

List of places named Batavia

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This is a **list of places named Batavia**, which includes geographic name features such as populated places, geographical features, and civil features.

Batavia as a place name

A few Batavias may owe their existence to settlers from Batavia, New York, but most derive—or probably derive—from the Batavi. The Batavi were an ancient German tribe that migrated to what is now The Netherlands and occupied an area near the Rhine delta.^{[1][2]}

The land of the Batavi during Roman times was called Batavia. The Batavi were conquered by Rome in 12 A.D. They served with Roman troops and the Roman historian Tacitus cited their bravery.^{[1][2]}

The first place in modern times named “Batavia” was the Batavia Fortress in Java (1619), named for the Batavi.^{[2][3]} The name’s first use in the United States was Batavia, New York (1801), which was named for the Batavian Republic by Joseph Ellicott, a surveyor for the Holland Land Company.^{[1][2]} The Ellicott Square Building in downtown Buffalo, New York, is named for him.

Settlers and, in some instances, railroads carried the name across the United States of America.

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Argentina

San Luis

- Batavia, a village and municipality in San Luis Province in central Argentina

Australia

Queensland

- Batavia Downs, a homestead on the banks of Lydia Creek in northwest Queensland

Civil features

- Batavia National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land)

Western Australia

- Batavia Road, an anchorage in Western Australia

Vernacular region

- Batavia Coast, named for the site of the wreck of the *Batavia* in 1629 (see below)
- Batavia Coast Tourist Way, designated as Tourist Drive 354, is a 244-km (152 mi) scenic route

Colombia

Cundinamarca

- Batavia, a place in Cundinamarca Department, some 36 mi (or 59 km) southwest of Bogotá

Germany

Bavaria

- Passau, in Bavaria, originally an ancient Roman colony known in Latin as *Batavis*, “for the Batavi”

Indonesia

- Batavia, a city on the island of Java; now known as Jakarta, the capital city of Indonesia

In 1619, the Dutch East India Company (Vereenigde Oostindische Compagnie or VOC in Dutch, literally “United East Indian Company”) drove the Portuguese out of Java. When the Dutch built a fortress, Governor-General Jan Coen named it Batavia after the ancient Batavi.

The fortress grew into a town with the same name, which was the center of Dutch hegemony in the area. Today, the city is called Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia. ^{[2][3]} The Jakarta’s native known as Betawi people. See also: History of Jakarta.

The Netherlands

- Batavia, land of the Batavians during the Roman era; currently known as *Betuwe*
- Batavian Republic, a former name of The Netherlands from 1795–1806 as a French vassal state; *Batavia* was the Latin name of the Low countries
- Batavia Stad outlet shopping center
- Bataviawerf (Batavia Wharf), a shipyard in Lelystad in the Netherlands, where the replica of the 17th-century ship *Batavia* was built and is on display

Suriname

- Batavia, a town in the Saramacca District, in the north of Suriname

The name derived from the Republic of Suriname once being a colony of The Netherlands under the name Nederlands Guyana, or Netherlands Guiana, or Dutch Guiana.

United States of America

Arkansas

- Batavia (Boone County)

Civil features

- Batavia Township (Boone County)

California

- Batavia (Solano County)

Illinois

- Batavia (Kane County), settled in 1833, given the name “Batavia” in 1840
- Batavia Junction (DuPage County), at Eola Road and the DuPage County section of the Illinois Prairie Path, which is located in the right-of-way of the former Chicago, Aurora, and Elgin Railway

Civil features

- Batavia Township (Kane County)

Streets

- Batavia Avenue, a name for Illinois Route 31 in Batavia, Illinois
- Batavia Road in DuPage County

Iowa

- Batavia (Jefferson County)

Maryland

- Batavia Park (Baltimore County)

Michigan

- Batavia (Branch County)
- Batavia Center (Branch County)

Civil features

- Batavia Township (Branch County)

Minnesota

- Batavia (Big Stone County), a railroad station, also known as Batavia Station; moved to Clinton in 1885; name changed in 1890
- Batavia (Todd County), a former townsite, also known as Batavia Station; P.O. 1890–1904, moved to Browerville in 1904

Other features

- Batavia Church (Todd County)

Montana

- Batavia (Flathead County)

Nevada

- Batavia City (Pershing County)

New York

- Batavia (county seat of Genesee County)
- Batavia Downs (Genesee County)
- West Batavia (Genesee County)

Civil features

- City of Batavia (Genesee County)
- Town of Batavia (Batavia Township) (Genesee County)

Geographical features

- Batavia Kill (stream) (Delaware County)
- Batavia Kill (stream) (Greene County)

Ohio

- Batavia (county seat of Clermont County)
- Batavia (Geauga County), now named Middlefield^[4]
- Batavia Junction (Hamilton County), now named Clare^[5]
- East Batavia Heights (Clermont County)

Civil features

- Batavia Township (Clermont County)

Wisconsin

- Batavia (Crawford County), now named Eastman^[6]
- Batavia (Sheboygan County)

Geographical features

- Batavia Creek (stream) (Sheboygan County)

Other instances



The Conspiracy of the Batavians under Claudius Civilis by Rembrandt van Rijn

- Batavia, a type of lettuce with broad flat leaves
- *Batavia* (opera), an opera in three acts and a prologue by Richard Mills to a libretto by Peter Goldsworthy, commissioned by Opera Australia; the plot is based on the historical events surrounding the Dutch sailing ship *Batavia*
- *Batavia* (ship), either (1) a ship of the Netherlands (Dutch) East India Company (VOC), built in Amsterdam in 1628 and shipwrecked on her maiden voyage on the coast of Australia in 1629, or (2) a twentieth-century replica of the same ship, which also is called the *Batavia*
- Batavia Air, an Indonesian airline
- Batavia fever, an infection caused by *Leptospira bataviae*,^[7] a bacterium of the order Spirochaetales, which is described as “dysentery and malaria” in the *Dictionary of Australian Artists Online*^[8] and called “rice field fever” in Italy.
- *Batavia Road* (boat), one of the first boats used for a commercial tourist operation in the Houtman Abrolhos, a chain of 122 islands and associated coral reefs in the Indian Ocean off the west coast of Australia
- Batavians (Latin *Batavi*), not *Batavii*.^[9] a Germanic tribe

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