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# PITTSBURGH, PA ITINERARY

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## Unique traditions to experience on game weekend

- Check out the university's campus before the game to get a general sense of the "game day vibe" from students and alumni.
- Look out for the Panther statue over by the William Pitt Union on campus across from the Cathedral of Learning.
- Catch the university band gearing up on their march to the stadium.
- The university organizes a large family-oriented tailgate by the stadium before the game that's cool to attend.

## Best local hangout/restaurant to watch the game

- East Carson Street in the Southside of Pittsburgh is lined with dozens of bars / restaurants.
- Mario's
- Fat Heads
- Peter's Pub

## What to wear to the tailgate/game

- Dress warm! The rivers are right next to Heinz Field and can make things colder than usual.

## Must-sees at the tailgate

- The Pitt Band plays a concert before the game right behind the scoreboard. Sit on the steps and watch them perform. They also march down the street and into the stadium closer to game time.

## The food/drink must-have at the game

- *Primanti's Sandwich* – (2) thick slices of Italian bread piled high with meat, cheese, fries and cole slaw
- *Chicken Wings* at Quaker State and Lube or LA Lickers
- *Heinz Ketchup and Fries* (you're in Heinz field!)

## Best shops to purchase team merchandise

- The Team Store inside the Petersen Events Center (the University's basketball arena)
- Sideline stores throughout Heinz Field

## Favorite part of the campus

- The Cathedral of Learning
- The Petersen Events Center

## Other insider tips and hidden gems in Pittsburgh

- Stop in at the National Aviary.
- Visit the zoo or aquarium.
- Visit all the museums the city has to offer, including the ones of Andy Warhol and the Clemente Museum (Clemente is by appointment only).
- Ride the incline up to Mount Washington and take in the view of the Pittsburgh skyline.
- Catch a show at one of the downtown theatres.
- Take in the nightlife of Southside and Shadyside.