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TRANSPORTATION

- 1. Amtrak**  at **Wilmington, DE** - 100 South French St, Your Connection to more than 500 stations in 47 States. For information visit www.amtrak.com. For other information and train schedules call 1-800-USA-Rail (1-800-872-7245), H-11

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 2. American Helicopter Museum** - Aviation Museum Devoted Exclusively to Helicopters. See 35 Civilian and Military Helicopters, W-Sa: 10-5, Su: 12-5, 1220 American Blvd, West Chester, 610-436-9600, F-1
- 3. Brandywine Park & Zoo** - 180 Acre Park Designed by Frederick Law Olmstead Features the Josephine Garden, Zoo Houses Florida Bobcats, Siberian Tigers and Small Mammals; Park: Daily: 10-4, 1001 N. Park Dr, 302-571-7747, G-10
- 4. Brandywine River Museum** - Three Generations of Wyeth's and More American Artists, Daily: 9:30-4:30, US 1, Chadds Ford, 610-388-2700, F-5
- 5. Chaddsford Winery** - Voted one of "Americas Top 25 Tasting Rooms" by Wine Enthusiast, Tours, Special Events, 632 Baltimore Pike, Chaddsford, 610-268-2543, E-5
- 6. Delaware Art Museum** - American Art & Illustration 19th Century to 21st Century, Nine-Acre Sculpture Park, Tu, Th, F, Sa: 10-4, W-Sa: 10-4, Su: 12-4, 2301 Kentmere Pkwy, Wilmington, 302-571-9590, F-9
- 7. Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts** - Contemporary Visual Arts Organization Boasts Seven Galleries, 26 Artists Studios, Gift Shop & Auditorium, Tu, Th, F, Sa: 10-5, W: Su: 12-5, 200 S Madison St, Wilmington, 302-656-6466, F-10
- 8. Delaware Museum of Natural History** - See Dinosaurs, Giant Squid, The Great Barrier Reef, M-Sa: 9:30-4:30, Su: 12-4:30, 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, 302-658-9111, E-8
- 9. Grand Opera House, Delaware Center for Performing Arts** - Built in 1871, Concerts and Top Performers, Free Tours by Reservation, M-F: 10-7, Sa, Su: 12-5, 818 N. Market St, 302-652-5577, H-11
- 10. Greater Wilmington CVB** - Check Out What's Happening, www.VisitWilmingtonDE.com, 100 W 10th St, Wilmington, 800-489-6664, G-10
- 11. Hagley Museum and Library** - First DuPont Home in America, Gardens, Demonstrations, Daily: 9:30-4:30, Route 141, 200 Hagley Rd, Wilmington, 302-658-2400, F-8
- 12. Historical Society of Delaware** - Interactive Exhibitions Trace Delaware's History, W-F: 11-4, Sa: 10-4, 505 N Market St, Wilmington, 302-655-7161, G-11
- 13. Longwood Gardens** - The World's Premier Horticultural Display Garden Offers Majestic Trees, Gardens, Conservatories, Fountains, Festivals, Holiday Displays, Shop and Restaurant, M, Tu, W, Su: 9-6, Th, F, Sa: 9-10 PM, 1001 Longwood Rd, Kennett Square, 610-388-1000, C-5
- 14. Mt. Cuba Center** - The Region's Premier Native Plant Garden. Formal Gardens, Woodland Paths, Beautiful Ponds, Tours (seasonal), Educational Classes (year-round), Reservations required, 3120 Barley Mill Rd, Hockessin, 302-239-4244, D-8
- 15. Nemours Mansion & Gardens** - Alfred I DuPont's Chateau, Formal Gardens, Antique Furniture, Rare Rugs, Tapestries, Art, May 1-December 31, Tu-Sa: 9-3, Su: 12-4, Reservations Recommended, 1600 Rockland Rd, Wilmington, 302-651-6912, G-8
- 16. QVC Studio Tour** - Behind-the-Scenes Tour of Live TV Electronic Retailer, Tours: Daily, Studio Park, 1200 Wilson Drive, West Chester, 800-600-9900, F-1
- 17. Riverfront Wilmington** - History, Attractions, Food, Entertainment, Shopping, 815 Justison St, Wilmington, 302-425-4890, G-12
- 18. Rockwood Mansion Park** - In 1851, Joseph Shipley Created this English Style Estate, W-Su: 10-3, 610 Shipley Rd, Wilmington, 302-761-4340, H-8
- 19. Winterthur Museum & Country Estate** - American Antiques, Garden, Enchanted Woods, Tu-Su: 10-5, Rte 52, 5105 Kennett Pike, 302-888-4600, F-7

RESTAURANTS

The following restaurants have been carefully chosen to represent the best of Philadelphia's cuisine and the listing includes the name of the chef(s). Our ratings are a compilation of local and national critics, chefs, and notable foodies. We always suggest making a reservation but if your plans change be sure to cancel it.

- * Good \$ Nominal
 - ** VeryGood \$\$ Moderate
 - *** Excellent \$\$\$ Expensive
 - **** OTT (Over The Top) \$\$\$\$ OTT
- 20. Avalon Restaurant (John Brandt-Lee)** - Sautéed PEI Mussels, Grilled Romaine Hearts, Pork Tenderloin Rustica, L: Tu-F, D: W-Su, 312 S. High St, West Chester, 610-436-4100, H-3
 - 21. Blue Pear Bistro (Paul Brown)** - Oysters, Bacon & Egg Salad, Grilled Rainbow Trout, BBQ Beef Short-Ribs, D: M-Sa, 275 Brintons Bridge Road, West Chester, 610-399-9812, F-4
 - 22. Brandywine Prime (Rich Sickler)** - Local Mushroom Tart, Shrimp Tempura, Steaks & Chops, Penne Bolognese, D: Daily, 1617 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, 610-388-8088, F-5
 - 23. Brasserie Grille (James Lauser)** - Prime Black Angus Beef, Signature Estate She Crab Bisque, Rack of Lamb, and Prime Rib, B, L, D: Daily, Hilton Hotel, 100 Continental Dr, Newark, 302-781-7000, D-11
 - 24. Buckley's Tavern (David Weir)** - Mushroom Soup, Carolina Pulled-Pork, Crab Cakes, BBQ Spare Ribs, L & D: Daily, Brunch: Su, 5812 Kennett Pike, Greenville, 302-656-9776, E-7
 - 25. Catherine's Restaurant (Kevin McMunn)** - BYOB Wild Mushroom Soup, Goat Cheese Ravioli, Shredded Pork Empanada, L: Tu-F, D: Nightly, Br: Sa, Su, Rte 82 & 162, Unionville, 610-347-2227, B-4
 - 26. Cromwell's Tavern (Nelson Hidalgo)** - Sweet Onion Quiche, Beef & Guinness Stew, Fajita Steak Salad, L & D: Daily, 3858 Kennett Pike, Greenville, 302-571-0561, F-8
 - 27. Daddy Mims (John Mims)** - Chicken Andouille Gumbo, Crab Bisque, Jambalaya with Duck Confit, Crawfish and Smoked Sausage, Crispy Duck with Braised Pork Shoulder, L & D: Tu-Su, 150 Bridge St, Phoenixville, 610-935-1800, G-1
 - 28. Deep Blue Bar & Grill (Matt Crist)** - Tapas Sampler, Spanish Lamb Meatballs, Chorizo and Mushrooms, L: M-F, D: M-Sa, 111 W 11th St, Wilmington, 302-777-2040, G-11
 - 29. Dilworthtown Inn (Aaron Wilson)** - Butter-Poached Maine Lobster, Escargots, Crisp Red Snapper, D: Daily, 1390 Old Wilmington Pike, West Chester, 610-399-1390, F-4
 - 30. Domaine Hudson (Adde Dahroubh)** - Portuguese Style Mussels, Oyster Stew, Pan-Seared Rack of Lamb, L: M-F, D: Nightly, 1314 N. Washington St, Wilmington, 302-655-WINE, G-10
 - 31. Eclipse Bistro (Mark Daggett)** - Crispy Pork Pot Stickers, Roast Beef Sandwich, Lobster Ravioli, L: M-Sa, D: Nightly, 1020 N Union St, Wilmington, 302-658-1588, F-10
 - 32. Fiorello's (Daniele Fiorello)** - Calamari Fritti, Bruschetta, Risotto Pescatore, Baked Ziti, L & D: Daily, 730 E Gay St, West Chester, 610-430-8941, F-2
 - 33. Firecreek Restaurant & Bar (Fenn Ememory)** - St. Louis Pork Ribs, Prime Rib, Rainbow Trout with Bacon Hash, Ginger Soy Tuna with Bok Choy, L: M-F, D: Nightly, 20 E. Lancaster Ave, Downingtown, 610-269-6000, C-1
 - 34. Four Dogs Tavern (David Cox)** - Pumpkin Soup, Lasagna, French Dip Sandwich, L & D: Daily, 1200 W Strasburg Rd, West Chester, 610-692-4367, C-2
 - 35. Gables at Chadds Ford, The (Derek Schwalbaubh)** - Mushroom Soup, Pan Roasted Mussels, Duck Pot Pie, Stuffed Pork Loin, L: Tu-F, D: Tu-Su, Route 1, Chadds Ford, 610-388-7700, F-5
 - 36. Gilmore's Restaurant (Peter Gilmore)** - BYOB, Crispy Calamari Tempura, Roasted Filet of Pork Tenderloin, Crab Cakes, D: Tu-Sa, 113 E Gay St, West Chester, PA, 610-431-2800, I-3
 - 37. Green Room (Patrick D'Amico)** - Smoked Trout Rillette, Pan-Seared Foie Gras, Pistachio Crusted Filet Mignon, B, L, D: Daily, Hotel duPont, 11th & Market Sts, Wilmington, 302-594-3156, G-10
 - 38. Harry's Savoy Grill (David Banks)** - Seafood Plateau, Panko Fried Oysters, New England Lobster Roll, L: Su-F, D: Nightly, 2020 Naamans Rd, 302-475-3000, I-7

- 39. Harry's Seafood Grill (David Banks)** - Sashimi/ Cerviche Selection, Shrimp Boil, Braised Beef Short Rib, L & D: Daily, 101 S Market St, Wilmington, 302-777-1500, G-11
- 40. High Street Café (Jay Wenner)** - Cajun Linguine, Surf-Turf Scampi, Mesquite Grilled Hanger Steak, L: Tu-F, D: Tu-Su, 322 High St, West Chester, 610-696-7435, H-3
- 41. Iron Hill Brewery (Dan Bethard)** - Tex-Mex Spring Rolls, Firecracker Wings, Chicken Pot Pie, L & D: Daily, 3 W Gay St, West Chester, 610-738-9600, H-3
- 42. Krazy Kats (Donny Merrill)** - Crispy Duck Confit, Sweet Corn Soup, Halibut Cheeks with Bok Choy, Beef Tenderloin Filets with Foie Gras Pommes Frites, B, L, D Daily, 528 Montchanin Rd, Wilmington, 302-888-4200, F-8
- 43. Marshallton Inn (David Cox)** - Real French Onion Soup, Brandade Featuring House-Cured Salt Cod and Potatoes, Saddle of Rabbit Stuffed with Wild Mushrooms, D: D: Th-Su, 1300 W Strasburg Rd, West Chester, 610-692-4367, C-2
- 44. Mrs. Robino's (Yolanda Capriglione)** - Roasted Red Peppers, Fried Cauliflower, Pasta Fagioli, Lasagna, D: Nightly, 520 N Union St, Wilmington, 302-652-9223, G-10
- 45. Orchard Restaurant, The (Gary Treviani)** - BYOB, Ahi Tuna Carpaccio, Roasted Beet Salad, Loin of Lamb, D: Tu-Sa, 503 Orchard Ave, Kennett Square, 610-388-1100, C-6
- 46. Orillas Tapas Bar (Julio Lazzarini)** - Spanish Seafood Soup, Ceviche tastings, Tuna Tartare with Pickled Red Onions, Red Snapper and Avocado, Paella, L: M-F, D: M-Sa, 413 W Market St, Wilmington, 302-427-9700, G-11
- 47. Pizza by Elizabeths (Amporn Vasquez)** - Chili Con Carne, Specials, Salads, Create Your Own Pizza Including Type of Crust, Sauce and Many Toppings, L & D: Daily, 3801 Kennett Pike, Greenville, 302-654-4478, F-8
- 48. Potstickers Asia Grill (Li Shih)** - Japanese Seaweed Salad, Spicy Tuna and Shitake Mushroom Tempura, Sushi and Sashimi, Strip Steak, L & D: Daily, 1247 New Churchmans Rd, Centre Point Plaza II, Newark, 302-731-0188, D-11
- 49. Simon Pearce Restaurant (Karen Nichols)** - Glass Blowing Exhibit, Retail Store and Dining Overlooking the Brandywine River, Duck Liver Mousse, Mushroom Strudel, Horseradish Crusted Blue Cod, L & D: Daily, 1333 Lenape Rd, Rte 52 N, West Chester, 610-793-0949, E-4
- 50. Soffritto Italian Grill (Antonio)** - Sea Scallops with Fettuccine and Pesto Cream Sauce, Baked Ziti, Sautéed Chicken Breast, Veal Parmigiano, L & D: Daily, 1130 Kirkwood Hwy, Newark, 302-455-1101, B-11
- 51. Sovana Bistro (Nick Farrell)** - Local Orchard Pear Salad, Herbed Crepe, Duck with Corn Grits, Potato Gnocchi and Chanterelles, Roasted Whole Fish, L: Tu-Sa, D: Tu-Su, 696 Unionville Rd, Kennett Square, 610-444-5600, B-5
- 52. Spence Café (Paris Roldan)** - Spence Cobb Salad, Lump Crab Cakes, Pork Osso Bucco, L: M-F, D: Nightly, 29 E Gay St, West Chester, 610-738-8844, H-3
- 53. Talula's Table (Aimee Oxley)** - Market & Restaurant, Fluke with Cauliflower Puree, Tenderloin of Bison, Creamy Quail Risotto, D: Reservation Only, 102 W State Rd, Kennett Square, 610-444-8255, C-6
- 54. Taqueria Moroleon (Isidro Rodriguez)** - Steak & Mushroom Fajitas, Grilled Chicken, Shrimp & Garlic Burritos, Seafood Soup, L & D: Daily, 9173 Gap Newport Pike, Avondale, 610-268-3066, B-8
- 55. Tecca (Arturo)** - Olives, Roasted Peppers, Bruschetta, Salads, Panini, Lasagna alla Bolognese, L & D: Daily, 38 E Gay St, West Chester, 610-738-8244, H-3
- 56. Toscana Kitchen & Bar (Dan Butler)** - Fresh Figs with Gorgonzola, Grilled Octopus, Pizzette, Veal T-Bone, L: M-F, D: Nightly, The Rockford Shops, 1412 N DuPont St, Wilmington, 302-654-8001, F-10
- 57. Walter's Steakhouse (John Walter Constantinou)** - Filet, NY Strip, Porterhouse, Rack of Lamb, Crab, Lobster, Chicken, D: Nightly, 802 N Union St, Wilmington, 302-652-6780, F-10
- 58. Whip Tavern, The (Wyatt P. Lash Jr)** - Welsh Rarebit, Scotch Egg, Seared Sea Scallops Over Rosemary Stilton Risotto, Sweetbreads with Quail Egg, L & D: W-M, 1383 N Chatham Rd, Coatsville, 610-383-0600, A-4