1.) Trocadero
1003 Arch Street
Built in 1870, the Trocadero Theatre has undergone many transformations over the years, from being a vaudeville and burlesque hall in the 1950s to a dance club in the 1980s. Now, the theatre is a popular venue for various concerts and performances. See www.thetroc.com for more information.

2.) Friendship Gate
10th and Arch streets
Built as an exchange between Philadelphia and its sister city in China, Tianjin, this ornate gate was dedicated on January 31, 1984. It is the first authentic Chinese gate built in America by artisans from China. The graphic patterns, based on mythical creatures from the Ming and Qing dynasties, include a phoenix, which symbolizes good luck and long life, as well as a dragon, which has the power to keep water in its mouth and protect the community from fire.

3.) Chinese Cultural and Community Center
10th between Arch and Cherry streets
After World War II, a family-oriented Chinese community emerged in Philadelphia. As a result, both religious and secular community organizations began to develop. This center was originally formed at the YMCA in 1955, and later became specific to Chinatown. It offers various classes, has youth groups, and sponsors the Chinese New Year Parade.

4.) Fire Station
10th and Cherry streets
Originally established on July 4, 1791 as part of the Diligent Volunteer Fire Company, it was located on the south side of Market near 8th Street. After moving several times, it settled on June 5, 1956 in its present location. The station is nicknamed the “House of Dragons.”

5.) Lucky Chinese Cookie Factory
155 N. 9th Street
Chinese fortune cookies have become a staple millions look forward to after a meal and in Philadelphia, visitors to Chinatown can see how these treats are made at Lucky Chinese Cookie Factory. The factory also sells their freshly-made fortune cookies and buyers can even ask for personalized messages to be put inside.

6.) Chinese Christian Church and Center
225 N. 10th Street
Beginning in the late 1800s, Philadelphia saw an increase in religious participation that eventually led to the establishment of CCC&CC in 1941. The center continues to serve as a place for cultural and religious activity, and is inextricably linked to Chinatown’s history.

7.) Dim Sum at Ocean Harbor and Joy Tsin Lao
Race between 10th and 11th streets
No trip to Chinatown is complete without a sampling of its many food offerings, and these well-known Chinese restaurants are right across the street from one another. Carts constantly pass your table as you point to the dishes you want, allowing you to sample many different menu items in one meal.

8.) The Pennsylvania Convention Center
Arch between 11th and 13th streets
The Pennsylvania Convention Center houses exhibitions, conferences, and conventions ranging from WizardWorld Comic Convention to The 14th Congress of the International Headache Society. It is comprised of four main halls and the grand hall, which is part of the former Reading Railroad terminal elevated train shed.

9.) Reading Terminal Market
12th and Arch streets
This is part of the Reading Railroad that you know from the Monopoly game. Though the trains no longer rumble overhead, the old train shed is now the century-old Reading Terminal Market, an unrivaled testament to the rich flavors of the city’s ethnic neighborhoods. Treasured by locals and tourists alike, the market brings together a variety of food cuisines under one roof: Amish pretzels, steaks, and hoagies—all Philly originals!

See www.philadelphia-chinatown.info for more listings of Asian restaurants, supermarkets, gifts, and more information.

To get back to Penn, take the Blue Line from 11th and Market streets to 34th Street or the Green Line (except the 10) from 13th and Market streets to 37th and Spruce streets.

OVERVIEW:
This tour takes you through the Asian cultural center of Philadelphia. Chinatown offers a variety of amazing cuisines including Japanese, Thai, Cambodian, Burmese, Laotian, Malaysian, and Vietnamese. Churches, temples, artwork, and a concert hall are also highlights.

WHY YOU SHOULD RETURN:
Chinatown offers the opportunity to sample cuisines from nearly every country in Asia. The Pennsylvania Convention Center is the second largest convention center in the Northeast and stages such shows as the International Auto Show in February and the Flower Show in March. At the Reading Terminal Market you can buy seafood, cheesesteaks, baked goods from Pennsylvania Dutch merchants, and any other food you could want. Plus, Philly’s Hard Rock Café is located on the corner of 12th and Market streets.

Take the Green Line trolley to 13th Street or the Market – Frankford Line (also known as the Blue Line) to 11th Street to start your tour.