

What do you love about America?

List compiled in celebration of America's 250th birth and independence

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I love watching all the visitors for World Cup realizing everything they were told about the USA was made up and they are having a blast!! – Meredith King Matthews

I LOVE that, during the Olympics, when all the other countries walk in during the opening ceremonies and they all look like one another (for the most part), then the Americans walk in and they look like a blend of all the other countries. – Drue Warner

I've traveled to 30+ countries, seen beautiful landscapes and experienced countless cultures, but there's no place like home! I'm thankful for those who have served our country so we can experience the amazing freedoms we have. Happy 250th Birthday America! – Laura Warner

There are too many things to name! We moved here from England in 1988. Best move we've made turning. Things we love include: being able to right on red!!!! always somewhere to park when shopping!!! drive through everything!! A/C in the summer..... Each State is like visiting another country, every State is beautiful !!! We've always felt very welcomed since moving here..... Many, many more reason. – Elaine Lord

I love the amazing parks! – Ray Souza

I love the National parks across America. – Heather Reed-Lee

I love our freedom of religion. – Leslie Greer

The freedom of worship and the love of our fellow citizens. – Joseph Crump

I love how open, friendly, and kind most people are most places in the US. – Karen LaBarr

I love that we all have a/c! Just kidding. Well not really, but it's not my top favorite thing haha. My favorite part about America is the religious freedom and rights to be a Christian that we have here. – Michelle Kemper

I love boat days with family and friends. – Matt Dickey

The example of the genuine faith filled lives of so many of our founding fathers.
– Betsy Warner

The band playing the National Anthem, people covering their hearts with their hands and singing with the band. – Lynda Jones

Freeeeeeeeedommmmmmmfreely travel anywhere in our country and experience all the diverse landscapes, micro-cultures, and regional food with no border checkpoints. We have the equivalent of multiple countries within a country - no passport needed!

– Cindi Davis

I love our college football. It's unique for so many reasons, such as the environments, the stadiums, and traditions. I also love how it brings so many people together every weekend in the fall, rather it be just be tailgates or seeing someone random supporting the same team as you! – Andrew Koster

I love that we have the freedom to worship whenever we want and wherever we want and a lot of my friends are Christians and I love that some of my best friends are pastors at churches. I Have a great friend who planted a church about five years ago in the Atlanta, Georgia area and he's awesome! I love love love that! And I love that I can say what I love about America on social media. I love that. And I love being loved that's lovely! – Joel Lusz

Freeeeeeeeedommmmmmm! And as imperfect as it is, we have the best form of government ever created on earth - in the words of Abe Lincoln- it is a government of the people, by the people, for the people. And grits. I like grits. – Charlyn Elliott

The landscape of the USA. From the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Colorado Rockies to the Red Rocks in Arizona. – Jennifer Hester Hall

I love the oceans! – Bryan & Jennifer Waites

I love that we have many regional micro-cultures that feel like different countries inside one nation, each with its own identity (especially with food), but all at the same time very American. – Greg Elliott

I love that our name is The United States. One nation among many in the American Hemisphere. – Cori Crawford Van Oss

I love that we have a government for the people and by the people!!! I love that our founding fathers considered their faith as they wrote the constitution! Happy 250th birthday America! – Mary Goetsch

My wonderful auto mechanic, Baki, came to the United States in the late 90's as a refugee from the war in Kosovo. I asked him what jumped out at him about things he experienced and loved when he first came to America. He said that the food was just amazing, but even more than that, it was Coca-Cola! Baki said that in Kosova, you couldn't find Coca-Cola anywhere, and if you did, it cost \$300 a bottle! When he started working at Cornerstone Automotive (shameless plug), they had a Coke machine in the customer waiting area, and

the cost was only fifty cents for a Coke! The shop owner gave him a bunch of quarters and said, "Feel free to get a Coke whenever you want one." Baki was completely blown away. So, I know Baki would say that Coca-Cola is one thing he LOVES about America!

– Drue Warner

I LOVE how stunning our country is in its diverse landscape from traveling throughout. From snorkeling the coral reefs of the Florida Keys, to skiing the Colorado Rockies, the majesty of the Grand Canyon, hiking smokey mountains. Our cities are inspiring, each with its own uniqueness, Miami, Atlanta, NYC, Boston, SF, Seattle (Jacqui!), Dallas and so many more. Each with its own history, personality and diversity! And in each city or town, the communities and people you meet, from China town, Little Italy, the North end (Boston), Miracle Mile Chicago, Santa Monica 3rd street promenade, Michigan dairy farm, Austin Bat bridge, Little Havana, Plant city strawberry festival, Jim Thorpe town of PA, Sedona! So many memories and so much LOVE for the people, communities, family and friends, and our beautiful country! – Melissa Mackenzie

I love small towns across the country. I love seeing restored historic homes particularly at this time of the year with flags and bunting on the porch railings. Additionally I love our service members and am very grateful to be a Military Brat, born and raised on Patriotism.

– Jana Oliver

Most of these items below are things I'm missing (or enduring) while in Canada or overseas.

- Reid Schlager

- Abundant and cheap energy, including gasoline.
- Electricity that goes off every ten years instead of twice a month.
- Air conditioning, virtually everywhere.
- Ice in the refrigerator door.
- Garbage disposers.
- Dishwashers.
- At home washer and dryer.
- Garage door openers.
- Hot showers.
- Smooth roads (except for Sugar Hill speed bumps).
- Dry bathrooms.
- Clean, drinkable tap water.
- Fresh milk, not powdered.
- Drivers that don't honk at something every thirty seconds.
- Daylight savings time.
- Asphalt roofs instead of metal roofs, which are incredibly loud during downpours.
- Noise canceling ear buds that do an incredible job silencing noisy metal roofs during downpours.
- Adaptive cruise control.
- Heated swimming pools.