

Bucks County

So Much, So Close!

Even though it's only 75 miles from New York City, Bucks County offers a peaceful respite for residents escaping the hustle and bustle of everyday city life. Tucked neatly within Philadelphia's Countryside amidst rolling hillsides, working farms and picturesque old-time towns, Bucks County is marked by a particularly inviting countryside. Be it a weekend getaway or a week-long excursion, Bucks County maintains its signature charm that enchants its visitors. Whether it's taking a driving tour through our twelve historic covered bridges or sipping wine at one of our nine wineries- experience why Bucks County was named as one of the Top 20 Sightseeing Destinations in the world!

Cozy up in one of almost sixty Bed & Breakfasts ranging from an 18th century Manor House overlooking the scenic Delaware River to a luxurious hideaway nestled on a landscaped estate. Bucks County offers the ultimate romantic getaway for those cold winter nights with your loved one.

Travel to the Upper Region of Bucks County and you will run into an outdoor lover's paradise with its peaceful lakes and parks, picturesque countryside and winding roads dotted with historic covered bridges. But where do you begin? Travel up River Road/ Rte. 32 (one of the most scenic drives in the nation!) to an 11,000 square foot castle, **Sand Castle Winery**, providing a 15 mile view of scenic Bucks County high atop the castle. Visit for a cellar and tasting tour throughout its 7,000 square foot cellar. This 72 acre estate is sure to be a sweet treat! After a long day of sipping wine and strolling the grounds, check into your choice of country inns such as the **Golden Pheasant Inn on the Delaware**, an 1857 fieldstone inn between the Delaware River and Canal. Choose from one of six romantic rooms fully furnished in French, English and American antiques. Don't forget to ask about their romance packages! Spend the evening in their dining room, a solarium overlooking the canal, or explore on your own south to the Central Region of Bucks County where arts and culture are abundant!

Possibilities are endless in the central part of the county where a large artistic community thrives. At the heart of all the culture are two extraordinary and historic towns; Doylestown and New Hope. Spend the day in Doylestown and travel to architect-



ural treasures such as a six story concrete castle housing over 40,000 artifacts of early America at the **Mercer Museum** in Doylestown. Or trek to Henry Mercer's home, **Fonthill Museum**, a concrete castle built in 1910 boasting 44 rooms and 18 fireplaces elaborately adorned with Mercer's original handcrafted tiles.

A Shopping Lovers Dream! Visit **Peddler's Village**, a charming 18th century style shopping village with 70 unique specialty shops and six restaurants set on 42 acres of landscaped gardens. Since Peddler's Village was founded 46 years ago in the Lahaska countryside, visitors have followed the winding brick pathways to a unique shopping experience. Peddler's Village is also where wintertime visitors will witness one of the most splendid winter lighting displays in Bucks County at the Grand Illumination Celebration.

New Hope, the popular artist colony, offers eclectic charm comfortably offset by casual sophistication. As one of Bucks County's premiere travel locations, stroll

the streets to explore over 200 art galleries, antique shops and boutiques or treat yourself to over thirty restaurants with some of the most diverse cuisines in the region. For a unique dining experience, enter into **Marsha Brown Restaurant**, a 125 year old stone church transformed into a refined Creole kitchen and lounge specializing in cuisine from Marsha's native New Orleans. You will be mesmerized with cathedral ceilings, stained glass windows and ornate details such as a dramatic 50 foot tall mural behind the original altar. In an area rich with Bed & Breakfasts, complete your perfect getaway by getting pampered at the **Inn at Bowman's Hill**, a truly tranquil English-style hideaway, only two and a half miles from the center of New Hope.

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