

Society for the History of Technology
2017 annual meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Selected Museums around Philadelphia

Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
<http://www.anasp.org/>

Founded in 1812, the Academy is the oldest natural sciences museum in the western hemisphere; see exhibits from dinosaurs to butterflies. Show your SHOT nametag in person or use the promotional code "SHOT" in online ticket purchases to receive \$5 off the \$18 entry fee.

Eastern State Penitentiary
<https://www.easternstate.org/>

Operating from 1829 to 1971, the Eastern State Penitentiary pioneered a system of incarceration designed to inspire penance through separate cells for each prisoner. Famous criminals such as Al Capone and Willie Sutton spent time at Eastern State. Use the promotional code "SHOT" to receive \$5 off the \$14 entry fee when tickets are purchased online. The discount does not apply to the museum's popular Halloween-season haunted house tour (Terror Behind the Walls).

Franklin Institute
<https://www.fi.edu/>

Namesake of Philadelphia's most famous scientist, the Franklin Institute has been the city's museum of science and technology since 1824; among other things, it is home to the 1926 Baldwin Locomotive 60000 and walk-through model of the human heart. Use the promotional code to receive up to 33% off the \$20 entry fee when tickets are purchased online. Please note that admission to the temporary Chinese terracotta warriors exhibit is extra (\$45 before discount).

To purchase tickets:

1. Visit the Affiliate Ticket Site at www.fi.edu/affiliates
2. Select "Museum Admission"
3. Log in to the Affiliate Ticket Program site, or create a login
4. Use Organization Code **SHOTCGRP**
5. Reserve your discounted tickets for your desired date.

Independence Seaport Museum
<http://www.phillyseaport.org/>

Philadelphia's maritime museum, located along the Delaware River, features historic ships and exhibits on pirates, the early U.S. Navy, maritime disasters, and more. Show your SHOT nametag to receive \$2 off the \$16 entry fee.

Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle

<https://www.mercermuseum.org/>

Located Doylestown, Pennsylvania, the Mercer Museum hosts a collection of Henry Mercer's collection of decorative tiles and prints, particularly Moravian tiles from the American Arts & Crafts movement. Fonthill Castle is Mercer's 44-room, poured-concrete mansion. Show your SHOT nametag to receive \$4 off the \$15 entry fee. (Doylestown is about 45 miles from downtown Philadelphia; the museum is about a 1/2-mile walk from Doylestown SEPTA regional rail station.)

National Park Service/Independence Hall

<https://www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/independencehalltickets.htm>

Independence Hall, where the nation's founders drafted and signed the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, is Philadelphia's historical centerpiece. To visit is free, but visitors need tickets for specific tour time slots, which can be ordered online in advance for \$1.50.

Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum

<http://www.simeonemuseum.org/>

The Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum features a large collection of racecars. The museum hosts "65 historically significant cars, including Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, Bugatti, Mercedes, Jaguar, Bentley, Porsche, Aston Martin, Corvette, Ford, and more." Show your SHOT nametag to get \$4 off the \$12 admission fee. (Not easily accessible by walking or public transportation, although possible.)

Other museums:

African American Museum in Philadelphia

<http://www.aampmuseum.org/>

Chemical Heritage Foundation

<https://www.chemheritage.org/>

Museum of the American Revolution

<https://www.amrevmuseum.org/>

Mütter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia

<http://muttermuseum.org/>

National Constitution Center
<https://constitutioncenter.org/>

National Museum of American Jewish History
<http://www.nmajh.org/>

Philadelphia History Museum
<http://www.philadelphiahistory.org/>

Philadelphia Museum of Art
<https://www.philamuseum.org/>

University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology
<https://www.penn.museum/>