



**NCOIL 2009 SUMMER MEETING**  
**PHILADELPHIA, P.A.**  
**SPOUSAL/GUEST TOURS**  
**July 10 & 11, 2009**



**Two fun tours have been planned for the NCOIL Summer Meeting!**

On Friday, we'll travel back in time in the footsteps of our nation's forefathers in historic Philadelphia. Saturday's tour will be a sightseeing adventure on the Ducks that ends with a splash into the Delaware River at historic Penn's Landing where you'll have a great view of Philly from the water.

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**Friday – July 10 – Philadelphia Sites – Private Tour & Lunch**

Meet Sandy Feldman in the lobby of the Philadelphia Marriott at 9:30 a.m. where we'll depart for a private trolley tour of historic and modern Philadelphia. Our tour will include:

- **Independence Hall** where the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776
- **Betsy Ross' Home** – designer of the five point star and creator of the first U.S. Flag
- **Elfreth's Alley** – We'll walk down the oldest residential street in our country
- **Christ Church** – We'll tour the Church which has held services since 1695. Parishioners included Ben Franklin, Betsy Ross, George Washington and many of the founding fathers.
- **William Penn** was baptized in the 600 year old font. As we depart, you'll see the Christ Church Burial ground which is the resting place of 5 signers of the Declaration of Independence, including Benjamin Franklin.
- We'll see the **Philadelphia Museum of Art**
- **Historic Pine Street** – where the Pennsylvania Hospital built the first indoor operating room in the nation.
- Our tour concludes with lunch at **Fork** which is famous for it's local fresh ingredients and is the "in place" for lunch in Philadelphia. **Cost per person - \$65.00 - includes transportation, admission fee, lunch, tax and gratuity. Total travel/tour - 4 hrs. We should be back at our hotel around 2:00 p.m.**

**Saturday – July 11 - Philly's Duck Tour**

Meet in the lobby of the Marriott at 1:30 for a short walk to board the Duck Tour. This is a fun and informative tour of Philly with a splash into the Delaware River. The Duck vehicles are based on the famous WWII DUKW amphibious design and provide a different and exciting way to see Philly from the land and water. **Cost per person is \$26.00 Adults, \$24.00 senior and children 3-12 \$16.00. We'll be back to the hotel by 4:00 p.m.**

 **Please register by June 30<sup>th</sup> to ensure a reserved space:**

**Friday, July 10, 2009: number in party \_\_\_\_**

**Saturday, July 11, 2009: number in party \_\_\_\_**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*Please make your checks payable to:**

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**No refunds on day of event unless tour is cancelled due to inclement weather.**



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## **The Liberty Bell**

The Liberty Bell was cast in the Whitechapel Foundry in the East End of London and sent to the building currently known as Independence Hall. It was moved to the Pennsylvania State House, in 1753. The bell is 12 feet in circumference around the lip with has a 44-pound clapper. Inscribed at the top is the Biblical verse from Leviticus, "*Proclaim Liberty throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants thereof.*"

The clapper cracked the bell on its first use, and a couple of local artisans, John Pass and John Stow, recast the bell twice. Once they added more copper to make it less brittle and then they added silver to sweeten its tone.

The Liberty Bell is approximately 70 percent copper, 25 percent tin and traces of lead, zinc, arsenic, gold and silver. The Bell is suspended from what is believed to be its original yoke, made of American elm. The Liberty Bell weighs 2,080 pounds, and the yoke weighs about 100 pounds.

Whitechapel Foundry recently made a "Freedom Bell" for Trinity Church in NYC commemorating 9/11.