

# Jefferson Memorial



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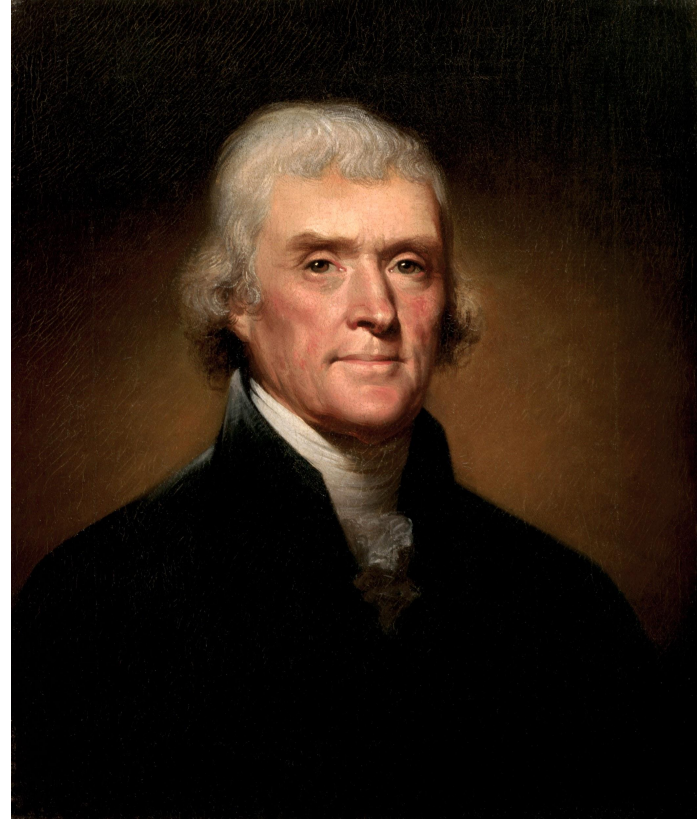
Website- [www.nps.gov/thje](http://www.nps.gov/thje)

Book- **Jefferson Memorial- Reading A-Z**

# Why is this the Jefferson Memorial important?

It's amazing to think about what an important role some people play in our nation's history. The Jefferson Memorial is important because it commemorates Thomas Jefferson's many contributions to the United States. During his life he was our nation's second vice president and our third president.

In addition to leading our nation, he wrote the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson was also an inventor, an architect, and the founder of a university. He was a quite an impressive person! No wonder we have a memorial in his honor.



# Description and Key Features



Would you believe that the Jefferson Memorial is modeled after the Pantheon in Rome? The memorial includes elements from Jefferson's designs for the University of Virginia and Monticello. When looking at this historic site you will notice large white columns all around it connected to a dome in the center. A 19 foot tall bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson is centered under the dome.

On the walls the surrounding the statue are quotations taken from his writings. You can also find the preamble to the Declaration of Independence at the site. Many people thought that the memorial for Jefferson was too similar to the Lincoln Memorial. What do you think? Take a trip to the Tidal Basin that the Thomas Jefferson resides on and decide for yourself.

# Location and Visitor Information



Would you believe that this historic memorial is part of the National Mall and Memorial Parks? For this reason, there are Park Rangers who lead tours at night. It is recommended that you visit the site during the morning or early evening because it is the most tranquil at those times. However, if you are a busy tourist, know that you can visit there 24 hours a day and there is no admission fee!

The Jefferson Memorial is located on a body of water called the Tidal Basin. Around the Tidal Basin there are cherry blossom trees that were given to the United States by Japan in 1912. The blooming white and pink flowers on these trees in the springtime are breathtaking.

Finally, make sure to leave time for the exciting activities around the Tidal Basin. You can take a bike tour around the area or rent a paddle boat!

What are you waiting for? Pack your bags and take a trip to this presidential landmark!



Cherry Blossoms

US President



Paddle Boats