



## Relay Facts-at-a-Glance //

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19 November 2001	Flame is lit in Olympia, Greece
04 December 2001	2002 Olympic Torch Relay begins in Atlanta, Georgia
04 February 2002	Flame enters Utah at Arches National Park
08 February 2002	Flame arrives in Salt Lake's Olympic Stadium and remains there for the duration of the Games
24 February 2002	Flame extinguished during Closing Ceremony

- The Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Torch Relay will travel more than 13,500 miles across the United States in 65 days, carried by 11,500 torchbearers as it travels through 46 states (the greatest number of States ever covered by an Olympic Torch Relay in the U.S.)
- On 24 January 2002 the Olympic Flame will make its first trip in Torch Relay history to Alaska.
- The Olympic Flame will travel via torchbearers, Chevrolet cars and trucks, airplane, train, ship, dog sled, skier, horse-drawn sleigh, snowmobile, ice skaters, ski jumper and other unique methods.
- The Olympic Flame travels within a support operation comprised of approximately 50 Chevrolet cars and trucks including public safety, advance operations, torchbearer shuttles, stage production trucks and support equipment. The Olympic Flame will also be transported and protected by a specially designed Chevrolet Avalanche Torch Transport (CATT).
- Each torchbearer will carry the Olympic Flame approximately 0.2 miles or approximately one lap around a track.
- The Olympic Flame will travel an average of 208 miles during a 12-hour day.
- The Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Torch Relay will usually stop for two celebrations each day. Local communities will announce details for local events and activities.
- The custom of a pre-Games run was revived in 1936, adding the symbolism of a torch lit in Olympia, Greece by the rays of the sun. Once the Olympic Flame is ignited it is kept in a lantern that travels with the Relay. A torch is lit from the flame every morning to start that day's leg of the Relay. The Olympic Flame is passed from torch to torch. The lantern is closely guarded to ensure that the flame is never extinguished.