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General Information

Known for its role in the American Revolutionary War, Philadelphia saw the convening of the Continental Congress as well as the writing of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Shortly after the nation's inception took place in Philadelphia, the city was named the nation's capital, a role it filled from 1790 until 1800, when Washington, D.C. took over.

Benjamin Franklin, probably the city's most famous resident, was responsible for the city's alternative title, the "new Athens." While Franklin's most famous experiment dealt with the conducting of electricity, he was also responsible for the country's first insurance company, the city's first public library and the first fire department; Franklin also played a great role in establishing the city's postal system as well as inventing new conveniences such as bifocal lenses and the Franklin Stove.

Philadelphia is a city easily explored on foot and it is one of the top ranked walking cities in the country.

Climate

Philadelphia enjoys a moderate summer climate with pleasant ocean breezes, while winter weather is cold, with some snowfalls.

Summer weather in Philadelphia, June through September, is hot and humid, with July and August being the hottest months of the year, when daytime temperatures may reach 29°C / 85°F. At the end of the summer, thundery weather often occurs.

Currency

The United States dollar (\$; USD or US\$), is the official currency of the United States of America and its overseas territories. It is divided into 100 smaller units called cents.

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