

The Bizarre & Unusual in Philadelphia

A very unusual tour if you dare to explore the possibilities.....



Begin with a visit to the **Mutter Museum at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia**. The Mutter Museum, the legacy of Thomas Dent Mutter, a retired professor of surgery, is an awe-inspiring place. The Museum's collections include over 20,000 objects, including fluid-preserved anatomical and pathological specimens, medical instruments, anatomical and pathological models, items of memorabilia of famous scientists and physicians, and medical illustrations. **Noteworthy displays** include instruments carried in the 1853 Arctic Expedition of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, a 1949 Emerson iron lung, the medicine chest of Benjamin Rush, a jaw tumor removed from President Grover Cleveland in 1893, a collection of 139 skulls, and a plaster cast of the bodies of Chang and Eng, the original Siamese twins. For those faint of heart, the Museum also features a **medicinal plant garden** which Dr. Benjamin Rush (in 1787) urged the College members to maintain as a natural way to replenish supplies for their medicine chests.

AND/OR you can visit the **Museum of the American Philosophical Society**, America's oldest scientific society. Since being founded in 1743 by Benjamin Franklin, the Society has collected just about every kind of trinket, piece of Americana and oddity imaginable. Many of these items have never been on display until now! The Society has assembled a broad array of their artifacts, historical documents, inventions and other items that have been tucked away for decades and has them on display in the current exhibit entitled "**Treasures Revealed: 260 Years of Collecting at the American Philosophical Society**". The collection is broad...from a New Testament bound in human skin...to Revolutionary maps and sketches by Audubon... to dried plants and seeds from Lewis and Clark...to chicken feathers saved by a poultry geneticist...to an antique polygraph and more.



Enjoy an **included lunch** at the unique **Moshulu**, one of the world's oldest and largest tall ships which has been converted into a fine dining restaurant and is permanently docked on the Philadelphia waterfront. Moshulu was used in the movies *Rocky* and *The Godfather Part II*, as well as in the end scene of the movie *Blow Out*. The ship is docked adjacent to the museum ships *USS Olympia* and *USS Becuna*.

After lunch select from a variety of possible options:

* Take a short drive across the Delaware River into Camden, NJ. Immerse yourself in the world of the ancient, beautiful, scary, bizarre and stealth at **Adventure Aquarium** located on the **Camden Waterfront**. Sharks, hippopotamuses, free-flying birds and sea life from around the world will converge at the Camden Waterfront.

* Take a specially arranged docent-led tour of the **Rosenbach Museum & Library**, home of two brothers, Dr. A.S.W. and Philip Rosenbach. A.S.W. Rosenbach was a legendary dealer and collector of rare books and manuscripts, while Philip's expertise encompassed the fine and decorative arts. Founded in 1954 to preserve the two brothers' personal collections and a company archive, the Rosenbach's holdings have continued to grow. The Rosenbach is a major cultural destination—a research center that is home to one of the nations' great collections of rare books and manuscripts, as well as a beautiful, historic townhouse filled with fine art and antiques. The eclectic treasures include James Joyce's *Ulysses*, Charles Dickens's *Pickwick Papers*, and Joseph Conrad's *Lord Jim*, just to name a few of the treasures in this history rich townhouse!

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