

## A delightful dozen... Fun Facts about Indianapolis



1. The Indianapolis Zoo houses over 4,000 animals and is home to the state's largest aquarium. It also has the country's first totally submerged, underwater dolphin viewing dome.
2. Indianapolis has the largest children's museum in the world – The Children's Museum of Indianapolis.



3. The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra performs at the Hilbert Circle Theatre and has a year-round performance schedule of 200 classical, pop and seasonal concerts.



4. Indianapolis was designated as the "Crossroads of America" in 1847 because a railroad was built and was the first to have all its lines meet in one union station in the city.
5. Indianapolis hosts the two largest single-day sporting events in the world – the Indianapolis 500 and the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard.



6. Famous people from Indianapolis include Larry Bird, David Letterman, Jane Pauley, and Benjamin Harrison, 23<sup>rd</sup> President of the US.

7. John Dillinger – the famous gangster – is buried in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

8. Indianapolis has a rich jazz and blues history.



9. The national headquarters of the American Legion is located in Indianapolis. It is also the headquarters for over 26 fraternities.



10. Indianapolis has an extensive municipal park system with nearly 200 parks that occupy over 10,000 acres. Eagle Creek Park is the largest municipal park in the city and ranks among the largest urban parks in the US.

11. Garfield Park Conservatory and Sunken Gardens is the oldest park in Indianapolis and is on the National Register of Historic Places. It features animals, plants and a fifteen-foot granite waterfall.

12. The NCAA Hall of Champions (Hall of Fame for college athletics) is located in Indianapolis.

