

Fun Facts South

President's House:

- George Washington's rent to stay in the original President's House was only \$2,000 a year. His salary as president was only \$25,000 a year!
- An image of the President's House slave quarters was found while excavating the site of the original structure of the home.

The American Philosophical Society (APS) Museum:

- Thomas Jefferson collected languages from Native Americans over thirty years, and documents and auditory displays are part of a special presentation called "Gathering Voices". Thomas Jefferson amassed a collection of vocabularies and documents that he planned to take to Monticello, but on the way from Washington, DC to Virginia, thieves mistook the trunk of documents for valuables and stole it. When they saw it was just papers, they dumped them into the James River. Only 36 sheets were recovered. Jefferson donated the recovered pages to the APS in 1817, where they were dried and preserved. In the 20th century, they were covered with crepeline, a transparent silk, to protect them from additional damage.
- Jefferson could also speak and read English, French, and Italian. He also read Greek, Latin and Spanish, and dabbled in Arabic, Gaelic and Welsh.

Washington Square:

- Washington Square was one of the five public parks William Penn laid out in his 1682 blueprint for the city.
- This park is the location of many grave sites of soldiers who died in the Revolutionary War. A monument is dedicated to all the soldiers who fought and died in the war.
- An eternal flame burns at this monument as a symbol of everlasting liberty. "Freedom is a light for which many have died in darkness," can be read at the memorial.
- The plaque upon Tomb of the Unknown Soldier says: "Beneath this stone rests a soldier of Washington's army who died to give you liberty."

City Tavern:

- Opens for business in December of 1773.
- Pepper pot soup was a favorite of Thomas Jefferson. He also liked the sweet potato walnut bread.
- George Washington ate there, and so can you! To heighten the authentic dining experience of City Tavern, waitresses wear period costumes and serve colonial menus, including Chesapeake-style crab cakes and cobbler.