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Philadelphia's Weird and Wild Sandwiches

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Philadelphia might be known for cheesesteaks, but there are plenty of other noteworthy sandwiches available at eateries in the city. And many are like nothing you've seen before. Here are some of the most unusual gut-busting, mouth-watering selections from area restaurants.

The SHAME Burger: It's all in the name, folks. This massive burger found at [The Wishing Well](#) on 9th Street is enough to make a grown man cry. A sirloin patty is topped with American cheese, a fried egg and a piece of scrapple. Yes, scrapple. This monster of a sandwich is best attempted when you're famished.
767 S. 9th St.; 215-238-6555



The Bolognese: Lasagna is usually a meal all on its own, but Philly sandwich shop [Paesano's](#) believes it's just as good delivered between two buns. This sandwich boasts fried meat-filled lasagna, red sauce, smoked mozzarella, sharp provolone cheese, sweet peppers and a fried egg all on a soft hoagie roll. One bite of this bad boy and you'll be celebrating a new Italian tradition.
901 Christian St., 215-922-2220

The Natural Disaster: Sometimes the best food comes from a truck -- or, in this case, a trailer. The [U Got Munchies food truck](#) located just off of Temple's campus at 1321 Norris St. provides some of the most outrageous, heart-slowing sandwiches in the city. And this one is epic. They shove steak, crispy chicken tenders, French fries, cheese whiz, American cheese and fried onions all together on a roll in one heck of a culinary feat.
1321 Norris St., 267-202-4164

Gelato Sandwich: You might normally eat creamy, delicious gelato out of a small cup with a tiny spoon, but you have other options at [Capogiro's Rittenhouse location](#). Because if you really want it, the staff will serve up the flavors of your choice between warm, homemade brioche rolls. A marriage made in heaven? We think yes.
117 S. 20th St.; 215-636-9250

The Mac & Cheese Burger: [Basically Burgers](#), a small family-run joint in Doylestown, is known for making some unusual burgers. And one of the most tempting on the menu is the Mac & Cheese Burger: a juicy beef patty piled high with ooey, gooey macaroni and cheese and accented with grilled tomatoes and cheddar. But if you're not in the mood for noodles on your burger, you can always have one with jalapeno poppers instead.
33 N. Main St., Doylestown; 215-345-8502

The Philly Taco: This requires a little bit of DIY spirit, but if you're willing and able, you can get your hands

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on this Philadelphia legend. First, head to [Lorenzo's](#) on South Street and pick up a large slice of pizza. Then run over to [Jim's Steaks](#) (less than a block away) and order a cheesesteak any way you like it. Wrap the pizza around the cheesesteak and indulge in all the unhealthy glory. Yes, people really do this.

Lorenzo & Sons Pizza, 305 South St.; 215-627-4110

Jim's Steaks, 400 South St.; 215-928-1911

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