

## **American cities**

*Short version*

### **Washington D. C.**

- The capital city of the USA is **Washington D.C.**
- It is located **in the District of Columbia**
- It is in the east of USA
- It is not such as large as New York
- **The White House** is the official residence and workplace of the President of the United States
- The name of the city was created as **a honor** to first American president **George Washington**

### **New York**

- It is the **largest city in the USA**
- It has about **8 million people**
- It is located in the **state of New York**
- It is in the **north-east of the USA**
- **The Statue of Liberty** is the most famous symbol of New York
- **The Brooklyn Bridge** is a famous bridge connecting the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn
- It is sometimes called „**The Big Apple**“ or „**The city that never sleeps**“ because it is alive with action all day and night
- Another famous place is the **Statue of Liberty**, the symbol of the USA, its freedom, democracy and opportunity
- **Annually, the city averages 234 days with at least some sunshine**
- **New York has the largest subway system in the world**
- **US OPEN** one of the world's four Grand Slams in tennis tournaments, is held at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, Queens.

### **Los Angeles**

- **Los Angeles** is famous for its **film industry** and it is the second largest city in the USA
- It is located in the **state of California**
- It is in the **south-west of the USA**
- There is the luxurious **Beverly Hills**
- **Hollywood** is a famous part of Los Angeles and home of the entertainment industry
- **The Walk of Fame**, on Hollywood Boulevard, is known for having stars with the names of famous people

### **San Francisco**

- **The Golden Gate Bridge**, the prison of Alcatraz and the hippies made the city famous to the world

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- It is located in the **state of California**
- It is on the **west coast of the USA**
- The San Francisco cable car system is one of the symbols of the city
- **Alcatraz prison**, on the island of Alcatraz, is notorious all around the world

### Las Vegas

- It is the city famous for many casinos
- Las Vegas is also well known for its wedding chapels and **quick marriage ceremonies**
- It is located in the **state of Nevada**
- It is in the **west of the USA**

### Philadelphia

- It is the city where the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776
- It is located in the **state of Pennsylvania**
- It is in the **north-east of the USA**

### Chicago

- It is home to **Willis Tower**, formerly known as the **Sears Tower**
- This 442-metre skyscraper was the world's tallest building until 1998
- The **Navy Pier** is another popular place to go in Chicago
- Sports fans also might like to visit **Wrigley Field**, home of the Chicago Cubs **baseball team**
- **Chicago is also a city of jazz and blues clubs.**

### Dallas

- It was known for its **real-life cowboys, or ranchers**
- Now It is famous for the **Dallas Cowboys** who play American football
- There is **the Sixth Floor Museum**, dedicated to the assassination of President **John F. Kennedy**

### San Antonio

- It is probably one of Texas' **prettiest cities**
- It has a beautiful **River Walk** filled with restaurants and shops
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## **Doplňující otázky**

### **1. Which US cities do you know?**

- There are many well-known cities in America like... (Pick the most memorable for you)

### **2. Why is New York such a popular city?**

- The New York skyline can be admired from the tallest building in the city, the **Empire**

### **State Building**

- Many tourists also like to visit **Central Park**, the theatre district on **Broadway**, the **Statue of Liberty**, etc.
- Art lovers shouldn't miss the **Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)** or the spiral-shaped **Guggenheim**

### **3. What are some important things to see in the US capital, Washington DC?**

- The **White House** is the seat of the **American president**
- The **Capitol building** is where the **American Congress** resides and all the country's laws are made
- Another place of interest in Washington is the **Smithsonian**, an institution made up of 19 different **museums** such as the Air and Space Museum.

### **4. What should visitors see in Chicago?**

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### **5. California has many popular cities. What do you know about them?**

- **Los Angeles** and **San Francisco** are the most visited cities in California
- Other interesting ones are **San Diego**, **San José** and the state capital, **Sacramento**
- **Los Angeles** is in the south and is known for **Hollywood**, the centre of the American film industry, shopping
- Up north, **San Francisco** draws tourists to landmarks such as the **Golden Gate Bridge**, historic **cable cars**, the notorious **Alcatraz Island** with its former prison
- **San José** is best known as the heart of **Silicon Valley**, where lots of tech companies like Google and Apple have their headquarters

### **6. What is there to do in one of the most visited American cities, Las Vegas?**

- It is in **Nevada**
- It is the **fastest growing city in the USA**
- It's famous for its huge casinos, which often look like top tourist attractions
- Las Vegas is also well known for its **wedding chapels** and quick marriage ceremonies; there are even **drive-through chapels**.

### **7. I would like to visit the Northwest. Are there any interesting cities?**

- Two of the best-known cities are **Seattle**, in Washington state, and **Portland**, in Oregon
- **Seattle** is home to many bands such as **Nirvana** and **Pearl Jam**
- **Portland** is south of Seattle and is known for its **environmental friendliness**

## 8. Texas has lots of cities; do you know anything about them?

- **Houston** is home to **NASA's Space Center** and the largest fine arts museum in the Southwest
- **Dallas** was known for its real-life cowboys, or ranchers, but now is famous for the **Dallas Cowboys** who play **American football**
- In **Dallas** there is the **Sixth Floor Museum**, dedicated to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy
- **San Antonio** is probably one of Texas' prettiest cities

## 9. Can you tell me about some interesting cities in the southern part of the US?

- **Miami, Atlanta** and **New Orleans** are probably the three most well-known cities in the American South
- **New Orleans** is synonymous with **jazz music, Cajun food and a liberal attitude**
- **Miami** is famous for its **parties, beaches, and Cuban food** because there are many immigrants from Cuba
- **Atlanta** is the **largest city in the South**, there is a museum dedicated to **Coca Cola**
- **The state of Tennessee** is known for its country music, particularly in cities like Nashville and Memphis, where **Elvis** grew up.

## 10. What do the visitors of LA want to see?

- Many visitors of LA like to see **Universal Studios, Disneyland, the Hollywood Walk of Fame**, etc.

## Důležitá slovíčka

- Fonetická výslovnost není pro lepší srozumitelnost uvedena

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assassination	(asasinejšn)	atentát, vražda
attitude	(ejtitůd)	postoj, přístup
borough	(borou)	čtvrť
declarations	(deklerejšns)	prohlášení
honor	(ónr)	počest
independence	(independenc)	nezávislost
liberal	(liberel)	liberální, volný,
svobodný		
notorious	(notories)	proslulý, dobře známý
opportunity	(oporčunity)	příležitost