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## PITTSBURGH

Once the industrial hub for steel, iron and glass production, Pittsburgh is now a center for technology, robotics, medicine and tourism. Today, the city is known for its vibrant cultural scene, architecture and neighborhood charm. An exciting and unique mix of museums, theaters, shopping and dining is nestled downtown within 12 square blocks. Often referred to as the City of Champions, Pittsburgh loves its sports. Besides Heinz Field and PNC Park, which was voted as the best baseball stadium in the nation by ESPN, the city's three major sports teams are complemented by college and amateur sports. The city's sports heritage also comes alive at the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum at the History Center.

Getting to and from Pittsburgh couldn't be easier since the city is located within a two-hour flight or a day's drive of more than half of the U.S. and Canadian populations. The city is serviced by a vast interstate highway system and its world-class airport accommodates 19 air carriers with about 290 non-stop flights per day to 80 destinations.

Pittsburgh has received many awards and recognition for its accomplishments. It belongs to the "Most Livable City Club," being the only city to place among the top five communities in three editions of the *Places Rated Almanac*. Factored into these rankings are the city's low housing costs, strong cultural community, stable neighborhoods, diversified economy, moderate climate, low crime rate and strong educational and medical communities.

Pittsburgh ranks high on other lists as well:

- Third-best city for doing business (*Fortune*)
- Fifth-largest corporate headquarters (*Fortune*)
- Sixth-best city for raising children (*Savvy*)
- Fifth-best housing market (*U.S. News & World Report*)
- Second-best city for working mothers (*Working Mother*)

And, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, it's cheaper to live in Pittsburgh than in Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Miami or Dallas.

Pittsburgh also ranks among the best cities in the nation for safety. Pittsburgh is three times safer than cities of similar size, such as Baltimore, St. Louis, Memphis and Cincinnati, and the crime rate in Pittsburgh is less than half the national average.

### THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Pittsburgh's business district, known as the Golden Triangle, forms the heart of the metropolitan area and serves as home to corporate headquarters, department stores, restaurants, theaters, sports arenas, nightclubs and apartment complexes.

The city is known for its friendly neighborhoods and cultural diversity. Residents can choose from a wide range of educational opportunities, including universities, private academies, special-needs programs and public schools.

**THE NORTH SIDE AND NORTHERN SUBURBS**

The city’s North Side is home to Allegheny General Hospital, as well as Heinz Field and PNC Park, the Pittsburgh Public Theater, the Andy Warhol Museum, Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh Children’s Museum, the National Aviary and several parks. Housing can be found within blocks of the hospital.

Major highways provide easy access to the hospital from the city’s northern suburbs, which provide additional housing, recreational and educational options.

**THE EAST**

Large universities and diverse communities contribute to the popularity of the city’s East End and eastern suburbs. From high-rise apartments to renovated older homes, housing accommodations are plentiful both within city limits and beyond. Several major roadways also provide access to the downtown area and to interstates and the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

**THE SOUTH SIDE AND WESTERN SUBURBS**

The southern and western communities are noted for their high standard of living and are accessible by both bus and rail transit. The area is home to the Pittsburgh International Airport and several large shopping centers.

