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The Oval Office Photo
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THE OVAL OFFICE

Purpose:

The Oval Office is where the President does the business of the country—signing bills and executive orders and meeting with staff, visitors, and guests.

History:

The current Oval Office has existed since 1934. During Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Administration, the White House was reconstructed and the Oval Office was moved from the center of the old West Wing to the southeast corner of the new West Wing.

President Clinton:

President Clinton has chosen to use the Resolute Desk, made from the oak timbers of the British ship *HMS Resolute*. The Childe Hassam painting "The Avenue in the Rain" is one of the President's favorites. It hangs to the left of his desk in this picture.

Decoration:

The decor of the Oval Office changes with each administration. Each president brings personal mementos and chooses furniture and artwork from the White House collection.

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Hillary Rodham
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HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

First Lady of the United States

Born: October 26, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois

Husband: President Bill Clinton

Daughter: Chelsea

Education: Wellesley College,
Bachelor of Arts Degree 1969
Yale Law School,
Law Degree 1973

Career

Highlights: Assistant Professor of Law,
University of Arkansas School
of Law 1974-77
Founder, Arkansas Advocates
for Children and Families 1977-84
Private Law Practice 1977-92
Chair, President's Task Force on
National Health Care Reform
January-May 1993
Honorary Chair, President's
Committee on the Arts and the
Humanities 1993-Present

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THE WHITE HOUSE

The People's House

Name:

Known as the White House since 1901, the house has also been called the "President's Palace," the "President's House," and the "Executive Mansion."

Built:

The cornerstone was laid in 1792.

Architect:

James Hoban won a gold medal for his practical and handsome design.

Residents:

John Adams was the first President to occupy the White House, in 1800. All of the Presidents and their families, with the exception of George Washington, have lived there.

Statistics:

132 rooms
32 bathrooms
28 fireplaces
7 staircases
3 elevators

Special Facts:

The White House is the only private residence of a head of state open to the public, free of charge.

The White House has been through two fires, one in 1812 and another in 1929, and was completely renovated from 1949 to 1952.

Approximately 6,000 people visit the White House each day.

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Air Force One Photo
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AIR FORCE ONE

History:

In 1944, Franklin Delano Roosevelt became the first American President to travel by air, and for most of the next 20 years, various types of four-engine propeller-driven aircraft were used for presidential air travel. In 1962, a jet aircraft, a Boeing 707, was first purchased for use as Air Force One.

Air Force One Today:

The current presidential fleet consists of two specially configured Boeing 747-200B series aircraft — tail numbers 28000 and 29000 — with the Air Force designation VC-25A. When the President is aboard either aircraft, or any other Air Force aircraft, the radio call sign is "Air Force One." These aircraft are part of Air Mobility Command's 89th Airlift Wing, based at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. The VC-25A is capable of flying 9,600 miles without refueling and can accommodate up to 70 passengers. President Clinton's travel to the Far East and Russia in April 1996 marked the first around-the-world presidential trip for the VC-25A.

Features:

- presidential suite/stateroom
- executive dressing room/shower
- conference/dining room
- 2 fully equipped galleys (kitchens)
- 238 miles of electrical wiring
- presidential office
- medical treatment room
- secretarial office
- 6 lavatories
- 84 telephones

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Marine One Photo
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MARINE ONE

History:

Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX-1) was established in December 1947 as an experimental unit to test and evaluate helicopters and tactics. HMX-1 made history in May 1948 by making the first ship-to-shore helicopter lift. In September 1957, the squadron again made history when President Dwight D. Eisenhower, while vacationing in Rhode Island, was required to return to Washington, D.C., on short notice. He boarded an HMX-1 UH-34 in Newport for a flight across the bay to Naval Air Station Quonset Point, marking the first time an American President had flown on a Marine helicopter.

Marine One Today:

HMX-1 continues to provide helicopter transportation for the President and Vice President, and "Marine One" is the call sign used when the President is on board one of the HMX-1 Marine helicopters. The primary presidential helicopter is a Sikorsky VH-3D (Sea King). Uniquely designed for the President's use, this aircraft has a cruising speed of 110 knots (131 miles per hour) and a range of 450 miles. Marine One has flown in 32 foreign countries and has landed at such faraway places as England's Windsor Castle, Japan's Akasaka Palace, Colombia's Bolivar Square, the Demilitarized Zone of South Korea, and Kuwait's Bayan Palace. The VH-60N (Blackhawk) and CH-46E (Sea Knight) have also been used as "Marine One." Other HMX-1 helicopters are used to transport the Vice President, Cabinet members, and foreign dignitaries.

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Tipper Gore Photo
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TIPPER GORE

Wife of the Vice President of the United States

Born: Mary Elizabeth Aitcheson
August 19, 1948 in
Arlington, Virginia

Husband: Vice President Al Gore

Children: Kareenna
Kristin
Sarah
Albert III

Education: Boston University
Bachelor of Arts Degree 1970
George Peabody College
Masters Degree in Psychology
1975

Career: *The Tennessean*
Photojournalist 1974 - 1976
Families for the Homeless
Co-founder 1986
Tennessee Voices for Children
Founder 1990
Mental health policy advisor to
President Clinton 1993 - present

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Al Gore Photo Fact
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VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE
45th Vice President of the United States

Inauguration: January 20, 1993

Wife: Mary Elizabeth "Tipper" Gore

Children: Karenna
Kristin
Sarah
Albert III

Born: March 31, 1948 in
Washington, D.C.

Education: Harvard University
Bachelor of Arts Degree 1969

Career: Army Information Specialist
In Vietnam 1970 - 1971

Reporter for *The Tennessean*
1971 - 1976

United States Representative
1977 - 1985

United States Senator
1985 - 1993

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Bill Clinton Photo
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PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON

42nd President of the United States

Inaugurated: January 20, 1993 and
January 20, 1997

Vice President: Al Gore

Wife: Hillary Rodham Clinton

Daughter: Chelsea Clinton

Born: August 19, 1946 in
Hope, Arkansas

Education: Georgetown University,
Bachelor of Science Degree
1968
Oxford University,
Rhodes Scholar 1968-70
Yale Law School,
Law Degree 1973

Career: Assistant Professor of Law,
University of Arkansas
School of Law 1973-76
Arkansas Attorney General
1977-79
Arkansas Governor 1979-81;
1983-92