

American cities

Advanced 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 the most densely populated major city in the USA**
- 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 great **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
- It is located in the **state of California**
- It is on the **west coast of the USA**
- The **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 having lots of 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**

Seattle

- It is located on **Puget Sound**, a narrow passage of the Pacific Ocean
- Interesting architecture includes the **Seattle Public Library** and the **Seattle Art Museum**, and of course the **Space Needle**, a famous observation tower built in the 1960s
- Seattle is also home to many bands such as **Nirvana and Pearl Jam**

Houston

- It is home to **NASA's Space Center**
- There is **the largest fine arts museum** in the Southwest

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

New Orleans

- It is synonymous with **jazz music, Cajun food and a liberal attitude**

Miami

- It is famous for its parties, beaches, and Cuban food because there are **many immigrants from Cuba**

Atlanta

- It is the **largest city in the South**
- It has **unique attractions**, such as a museum dedicated to **Coca Cola**

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?

- It has the **largest population of all American cities**
- 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** and Ellis Island, where millions of immigrants entered the New World
- 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?

- You should first head to the **White House** and the **Capitol**
- 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

- The **National Mall** is a beautiful area filled with **monuments**, for example the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, etc.
- 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?

- It is home to **Willis Tower**, formerly known as the Sears Tower.
- The **Navy Pier** is another popular place to go
- Sports fans also might like to visit **Wrigley Field**, home of the Chicago Cubs baseball team.
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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, beaches and shopping
- Up north, **San Francisco** draws tourists to landmarks such as the **Golden Gate Bridge**, historic cable cars, Fisherman's Wharf, a waterfront area with many tourist attractions, and 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. For example, the Luxor is in the shape of a huge pyramid.
- 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
- Interesting architecture includes the **Seattle Public Library** and the **Seattle Art Museum**, and of course the **Space Needle**, a famous observation tower built in the 1960s.
- Seattle is also 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** and has unique attractions, such as 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** and other movie-related sites

Důležitá slovíčka

– Fonetická výslovnost není pro lepší srozumitelnost uvedena		
assassination	(asasinejšn)	atentát, vražda
attitude	(ejtitůd)	postoj, přístup
borough	(borou)	čtvrť
declarations	(deklerejšns)	prohlášení
densely	(densly)	hustě
honor	(onr)	počest
independence	(independenc)	nezávislost
liberal	(liberel)	liberální, volný,
svobodný		
narrow	(narou)	úzký
notorious	(notories)	proslulý, dobře známý
observation tower	(observejšn tavr)	vyhlídková věž
opportunity	(oporčunity)	příležitost