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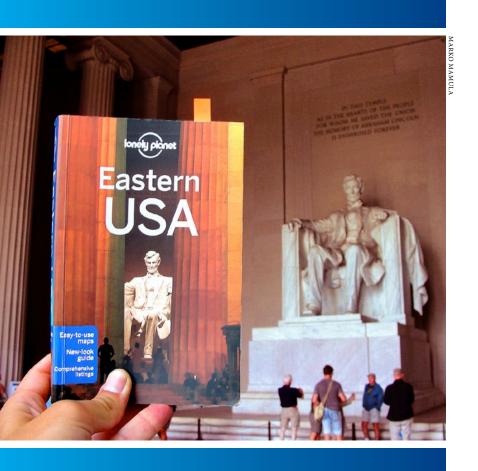
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- Castle/Palace Christian
- Confucian
- Mindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- lewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Shinto Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

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- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing
- Snorkeling Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
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- Windsurfing Other Activity

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- Eating

Eating

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- Drinking & Nightlife Cafe

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Entertainment

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Shopping

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- Police
- Post Office Telephone
- (1) Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

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- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- ) ( Pass Picnic Area
- Waterfall

# **Population**

- Capital (National) Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

### **Transport**

- Airport
- BART station
- Border crossing
- Boston T station
- Bus
- ++ € ++ Cable car/Funicular - 🚳 – Cycling
- Ferry
- Metro/Muni station
- Monorail
- Parking
- Petrol station
- Subway/SkyTrain station
- Taxi
- +-- Train station/Railway -- Tram
- - Underground station Other Transport

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Tollway Freeway

> Primary Secondary

Tertiary

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Plaza/Mall

Steps

Tunnel Pedestrian overpass

Walking Tour Walking Tour detour

Path/Walking Trail

#### **Boundaries** -- International

State/Province

Disputed Regional/Suburb

Marine Park Cliff

- Wall

# Hydrography

River, Creek Intermittent River Canal

Water

Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake

Reef

#### Areas

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> Cemetery (Christian) Cemetery (Other)

> > Glacier

Mudflat

Park/Forest

Sight (Building)

Sportsground

Swamp/Mangrove

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