

ICONIC STRUCTURES

PYRAMIDS OF GIZA: Giza City, Egypt

The Great Pyramid of Giza is also known as the 'Pyramid of Khufu' or 'Cheops' where there are three large pyramids. These pyramids were built between 2560 and 2540 BCE. Historians estimate that between 20,000 and 30,000 laborers were needed to build this great pyramid in a period of 23 years!



BIG BEN: London, UK

Big Ben is the most famous clock tower in the world. The name is used to describe the clock tower which is a part of the palace of Westminster. The tower is known as the Elizabeth Tower. The clock became operational in 1859 and is 96 metres high.

GREAT WALL OF CHINA

The Great Wall of China is the world's longest wall. The Great Wall of China was built to protect the Chinese states and empires in case there was an invasion. Its official length is about 21,196 km long and is more than 2,300 years old.



STATUE OF LIBERTY: New York, USA

Its full name is Liberty Enlightening the World. There are total 354 stairs to reach the statue's crown which has 25 windows. The crown of this statue has seven spikes which represents 7 oceans and 7 continents. "The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World" was a gift of friendship from the people of France to the United States and is recognized as a universal symbol of freedom and equality.



SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE: Sydney, Australia

It is one of the busiest performing art centres in Sydney and is one of the 20th century's most famous buildings. In 1956, a Danish architect Jørn Utzon won an international competition to design it. The construction began in 1959. It was opened in 1973. It has five major performing spaces.

EIFFEL TOWER: Paris, France

This incredible iron lattice tower located on the Champ de Mars was named after the engineer Gustave Eiffel, who built this iconic structure in 1887. The Eiffel Tower opened in 1889. It took 2 years, 2 months and five days to build the tower. At the time it was built, it was the tallest building in the world with a height of 324 metres. The Eiffel Tower is the most-visited paid monument in the world.



THE BURJ AL ARAB: Dubai, UAE

The Burj Al Arab was built in 1994 and is one of the most luxurious hotels in the world. Structured on a man-made island in the Persian Gulf, it was built to look like the sail of a dhow (traditional sailing vessel common in the Arab region).



What's the tallest building in the world? The Burj Khalifa: Dubai, UAE reaches an amazing 828 meters in height and has been crowned the world's tallest building since 2008. This incredible building took 4 years to construct and has a total of 163 above ground floors!



The oldest known man-made structure is a stone wall partially blocking the entrance to the Theopetra Cave in Greece. The ancient wall was constructed 23,000 years ago!



The Home Insurance Building in Chicago, USA is considered the first skyscraper. Built in 1885 the 10 storey building was 42m tall.

The city with the most skyscrapers is Hong Kong with 308. Second place goes to New York followed by Dubai.