

A close-up, low-angle shot of the Statue of Liberty, showing her head and crown. She is holding a tablet in her left hand and a torch in her right. The background is a large, waving American flag with stars and stripes. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

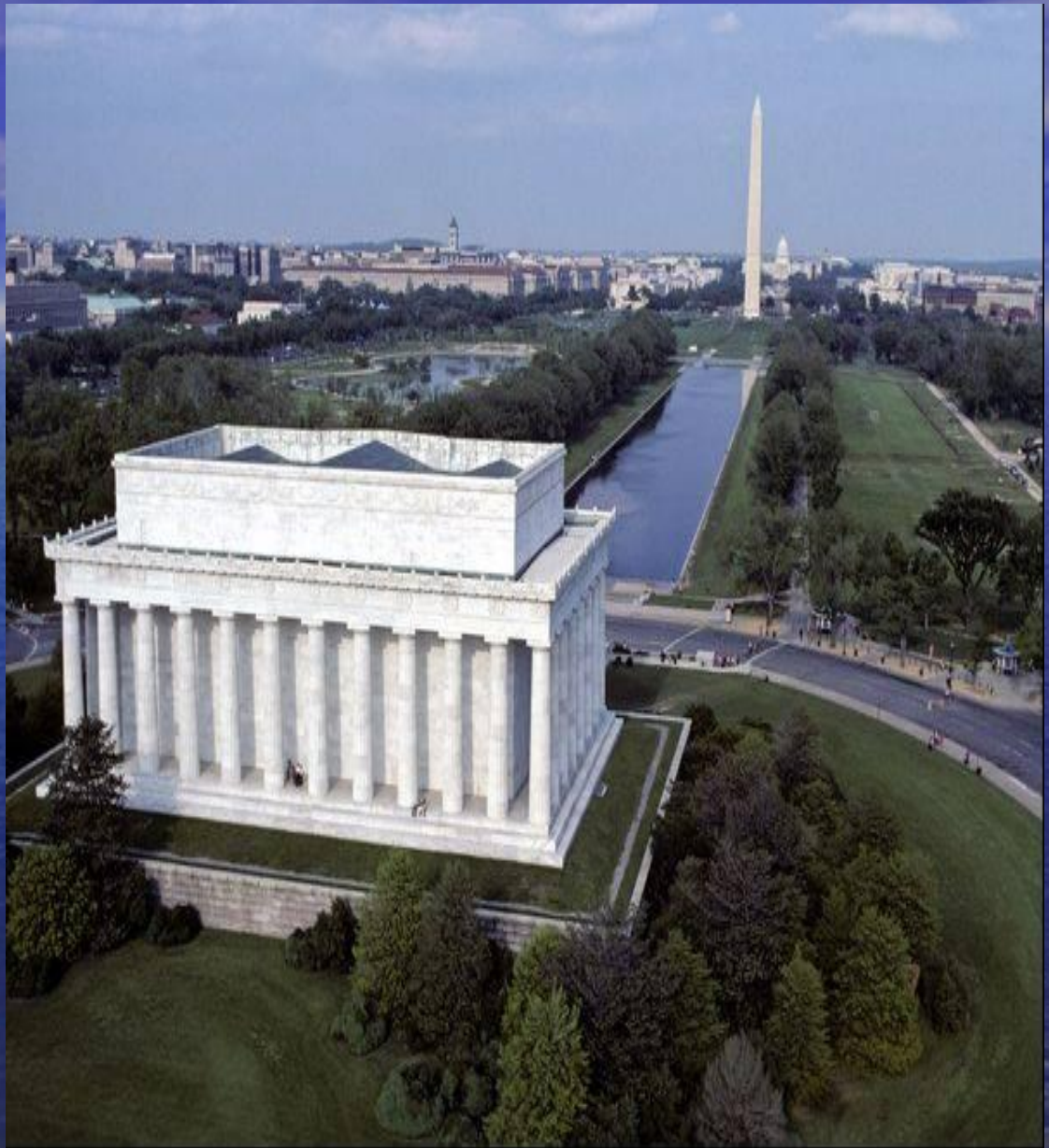
FAMOUS LANDMARKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA


The National Mall, Washington DC

The National Mall in Washington, D.C., is home to the capital city's most important memorials, monuments, and museums.

This image shows the [Lincoln Memorial](#) (foreground), [the Reflecting Pool](#), [the Washington Monument](#), and, in the distance, [the Capitol Building](#).

There are also nearly a dozen museums bordering the Mall, [Vietnam Memorial](#) (among many others) near at hand.



The image shows the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C., during the day. The building's iconic dome is the central focus, with its golden top and white marble structure. The building is surrounded by greenery and a statue on a pedestal in the foreground. The sky is a clear, light blue. Overlaid on the image is a large, bold, yellow text with a white outline.


The Capitol, where the Congress meets is in the centre of the city.



The Congress consists of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The Senate and the House of Representatives meet in the Capitol Building to make laws that govern the country.



A photograph of the White House in Washington, D.C., viewed from a distance. The building is white with a prominent portico supported by columns. It is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. The sky is a clear, light blue. The text is overlaid in the lower half of the image.

The White House is the oldest public building in Washington and one of the most beautiful. It is the home of the United States president. It has been the home for every U.S. president, except George Washington.

Construction was completed in 1800.

The original home was burned by the British in 1814, during the War of 1812. The house was rebuilt and painted white to cover its fire-blackened walls. This is how it got the name the Whitehouse.

The official residence of America's presidents has been the subject of many paranormal claims. Ghostly sightings have been reported of Abigail Adams, Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Jackson. Michelle Obama is the latest to report that mysterious noises of the night have woken her and the president up.



Lincoln Memorial

The Lincoln Memorial was built to honor Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States.

Surrounding the monument are 36 marble columns representing the 36 states of the Union at the time of Abraham Lincoln's death.

Inside the monument is (a 19 foot white marble statue of Abraham Lincoln. On the walls are etched his words calling for unity of the country,

"that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Also on the walls are the words of his Second Inaugural Address and murals portraying national unity and the freeing of the slaves.



Washington Monument

The Washington Monument was built to honour George Washington, commander-in-chief of the continental army, and first president of the United States.

The monument was completed and dedicated in 1885. It is a white marble structure 165 meters tall.



Vietnam Memorial

The Vietnam Memorial was built to honor the soldiers who died in the Vietnam War. It is a large black stone wall.

On the wall are etched the names of all the United States soldiers who died in the Vietnam War.



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Statue of liberty



The Statue of Liberty is one of the best known American landmarks. It is located in the New York harbor near Ellis Island. The statue welcomed new immigrants to the United States who entered the country through Ellis Island between 1892 and 1954. The statue is 34 meters tall and made from 225 tons of copper. It was given to the people of the United States by France on July 4, 1884 to commemorate the 100 anniversary of the American Revolution.

It's full name is "Liberty Enlightening the World", but it is more commonly known as the Statue of Liberty, Lady Liberty or the ultimate American landmark. Visitors to the main attraction of Liberty Island haven't been allowed into the torch since 1916 and into the crown since 2001, but it really doesn't matter. There's no better view than from outside, where you can reflect on everything she represents.



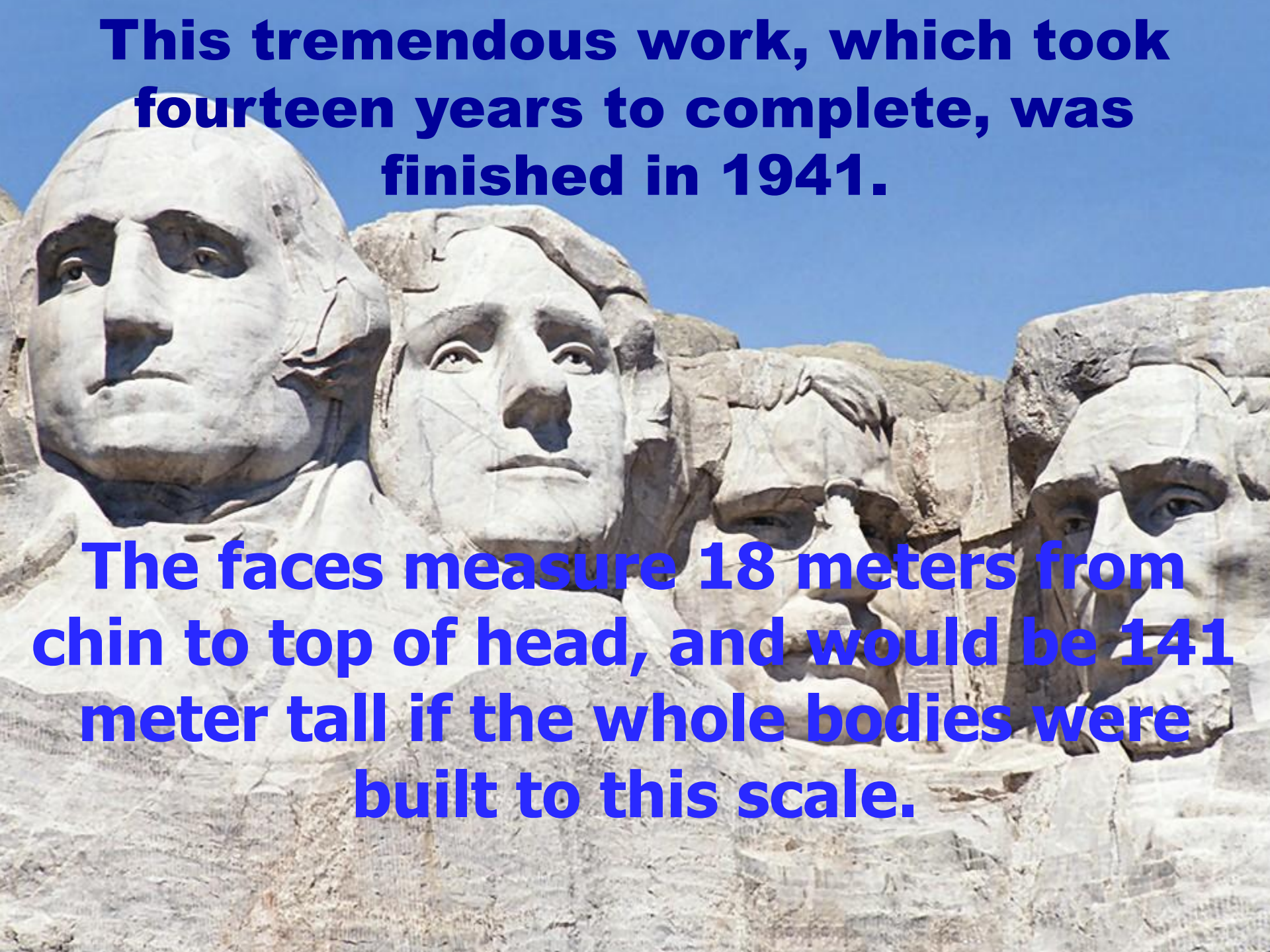
THE MOUNT RUSHMORE MEMORIAL



The construction of this memorial began in 1925. Gutzon Borglum, a famous American sculptor, and a crew of over 360 people carved on the face of Mount Rushmore the heads of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt.

This tremendous work, which took fourteen years to complete, was finished in 1941.

The faces measure 18 meters from chin to top of head, and would be 141 meter tall if the whole bodies were built to this scale.



Golden Gate Bridge

The Golden Gate Bridge was built in 1937 to connect the city of San Francisco to Marin County across the Golden Gate Strait.

The total length of the bridge is 2,737 m.

The bridge is 67 meters above the strait, with the top of the tower at 227 meters above the water.



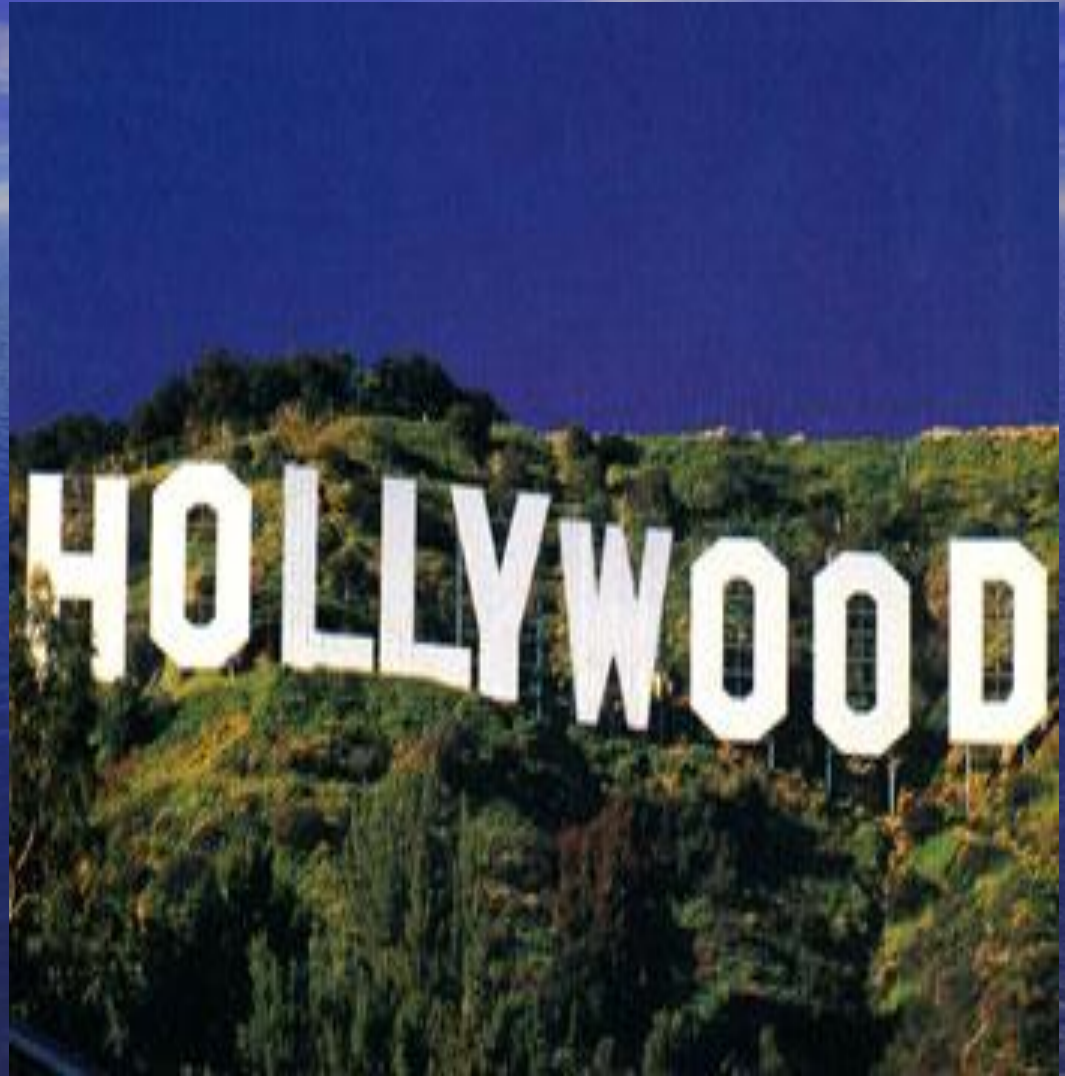
Gateway Arch St. Louis

Part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Park, this iconic structure symbolizes the importance of St. Louis as the Gateway to the West. It is 192 meters high. Be sure to ride to the top for great views of the city and the Mississippi.



HOLLYWOOD SIGN

Hollywood sign was completed in 1923 on Mt. Lee as a temporary advertisement for a Hollywood Hills residential development company (and reading "Hollywoodland" at the time), the sign quickly became associated with Hollywood itself -- especially after actress Peg Entwistle committed suicide with a jump off the "H" in 1932.



Not many American landmarks have been depicted as a jungle gym for an ape. It doesn't seem possible for this 102-floor New York City landmark to have gone up so quickly, but it did, in one year and 45 days from 1930-31. Sure, it's a tourist trap (3.5 million yearly) and the lines for the elevators will keep you waiting to get to the 86th floor observation deck. But this just gives you more time to admire the art deco styling.

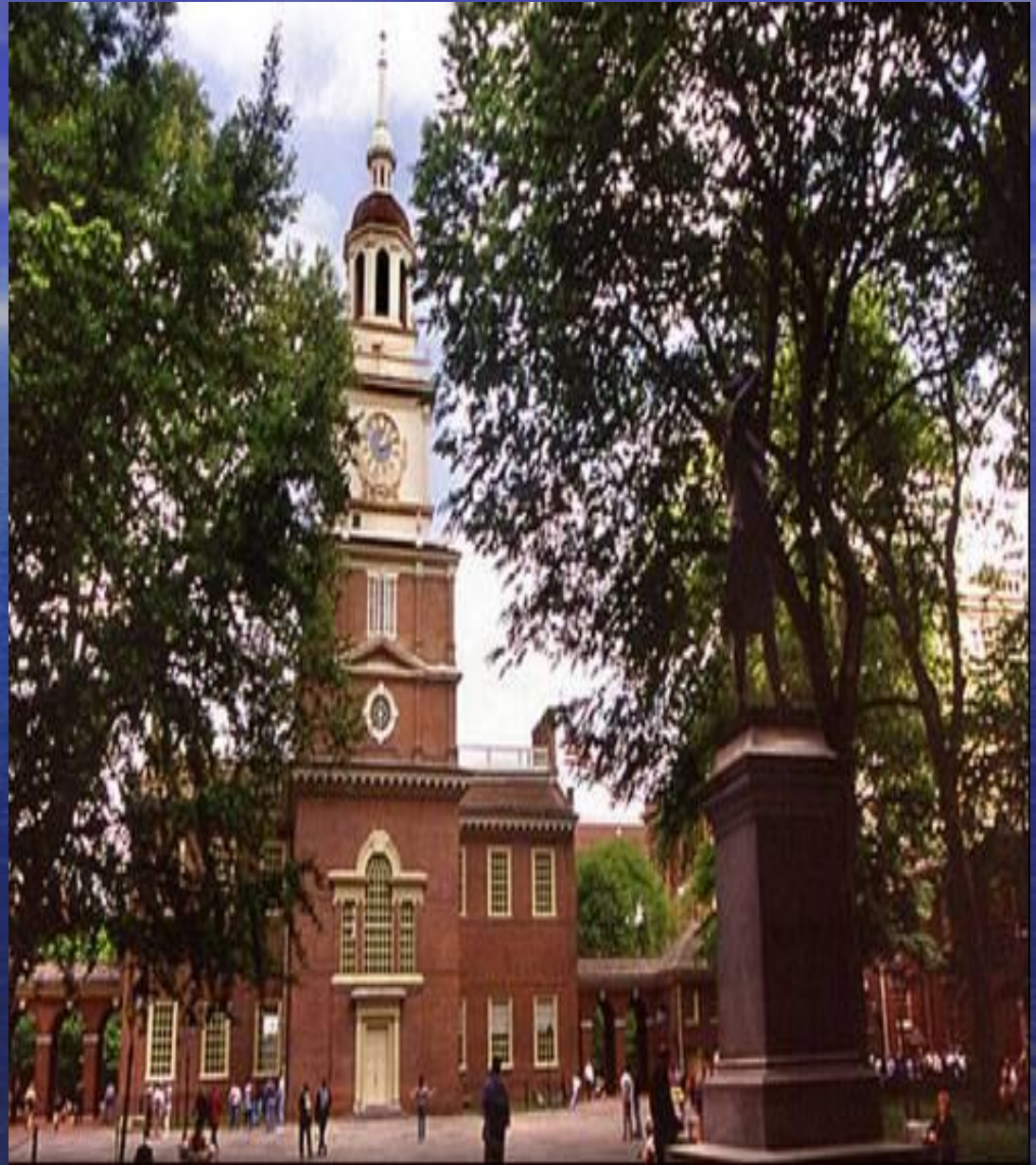
Empire State Building



Independence Hall, Philadelphia

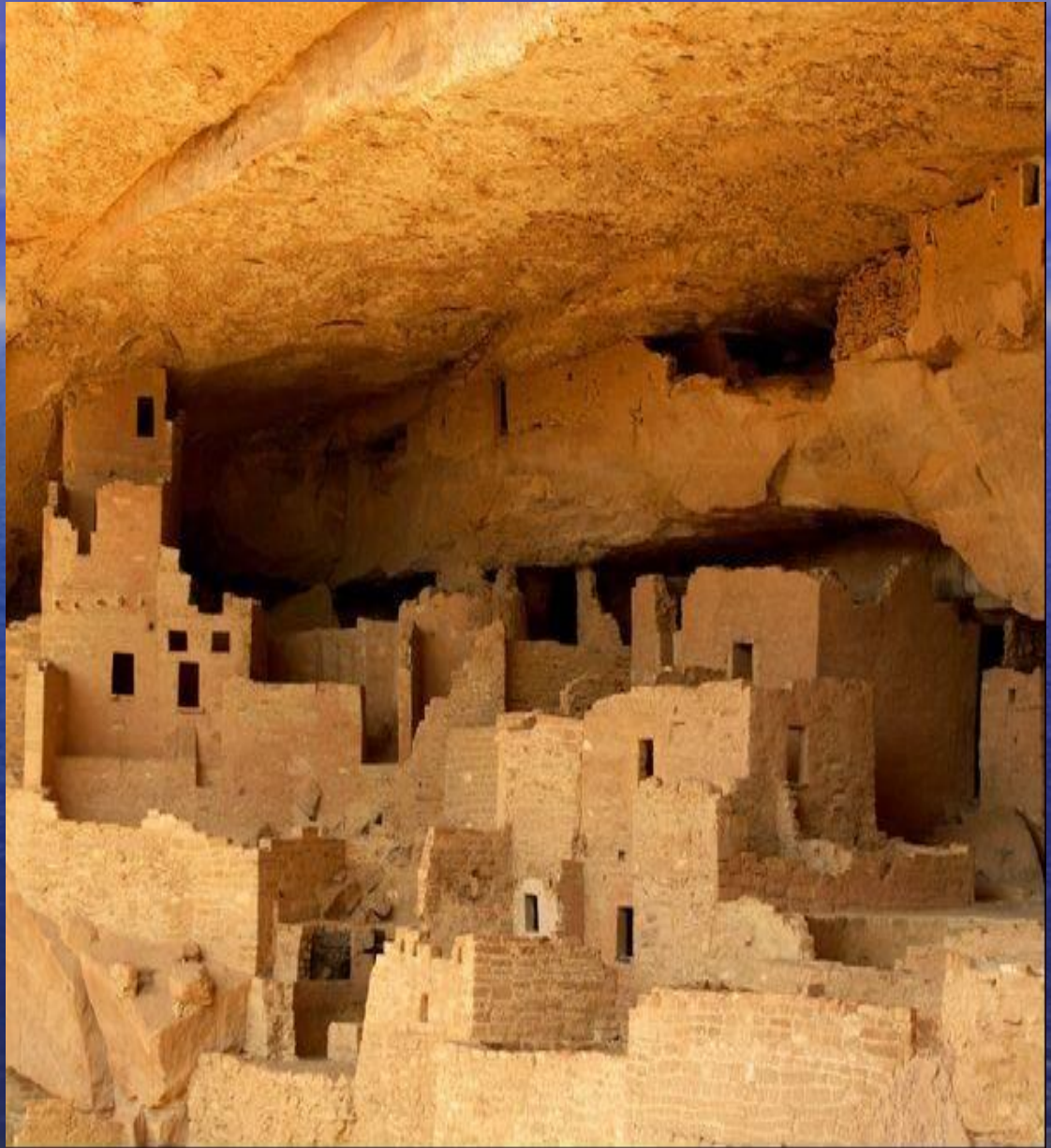
In this building the Declaration of Independence was signed, George Washington was appointed commander in chief of the Continental Army, and the Constitution was ratified. In other words, there's no other structure in the United States that's loaded with more historical significance.

The Hall is part of [Independence National Historical Park](#), where you'll also find the Liberty Bell and several museums.



Mesa Verde

The nearly 600 cliff houses notched by the ancient Indians Anasazi into canyon walls are the most attractive feature of Colorado's Mesa Verde National Park. Cliff Palace, shown here, is the largest, with 151 rooms and 23 circular underground chambers called *kivas*.



The Four Corners

The **Four Corners** is the only place in the United States where four states (Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado) come together at one place. Here a person can stand in four states at the same time.

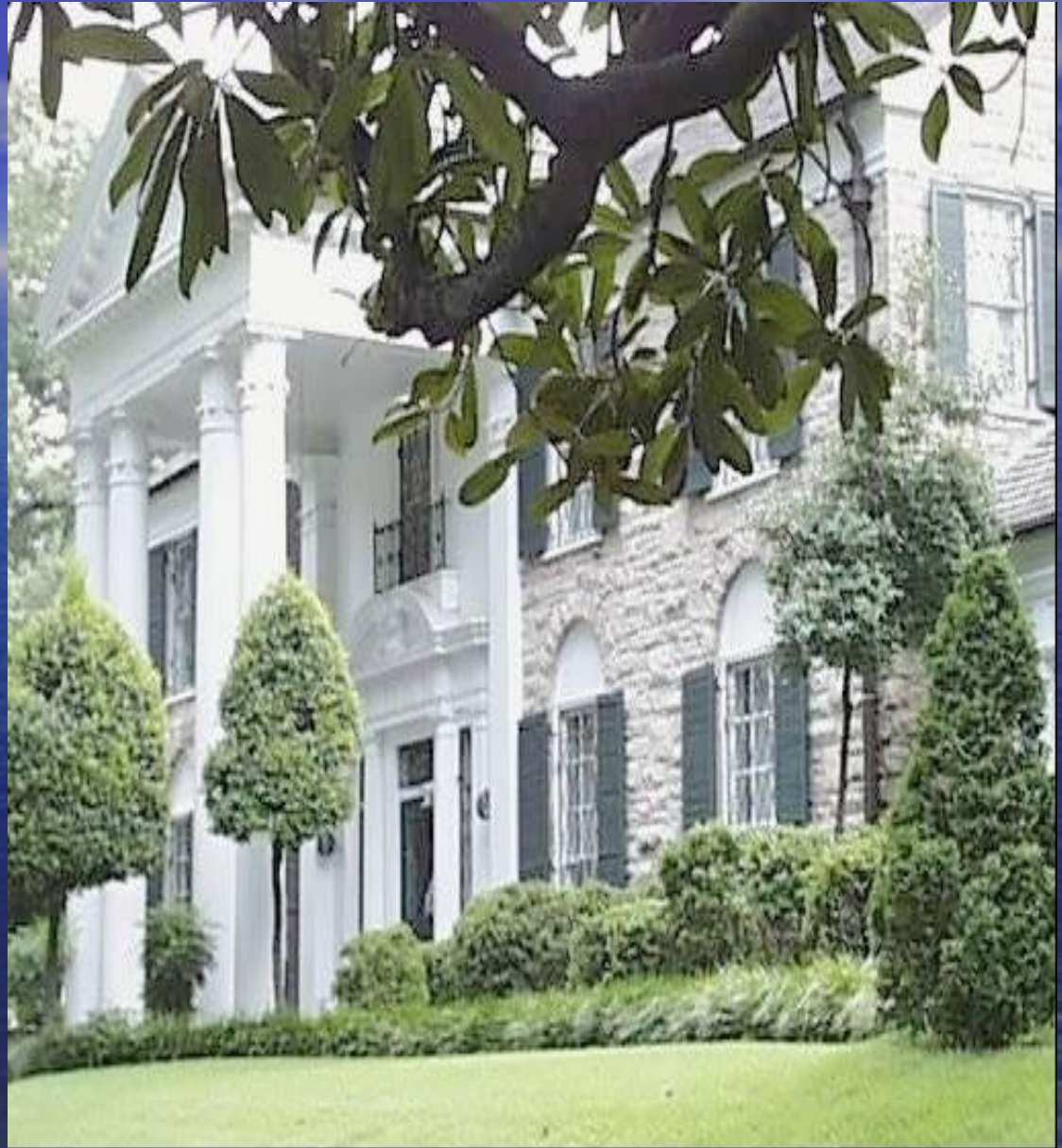
The unique landmark is managed by the Navajo Nation and is open for visits from the public.

Vendors sell handmade jewelry, crafts and traditional foods nearby.



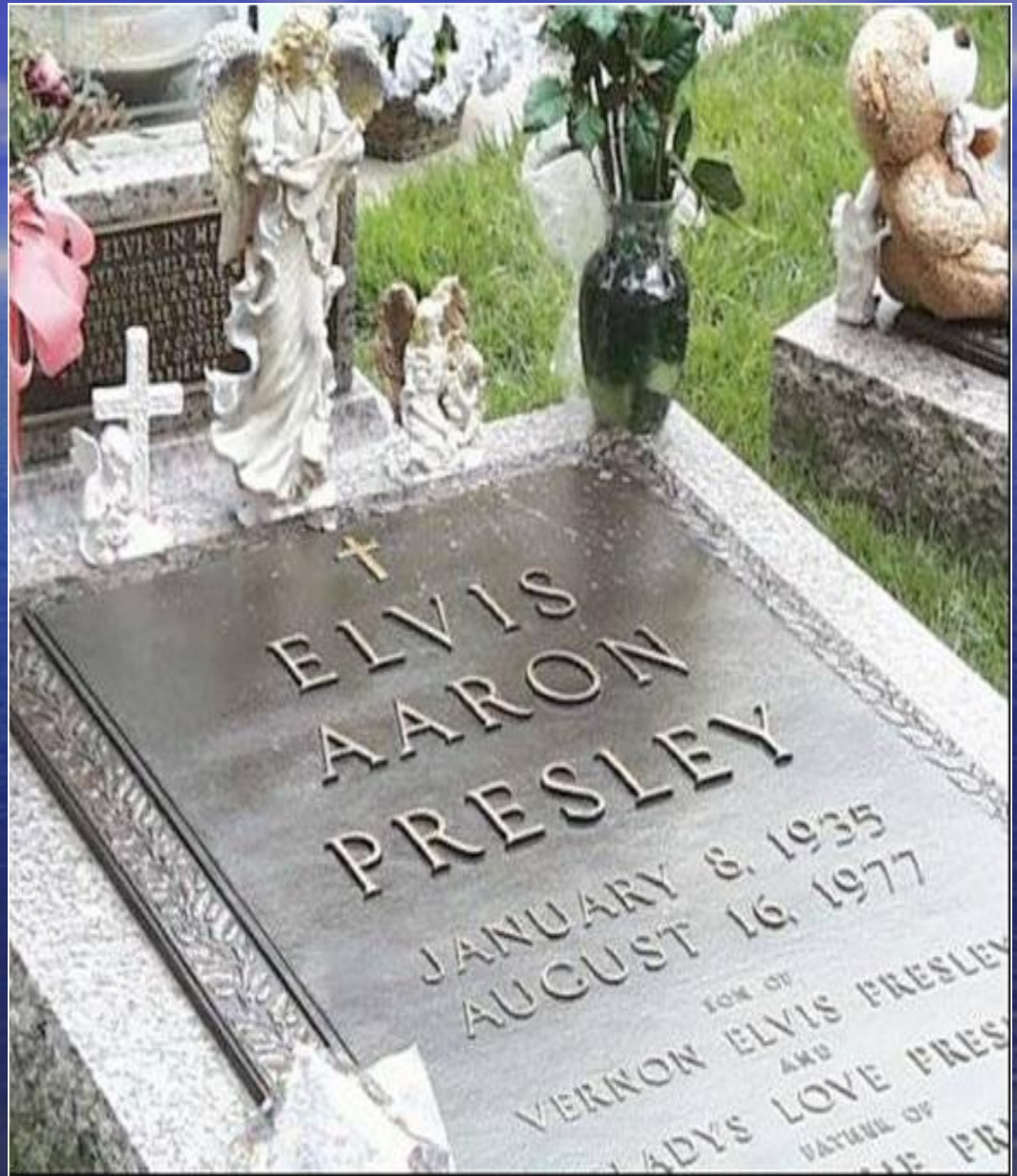
Graceland:

Elvis Presley was twenty-two when he bought Graceland for \$100,000 in March, 1957. He had already recorded "[Heartbreak Hotel](#)", performed on the *Ed Sullivan Show*, and saw his first album ([Elvis Presley](#)) reach million-plus dollars in sales.



Elvis died a broken man. He once remarked in the later part of his life "I hope I die onstage". He died at Graceland on August 16, 1977. His body was found in a bathroom.

People continue to leave flowers at Elvis' grave, which are dutifully displayed until they wilt



Alcatraz

There are many haunted tales that beleaguer Alcatraz, the now out-of-commission prison located in San Francisco Bay. Visitors to the island have reported hearing the ghost of American gangster Al Capone playing his banjo, sounds of crying and moaning and inexplicable cold spots.





Crater of Diamonds State Park

Arkansas The Natural State is blessed with an abundance of geological wonders. **Crater of Diamonds State Park**, the only diamond-producing site in the world open to the public

It is a one-of-a-kind experience in the world. You are invited to experience this unique attraction and enjoy the thrill of [digging for diamonds](#). The park staff will identify your finds for you. And unlike other **diamond-bearing sites**, the park policy is "finders, keepers." Any diamonds, semi-precious stones, rocks, or minerals you unearth are yours to keep, regardless of their value.

Diamonds come in all colors of the rainbow. The three colors unearthed here are white, brown and yellow, in that order.



Hoover Dam

The idea of 4.36 million cubic yards of concrete alone doesn't sound like much of a landmark. But when that cement refers to the Hoover Dam and its operations, that's something else. Just a short drive from [Las Vegas](#) -- and a source of power for Sin City's gazillion lights is one that can be appreciated by day when tours are available, as well as by night when the crowds have gone and the well-lit mass seems even greater in size against the walls of Black Canyon.



Holding back the mighty Colorado River, this massive feat of engineering creates hydroelectric power and helps provides water for seven states.



Grand Canyon

A breathtaking 277 river-miles long, 18 miles wide and a mile deep, the famous landmark drew just under 4.5 million visitors in 2009. President Theodore Roosevelt called the canyon—one of the seven natural wonders of the world—"the one great sight every American ... should



Mono Lake

An estimated 760,000 years old, this California landmark has become a stunning sightseeing location. By 1982, the lake had lost 51 percent of the surface area it had before the diversions began in 1941, revealing once-submerged limestone, which now forms scenic towers across the water's surface



Niagara Falls

Formed over the last 12,000 years by melting glaciers and water erosion, Niagara Falls is marveled at for its great width rather than height.

Spanning the Canadian-American border, the site attracts 12 million visitors annually.



This famed
cataract
comprises
three separate
falls:
Horseshoe,
American, and
Bridal Veil.



Crater Lake

Formed by the collapse of the Mount Mazama volcanoes approximately 6,850 years ago, this crater lake is located in Oregon. No place else on earth combines a deep, pure lake, so blue in color; sheer surrounding cliffs, almost two thousand feet high; two picturesque islands; and a violent volcanic past. It is a place of immeasurable beauty





SEEING ONCE IS BETTER THAN HEARING TWICE