


NEW JERSEY & PENNSYLVANIA TRIPS



The Big Apple casts a large shadow, and Philadelphia and New Jersey can suffer identity crises because of it. Despite once being the more important American city, Philly now plays second fiddle while New York calls the tune. And Jersey remains, as Ben Franklin once noted, a “barrel tapped at both ends”: in north Jersey, residents listen to WPLJ and root for the Yankees and the Giants; in south Jersey, they listen to WMMR and root for the Phillies and the Eagles.

Yet, these states have a lot to offer on their own terms, as these trips show. Jersey will always have its fabulous shore, as well as its quirky diners and famous musical sons and daughters. Jersey also has the overlooked Pine Barrens, a vast, vital wilderness in the midst of this huge urban corridor. Walkable, historic Philadelphia is one of the friendliest cities you’ll ever meet, and it’s coming into its own as a restaurant town. Relaxing getaways

in Pennsylvania include artsy New Hope and Lambertville on the Delaware River and the radically antimodern charms of Dutch Country. What’s the biggest surprise? Pittsburgh, that once-dirty steel-town, is now a beautiful, avant-garde delight. Really, go check it out for yourself.

PLAYLIST  For classic rock, tune to WPLJ (95.5FM) and WMMR (93.3FM). The public radio station WXPB (88.5FM) broadcasts from UPenn. For more music, see the Jersey Rocks trip playlist.

- “Sherry,” Frankie Valli
- “One O’clock Jump,” Count Basie
- “Wee Willie,” The Hooligans
- “All of Me,” Sarah Vaughan
- “4th of July, Asbury Park (Sandy),” Bruce Springsteen
- “Jersey Girl,” Tom Waits
- “Philadelphia Freedom,” Elton John
- “That’s Life,” Frank Sinatra




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