

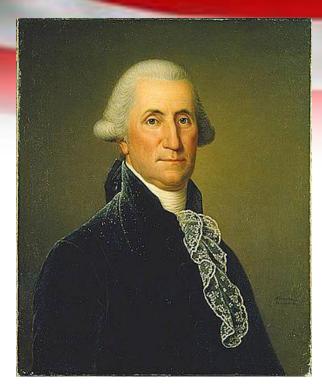
The beautiful of city Washington D.C. is the capital of the **United States** the and centre of its government.







The capital was named after the first president George Washington and was founded in 1790.







It is situated on the Potomac River in the **District** of Columbia. Washington not the largest city in the USA. It has about 900 000 inhabitants.

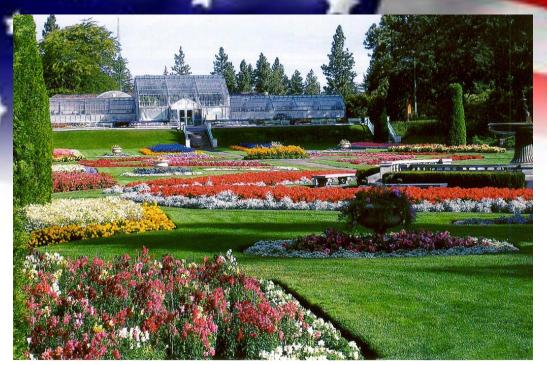




Washington D.C. has nothing characteristically American in it, as its conception is purely French. It has long wide avenues, gardens, beautiful parks and no skyscrapers at all.









Washington is the residence of the President and the **Congress** of the USA. The White House is the **President's** residence, the Capitol — the seat of the American Congress.





The largest and the tallest among the buildings is the Capitol with its great House of Representatives Senate Chamber. There are no skyscrapers because no other building must be taller than the Capitol.

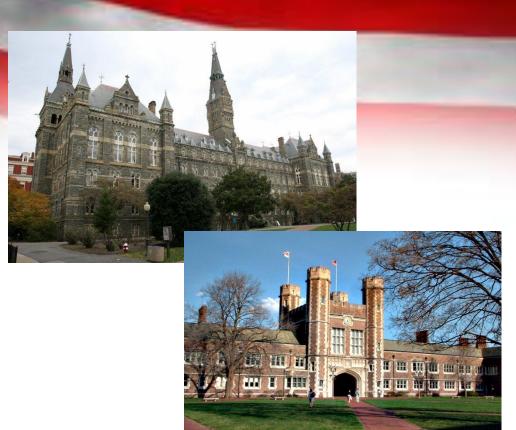


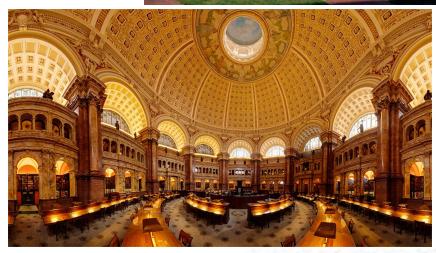


All american presidents except George Washington (the White House was not yet built in his time) have lived in the White House. It was built in



Washington is a large scientific and cultural centre, where there are many research institutes, five universities, the National Academy of Science and the of Library Congress.





There is one more well-known building in Washington Pentagon, the residence of the US **Military** department. It is situated in the suburbs to the south of the Potomac.





