

Things to do in Lancaster

Getting here 🚗

Getting to Lancaster

The easiest way to get to and around Lancaster is typically by car. However, Lancaster is also on Amtrak's Keystone Service and Pennsylvanian train lines.

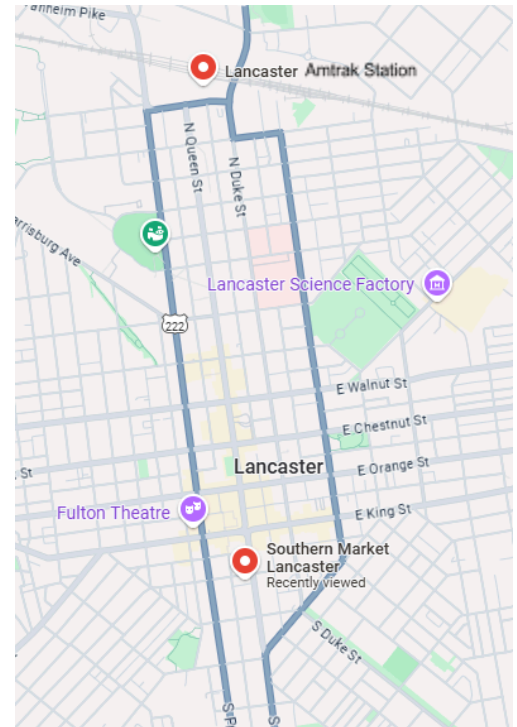
Getting to the venue

Southern Market: 100 S Queen St. Lancaster PA (1.3 miles south of the Amtrak station)

- If arriving by train, you can Uber, walk, or contact Jamie or Karen for a ride (484 707 7259)
- If arriving by car, you can park at Steinman Park Garage (35 S Prince St) for under \$10 for the day

About the venue

Built as a farmer's market in 1888, [Southern Market](#) is now a food hall and community hub with meeting rooms (where we will hold our event) and a variety of restaurant kiosks selling everything from Indian to Mediterranean to Thai to soul food. There's even a [Schnitzel Haus](#)!



Where to stay 🏠

Downtown Lancaster

[Marriott](#) and [Holiday Inn](#) - in the heart of downtown but may book up quickly and have high nightly rates
[Lancaster Arts Hotel](#)

Elsewhere in Lancaster County

[Doubletree](#)

[Eden Resort](#)

Mennonite guest homes:

[Verdant View](#)

[Eby Farm B&B](#)

[Leaman's County Lodging](#)

[Rayba Acres Farm](#)

[Blue Rock B&B](#)

What to do 📌

PA Dutch-related activities

[1719 Museum / Hans Herr House](#) - Join us at this historic homestead for a group tour Friday July 18 at 2:30pm! Please email Karen with your reservation request (limited to 25 participants):

leubetranslation@aol.com

[Amish Farm and House](#) - Historic Amish site offering guided house, bus & farm tours, with a schoolhouse & animals to view

[Old Windmill Farm](#) - Authentic working Amish farm offering guided tours, where visitors can milk cows and bottle-feed calves

[Ephrata Cloister](#) - Site of a historic religious community established in 1732
[Mennonite Life Visitor Center](#) and biblical tabernacle reproduction
[Landis Valley Museum](#) - Village & farm museum devoted to the history & culture of Pennsylvania's rural German community

Downtown activities

[Lancaster Central Market](#) - America's oldest continuously operating public market (open Tue, Fri, & Sat from 6am-3pm)
[Decades](#) - Retro bowling alley, arcade, and restaurant
[Fulton Theatre](#) - Oldest working theatre in the U.S. (showing CATS in July 2025)
[Gallery Row](#) - Two blocks of downtown with numerous local art galleries
[Tellus 360](#) - Irish pub & live event venue by day, bar/dance club by night

Elsewhere in Lancaster County

[Historic Rock Ford](#) plantation & Lancaster County Central Park
[Wheatland](#) - Home of President James Buchanan (and next-door [Lancaster History](#) center)
Covered bridge [self-guided driving tour](#) or [guided scooter tour](#)
[Sight & Sound](#) theater - Live theater producing musicals with biblical messages (showing Noah in July 2025)
Lititz - A small, walkable town 9 mi north of Lancaster with shops, cafes, and parks (home of [Julius Sturgis](#), the oldest pretzel bakery in the U.S.)

And much, much more at: <https://www.discoverlancaster.com/>

Where to eat 🍔

PA Dutch eateries

[Shady Maple Smorgasbord](#) \$\$ - The largest buffet in the U.S., an Amish-run restaurant in East Earl
[Amish Meals at Home](#) \$\$\$ - Personalized meals at an Amish home in Paradise, PA by reservation only
[See more PA Dutch restaurants here](#)

Downtown eateries

[Cabalar](#) \$\$ - Butchery meets burger bar with craft brews
[Zoetropolis](#) \$\$ - Movie theater, restaurant, and distillery
[Horse Inn](#) \$\$\$ - Refined pub fares in a remodeled horse stable
Other recommendations: Rachel's Creperie, South County Brewing, Lancaster Brewing Company, Frisco's, The Fridge, Cork & Cap, Luca, Norbu

Elsewhere in Lancaster County

[Chella's](#) \$\$ - South American arepas and other staples (including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and peanut-free) – Hempstead food truck location is ranked #5 on Yelp's Top 100 Places to Eat in the U.S.!
[Log Cabin](#) \$\$\$ - Former speakeasy in a remodeled log cabin, set in beautiful PA wooded countryside
Other recommendations: Greenfield Inn, Bull's Head, Fireside Tavern, Speckled Hen, Rice and Noodles

Don't forget to try some fresh local ice cream and sweets

Downtown: Lancaster Sweet Shoppe, Splits & Giggles, Rolled Cold Creamery
Out in the countryside: Fox Meadows, Lapp Valley Farm, Pine View