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Great American Treasures are stories — **BIG** and *small*—

of how AMERICA became AMERICATM

At our more than **60 historic sites**, you'll meet heroes and scoundrels, pioneers and patriots, and the everyday folk you won't find on stamps or in history books—people who made indelible contributions to the world we know. And best of all, you'll meet them in their natural surroundings.

Wherever you go, you'll feel the drama, the humanity, the rhythms of everyday life, and the thrill of our greatest triumphs so deeply, it will change the way you see history.







Even our website is a trip. Get introduced to all of the Treasures. With beautiful pictures and artwork plus fascinating stories (and the stories behind the stories), you'll discover a lot before you even set foot in a single site.

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History isn't cut-and-dried. It ebbs and flows. Borrows from old ideas and encourages new thinking. And occasionally it takes a sharp turn when you least expect it. So, we've

organized the Great American Treasures into Collections that capture the movements that forged this country. The movements of social change, of political ideals, of ambition and opportunity, and of people who simply yearned to breathe free or settle an uncharted land.

COLLECTION The Colonial Continent

1539~1844



Travel back to a new world up for grabs amongst the major European superpowers—the Spanish, Dutch, French, British and Russians. The Colonial Continent is about more than the settlement of America. It's about the shifting of territories, the arrival of enslaved peoples and displacement of Native Americans. The colonists built homes that reflected their desire to emulate the success of their European countrymen. And these homes tell a story of the push and pull of creating a new nation.

1539	Sulgrave Manor & Garden	S. Northamptonshire	UK
1686	The Quincy Homestead	Quincy	MA
1707	Stephen Hopkins House	Providence	RI
1713	The Powder Magazine	Charleston	SC
1715	Martin House Farm	Swansea	MA
1723	Stenton	Philadelphia	PA
1725	Peachfield	Westampton	NJ
1729	George Berkeley's Whitehall	Middleton	RI
1740	The Little Church (Old First Presbyterian)	Wilmington	DE
1748	Van Cortlandt House Museum	Bronx	NY
1752	The Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum	Wethersfield	СТ
1755	Tate House Museum w/Means House	Portland	ME
1759	The Old Schoolhouse	Mount Holly	NJ
1760	Mount Clare Museum House	Baltimore	MD
1763	The Moffatt-Ladd House & Garden	Portsmouth	NH
1789	The Centre for French Colonial Life	Sainte Genevieve	МС
1798	Ximenez-Fatio House Museum	St. Augustine	FL

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Homes for a **New Nation** 1770 ~ 1865



Winning independence meant more than learning to govern a new country. It's a time of exploration and finding a national voice free from old European standards. Newly-minted citizens wanted their spaces whether a stately home or a simple wooden cottage—to reflect their new station in life and the opportunities they found here. When you visit one of our *Homes for a New Nation*, imagine the courageous people who stretched boundaries and struck out on their own.

1769	Joel Lane Museum House	Raleigh	NC
1770	Burgwin-Wright House & Gardens	Wilmington	NC
1796	Liberty Hall Historic Site	Frankfort	KY
1799	Dumbarton House	Washington	DC
1799	Haywood Hall House & Gardens	Raleigh	NC
1799	Historic Travellers Rest	Nashville	TN
1804	The Betts House	Cincinnati	ОН
1818	Oval Ballroom-Heritage Square	Fayetteville	NC
1808	William Hickling Prescott House	Boston	MA
1815	Historic Rosedale Plantation	Charlotte	NC
1822	Condé-Charlotte Museum	Mobile	AL
1822	David Lenz House	New Harmony	IN
1825	Brown-Stetson-Sanford House	Milledgeville	GA
1848	Andrew Low House Museum	Savannah	GA
1860	Rankin House	Columbus	GA
1865	Spring Street Historical Museum	Shreveport	LA

COLLECTION **Greek Revival** Everywhere 1796~1871



More than a nod to architecture, these buildings show how our new democracy is based on Greek ideals and Roman laws. This elegant, gracious style was also a way for new, wealthy Americans—some of whom were even more successful than their British counterparts to push back against England. Dotted over the American landscape, Greek Revival offers a taste of nobility without the messy monarchy.

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1796	Kent Plantation House	Alexandria	LΑ
1799	Oakley Plantation House	St. Francisville	LΑ
1831	Hermann-Grima House	New Orleans	LΑ
1834	Craik-Patton House	Charleston	W١
1836	Clarke House Museum	Chicago	IL
1844	Kilbourntown House	Milwaukee	WI
1853	The Oaks House Museum	Jackson	MS
1856	Neill-Cochran House Museum	Austin	TX
1871	Dorr House	Pensacola	FL

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West Across the Continent 1804~1904



Today going west means Colorado or California. But if you were a new American from Boston, the western frontier could also be Ohio or Indiana as well as Oregon or New Mexico. These homes signal opportunity for a growing nation, and they were places to raise families, start businesses, make a fortune or even evade authorities. More than homes, they were where people lived and loved and made a life for themselves and a new country for us all.

1821	Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site	Honolulu	HI
1832	Historic Indian Agency House	Portage	WI
1844	Plum Grove Historic Home	Iowa City	IA
1861	Octagon House	San Francisco	CA
1870	Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead	Escondido	CA
1872	Alexander Ramsey House	St. Paul	MN
1873	McAllister House Museum	Colorado Springs	CO
1875	Hotel de Paris Museum	Georgetown	CO
1880	The Mandel Cabin and Post Office	Sheridan	WY
1881	Hoover-Minthorn House Museum	Newberg	OR

COLLECTION History on the Spot

1534~1898



History doesn't always happen in buildings. That's why we created a collection of historical spots ranging from memorials and monuments to galleries and exhibitions. Called *History on the Spot*, each Treasure tells its story in a short, powerful way. It won't take long to visit each spot, but it'll be a moment to remember.

EVENT	COMMEMORATION		
1534	Turtle Sundial	San Francisco	CA
1607	Jamestown Memorial Church	Hist. Jamestown	VA
1620	Plymouth Rock	Plymouth	MA
1622	Province of Maine Marker	Kittery	ME
1623	David Thomson Memorial at Old Odiorne Pointe Cemetery	Rye	NH
1733	Tomochichi Monument	Savannah	GA
1758	General Forbes Monument	Pittsburgh	PA
1804	Lewis and Clark Monument	Council Bluffs	IA
1871	Hilltop House at Founder's Hall Exhibit	Waycross	GA
1898	Spanish-American War Memorial	Arlington	VA

This is an inside of look of how AMERICA became AMERICA featuring people you know and many you'll be glad you met. If you go to GREATAMERICANTREASURES.ORG, we'll even help you do the most American thing of all—create your own adventure.