

Eiffel Tower

The Eiffel Tower, nicknamed the iron lady, is a lattice tower found in Paris, France. It was named after Gustave Eiffel whose company designed and built the tower. It was erected in the Champ-de-Mars for the Paris exposition of 1889.



The tower measures 320 m high and is the tallest structure in Paris. It is a very popular tourist attraction having over 7 million people ascend it in 2011. In 2010 the tower celebrated its 250 millionth visitor.

People can visit three levels in the Eiffel Tower and can buy tickets for the use of the stairs or the lift up to the first and second floor. People can only reach the third level if they use the lift.

Below are a list of important events that have happened to do with the Eiffel Tower:

1889 - Thomas Edison visited the tower and signed the guest book.

1930 - The Chrysler Building, New York, was built and the Eiffel Tower lost its title as being the world's tallest structure.

1956 - The tower was damaged by a fire.

1957 - A radio antenna was added to the top of the tower.

1987 - The French police arrested a man called A.J. Hackett after he bungee jumped off the Eiffel Tower.

1999 - Flashing lights and four high power searchlights were added on the tower to celebrate the Millennium. Fireworks were also set off all over the tower.

2002 - The Eiffel Tower celebrated its 200,000,000th visitor.

2002 - An ice rink was opened for Christmas on the first level of the Eiffel Tower.

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Read the information sheet about the Eiffel Tower on the previous page and then answer the questions.

a) What is the nickname of the Eiffel Tower? _____

b) Why was the tower built?

c) Who built the tower? _____

d) How many people ascended the tower in 2011? _____

e) How many levels are there in the Eiffel Tower? _____

f) Underline the correct answer. The Eiffel Tower stands at...

1. 300m high

2. 320m high

3. 230m high

4. 310m high

g) Which famous inventor visited the Eiffel Tower in 1889?

h) Why did the Eiffel Tower lose its title as being the world's tallest structure in 1930?

i) Why was A. J. Hackett arrested in 1987?

j) What was opened for Christmas on the first level of the Eiffel Tower in 2002?
