



The Philadelphia Tour Guides and Docents Job Fair

Paid & Volunteer positions with tour companies, historic sites, & museums.

January 23, 2026, 11am to 2pm @ Free Public Library on the Parkway
phillyguides.org

American Vegan Center americanvegan.org

Compensation: Paid and Volunteer

Contact: Vance Lehmkuhl

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AVC has storefront retail, employing both paid/volunteer staff. Our veg history tour program is expanding in 2026; we can train interested individuals to become part of our paid staff of guides for five different tours, all on the veg history of Philadelphia, where the U.S. vegetarian movement started.

Bow Tie Tours LLC bowtietours.com

Compensation: Paid Position

Contact: Andrew Cross (610) 642-2410

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We give history-focused tours in locations in and around Philadelphia, including Independence National Park, Valley Forge, Brandywine, and Amish country. Looking for independent contractors who are knowledgeable and passionate about the colonial/Revolutionary period and good at engaging a variety of people in stories about that time.

Carpenters' Hall carpentershall.org

Compensation: Paid and Volunteer

Contact: Michael Norris

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We are looking for volunteer docents with an interest in Carpenters' Hall to engage with our visitors for several four-hour shifts per month. We also occasionally need additional part-time paid staff to staff our gift shop on weekends or as needed.

Centipede Tours centipedetours.com

Compensation: Paid Position

Contact: John Alessandroni (610) 368-8176

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Tour Guides to give walking tours in Old City dressed in colonial outfits. Jobs are seasonal and part time. Require knowledge of the area and history and a good amount of walking. Mostly school groups but some adults. Also, some need for Valley Forge Tours which are mostly on the bus with some walking.

City Food Tours phillysfoodtour.com

Compensation: Paid Position

Contact: Matt Schillizzi (215) 515-8657

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City tour offers their regrets for not being at the Job Fair in person.

City Food Tours is seeking another tour guide to join their team to help lead the Flavors of Philly food tour, offered daily

Dialogue Institute at Temple University

religiousfreedomtrails.org

Compensation: Paid and Volunteer

Contact: David Krueger

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The Dialogue Institute provides training for tour guides and public history educators on the themes of religious diversity and democracy. The program also teaches skills for facilitating civic dialogue about sensitive historical topics. Graduates are eligible to contract with the Dialogue Institute to provide high-quality tours and other educational experiences for diverse groups.

DiasporaDNA Story Center diasporadna.org/festivals

Compensation: Paid and Volunteer

Contact: Monica O. Montgomery

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DiasporaDNA's City of Festivals initiative is a cultural storytelling project aimed at amplifying diverse voices behind Philadelphia's vibrant festival scene through media, events, and community engagement. Positions: Tour Guide / Tour Manager / Arts Educator / Content Creator

EF Explore America <http://www.efexploreamerica.com>

Compensation: Paid Position

Contact: Nick MacFarlane

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We are looking for Tour Directors and Local Guides to lead educational and impactful tours with student groups from across North America.

Elfreth's Alley Museum elfrethsalley.org

Compensation: Volunteer Position

Contact: JL Hitchens

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The mission of the Elfreth's Alley Association is to preserve and protect the Elfreth's Alley historic district, while interpreting the contributions of everyday Philadelphians to our American story. We are seeking volunteers for museum docents and tour guides to help share the Alley's history with visitors from all over the world.

FREE-CARRIAGES, LLC carriagehorsefreedom.com

Compensation: Paid and Volunteer Position

Contact: Janet White

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FREE-CARRIAGES, LLC owns and operates Caroline e-Carriage™, the first electric horseless carriage to be introduced in any major US city! We are seeking creative Phila-philes to work with us this year in a variety of roles – tour guide, historical reenactor, driver, decorator, musician (for our Concerts on the Carriage), etc. Join "Team Caroline" and be part of Philadelphia's most unique tour experience!

Founding Footsteps Tours Foundingfootsteps.com

Compensation: Paid Position

Contact: Tim McAleer

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We run various tours and events and are looking for additional guides.

Free Library of Philadelphia freelibrary.org

Compensation: Paid Position

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Public Library Volunteer Department

Global Tour Connection, LLC globaltourconnection.com

Compensation: Paid Position

Contact: Carri Tovsky

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Global Tour Connection offers their regrets for not being at the Job Fair in person.

We are a Philadelphia-based destination management company. We work with groups of all types in handling the logistics of their program whether it's a leisure tour, meeting or event. We often hire tour guides to lead our city tours, and at times we hire guides to assist on other aspects of the program.

Grim Philly grimphilly.com

Compensation: Paid Position

Contact: Joe Wojie

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Grim Philly seeks bold history-educated walking tour guides for (1) History Tours (2) Ghost Tours. Pay is \$30hr plus weekly performance bonuses and tips. Successful candidates will be reliable, think independently, and present an abundance of factually accurate information in entertaining and non-political terms. Grim Philly, founded in 2011, is currently the highest ranked walking tours in Philadelphia on the Trip Advisor platform...as well as nationally ranked as the fourth highest rated history tours, and second highest rated ghost tours in the United States for 2025.



Not a member of the Association of Philadelphia Tour Guides? Try out a meeting for free. Click to join at phillyguides.org

Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation

preserveoldswedes.org

Compensation: Volunteer Position

Contact: Amy Grant

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The Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation (dba Preserve Old Swedes) preserves, restores, and interprets the Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church historic campus, so the buildings, graveyard, archives, and artifacts of Pennsylvania's oldest church are maintained, respected, remembered, documented, and memorialized. We are actively seeking new board members and volunteers to assist with guided tours.

Historic St. George's Museum & Archives hsgmuseum.org

Compensation: Paid and Volunteer

Contact: Asia Neill (215) 925-7788

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HSG Museum & Archives contains thousands of objects, photographs, documents and ephemera related to the development of Methodism in America. We are under a mass museum remodel, and will have all new exhibits this summer! We have paid internships open every semester. Additionally, we are seeking volunteers to guide tours and work in our archives.

Independence Historical Trust inht.org

Compensation: Volunteer Position

Contact: Natasha Calabria

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Independence Historical Trust is seeking volunteers who are interested in making a difference in their National Park! Volunteers are needed to help with programs and special events, garden and grounds maintenance, office support, and as Twilight Tour Guides.

International Association of Tour Directors and Guides

(IATDG) iatdg.org

Compensation: Association

Contact: Elaine Rodriguez

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The International Association of Tour Directors & Guides (IATDG) is the industry association for professional tour guides and tour directors. We're excited to be at the APT Job Fair to connect with guides, answer questions about career pathways, and share how IATDG supports professionals through education, community, and professional development. Stop by to learn more about membership and expanding your opportunities.

Jim Murphy Communications Realphillyhistory.com

Compensation: Volunteer Position

Contact: Jim Murphy (610) 506-3024

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I'm here to talk to potential guides about APT and its many programs and services; to talk about how I got into APT, mention volunteer positions in Phila., offer to do a special tour for possible recruits or just meet them for coffee.

Mural Arts Philadelphia Muralarts.org

Compensation: Paid Position

Contact: Ellen Soloff

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Mural tour guides - primarily walking tours to begin with plus training.

NorthtotheWorld Northtotheworld.com

Compensation: Paid and Volunteer

Contact: Judith Robinson

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We are a Tour Ambassador mentoring / training organization. We specialize in research, and storytelling of the Afro American History of America and the world.

*Curated tours of Fairmount Park

* Off of the beaten path. Storytelling!

We are seeking individuals who are Artists, Vocalist, and History buffs. All welcome!

Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks

philalandmarks.org

Compensation: Volunteer Position

Contact: Judith Smith office@philalandmarks.org

"Landmarks" manages 4 historic homes and is in constant need of docents. 2 of the homes are in Society Hill (Powel and Physick), 1 is in Germantown (Grumblethorpe), and 1 is in Chester County (Waynesboro). Being a docent is a wonderful way in becoming a guide. We provide all training and materials needed to be an effective guide.

Philadelphia Visitor Center Corp phlvisitorcenter.com

Compensation: Volunteer Position

Contact: Tomar Jackson

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The mission of the Philadelphia Visitor Center Corporation is to enhance every visitor's experience through exceptional customer service and access to all the city has to offer. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help deliver a Disney experience with Chick-fil-A-level service.

Philly Bike Tour Co. phillybiketours.com

Compensation: Paid Position

Contact: Shelly S. Walker

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We offer guided bicycle tours of Philadelphia and are looking for guides to lead our Classic City Tours, Mural Tours, and Beer Tours. Pay is \$25/hr+. Weekend availability a must!

Philly City Tours phillycitytours.com

Compensation: Paid Position

Contact: Mohammad Jamshid Parsa (267) 995-0509

Philly City Tours is the second branch of our unique sightseeing experience, originally inspired by the charm and hospitality of Lisbon, Portugal. After launching in Washington, DC in early 2024, we quickly became one of the top-rated tour companies in the area—proudly earning a 5-star rating and even being invited to the 2025 Independence Day Parade with our vintage cars. Now, we're bringing that same passion, energy, and quality to the streets of Philadelphia. We are committed to sharing the rich history, culture, and hidden gems of Philly in a fun, comfortable, and memorable way. Our fleet features eye-catching vintage electric vehicles, offering both private and group tours for 4 to 7 passengers.

Starr Bus Charter & Tours startours.com

Compensation: Paid Position

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Starr Tours offers their regrets for not being at the Job Fair.

Starr Tours is looking for energetic, detail-oriented, friendly individuals for Part-Time Seasonal Employment as Tour Directors. Past experience as a Tour Director, Guide or escort is necessary for this position. Strong Customer Service, Great Communication Skills, Destination Knowledge, Love of Travel and computer skills are all desirable traits for Tour Directors.

Travelers Aid Intl – PHL travelersaid.org/philadelphia

Compensation: Volunteer Position

Contact: Morgan McBrearty

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The Travelers Aid International mission is to aid people in transit who are in distress, through our direct services and through services provided by our member organizations. Our Philadelphia program is seeking dedicated volunteers to aid the traveling public at PHL.

Underground Donut Tour undergrounddonuttour.com

Compensation: Paid Position

Contact: Jackie Kamel

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We are a donut tour, taking people all over the beautiful city of Philly to various donut shops and discussing the history throughout the tour. We are looking for Tour Guides.

WeVenture Philadelphia we-venture.com

Compensation: Paid Position

Contact: Adam Clements

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WeVenture offers a wide-range of guided experiences in and around Philadelphia. Walking, van, electric cart and step-on tours that focus on Philly history, food, art and culture.

Special thanks to the **Free Library of Philadelphia** for providing the space to make this job fair possible.