

Unforgettable road trips in Pennsylvania

Hop in your vehicle and explore the Keystone State

Airplanes, cruise ships and worldly destinations often are associated with choosing your next vacation. But sometimes, nothing beats a road trip.

Road trips can be simple, less expensive and more relaxing. Hop in your vehicle, motorhome or pull your camper to places few people consider, but those who do are thankful they did.

Options abound. Nationwide, national parks, lakes and mountain regions quickly come to mind. States like Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado rank high in popularity, but it might be more fitting to stay close to home.

Pennsylvania frequently is overlooked by travelers in search of a road trip. Its diversity and uniqueness make it an ideal place plan your next trip.

Locations to visit are in abundance. Here are places to consider:

Presque Isle State Park – The peninsula juts out into the coastline of Lake Erie. It offers swimming, boating, fishing, cycling and hiking. It also has 13 beaches and 11 miles of trails. Visitors can conclude fun-filled days by watching the sun set from any location at the park.

Pine Creek Gorge – The “Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania” is no ordinary place. Fantastic scenery and landscapes highlight this canyon. Take advantage



GORGEOUS – Pine Creek Gorge is labeled the “Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania.” Image: Zack Frank. Adobe Stock.

of hiking trails, camping sites, kayaking, fishing and more. It spans 50 miles and drops 1,000 feet.

Bushkill Falls – Coined the “Niagara of Pennsylvania,” it’s home to eight waterfalls, dozens of trails and diverse wildlife. It’s an ideal location for bird-watching, hiking, fishing and exploration. The site is located deep within the Pocono Mountains.

Downtown Philadelphia –

Cobblestone streets and narrow paths welcome thousands of guests annually to one of the U.S.’s most historic cities. See Independence Hall and Congress Hall, the Liberty Bell, the Declaration House, the Betsy Ross House and Carpenters’ Hall. Visit Dilworth Park and Longwood Gardens. And don’t forget to grab a cheesesteak.

Hersheypark – Entertainment and chocolate – does it get much better? The

chocolate-themed amusement park has roller coasters, a waterpark, live performances, a boardwalk, cocoa-scented mulch and much more. Visit Chocolate World – the home of DIY candy bars, chocolate tours and an interactive chocolate mystery.

Amish Country – Pennsylvania has the highest Amish population in the U.S. Visit Lancaster County to enjoy a slower, peaceful life rooted in simplicity. It’s the oldest Amish settlement in the U.S. The location is comprised of windmills, cottage industries and agriculture.

Gettysburg – A distinctive blend of history, recreation and ... ghosts draw visitors to this historic town. Visit Gettysburg National Military Park, the site of the Civil War battle in 1863. Tour the battlefield and other landmarks like the Rupp House and the Gettysburg Museum of History. Gettysburg also is known as the most haunted town in Pennsylvania and offers nightly ghost tours.

Falling Water – Frank Lloyd Wright’s creation is one of the most celebrated architectural wonders. Located in the Laurel Highlands, the home exemplifies Wright’s artistic philosophy: the union of art and nature. It sits atop a 30-foot waterfall and is nestled between the rivers, mountains and woods of Bear Run Nature Reserve.

Princess unveils Spellbound by Magic Castle

Newest vessel *Sun Princess* will feature sensational experience

Princess Cruises’ newest ship, *Sun Princess*, continues to unveil its newest treats as it prepares for its upcoming debut early this year.

Spellbound by Magic Castle is expected to enhance the vessel’s appeal. It’s a collaboration with the famed Hollywood icon. Spellbound blends the captivating world of magic with the art of mixology to create an extraordinary Victorian-inspired experience.

Guests will find Spellbound nestled behind a nondescript door amidst the sensational confines of *Sun Princess*, where they will enjoy incredible feats of magic, surprises in themed rooms and theatrical cocktails delivered by sleight-of-hand servers.

“We are excited to introduce Spellbound by Magic Castle and take the art of magic around the world aboard the spectacular new *Sun Princess*,” said John Padgett, president of Princess Cruises. “This collaboration with The Magic Castle takes entertainment into new dimensions with an extraordinary experience that combines the allure of magic with the thrill of cruising. Spellbound will become an iconic guest favorite on *Sun Princess*.”

Its ornate décor includes magical artifacts, vintage curiosities and interactive special effects. Spellbound is meticulously designed to capture the essence



GET-TOGETHER – Guests on the upcoming *Sun Princess* will have the opportunity to visit Spellbound by Magic Castle. Image: Princess Cruises.

of Hollywood’s exclusive Magic Castle – a place where stars gather, legends have been born and magic has left audiences spellbound for decades.

Guests will initially encounter the essence of the authentic Magic Castle, including the Music Room adorned with eclectic and mystical artifacts and paintings to pique curiosity. In the Music Room, guests will meet the spirit of Isabella, who will share her stories of sailing on *Sun Princess*. The venue also

will feature a vintage Parlor Bar that features Artemis the owl who is revealed through interaction with skilled illusionists before entering the intimate 30-seat, Spellbound theater.

“We are bringing some of the most authentic aspects of The Magic Castle in Hollywood to *Sun Princess*, complete with incredible magicians and illusionists, so that Princess guests can experience a taste of the world class magic that is showcased nightly at the Magic

Castle,” said Erika Larsen, president of Magic Castle Enterprises. “It’s an exciting opportunity for guests to immerse themselves in a magical experience typically reserved exclusively for members and their guests.”

Performances by world-class magicians, handpicked from around the globe, will fascinate audiences with mind-bending tricks, awe-inspiring illusions and mesmerizing acts that promise to leave guests in a state of wonder and disbelief.

Spellbound will make its debut in February aboard *Sun Princess* – a ship that will offer an array of exciting new entertainment and activity offerings, as well as luxurious staterooms and suites across a broad spectrum of categories.

The vessel will have the most balconies and sun decks on any Princess ship, allowing guests to absorb the sunshine and clear waters of the Mediterranean and Caribbean from the comfort of their staterooms.

The Dome, meanwhile, is a transformation entertainment venue inspired by the terraces of Santorini. It’s an ideal place to relax and the Arena boasts the most technologically advanced Princess Theater design.

Visit your nearest AAA branch office to speak with a travel advisor to learn more about Princess Cruises or other cruise lines.