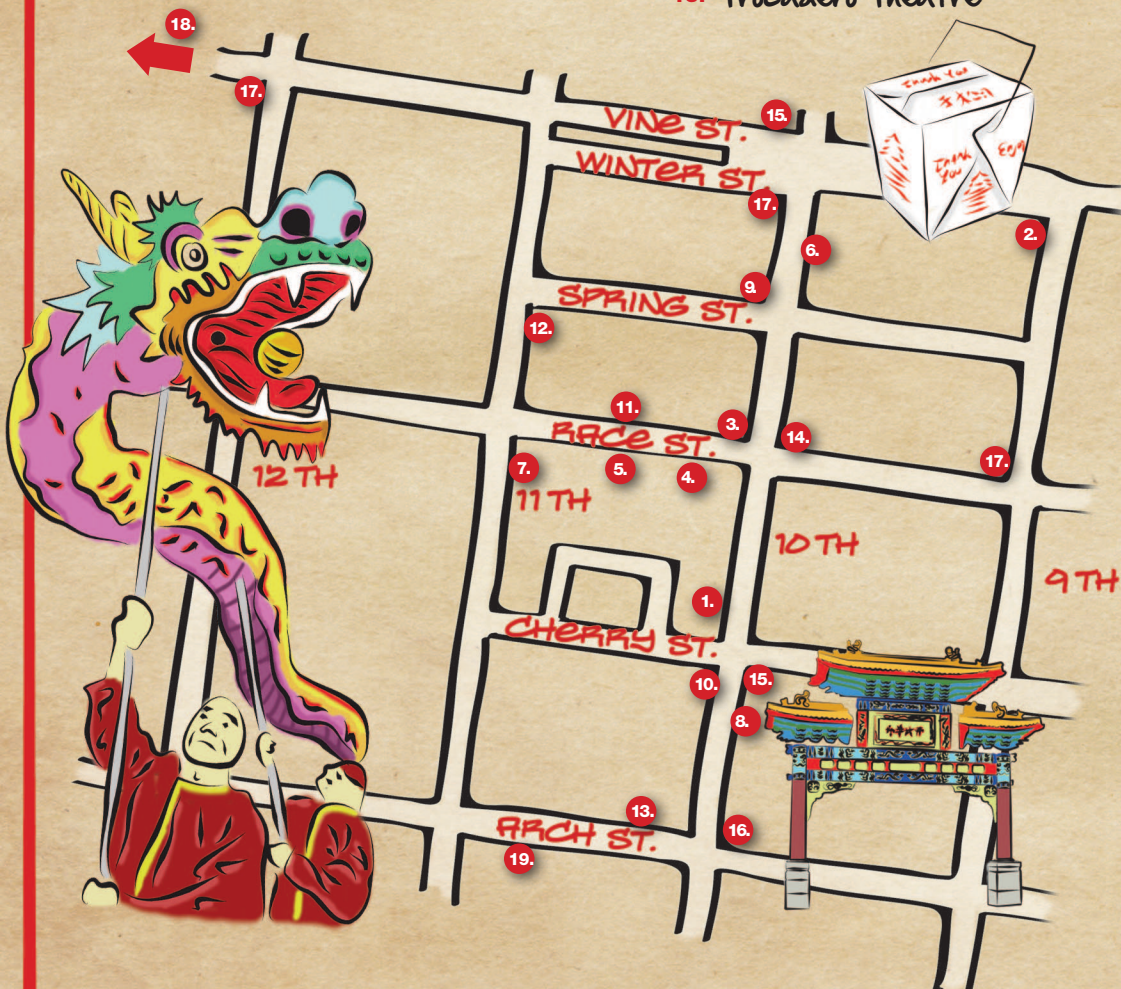




# CHINATOWN

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might share it!







# The Scene



Beyond the colorful Friendship Arch at 10<sup>th</sup> and Arch Streets lives Philly's vibrant Asian enclave. Stretching from Vine to Arch Streets between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets, the neighborhood is packed end to end with restaurants and stores that represent Hong Kong, Cantonese, Fujianese, Northern Sichuan and Taiwanese cultures, with a sprinkling of Korean, Thai, Malaysian, Burmese, Vietnamese and hipster thrown in for good measure.

Here's the scoop on some of the eats, drinks, goods, culture and events that make Philadelphia's Chinatown worth exploring:

## The Eats

1. Indulge in seafood delicacies like mixed seafood and vegetable soup, baked shrimp and sautéed conch at **Tai Lake**.  
**134 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**
2. The flagship of a local empire, **Sang Kee Peking Duck House** built its name on noodle soups, garlicky greens and, of course, roast duck. **238 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street**
3. The after-hours crowd at **David's Mai Lai Wah** know what's up: salt-and-pepper squid, dumplings in ginger-scallion sauce and beef with pickled mustard greens. **1001 Race Street**
4. Don't miss the traditional Chinese BBQ meats served over noodles, congee and rice at the diminutive **M Kee**. **1002 Race Street**
5. The star feature at **Nan Zhou Hand Drawn Noodle House** comes fat or thin, swirled in rich broth, tossed with peanut sauce or stir-fried. **1022 Race Street**

## The Goods

6. A hipster-clothing store styled as a quick-service eatery, **Abakus Takeout** serves up T-shirts and hats instead of roast duck and wontons. **227 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**
7. Go underground to shop at **Asia Supermarket**, where the subterranean goods include fresh fish and produce, noodles, tea, condiments and cookware. **143 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street**
8. You can find just about any item stamped with the image of Hello Kitty or her Sanrio pals at **Asia Crafts Co., Inc.**, a fun Japanese toy and novelty store. **123 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**
9. Chinatown's longest-running grocer, **Tuck Hing** stocks Chinese sausage, dried oysters and other staples of the Asian kitchen.  
**218 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**
10. Whether it's a mahjong set, a Buddha sculpture or a teapot, **Chinese Arts and Crafts** is likely to have it. **124 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

## The Amusements

11. Chinatown's quirky answer to a speakeasy, **Hop Sing Laundromat** hand-cracks its ice, freshly squeezes its own grape juice and serves only exquisitely crafted cocktails.  
**1029 Race Street**
12. Other than the grilled meats and bar snacks, the main attraction at **Yakitori Boy** are private karaoke lounges where you can entertain your friends with your musical prowess.  
**211 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street**
13. A onetime burlesque theater, the **Trocadero Theatre** serves as a storied venue for rock, hip-hop and DJ acts, plus a campy Movie Monday series. **1003 Arch Street**
14. Like bubble tea, milk teas and all-things creamy and sip-worthy? Cheery **Tea Talk** is all you. **205 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

## The Arts & Culture

15. The **10<sup>th</sup> Street Plaza**, a cornerstone park capped by a pergola and foo-dog guardian lions, flanks Chinatown's north end.  
**10<sup>th</sup> & Vine Streets; 10<sup>th</sup> & Cherry Streets**
16. Built by Chinese artisans in the 1980s and recently refurbished, the **Friendship Gate** symbolizes connection between Philly and its sister city Tianjin. **10<sup>th</sup> & Arch Streets**
17. The walls of Chinatown depict the area's rich history and its vision for the future thanks to larger-than-life works created by the **Mural Arts Program**. **10<sup>th</sup> & Winter Streets; 9<sup>th</sup> & Race Streets; 12<sup>th</sup> & Vine Streets**

18. A community-based arts center, **Asian Arts Initiative** operates a gallery, conducts workshops, hosts performances and installs works around the neighborhood.  
**1219 Vine Street**
19. The skate-punk aesthetic of collective **Space 1026** has inspired some of the most exciting art in Philly over more than a decade.  
**1026 Arch Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**
20. Chef Joseph Poon's **Wok'N Walk tours** are the stuff of legend. The jaunts begin with a visit to the fortune cookie factory, an Asian grocery and a Chinese place of worship and end with a meal cooked by Poon himself.  
**josephpoon.com**
21. Embedded in the neighborhood's sidewalks: 95 bronze medallions comprising the **Chinese Zodiac Walk**.

## The Festivities

- **Chinese New Year Lion Dance Parade**, January/February
- **Chinese New Year Flower Market**, January/February
- **Night Market Chinatown**, Summer/Autumn
- **Mid-Autumn Moon Festival**, Summer/Autumn
- **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration**, May

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