

XPLR

Rat Race!

Last Thursday was Chinese new year and according to the lunar calendar we are now entering the year of the rat. It is the most important of Chinese holidays which is why today we will XPLR china town.

About the ride: (3.04 mi)
Take Benjamin Franklin Parkway and hang a slight left and bike all along **Race** Street down to Chinatown.

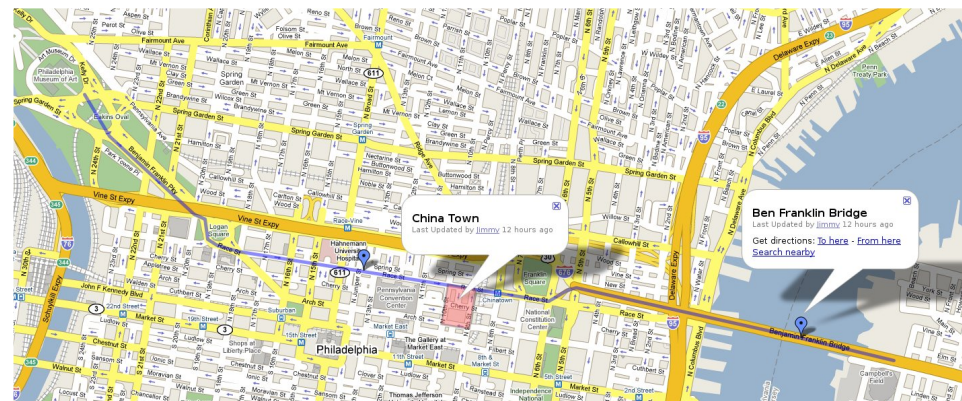
About the photog:
Lots of red.

ABOUT XPLR:

A camera is your license to explore the world, and your relationship to it. Where has your license taken you recently? Part inspiration part perspiration, XPLR (explore!) events seek to unite individuals that are passionate about art and urban exploration. Meetings take place at the Philadelphia Art Museum steps. The actual subject matter and shooting location will be kept secret until the day of the event and will be disclosed at the PMA. Join us in our pursuit of creativity, or just for a fun bike ride.

Website: <http://www.xplr-club.com>

Flickr group: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/xplrclub>



Total Distance: 3.04 mi

Sun, Feb 10, meet at 10.30AM. Start at the Philadelphia Art Museum Steps and take Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Hang a slight left and take Race Street all the way down to China town. Finish at the Ben Franklin Bridge for a great view of the city.

1. CoS, 1315 Race St. 11AM

Park bikes at Broad St. off of Race. There is a Church of Scientology at 1315 Race St. A group of hackers calling itself "Anonymous" is trying to expel the Church of Scientology (CoS) from the internet.

They have been accused of repeatedly taking down the CoS websites. Today they have organized a demonstration outside the church at 11AM.

2. Chinatown

Walk down 9th st. take a left on Arch, and go back up on 10th st. Take pictures of anything

Here are some suggestions:

Chinese Cultural Center 125 N. 10th St. (old building w/ interesting walls)

Great Wall Seafood Market 102 N. 10th St. (lots of fish and other animals)

Lion Dance 10th and Arch at 12PM

Eddie's tattooing 904 Arch St.

The Chinese Cookie Factory 155 N. 9th Street (ever wonder where they make your fortune cookies?)

3. Ben Franklin Bridge

Get a view of Philadelphia or Camden. Don't forget the stadium on the NJ side.

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