Bucks County, Pennsylvania, is just a bit south of us and has several charming towns and history-filled attractions. You may also enjoy many vineyards and other outdoor activities.

I find that one of the most interesting things to do in Bucks County is the Covered Bridge Tour. I wrote about the 12 existing bridges in my September 2024 Daytripping. So I will not write anything on that, other than if haven't gone on that tour, it is definitely well worth the time.

Peddler's Village in Lhasa is a great place to visit. It is a complex of colonial-style buildings, gardens, shops and restaurants. There are winding paths, lined with flower displays and water features, that take you past more than 60 specialty shops and places to eat. They have various festivals during the year such as Village of Chocolate in February, Celebrate the Green in March, Strawberry Festival in May, Scarecrows in the Village in September, and a fantastic light display in December.

Newtown is place with another highly walkable main street with specialty stores and restaurants. I am told that the best and most unique ice cream can be found at the Zebra Striped Whale. https://zebrastripedwhale.com/ For the history buff, Newtown has a self-guided Heritage Walk that has 34 wayside markers at historically significant sites in town. These sites are from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. https://www.newtownhistoric.org/visit/walking-tours/newtown-heritage-walk/

One of the most unique places is Fonthill Castle in Doylestown, made entirely of poured concrete. It was built in 1908 as the home, of Henry Chapman Mercer, an archaeologist and collector, but is now a museum. Fonthill has 44 rooms, 32 stairwells, 18 fireplaces and is filled with Moravian tiles, books, and many other items from Mercer's world travels. Close by is the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works that was constructed to produce the tiles Mercer used in his homes. It is still a working museum. If you go on Tuesdays you may get a chance to make your own tiles. Downtown Doylestown also has many historic buildings with shops and restaurants.

Again for you history buffs, a visit to Washington Crossing Historic Park will allow you to see where Washington crossed the Delaware. The park itself has some restored colonial buildings showing how Pennsylvanians lived and worked in the 19th century. There is a Wildflower Preserve nearby that is great to visit and walk the trails of native wildflowers, shrubs and trees.

One of PA's state parks, Lake Nockamixon is located in Bucks County and has the largest lake in southeastern PA. If you are a fisherman, this is a great place to spend and afternoon as it is popular for fishing.

Bucks County has 7 wineries that can be visited using their Wine Trail. https://www.buckscountywinetrail.com/about-us/

Pearl S. Buck lived in Bucks County and you can visit her family's home that was built in 1825. The farmhouse if filled with Buck's original furniture and possessions.

Hope you enjoy your trip exploring Bucks County sometime in the near future.