

The United States of America is a federal republic of fifty states, a federal district, and several territories. It is commonly called the United States, the United States of America (shortened to U.S. and U.S.A.), and also sometimes just America.

The country is mostly in North America. There are forty-eight states that border each other and Washington, D.C., the capital district. These states are between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. The United States is one of the world's most ethnically mixed and multicultural nations, the product of large-scale immigration from many countries. The U.S. economy is the largest national economy in the world.

America is the birthplace of Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Chicago, Miami, Boston and New York City. In America there are a lot of beautiful places and monuments like the magnificent waterfront of San Francisco or the old quarter of New Orleans, the hillsides of the Great Plains, the forests of the Pacific North-West and the scenic country lanes of New England, a country of road trip and great open skies.

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century the lands of the western hemisphere were named "America" after the Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci. The former colonies then used the name of United States of America for the first time on the declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

American regions are cultural units formed by history and geography and shaped by the economy, culture and traditions. A region is different from one another, first one for the regional accents and for the age and occupation, demographic characteristics. USA is divided into 5 geographical areas: North-east, Midwest, South-west, South, West.