a diverse selection of dining options along Lancaster Avenue. On the 2nd Friday of each month, you will find sidewalk sales, live music and art exhibits.



10:30AM Pick Up Fresh Foods from the Clark Park Farmers' Market

Travel over to the Spruce Hill neighborhood via 40th Street and on the way, stop to pick up a used book from **Last Word Bookshop** (220 S. 40th St). Then head to **Clark Park** (43rd & Baltimore Ave), University City's largest public green space. Here you can enjoy a picnic, throw a frisbee, frolic on the playground or catch a special event - from flea markets to movies to theater performances. Each Saturday from 10AM-2PM (and Thursdays from 3PM-7PM in May through November), vendors from local farms and small businesses sell locally-grown fruits, vegetables, flowers and sweet treats.



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The Annenberg Center
annenbergcenter.org

Blue Mercury
bluemercury.com

Capogiro
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Cinemark
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City Tap House
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Clark Park Farmers' Market
foodtrust.org

Distrito
distritorestaurant.com

Doc Magrogan's Oyster House
docmagrogans.com

Dock Street
dockstreetbeer.com

The Pharmacy
thefarmacyrx.com

The Fat Ham
sbragadining.com

Fiume
bit.ly/fiumebar

Federal Donuts
federaldonuts.com

Green Line Café
greenlinecafe.com

Han Dynasty
handynasty.net

Harvest Seasonal Grill and Wine Bar
harvestseasonalgrill.com

Hello World
shophelloworld.com

Hip City Veg
hipcityveg.com

Honest Tom's Taco Shop
honesttomstacoshop.com

HubHub Coffee
hubhubcoffee.com

Indego Bike Share
rideindego.com/stations

Insomnia Cookies
insomniacookies.com

Institute of Contemporary Art
icaphila.org

International House
ihousephilly.org

The Last Word Bookshop
bit.ly/lastwordbooks

Lil' Pop Shop
lilpopshop.com

Local 44
local44beerbar.com

Locust Moon Comics
locustmoon.com

Mariposa Food Coop
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Metropolitan Bakery & Café
metropolitanbakery.com

Natural Shoe Store
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Old Nelson Food Co.
oldnelsonfood.com

The Penn Museum
penn.museum

Penne Restaurant and Wine Bar
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Piper Boutique
piperboutique.com

Pod
podrestaurant.com

Redcap's Corner
redcapscorner.com

Reed's Coffee & Tea House
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Rotisserie at The Porch
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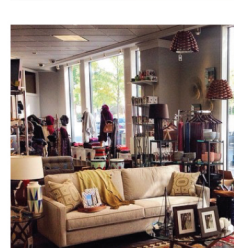
University Of Pennsylvania Bookstore
upenn.bncollege.com

Urban Outfitters
urbanoutfitters.com

VIX Emporium
vixemporium.com

White Dog Café
whitedog.com

World Cafe Live
worldcafelive.com



12PM Take a Stroll Along Baltimore Avenue

Baltimore Avenue and the surrounding areas consist of grand historical residences and charming, tree-lined streets. On 44th between Locust and Spruce you'll find delicious tacos & burritos from **Honest Tom's Taco Shop** and innovative Korean/Japanese fusion from **Tampopo**. Looking for dessert? Grab a treat from **Lil' Pop Shop** and enjoy it on one of University City's multiple Parklets. Beer lovers won't want to miss brews from **Local 44**, or grab one to go from its attached **Bottle Shop**. A few blocks further west enjoy award-winning craft beer and wood-fired pizzas from **Dock Street Brewery** (701 S 50th St).

2PM Do a Little Shopping

University City features both name-brand stores and small boutiques. Pick up unique and trendy home items from **Hello World** (3610 Sansom St), books, gifts & apparel from **Penn Bookstore** (3601 Walnut St), clothing and housewares from Philadelphia's own **Urban Outfitters** (110 S. 36th St), fresh and fashion-forward clothing at **Piper Boutique** (140 S. 34th St), a huge selection of brand name shoes at **Natural Shoe Store** (226 S. 40th St), or shop for environmentally conscious outdoor apparel while sipping local ReAnimator coffee from **United By Blue** (3421 Walnut St).

7PM Enjoy Dinner and a Show

Head into the heart of University City and enjoy handcrafted pasta and 100 regional Italian wines handpicked from the Master Sommelier at **Penne Restaurant & Wine Bar** (3611 Walnut St), excellent Szechuan fare with heat-ranked dishes at one of the top 50 Chinese restaurants in the U.S. at **Han Dynasty** (3711 Market St), classic, fresh seafood from **Doc Magrogan's Oyster House** (3432 Sansom St), or a seasonally changing farm-to-table menu with 50+ wines by the glass at **Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar** (200 S. 40th St). After dinner, visit the **Annenberg Center** (3680 Walnut St) for top-notch dance, music, theater and performances.

11PM Relax with a Nightcap

University City comes alive on the weekends with plenty of late-night offerings. Beer lovers can choose from 60 taps at **City Tap House** (3925 Walnut St). If you're looking to venture deeper into the neighborhood, head to local favorite **Fiume** (229 S. 45th St), which has no phone number or sign, but does offer incredible live music and stiff cocktails. Still hungry? Order late night warm cookies for delivery from **Insomnia Cookies** (877.632.6654).



Sunday

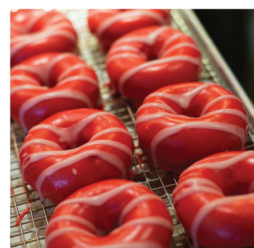
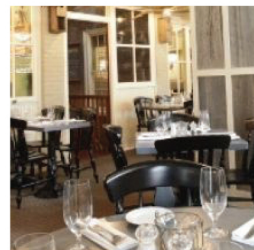
9AM Fuel Up

University City caters to college students, doctors, nurses, and professionals, so it's no wonder there's a huge selection of great coffee shops. Grab some coffee to go from **Capogiro** (3925 Walnut St), **Metropolitan Bakery** (4013 Walnut St), or **HubHub** (3736 Spruce St) and wander through beautiful Locust Walk enjoying the architecture of the University of Pennsylvania.



11AM Enjoy Brunch or an Early Lunch

Relax after a busy weekend with a leisurely sit-down brunch. The venerable **White Dog Cafe** (3420 Sansom St), with organic fare, has been a neighborhood staple for over 30 years. Back in Spruce Hill, BYOB brunch spot **The Pharmacy** (4443 Spruce St) specializes in farm-to-table comfort fare. Want something quicker? **Hip City Veg** (214 S 40th St) offers 100% plant-based food. Also, Philadelphia's beloved **Federal Donuts** has an outpost at 3428 Sansom Street—try one of their fancy-style donuts and get some fried chicken to go.



Noon Explore!

There's plenty more to do in University City!
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Enjoy the Outdoors

There are plenty of places to run, walk, bike, or enjoy nature in University City. **The Woodlands** (4000 Woodland Ave), a National Historic Landmark, offers 54 acres of undulating landscape to explore. Take a break from the hustle & bustle of the city at the **BioPond**, a serene slice of the country tucked away in a quiet nook off Hamilton Walk between 36th & 38th streets. Looking to explore further? Visit **Bartram's Garden**, America's oldest living botanical garden, just outside the district (5400 Lindbergh Blvd).

Get Sporty

The famous **Franklin Field** (235 S. 33rd St), once home to the Philadelphia Eagles, now hosts the Penn Relays every spring and other events throughout the year. Play pickup soccer and Frisbee at **Penn Park** (3000 Walnut St). Farther west, take a yoga class at **Studio 34** (4522 Baltimore Ave) or **Hot Box Yoga** (3527 Lancaster Ave), or get in a Muay Thai kickboxing workout at **8 Limbs Academy** (4542 Baltimore Ave).

Forgot Something?

Head to **Blue Mercury** (3603 Walnut St) for makeup, skincare & perfume. Need a snack? Local food market **Old Nelson** has locations throughout the neighborhood. **Mariposa Food Co-Op** (4824 Baltimore Ave) offers healthy and locally-grown products not just for members.

Pick Up Unique Gifts

University City features great boutiques! Find funky jewelry and local handmade goods at **VIX Emporium** (5009 Baltimore Ave), board, card & role-playing games at two **Redcap's Corner** locations (3850 Lancaster Ave & 4812 Baltimore Ave), and comic books at **Locust Moon** (24 S 40th St).

Rain Plan

If the weather is lousy, University City boasts two movie theaters. **Cinemark** (4012 Walnut St) shows first-run films with a discount on Tuesdays, while the **International House** (3701 Chestnut St) screens documentaries and art films while also presenting a wide array of cultural events.

About University City District



University City District is a partnership of world-renowned anchor institutions, small businesses and residents that creates opportunity, and improves economic vitality and quality of life in the University City area of West Philadelphia. Our primary mission is community revitalization. We work within a place-based, data-driven framework to invest in world-class public spaces, address crime & public safety, bring life to commercial corridors, connect low-income residents to careers, and promote job growth and innovation. Learn more at: www.universitycity.org

