

PHL and PNE Prepare to Host the World: 2026 Airport Media Guide

This year, Philadelphia steps onto the world stage—and it all begins at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) and Northeast Philadelphia Airport (PNE). From the 250th anniversary of America to a once-in-a-generation lineup of global sporting events, 2026 is more than a moment. It's a movement.

And as the gateway to the city where it all began, we are ready—not just to move people, but to welcome the world.

About PHL and PNE

PHL and PNE are owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia Department of Aviation. PHL, the busiest airport in Pennsylvania, welcomed more than [30 million passengers in 2025](#). The airport is American Airlines' transatlantic hub and its airline partners offer nonstop flights to 135 destinations, including 40 international.

[PNE](#) is the busiest general aviation airport and third busiest airport in Pennsylvania. Located in Northeast Philadelphia, PNE is home to 85 T-hangars, nine corporate hangars, and six open hangars for general aviation activities.

For more information about PHL and PNE, click [here](#).

At PHL

Philadelphia is having a big year in 2026! In addition to being the internationally recognized birthplace of America (where the Declaration of Independence (1776) and the U.S. Constitution (1787) were signed) on America's 250th [birthday celebration](#). Philly is also hosting [NCAA March Madness](#), the [PGA Championship](#), [FIFA World Cup](#), [MLB All Star Game](#), and many [exhibitions and performances](#) throughout 2026. During these special events, PHL will host related activities, including interactive games, art exhibitions by local artists, photo ops and viewing lounges, to welcome guests to the Greater Philadelphia region.

PHL also offers [permanent exhibitions](#) that provide guests with a taste of Philadelphia including several special exhibits for 2026. Check out our [Rocky statue](#) in Terminal A-West by gate A15, tributes to the [Declaration of Independence](#) in the International Arrivals Hall and [Philadelphia International Records](#) in A-East and our new homages to the people and places of the city in Customs and the ground level of A-West. Guests can enjoy authentic Philadelphia favorites at our many [Founded in Philly](#) eateries and shops.

To view PHL's online 2026 Visitor's Welcome Guide, click [here](#).

Media Protocols and Contacts

More than 500 organizations operate at PHL, with their own media contacts. For more information on who to reach out to and where to report when covering the airport, take a look at the airport's online media [guide](#). For City of Philadelphia media contacts, email the Mayor's Office of Communications at press@phila.gov.

Helpful tips for Philadelphia Visitors

Have some time to spend in Philadelphia before the big events? Why not check out Visit Philadelphia's [website](#) for itinerary ideas? Need help getting around town? [SEPTA](#) is convenient, especially for getting to the Sports Complex and Center City. You can also check out the City of Philadelphia's 2026 spotlight [webpage](#) and download the 2026 Access Philly app in the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

While visiting, sign up for the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management's special events text alerts. Text ReadyPhila to 888-777 for alerts about severe weather, mass transit and travel, emergency info, and more. Joining us for the World Cup? Text CupPHL to 888-777. Visiting Philadelphia for Fourth of July-related events? Text America to 888-777.

Covering FIFA World Cup

Coming to the U.S. for the FIFA World Cup? Why not make Philadelphia your homebase for the tournament? PHL's airline partners offer nonstop flights to almost every host city including:

- [Toronto](#)
- [Mexico City](#)
- [Boston](#)
- [Atlanta](#)
- [Miami](#)
- [Kansas City](#)
- [Dallas](#)
- [Houston](#)
- [San Francisco](#)
- [Los Angeles](#)
- [Seattle](#)

And [New York/New Jersey](#) is a quick train ride away from [William H. Gray Amtrak 30th Street Station](#). For flight information, check out Where We Fly on phl.org.

The City of Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management has published a "[Know Before You Go](#)" blog that will be updated as information is available.