

Liberty Place - Philadelphia, PA



A prominent property in the central business district, Liberty Place was the tallest building in Philadelphia until the development of Comcast Center (2007). The first building to exceed the height of William Penn statue, atop historic Philadelphia's City Hall, Liberty Place led to the transformation of Philadelphia's skyline.

Architecture & Design Features

- ◇ Tallest building in Philadelphia from completion until 2007 (Comcast Center building).
 - ◇ Design inspired by New York City's Chrysler Building.
 - ◇ Postmodernism skyscraper design, incorporating gabled straight angular setbacks. One Liberty Place has a 47 foot long steel spire atop the building.
 - ◇ Façade color ranges from blue, gray, and silver tones, with horizontal banding to de-emphasize the height of the structure.
 - ◇ Two Liberty Place comprises a similar design with fewer gabled setbacks resulting in the tower having a more squat appearance.
 - ◇ The two towers' steel structure are supported by eight large pillars at the buildings' perimeters and a central core that contain elevators and other common area elements.
 - ◇ The tower exterior is comprised of granite, aluminum, and glass panels, with the percentage of glass increasing at the uppermost portion of the building. The majority of the exterior lower level façade is comprised of stone.
 - ◇ The mall's prominent feature comprises a round atrium topped by a large glass dome.
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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Description	Liberty Place One and Two were Philadelphia's tallest buildings from their completion in 1987/1990 until the development of Comcast Center in 2007. At the base of the two towers, is the 143,000 SF Shops at Liberty Place, parking garage, and 289 room Westin Hotel (prior Ritz-Carlton). In the early 2000's, Two Liberty Place office space was converted to 122 luxury condominiums.
Official Building Name	Liberty Place Comprised of One Liberty Place, Two Liberty Place, Shops at Liberty Place, and Westin Philadelphia Hotel
Location	Market West Philadelphia Business District Philadelphia, PA
Address	1650 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA
Construction	Commenced - 1985 Completed 1987 (One Liberty Place) & 1990 (Two Liberty Place)
Occupancy Use	Office - One Liberty Place Residential/Office - Two Liberty Place

PROJECT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Developer	Rouse Company
Architect	Zeidler Partnership Architects Murphy/Jahn Architects
Structural Engineer	Lev Zetlin Associates Quinn Dressel Associates Thornton Tomasetti
Main Contractor	Huber Hunt & Nichols
Owner Manager	Sunbelt Management & Parkway Properties Cushman & Wakefield
Façade	The tower exterior is comprised of granite, aluminum, and glass panels, with the percentage of glass increasing at the uppermost portion of the building. The majority of the exterior lower level façade is comprised of stone. The façade's upper portion has several angular set backs; Liberty Place One capped with a 47-foot long steel spire.
Structure	Core - steel with reinforced concrete. Floor spanning - steel.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SUMMARY

Size Category	1,199,993 GSF 111,483 GSM Class A Mixed Use: Office-Retail-Residential-Hotel
Height Rankings	One Liberty Place - #170 tallest in world #27 tallest in Unites States
Height Details	Tip: 945 feet / 288 meters Occupied Floors: 784 feet / 239 meters
Number of Floors	One Liberty Place - 61 Two Liberty Place - 58
Elevators	Otis Elevator Company

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NOTABLE FACTS

- ◇ The development of Liberty Place led to the transformation of Philadelphia's skyline.
 - ◇ First building in Philadelphia to break the gentleman's agreement not to exceed the height of William Penn statue atop the historic Philadelphia's City Hall.
 - ◇ Cigna Insurance Company leased the entire Two Liberty Place building from its opening until 1999 when it sold its property and casualty business.
 - ◇ In the early 2000's, Two Liberty Place office space was converted to 122 luxury condominiums.
 - ◇ The building's exterior features ice and snow melting systems.
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Liberty Place One & Liberty Place Two (center of photo)

Philadelphia Central Business District (CBD) skyline