

USA



Key Facts

Location

North America.

Time

The USA is divided into six time zones:

Eastern Standard Time: GMT - 5 (GMT - 4 from second Sunday in March to first Sunday in November).

Central Standard Time: GMT - 6 (GMT - 5 from second Sunday in March to first Sunday in November).

Mountain Standard Time: GMT - 7 (GMT - 6 from second Sunday in March to first Sunday in November).

Arizona does not observe DST).

Pacific Standard Time: GMT - 8 (GMT - 7 from second Sunday in March to first Sunday in November).

Alaska: GMT - 9 (GMT - 8 from second Sunday in March to first Sunday in November).

Hawaii: GMT - 10.

Area

9,826,630 sq km (3,794,083 sq miles).

Population

301 million (official estimate 2007).

Electricity

110 volts AC, 60Hz. Plugs are of the flat two-pin type. European electrical appliances not fitted with dual-voltage capabilities will require a plug adaptor, which is best purchased before arrival in the USA.

Currency

US Dollar (USD; symbol \$) = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of \$100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1. Coins are in denominations of \$1, and 50, 25, 10, 5 and 1 cents.

Climate

See the individual state sections.

Public Holidays

Below are listed Public Holidays for the January 2008-December 2009 period.

2008

1 Jan: New Year's Day.

21 Jan: Martin Luther King Day.

18 Feb: Presidents' Day.

26 May: Memorial Day.

4 Jul: Independence Day.

1 Sep: Labor Day.

13 Oct: Columbus Day.

11 Nov: Veterans' Day.

27 Nov: Thanksgiving Day.

25 Dec: Christmas Day.

2009

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