Great Gardens

Morris Arboretum

This historic 92-acre garden estate is the official state arboretum. While open year-round, the springtime is an especially beautiful time to visit and see the lush gardens and many flowering trees. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., 215.247.5777

Philadelphia Zoo

Over 1.300 animals call this 42-acre Victorian garden home. The natural landscape is impeccably maintained and many of the flowering shrubs, trees and plants are labeled, 3400 W. Girard Ave., 215.243.1100

Rodin Museum

Eight stunning sculptures by French artist Auguste Rodin, including "The Thinker," reside in the formal courtyard garden, free and open to the public, designed by landscape architect Jacques Gréber, 2154 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, 215.763.8100

Longwood Gardens

This horticultural wonderland spans 1,050 acres. Meander the indoor conservatories and tour the grand gardens. This world destination is 30 miles outside Philly, and well worth the trip. 1001 Langwood Road, Kennett Square, PA, 610.388.1000



Art in Bloom

After a cold winter, the Macy's Flower Show at Macy's Center City is a celebration of the renewal of spring, transforming the department store into a lush greenhouse, teeming with live plants and flowers. This year's theme, "Art in Bloom," features incredible multi-dimensional floral displays in a fusion of art and horticulture. On view March 22-April 4 in Macy's Grand Court, this family-friendly event includes guided tours of the landscaped gardens and historic Wanamaker Building, organ concerts and more. 1300 Market St., 215.241.9000, macys.com

PHILLY ON FILM

If this year's Hollywood-themed PHS Philadelphia Flower Show has given you movie fever, you don't have to go far for starworthy sightseeing. Relive some of the city's most memorable movie moments all over town. BY AMY GORDON

BLOCKBUSTER ATTRACTIONS

In Terry Gilliam's gritty "Twelve Monkeys" (1995), Bruce Willis stars as a time-traveler sent from the future to save the world. Unfortunately he lands in a mental institution. which was filmed in the notorious Eastern State Penitentiary (2027 Fairmount Ave.). And who can forget the famous training sequence in "Rocky" (1976), when Philly's favorite underdog boxer ends his workout by running up the 72 steps that lead to the Philadelphia Museum of Art (2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway).

CRAFT SERVICE

"Philadelphia" (1993)

was shot almost entirely on location throughout the city, including a scene at Famous 4th Street Delicatessen (700 S. Fourth St.). Hungry for more? Foodie paradise Reading Terminal Market (51 N. 12th St.) made a cameo in the historical adventure story "National Treasure" (2004).

PROPS DEPARTMENT

Steven Spielberg fans can ogle the prolific director's very first camera, on view at the National Museum of American Jewish History (101 S. Independence Mall East). Nearby, the Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent (15 S. Seventh St.) counts vintage, 1930s-era large-size movie posters amongst the many Philadelphia-centric pieces in its collection.

TOUR THE TOWN

"Rocky" fanatics can sign up for Philly Tour Hub's "Rocky" Movie Locations Tour (phillytourhub.com), which includes stops at several locations featured in the six-film franchise.

