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Be Our Neighbor

With an iconic skyline where three rivers meet, Pittsburgh boasts big-city offerings with small-city charm.

Upon arrival, cross the must-do items off your Pittsburgh bucket list:

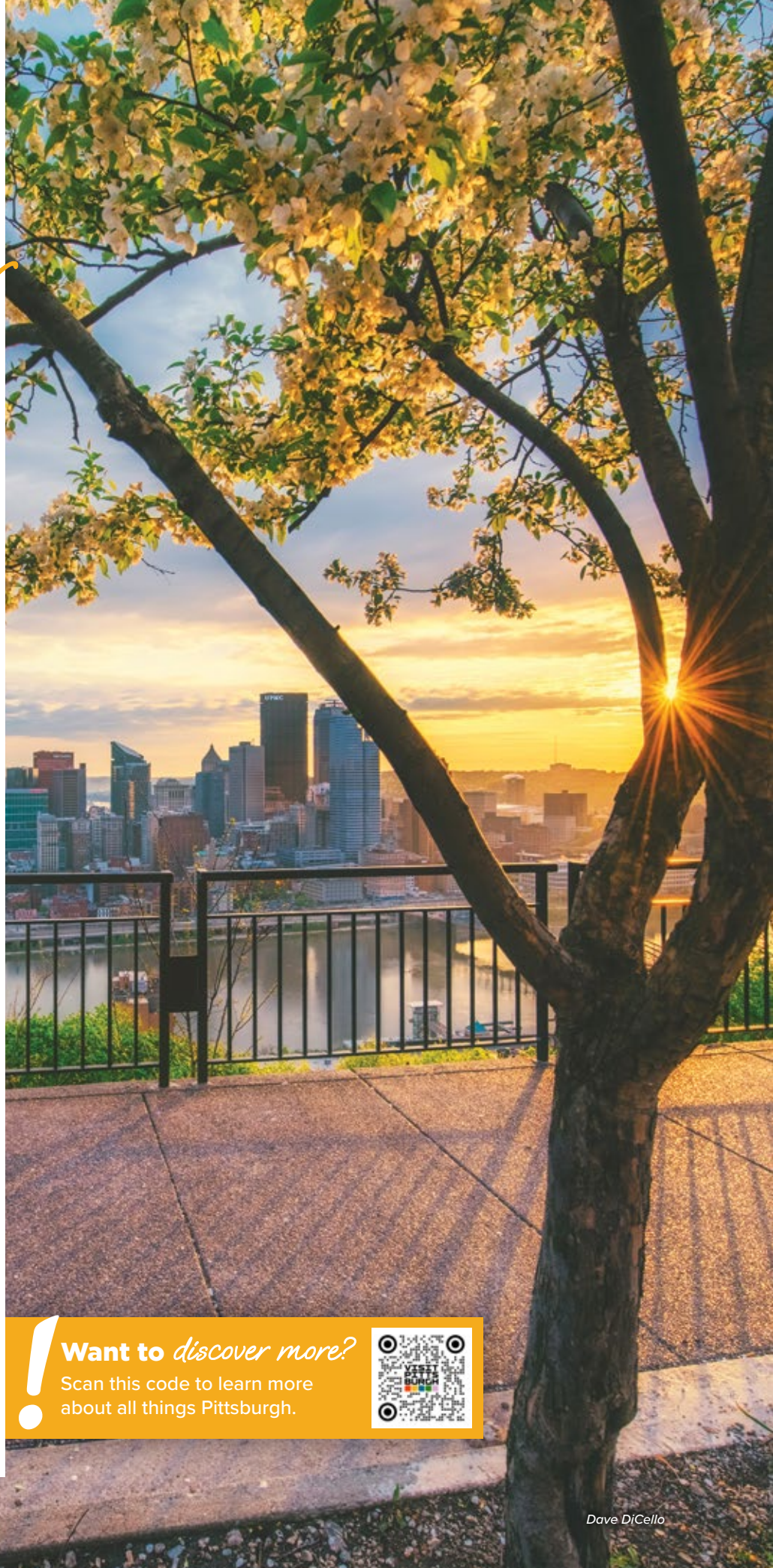
- A visit to one of Pittsburgh's 30+ museums, from the renowned **Carnegie Museum of Art, Heinz History Center, The Andy Warhol Museum** and **Mattress Factory**, to the quirky **Randyland** or **Bicycle Heaven**.
- Catch a game from one of our major professional sports teams like the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Pittsburgh Penguins.
- Take a bite out of a french fry-filled **Primanti Bros.** sandwich or Polish deli pierogies on your Sunday in the Strip District.
- Ascend the **Duquesne and Monongahela Inclines** to see the Golden Triangle and our famous bridges. Day or night (we recommend both), the vista will take your breath away.

But the best way to discover Pittsburgh? Open a map, pick a neighborhood and explore.

Pittsburgh's vibrant personality takes center stage in its 90 unique neighborhoods, often separated by hills, bridges and rivers. How many wonders we have packed into our city becomes apparent when you dive into each community and see what makes it special.

Let's experience a few together...

Venture to Polish Hill for breakfast from **Kaibur Coffee & Cafe** before admiring the neighborhood's historic **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church** from multiple vantage points.



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Note the edgy charm of Polish Hill's dive bars before heading to Lawrenceville, sprawled along the Allegheny River and bursting with restaurants, cocktail bars, cafés and galleries. Jumpstart your day at **Espresso a Mano** or have a drink at **The Abbey** on Butler Street, a funeral home turned popular restaurant. Enjoy Lawrenceville nightlife at **Spirit** or **Thunderbird Café & Music Hall**, and admire local art at **Redfishbowl**. Catch a flick at **Row House Cinema** and indulge your inner child at **Kickback Pinball Café**. Wander into any Butler Street business that catches your eye, and you're guaranteed a good time.



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If you're here on the first Friday of the month, it's essential to experience **Unblurred: First Fridays** on Penn Avenue, a lively monthly art crawl in Pittsburgh's Garfield neighborhood. Refuel with a pizza from **Spak Brothers** while you explore. Stroll over to Bloomfield and dine at vegan **Apteka**, voted a top-50 restaurant by the *New York Times*, or drink a brew from beloved **Trace Brewing**. Speaking of beer: Pittsburgh is home to more than 50 craft breweries.

Just down the street, see a performance at **Kelly Strayhorn Theater** on Penn Avenue, named after famed dancer and Hollywood movie legend Gene Kelly, born and raised in East Liberty, and Homewood-born jazz composer Billy Strayhorn. Speaking of Homewood, visit the **Afro-American Music Institute**. Get a coffee at **Everyday Café** or **KLVN Coffee Lab** in nearby Larimer before checking out the neighborhood's murals curated in **The Homewood Experience Art Walk**. End the night with a beer at **East End Brewing Company** or a cocktail/mocktail on tap from **Goodlander Cocktail Brewery**, both in Larimer.

Oakland is home to five universities, the main **Carnegie Library** branch and the lush **Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens**. Shop and dine in nearby Shadyside and Squirrel Hill, or swing through the neighborhood known for putting

Pittsburgh on the jazz map: the Hill District. While most Pittsburgh jazz clubs are a relic (though **Con Alma** in Downtown and Shadyside keep it going), the Hill District is one of Pittsburgh's most historic neighborhoods and home to famous playwright August Wilson's house.

If atop Mt. Washington for fine dining on Grandview Avenue, hop next door to Allentown, a working-class neighborhood now home to a bustling main street. Cravings for fine steak and seafood will be satisfied at **Alla Famiglia**. Or, indulge in mouthwatering vegan fare from **Onion Maiden**. Down the slope is the South Side, full of quirky vintage stores, ice cream factories and no shortage of bars — more than 80 stretch down Carson Street.

On Pittsburgh's Northside, immerse yourself in the greenery of **Allegheny Commons**, Pittsburgh's oldest park and home to gorgeous Lake Elizabeth. The park borders the **Mexican War Streets** neighborhood, named after people and places of the Mexican-American war and full of charming architecture and small businesses (even a bookstore) sprinkled throughout.

If you need a break from the urban landscape, wander one of the 165 city parks, from small neighborhood

parklets to acres of woods. **Frick Park** is the largest at 644 acres, with 16 trails and a number of babbling streams. While not quite a park, Lawrenceville's **Allegheny Cemetery**, our oldest and largest burial ground, is a popular walking spot (and you'll gasp not at ghosts but at historical graves). For a quintessential outdoor Pittsburgh adventure, climb one of the hundreds of city staircases.

A Pittsburgh visit wouldn't be complete without touring Downtown. **Market Square** offers unique skyscraper views from the ground with no shortage of shops and restaurants. Explore our **Cultural District**, home to a dozen art galleries, 50 dining establishments and world-class theaters like the **Benedum Center for the Performing Arts** and **Heinz Hall**, home to the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

Street Festivals? Beer festivals? Food festivals? Music festivals? We've got plenty of those, too, as well as farmers' markets, artist markets, night markets, vintage markets and more.

What makes Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh are the people who breathe life into experiences worth visiting.

To experience Pittsburgh is to sit at the (cookie) table with us. 🍪

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