



Clockwise from above
DJ Brendan Olkus at the Saint Lazarus Bar; tempting tacos with all the trimmings: Sancho Pistola's; good beans mean Reanimator Coffee Roasters



CITY HOT SPOT LOCATION: FISHTOWN, PHILADELPHIA



Cook & Shaker

Adding to the recent influx of hip eateries in the still gritty-at-heart Fishtown area, restaurateur Laura Viegas promised a new neighbourhood hangout with a locally sourced menu. She doesn't disappoint. Cook & Shaker is cosy and comfortable, all warm woods, exposed brick and fresh ingredients from urban farms Greensgrow. cookandshaker.com

Sancho Pistola's

Classic Mexican dishes such as spicy pork tacos and black bean soup are best washed down with the signature beer or some fiery mescal. sanchopistolas.com

Saint Lazarus Bar

Local boy done good DJ Brendan Olkus has resuscitated the one-time Saint Lazarus Hotel. The eclectic décor (psychedelic art and backlit buddhas), well-chosen tunes and sweet Creole food make for good vibes. saintlazarusbar.com

Jinxed Philly

If you're after hipster flea-market gems with an edge, head to Jinxed's hip and urban loft-style space on Frankford Avenue: the place for vintage furniture. facebook.com/jinxed.philly

Toile

This industrial-chic boutique is home to things of beauty – bespoke evening and bridalwear by owner Bianca de Pietro, as well as clothing and handbags by local designers. shoptoile.com

Reanimator Coffee Roasters

These guys know their stuff. Reanimator serves up beans bliss for die-hard coffee fans. Sample goodies from Peru to Papua New Guinea with aromas to die for. reanimatorcoffee.com

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RAILWAY PARKS

NOW

Manhattan, New York

Opened in 2009 on a stretch of disused freight railway line, the 1.45-mile High Line is now New York's second most visited cultural spot, with a final section set to open this year. A similar park, the QueensWay, is planned for Queens.

NEW

Chicago

Park 567, the first chunk of Chicago's long-awaited 606 Trail, is now open, with the rest to follow in autumn. The line will eclipse New York's at a whopping 2.7 miles. It also has a skate park and an observatory.

NEXT

London

The abandoned line at The Goodsyard in Shoreditch is reportedly receiving a green makeover in the next couple of years. – High Line co-founder Robert Hammond has even made a visit.

ACCESSORIES

THAT'S RICH

For the ultimate arm candy, check out the Billionaire black and electric blue bi-colour weekend bag, which combines Italian style with a touch of summer brightness. An investment piece that'll pay dividends in the fashion stakes. £23,610, billionairecouture.com