

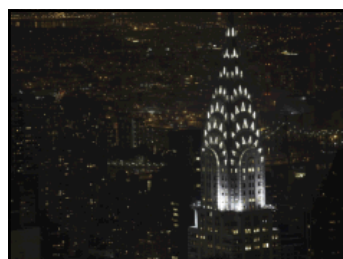
Landmarks of New York City :
Empire State Building

The Empire State Building was the world's tallest building for over forty years, until the World Trade Center topped it in 1972. This 102-story landmark is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. It features two observation decks and a 203 foot pinnacle.



Landmarks of New York City :
Chrysler Building

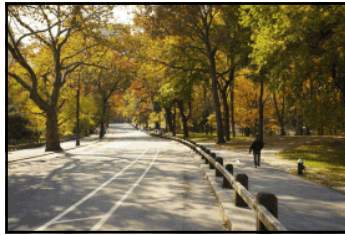
The Chrysler Building was the first man-made structure in the world to be taller than one thousand feet. It is still the world's tallest brick building. However, it only held the record for tallest building for less than one year, when the Empire State Building surpassed it.





Landmarks of New York City :
Central Park

Central Park is one of the world's most famous city parks. Covering well over eight hundred acres, this green haven features several small lakes and ponds, two ice skating rinks, a small zoo, a wildlife sanctuary, an outdoor amphitheater, and over six miles of trails.



Landmarks of New York City : Statue of Liberty

The official name of this world-famous statue is Liberty Enlightening the World. It was given to the United States by France as a token of friendship in the year 1886. Since then it has stood on Liberty Island in New York Harbor, inspiring many.



Big Cities of the United States :
New York City

The City of New York is the largest city in the United States, and its metropolitan area is one of the largest in the entire world. Also called the "Big Apple" and "The City That Never Sleeps", NYC hosts the United Nations headquarters and over one hundred foreign consulates.



Big Cities of the United States :
Los Angeles, California

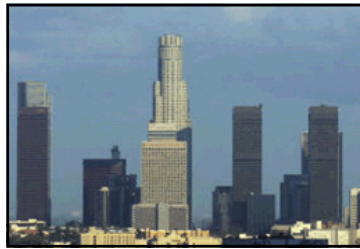
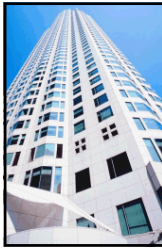
Los Angeles is the second largest city in the United States, after New York City. Often abbreviated simply as L.A., this big city has gained worldwide fame for its production of popular entertainment - movies, television programs, and various music recordings.





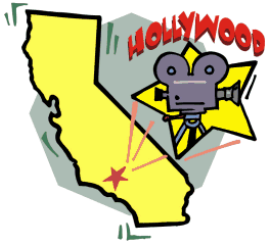
Landmarks of Los Angeles :
U. S. Bank Tower

This unique building has also been called the Library Tower because it was built as part of a billion dollar reconstruction effort originally focused on the city library. It is the tallest building in California and is built to withstand earthquakes just over eight on the Richter Scale.



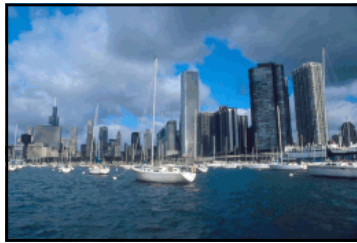
Landmarks of Los Angeles : *Hollywood*

Hollywood is a district of Los Angeles, to the northwest of downtown. It is, of course, the world famous home of movie stars and movie production, as well as the star-studded Walk of Fame where actors, actresses, and even fictional characters are immortalized.



Big Cities of the United States :
Chicago, Illinois

Chicago is the largest city in the Midwest, and its metropolitan area stretches into two other neighboring states. It lies along the southwestern corner of Lake Michigan, the third largest Great Lake. This "Windy City" was host to the World's Fair in 1893.





Landmarks of Chicago :
Sears Tower

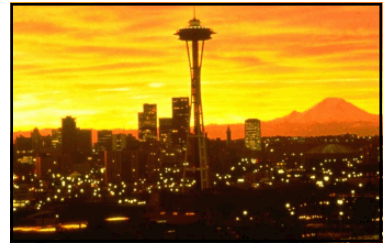
The Sears Tower was the tallest building in the world from its completion in 1973 until the Petronas Twin Towers (in Malaysia) passed it up in 1998. It still has the highest bathrooms in the world - on its one hundred and third floor observation deck.





Landmarks of Seattle :
Space Needle

The Space Needle was constructed for the World's Fair 1962. At that time, it was the tallest building west of the Mississippi River. This tower includes an observation deck 520 feet above ground level and a gift shop and rotating Sky City restaurant below that.



Big Cities of the United States :
Seattle, Washington

From the city of Seattle in the northwestern corner of the continental United States, you can see both Mount Rainier and Puget Sound, where the Pacific Ocean ventures inland. It was named after local indian Chief Seattle, and is the birthplace of Jimi Hendrix and Starbucks.



Landmarks of Detroit : *Renaissance Center*

Called simply the Ren Cen by locals, the General Motors Renaissance Center is actually a group of seven skyscrapers in downtown Detroit. The complex features a hotel at the center surrounded by office buildings, retail stores, banks, cafes, clubs, and four movie theaters.





Landmarks of Detroit :
One Detroit Center

Also called the Comerica Tower, this structure is over six hundred feet high and contains 43 floors. Made mostly of granite and containing multiple banks, law firms, and other offices, the building features four neo-gothic spires oriented exactly north-south and east-west.





Big Cities of the United States :
Detroit, Michigan

Located across the Detroit River from Windsor, Canada, the Motor City was founded in 1701 by a Frenchman with the surname Cadillac. The Detroit area is home to all of the "Big Three" in the automotive industry - Ford, Chrysler, and General Motors.





Big Cities of the United States :
New Orleans, Louisiana

Originally called La Nouvelle-Orleans, this "most unique" city in America sits on the Mississippi River, about one hundred miles north of its mouth in the Gulf of Mexico. The world-famous Carnival of Mardi Gras takes place here every February-March.





Landmarks of New Orleans : The French Quarter

The "Old Square" or Vieux Carre is the oldest and most famous neighborhood in New Orleans. This unique single square mile area is only three feet above sea level but contains buildings that were built during Spanish rule before the city became part of the United States of America!



Landmarks of New Orleans :
St. Charles Avenue

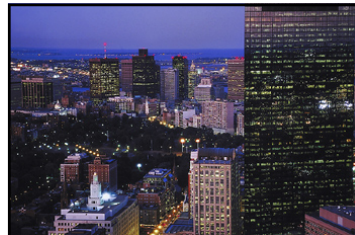
St. Charles Avenue is a tree-lined boulevard running through the famous Garden District as well as the Central Business District. This landmark thoroughfare is home to the St. Charles Streetcar Line, the Benjamin Mansion, and the Pontchartrain (pon-chuk-train) Hotel.





Big Cities of the United States :
Boston, Massachusetts

Boston is one of the oldest cities in America and the largest city in New England. The world-famous university of Harvard is in the Greater Boston area, and the Boston Public School System is the oldest one of its kind in the United States, founded in 1647.





Landmarks of Boston :
John F. Kennedy Library

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum was designed by architect I.M. Pei and sits on ten acres in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston. In addition to published and unpublished works, it houses permanent exhibits on the US Space Program, Kennedy Oval office, and more.





Big Cities of the United States :
Houston, Texas

Houston is the largest city in the state of Texas and the fourth largest in America. It was named after General Sam Houston who led the opposition against Mexican General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna in the Battle of San Jacinto - 25 miles east of Houston.



Landmarks of Houston :
Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center

The Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center occupies one hundred buildings on 1620 acres in Houston, Texas. Nicknamed simply "Houston," this center includes the Mission Control Center which directs missions of the Space Shuttle as well as activities aboard the International Space Station.