

## ***Small Historic Towns across America.***

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### **Brief History of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

Gettysburg was established in 1786. The town was named after Samuel Gettys, an early settler and tavern owner. Samuel Gettys made a tavern in Gettysburg in 1761. In 1786 Gettysburg became a town. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania is known for its rich history, where the battle of Gettysburg occurred, and where Abraham Lincoln gave his famous speech, the Gettysburg Address.

The battle of Gettysburg is known as one of the bloodiest battles in American history. Confederate General Robert E. Lee's army invaded Union territory on July 1st and the battle lasted 3 days ending on July 3, 1863. This battle was fought in and around the town of Gettysburg and was a major turning point in the war. The Union victory ended General Robert E. Lee's second invasion of the North. It is estimated that 50,000 soldiers were injured, captured, or died.

In November 1863 President Abraham Lincoln was invited to deliver his remarks about the battle of Gettysburg. His famous speech, known as "The Gettysburg Address" was only 272 words long. Lincoln started his speech with, "Four score and seven years ago." In Lincoln's speech he remembered and honored the soldiers that died. Lincoln talked about equality, unity and freedom in his speech.



### **Location and Driving Directions from closest major U.S. Airport(s).**

Gettysburg is located about an hour from Harrisburg International Airport. From the airport take State Route 3032 and get on Interstate 76 heading west. Take U.S.15 south and exit onto U.S. 30 west which will take you into Gettysburg.

**Who was President when this town was founded? And, what was the political environment in America at that time.**

Gettysburg was officially founded in 1786. During this time America was trying to set up its own government. America faced several hardships. Around this time was when George Washington became our first president. Washington went through some difficulties being our first president. He faced several obstacles such as dealing with America's debt, dealing with the war between France and England.



### **Oldest businesses/largest businesses today.**

One of the oldest buildings in Gettysburg is the Dobbin house tavern (upper left picture). When the Dobbin building was built, it was used for a home, tavern, hospital and a place of protection for runaway slaves. It has been restored authentically to its original state.

### **City government.**

William Troxell was born in Gettysburg Pennsylvania. He is currently the mayor of Gettysburg; his term will end in January 2015. To find out more about the mayor and council, visit [http://gettysburg-pa.gov/mayor\\_council.htm](http://gettysburg-pa.gov/mayor_council.htm).

### **Historic attractions in the area. Festivals and Events.**

#### **Places to visit:**

Gettysburg National Military Park  
Gettysburg Museum of History  
The Soldier's National Cemetery at Gettysburg  
Gibson's Photographic Gallery

#### **Festivals and Events:**

**The Gettysburg Festival** June 11-15

Events around Gettysburg: To learn more visit: [www.gettysburgfestival.org](http://www.gettysburgfestival.org)

**151st Gettysburg Anniversary Civil War Battle Re-Enactment** July 4-6

Yingling Farm, Pumping Station Road, Gettysburg: To learn more visit:  
[www.gettysburgreenactment.com](http://www.gettysburgreenactment.com)

**Annual Old Fashioned Corn Fest** July 27

Historic Round Barn and Farm Market, Biglerville: To learn more visit: [www.RoundBarnGettysburg.com](http://www.RoundBarnGettysburg.com)  
[www.gettysburgbaseballfestival.com](http://www.gettysburgbaseballfestival.com)

**Annual Civil War Music Muster** August 15-16

Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center: To learn more visit:  
[www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett)

### **Where can we stay if we visit Gettysburg PA?**

**Comfort Suites** is a nice relaxing hotel, located in the middle of Gettysburg PA. It is close to many popular and historic attractions, such as the Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg National Cemetery, and Gettysburg Battlefield. It includes a free breakfast, fitness center, indoor pool and free internet. Guest's rooms include coffee makers, microwaves, refrigerators, sofa sleepers, flat-screen televisions and irons with boards. There are close by activities such as golfing, biking, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, tennis and skiing. There are several restaurants and shops nearby as well.

**Website:** <http://www.comfortsuites.com/hotel-gettysburg-pennsylvania-PA553#listpos1>

### **Why would I want to visit this historic small town?**



I would love to visit this town just because of its rich history. There are lots of places to go and visit in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Gettysburg is bursting with historic sites, museums, and fun shops to explore. It would be a great place to tour, relax and vacation!

### **Links you may wish to visit.**

<http://www.gettysburgaddress.com/HTMLS/Events.html>

[http://www.comfortsuites.com/bestrate/Gettysburg-Pennsylvania-hotels?source=pmfgocsl&brand-code=CS&pmf=google&k\\_clickid=7ec7d74b-edba-11a9-8293-00006d395fff&chain=CS](http://www.comfortsuites.com/bestrate/Gettysburg-Pennsylvania-hotels?source=pmfgocsl&brand-code=CS&pmf=google&k_clickid=7ec7d74b-edba-11a9-8293-00006d395fff&chain=CS)

<http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm>