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 PROJECT WORLD HERITAGE CITY

The City of Philadelphia

DID YOU KNOW...

Philadelphia is home to the First Cultural World Heritage site in the United States



INDEPENDENCE HALL

Inscribed as a
 UNESCO site in:
1979

To receive the distinction of a UNESCO World Heritage site, **Outstanding Universal Value** must be demonstrated by fulfilling at least 1 of 10 designated criteria.

Criteria Met: (iv);

to be directly or tangibly associated with events or living traditions, with ideas, or with beliefs, with artistic and literary works of outstanding universal significance.

Global Significance:

The deliberation and ratification of two globally influential legal documents—the Declaration of Independence (1776) and the Constitution of the United States of America (1787) both occurred in Independence Hall.

Universal Value:

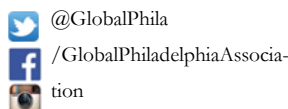
These works appeal to the universal values of self-governance and individual liberty.

In a public-private partnership with the City of Philadelphia

Philadelphia is pursuing UNESCO World Heritage City distinction

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The Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC), has 253 member cities and one observer member city: Philadelphia



ORGANIZATION OF WORLD HERITAGE CITIES (OWHC)

Philadelphia - Observer Member Status

Mission: The Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) based Québec, was created to assist member cities adapt and improve their management methods in relation to the specific requirements of having a site inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

September, 2013

- Philadelphia became an observer member of OWHC at the opening ceremony of GlobalPhilly 2013

November 19th-22nd, 2013

- Delegates from the Global Philadelphia Association and the City of Philadelphia attended the XII World Congress of OWHC in Oaxaca, Mexico

March 25th-26th, 2014

- Denis Ricard, the Secretary General of the OWHC visited Philadelphia: "Philadelphia is a city which respects its past, while looking towards the future."

April 8th, 2014

- The Project World Heritage committee has put forth a "Case for Philadelphia" to the OWHC requesting full membership

June 3rd, 2014

- The Pennsylvania House of Representatives passed Resolution 850, in support of Philadelphia's efforts to become a World Heritage City

September 8th, 2014

- Philadelphia celebrated Solidarity Day of the World Heritage Cities by renaming the street Independence Hall sits on to "World Heritage Way"

November 13th-14th, 2014

- OWHC North-West Europe Regional conference in Quedlinburg, Germany hosts Philadelphia delegates

Early Fall, 2015

- Forthcoming: project launch party

Fall 2015

- Forthcoming: World Heritage City symposium

November 3rd -6th, 2015

- Forthcoming: XIII World Congress of the OWHC in Arequipa, Peru

