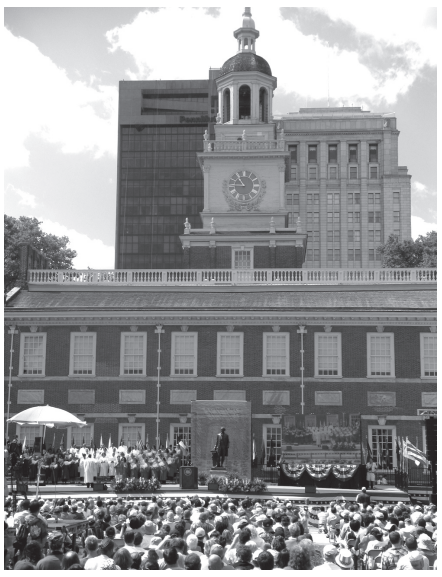
4th of July 2009 in Philadelphia, PA



The 4th of July celebrations in Philadelphia, America's birthplace, were a great success. The City of Philadelphia and the Sunoco Welcome America committee deserve much credit, and the news media also did a great job reporting on the activities.

On the 4th of July, the ceremony at Independence Hall, which drew a large crowd, marked the 233rd anniversary of America's Birthday. This year the Independence Day Parade took place in historic Philadelphia, where tens of thousands enjoyed over 150 groups, including a float and marchers promoting Polish Heritage. Compliments to representatives of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum and the Polish American Congress for their participation during the 4th of July Celebrations! The parade float from South Jersey Polonia highlighted the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America along with the Polish National Alliance of Cumberland County #3106, dressed in colonial costumes from the time of the First Polish Settlers in 1608. Our thanks to Henryk Michalkiewicz, who organized the float and marching group to highlight Poles in America. Following the parade, the marchers enjoyed a Polish lunch at the Polish American Cultural Center.

As the summer continues, you are invited to visit Historic Philadelphia, the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the Constitution Center and the Polish American Cultural Center Museum at 308 Walnut Street, as well as the Kosciuszko House at 3rd and Pine Streets. They are all within walking distance of each other.

And while in the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, check out the large map of Poland on the back wall which has been a big hit with tourists showing family members what cities they visited in Poland, or where their families lived before emigrating to America.

For more information about a visit to Historic Philadelphia, visit the Museum's site, which has a link offering information on planning your visit to Philadelphia and other tourist sites in the tristate area. Check it out at: PolishAmericanCenter.com - look for the **"plan your visit to Philadelphia" link on the front page, or visit: TriStateVisitors.com.**

Polish National Alliance Lodge 3106, marches down Market Street in Philadelphia's 4th of July Independence Day Parade.

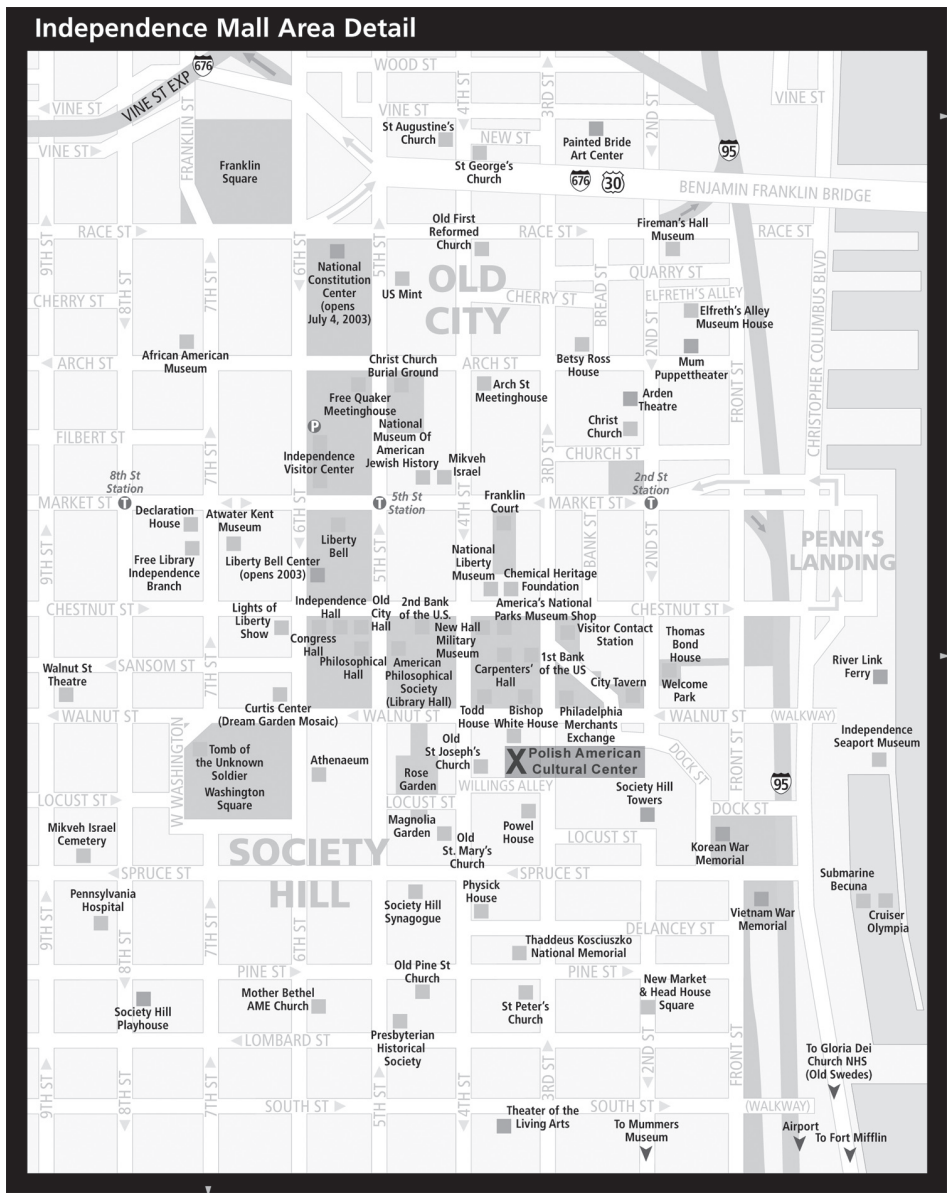
Float highlights 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Polish Settlers in America on October 1, 1608.

Following the 4th of July Parade, the float along with Polish National Alliance marchers dressed in colonial attire, visited the Polish American Cultural Center at 308 Walnut Street, to continue the celebration and enjoy a Polish lunch.

Email Us Your Photos From Your Trip to the Museum

Mail@PolishAmericanCenter.com

Visitors gather for photo at the bust of Pope John Paul The Great at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum 308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia, PA

TriStateVisitors.com

Travel Information for our Members and Supporters