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The savvy traveler's guide to Philadelphia

SUMMER IN THE CITY

## Hang Out

What better place to brave the August heat than on the breezy shores of the Delaware River waterfront. From a pop-up boardwalk to moonlight movie screenings, these riverside respites offer plenty of opportunities to soak in the summer season.

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Relax on hammocks at Spruce Street Harbor Park



Screenings Under The Stars  
 at Penn's Landing

## Take Me To The River

There's no need to head all the way down the Jersey Shore this summer to enjoy the sun, sand and boardwalk. Transforming the Delaware River Waterfront, **Spruce Street Harbor Park** (Columbus Boulevard at Spruce Street) is a summertime pop-up at Penn's Landing, featuring a boardwalk, urban beach, floating barge, mist walk and water gardens. On shore, look out for shuffleboard, corn hole and oversized chess piece lawn games, or bite into seaside food favorites, like hot dogs and ice cream, at concession stands housed in bright shipping containers. At the Columbus Monument, snag a hammock under the canopy of hanging lights or warm up at one of the fire pits on cooler nights. The centerpiece of the park is the "The Oasis," a floating barge that houses The Blue Anchor—Jose Garces' onsite restaurant and bar—net lounges and water gardens. Read on for more ways have fun along the waterfront, and visit [delawareriverwaterfront.com](http://delawareriverwaterfront.com)

### YOGA ON THE PIER

Yogis of all levels can experience riverfront tranquility. Classes are completely free—though donations are welcome—and are taught six mornings a week (excluding Wednesdays) at the Race Street Pier. Bring your own mat. *Columbus Boulevard at Race Street, 215.629.3200*

### ADVENTURE AQUARIUM

Visit Button and Genny—the aquarium's resident hippocampuses—at their newly revitalized home, Hippo Haven. This massive project

includes a 60,000-gallon pool and theatrical lights and sounds that immerse guests in a virtual African river habitat. *1 Riverside Drive, 856.365.3300*

### INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM

In addition to its nautical-themed exhibits, this year the museum added interpretive panels to its tour of the historic naval ship Olympia, offering visitors a glimpse into the life of a sailor. Afterwards, rent a kayak or row boat to take to the water. *211 S. Columbus Blvd., 215.413.8655*

### PADDLE PENN'S LANDING

For travelers who aren't afraid to get a little wet, rent kayaks and foot-pedal swan boats for half an hour at a time from the Penn's Landing Marina. *201 S. Columbus Blvd. at Dock Street*

### SCREENINGS UNDER THE STARS

Pack a picnic, bring a blanket and head to Penn's Landing on Thursday nights for Screenings Under The Stars. See popular movies like *Frozen* (Aug. 21) and classic blockbusters like *Jaws* (Aug. 7) for free at the Great Plaza. *101 Columbus Blvd.*



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 Adventure Aquarium