

# 1 Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge is a bridge in London, over the River Thames.

It is close to the Tower of London, which gives it its name. It has become an iconic symbol of London.

The bridge consists of two towers which are tied together at the upper level by means of two horizontal walkways.

Tower Bridge is sometimes mistakenly referred to as London Bridge, which is actually the next bridge upstream..

# Eiffel Tower

The Eiffel Tower is an iron tower on the Champ de Mars in Paris. It is named after the engineer Gustave Eiffel, whose company designed and built the tower.

The tower is 324 metres tall, the tallest structure in Paris. Its base is square, measuring 125 metres on each side. The tower has three levels for visitors, with restaurants on the first and second levels. The top level's upper platform is 276 m (906 ft) above the ground – the highest observation desk accessible to the public in the European Union.

# 3 The Statue of Liberty

The Statue of **Liberty**, officially named Liberty Enlightening the World, is a monument symbolizing the United States. It welcomes visitors, immigrants and returning Americans travelling by ship. For many years, it was one of the first glances of the United States for millions of immigrants and visitors after returning from ocean voyages.

The statue is of a woman with a book in one hand and a torch held high in her other hand.

# 4 Colosseum

The Colosseum, originally known as the Flavian Amphitheatre, is a large amphitheatre in the city of Rome. It is on the east bank of the Tiber, the river that crosses the city.

Colosseum was used for gladiatorial contests, and other shows like *animal hunts*, in which animals would hunt and eat prisoners; or in which gladiators would fight against animals. There were also executions of prisoners, plays, and battle scenes.

## **5 Milan Cathedral**

The construction of the Milan Cathedral initiated in 1386 on the site of the ancient basilicas of Santa Tecla and Santa Maria Maggiore, which were then demolished at a later date. Dedicated to Maria Nascente, the cathedral was commissioned by Gian Galeazzo Visconti.

It is the largest and most complex Gothic building in Italy, made of pink-veined white marble.

The entire city of Milan can be admired from the rooftop terraces, which are accessed by lift or stairs

## **6 Buckingham Palace**

Buckingham Palace is a palace in the City of Westminster, which is part of central London, It is the official residence where the British monarch lives and works. The palace is a setting for state occasions and royal hospitality, and has been a focus for the British people.

The palace's guard is changed every day at 11am.

More than 50,000 people visit the Palace each year as guests to State banquets, lunches, dinners, receptions and Garden Parties. Her Majesty also holds weekly audiences with the Prime Minister and receives newly-appointed foreign Ambassadors at Buckingham Palace.

## **7 Sagrada Família**

The Sagrada Família is a large Roman Catholic church in Barcelona. Architect Antoni Gaudí designed it. Although not finished, the church is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Gaudí worked on it until he died. At the time of his death in 1926, less than a quarter of the building was finished. The Sagrada Família's building was slow. It needed private donations (people giving money to it). There is an expected finish date of 2026–100 years after Gaudí's death

## **8 Notre-Dame de Paris**

Notre Dame is a very old cathedral in Paris. The cathedral is on a small island on the River Seine. It was built during two centuries and it is a very good example of Gothic Architecture in France. The two rose windows which ornate the transept are among the biggest in Europe: each has a diameter of 13m.

While undergoing renovation and restoration, the roof of Notre-Dame caught fire on the evening of 15 April 2019. Burning for around 15 hours, the cathedral sustained serious damage.

## **9 Empire State Building**

The Empire State Building is a skyscraper in New York City. It is 381 metres tall and has 102 floors. The Empire State, it is one of the most famous landmarks in the US. It was built at a time when many people were trying to make the world's tallest building, but the Empire State Building won. It was completed in 410 days. It opened on May 1, 1931, when United States President Herbert Hoover pushed a button in Washington to turn on the lights.