

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LANCASTER AHA!

There are memorable AHA moments everywhere you look – Art, History, and Architecture that will amaze you. The small city that changed America is a charming, fun, and exciting place to visit with so much to see and do – a vibrant 19th-century farmers market, engaging museums, lively art galleries, interesting architecture, one-of-a-kind shops, and unique restaurants offering local foods, family fair, and fine dining.







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The small city that changed America

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CENTRAL MARKET

 Lancaster Central Market, located on the site of the original 18th-century open-air market just off Penn Square, is the oldest continuously operating farmers market in America. It is the heart and soul of downtown Lancaster – an exciting, fun place to be, and a must-see destination. Open Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday. Get there early. Just off Penn Square.

MUSEUMS



2. LancasterHistory.org On the Square This fascinating museum and gift shop features exhibits on the rich history and contribution of Lancaster. A larger facility is located outside the downtown next to the home of President James Buchanan. 4 W. King St.



B. Demuth Museum The lifelong home and studio of celebrated artist Charles Demuth is now a museum dedicated to creating awareness and appreciation of this renowned American modernist painter. The building is over two hundred years old. 120 E. King St.



 Lancaster Museum of Art is located in the historic Grubb mansion, adjacent to Musser Park. The museum provides exhibitions of regional, national, and international artists, as well as education programs. 135 N. Lime St.

GALLERY ROW



. Gallery Row is the center of Lancaster's nationally recognized art scene. A wide variety of art galleries, from fine to fun, abound in the historic buildings that line the street. Many talented artists are represented.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS & HOMES

Here is just a small sampling of the many historically significant buildings and homes that can be seen simply by walking the streets of downtown Lancaster. While not open to tour, they represent architectural treasures spanning three centuries.













5. Old City Hall (current visitor center) This circa 1795 brick Georgian-style building started life as Lancaster's City Hall and was Commonwealth offices when Lancaster was the state capital. This visitor center is a great place to start your visit. On Penn Square.

Fulton Theatre The striking Victorian building was built in 1852. This beautifully restored national treasure still thrills audiences with live performances. A statue of Robert Fulton stands above the marquee. 12 N. Prince St.

- Soldiers & Sailors Monument The 43-foot monument on Penn Square was built in 1874 to honor Lancaster's Civil War veterans. A local Civil War officer posed for the figure of the cavalryman. The "Genius of Liberty" atop the monument is facing north. On Penn Square.
- Trinity Lutheran Church Founded in 1730, the Georgian-style church was completed in 1794 with the addition of a 195-foot bell tower and steeple. It was the tallest building west of Philadelphia. Statues of the four evangelists stand at the base of the tower. 31 S. Duke St.
- Jasper Yeates House Pennsylvania Chief Justice, Jasper Yeates, built this 3-1/2 story brick Georgian-style home in 1765 for his son-in-law, Judge Charles Smith. The exterior has been restored.
 24 S. Queen St.
- . William Montgomery House Lawyer and civic leader, William Montgomery built this brick Federal-style home in 1804. The Montgomery house was designed by Stephen Hills. It has recently been restored. 19-21 S. Queen St.









FIGHTING SLAVERY

Lancaster's Representative, Thaddeus Stevens, was known for his fiery support of equal rights. He was the leading force in passing the Emancipation Proclamation abolishing slavery. Lydia Smith, a smart and personable mulatto, was Steven's housekeeper, business manager, and consort. He built a house for her behind his, and willed her money to buy his home.





6. Thaddeus Stevens House The 2-1/2 story brick federal-style building was built in 1840. It was the home and law office of U.S. Congressman and abolitionist, Thaddeus Stevens. The Lydia Smith house is around the corner. S. Queen & E. Vine St.

17. Underground Railroad Stop Viewable from inside the Convention Center – guests can see a water cistern from the Civil War period that was presumably modified to hide escaping slaves along the Underground Railroad. Enter via Marriott Hotel.

12. William Bowman House The date stone on this two-story stone house says it was built in 1762 by William and Elizabeth Bowman. At the base of the eaves is a carved face, known as the "eaves dropper," looking down on the sidewalk. 123 E. King St.

3. Gundaker Stable This stone Germanicstyle building is located in Lancaster's historic Old Town. It was built in 1798 as a combination stable and barn. In 1838 the building was converted into a double house. 130 E. Vine St.

- 4. Christopher Marshall House This stately 2-1/2 story brick house was built in 1770. It was the home of Christopher Marshall, well-known diarist of the Revolutionary War, who came to Lancaster from Philadelphia in 1777. 209 E. Orange St.
- Andrew Ellicott House Andrew Ellicott lived in this brick Georgian-style home, built in 1787. Ellicott laid out Washington, DC, instructed Meriwether Lewis in surveying prior to Lewis & Clark Expedition, and was friends with Franklin and Jefferson.
 N. Prince St.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Enjoy the Art, History, and Architecture



LANCASTER, one of the oldest inland towns in America, was laid out in 1734 and incorporated as a borough in 1742. During the Revolutionary War, Lancaster was capital of the colonies for one day when the Continental Congress fled Philadelphia, which had been captured by the British.

Lancaster was the site of the Treaty of 1744, home of the Conestoga wagon, and birthplace of the Pennsylvania long rifle. Among Lancaster's many famous residents were President James Buchanan, US Representative Thaddeus Stevens, Surveyor of Washington DC Andrew Ellicott, noted artist Charles Demuth, F. W. Woolworth, and Milton S. Hershey.

Today, Lancaster is known for its art, history, architecture, great restaurants, and charming ambiance. Learn more at VisitHistoricLancaster.com.