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HOW TO PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh has many facets. We know some of them very well – like the back of our hands. But, like all vital cities, the ‘Burgh surprises us on a regular basis. New restaurants. Untold tales. Forgotten histories. A new distillery. An innovative cocktail. A piece of art, a dance performance, a stadium concert, a quartet, a musical, a drama, a waterfall to take the kids to see. Our annual How to Pittsburgh issue keeps our readers up to date on the best of the familiar, and the scores of adventures yet to be had!

How do we Pittsburgh? First: **we eat**. We look at some of the restaurants, food trucks and tasting opportunities that abound in the area. Then **we drink**, sipping beers, wines, cocktails and mocktails.

Then **we nourish mind and soul**. We look at museums and galleries. We look at dance, both contemporary and classical. We listen to what’s happening in the music scene, from vintage rock to symphonic...indeed at all the tunes being sung and played locally. We touch on theater, too, outlining some of the exciting things in store for us through the end of the year.

Finally... **WE HAVE A BLAST!** From hiking to sightseeing, from kiddie-friendly treats to largely unknown local attractions, we will keep you busy with compelling must-taste, must-do, must-see experiences that will carry you through rest of 2025...and well beyond.

Which is the very mission of our *How To Pittsburgh* issue. We aim to present to you the stuff of bucket lists: things you want to try, things you long to re-visit, things you want to know more about, so that your Pittsburgh roots grow deeper and stronger. And happier, too!

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Featured Articles

The Pierogi Spectrum

Rick Sebak joins a handful of friends of TABLE with roots in Eastern Europe for a serious exploration of what the 'Burgh has to offer in the form of its unofficial favorite food.

Downtown Roundtable

We gathered movers and shakers, leaders and managers, politicians and businesspeople to discuss what's working and what's next in this central and centrally important neighborhood in the Pittsburgh region.

Pride

Friends and colleagues showed up at TABLE offices to eat rainbow foods and sip rainbow drinks...and to share why 2025 needs Pride more than ever.

Great Grills!

Chef Kevin Hermann of 408 Heirloom treats us all to fresh, summery farm-to-table recipes for the summer ahead, all of them eminently grillable.

The Hottest Hot Dog

Creative Director Camden Leeds shows us how to hot dog! He gathers a group of friends for a frankfurter festival, replete with all the toppings. The article offers up a shopping list as well as tips on how to make Chicago dogs, Mexican dogs, Banh-Mi dogs, and much more.

Plus: Lists and suggestions for dozens more categories of food and drink, places to visit, things to do, classes to take, and experiences to enjoy. This issue is jam-packed with surprises, citing approximately 300 businesses and local treasures!