

At Home at The Rittenhouse

This landmark hotel, in Philadelphia's most elegant neighborhood, provides a luxurious home base for exploring the historic city.



Rittenhouse, there are many reasons to explore Philadelphia's most exclusive neighborhood: posh shops, chic boutiques, acclaimed art galleries and gourmet restaurants like Le Bec Fin. Philadelphia's Antique Row is also close by.

Art-lovers should visit the Rodin Museum, which houses the largest collection of his original work outside of Paris, and the nearby Barnes Foundation, one of the world's greatest collections of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art.

For those who choose not to leave the sanctuary of the Rittenhouse, Treetops Restaurant (which floats in the leafy canopy above Rittenhouse

Stepping into the creamy, marble-floored foyer of the Rittenhouse Hotel feels like slipping through a time warp. Indeed, the calm atmosphere is infused with the past, in the form of Louis XV-style tapestry armchairs, rugs from the Orient and antique objets d'art. One half expects to see a turn-of-the-century debutante descending the long spiral of the majestic staircase.

Guests can indulge in high tea in The Cassatt Lounge while their bags are whisked upstairs to Philadelphia's largest and most opulent accommodations. The Rittenhouse is casually elegant; it feels like an inn with the sophistication and amenities of a world-class hotel. To say that hotel manager David G. Benton and his staff will go out of their way to make guests happy is a serious understatement.


Benton has converted guest Bruce Willis' shower into a steam room, built custom furniture for Pavarotti's suite and stocked Rickey Martin's room with fiery delicacies from the hot *nuevo* Latino restaurant Pasi3n. He's even changed a room number for a superstitious guest.

The rooms are furnished in a classic style that defies stuffiness. Bold splashes of color in the upholstery offset the formal furniture. The 98 guestrooms and suites (including 23 luxury suites) overlook the Rittenhouse Square Park or afford a view of the city's glittering skyline.

Amenities like complimentary limousine service, personal pet care, shoe shines and The Adolf Biecker Spa (with a pool under cathedral skylights, gym, massage therapists, steam room and sauna) make leaving the hotel difficult. For those who *can* escape the lure of the



Square) ensures every diner a view of the outside world. The Smith & Wollensky Steakhouse offers a gourmet option on an old Philadelphia staple: the cheese steak sandwich.

However you intend to make use of this delightful hotel, the Rittenhouse will surely make you feel at home. 

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