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TOP 10

THE ART OF ARCHITECTURE

The most amazing buildings, structures and bridges from around the world.

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"A great building must begin with the immeasurable, must go through measurable means when it is being designed, and in the end must be unmeasured."
Louis I. Kahn / Architect

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CONCEPT:

- Man has a great gift. One that is denied other living creatures on this planet. He has imagination. He can change the space around him. He can dream up and design structures, spaces and buildings.
- Engineering, Architecture, Structural Design, Sculpture and Landscape Design are the sciences and arts men have mastered and applied to alter and improve their environment.
- We are surrounded by buildings, structures and spaces from different centuries. They fascinate and attract us, no matter how old they are, or what purpose they once served. They influence and effect the way we live and view the world. We often don't realize how deeply our built environment affects us.
- We visit and snap away at them wherever they are. We are fascinated by the great buildings and structures of our diverse, different cultures and people.
- Amazing Buildings, Structures and Spaces will take us on a journey around the world to visit unique examples of design flair, and open our eyes to the extraordinary spaces we have been able to imagine and create.
- Each episode will focus on ten of the most celebrated, renowned buildings, structures and spaces in different genres.
- We will explore and examine the different aspects of design and construction that make these creations so individual and unique.
- We will tell their story and the story of those who imagined them, designed them, and brought them into being.

This series includes comments and opinions from leading experts in engineering, architecture and history, as they discuss the development and the science behind some of the world's best known structures.



Episode 1: BRIDGES – CITY ICONS

Each of the bridges included in this episode is in some way unique, and not just from the architectural point of view. Architectural, construction and geographic variety were the most important criteria in the final selection into this top ten most amazing bridges in the world. It is no coincidence that bridges are the symbol of advancing progress not only in design, but also in technology.

1. MILLAU VIADUCT (Millau – France) | 2. GATESHEAD MILLENNIUM BRIDGE (Gateshead – UK) | 3. ORESUND BRIDGE (Denmark – Sweden) | 4. AKASHI KAIKYO BRIDGE (Kobe – Japan) | 5. ERASMUSBRUG (Rotterdam – Nederland) | 6. GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE (San Francisco – USA) | 7. SYDNEY HARBOR BRIDGE (Sydney – Australia) | 8. TOWER BRIDGE (London – UK) | 9. DOM LUIS BRIDGE (Porto – Portugal) | 10. BROOKLYN BRIDGE (New York City – USA)



Episode 2: TRANSPORT MEGASTRUCTURES – ENGINEERING WONDERS

This episode will focus on modern miracles in building industry and the superhuman abilities of modern technology from all around the world. The connecting topic of all these constructions will be transport – the designs of highway systems, canals, tunnels, railways connecting incredible distances and in incredibly inhospitable conditions.

1. TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY (Russia) | 2. NEW YORK CITY SUBWAY SYSTEM (New York – USA) | 3. ENGLISH CHANNEL TUNNEL (UK, France) | 4. SUEZ CANAL (Egypt) | 5. MARMARAY TUNNEL (Turkey) | 6. BEIJING-SHANGHAI HIGH-SPEED RAILWAY (China) | 7. HIGHWAY 1 (Australia) | 8. HONSHU-SHIKOKU BRIDGE PROJECT (Japan) | 9. PANAMA CANAL (Panama) | 10. INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM (USA)



Episode 3: MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES – ARCHITECTURAL TREASURES

Very popular destinations for tourists and art lovers, and also shrines protecting human heritage. Which of them immediately attract our attention because of their architecture, design and construction? Which museums and galleries belong to the technologically most progressive and at the same time most beautiful buildings?

1. PALACE MUSEUM (Beijing – China) | 2. LOUVRE (Paris – France) | 3. TATE MODERN (London – UK) | 4. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (Paris – France) | 5. MOMA (New York – USA) | 6. HERMITAGE MUSEUM (St. Petersburg – Russia) | 7. RIJKSMUSEUM (Amsterdam – Netherlands) | 8. UFFIZI (Florence – Italy) | 9. GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM (Bilbao – Spain) | 10. MUSEUM AAN DE STROOM (Antwerp – Belgium)



Episode 4: TV TOWERS – COMPLEX AND GRACIOUS

Television towers and transmitter stations are often iconic landmarks of metropolises. They are often also the tallest buildings in the city. Which ten television towers belong to the best in the world? Which are the tallest and how difficult was it to build these hundreds of meters tall giants without them posing a threat to the city?

1. TOKYO SKYTREE (Tokyo – Japan) | 2. CANTON TOWER (Canton – China) | 3. CN TOWER (Toronto – Canada) | 4. OSTANKINO TOWER (Moscow – Russia) | 5. ORIENTAL PEARL TOWER (Shanghai – China) | 6. MILAD TOWER (Teheran – Iran) | 7. BERLIN TV TOWER (Berlin – Germany) | 8. STRATOSPHERE (Las Vegas – USA) | 9. ZIZKOV TOWER (Prague – Czech Republic) | 10. SPACE NEEDLE (Seattle – USA)



Episode 5: STADIUMS – STUNNING ARENAS

Sports stadiums are globally recognized as very attractive architectural treasures. Our top-ten makes it clear that the most fantastic stadiums are not only for soccer or baseball, but also for swimming or athletics. The architects of these gems knew that the design had to be unique and monumental. Not for nothing are stadiums compared to shrines and cathedrals.

1. SOCCER CITY (Johannesburg – South Africa) | 2. NATIONAL STADIUM (Beijing – China) | 3. ESTÁDIO DO MARACANÃ (Rio de Janeiro – Brazil) | 4. ALLIANZ ARENA (Munich – Germany) | 5. OLYMPIASTADION (Berlin – Germany) | 6. OLYMPIC STADIUM (Montreal – Canada) | 7. YANKEE STADIUM (New York – USA) | 8. FISHT OLYMPIC STADIUM (Sochi – Russia) | 9. NATIONAL AQUATICS CENTER (Beijing – China) | 10. WEMBLEY STADIUM (London – UK)



Episode 6: MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS – BUILT IN HONOR

They commemorate events, great personalities, ideas, faith, hope. This was the reason why at many places there appeared monuments and statues, whose creators were inspired by an effort to lend an object or place uniqueness and immortality. Such works are often undisputed symbols of their city and extremely appealing tourist attractions.

1. STATUE OF LIBERTY (New York – USA) | 2. EIFFEL TOWER (Paris – France) | 3. GREAT SPHINX (Giza – Egypt) | 4. TAJ MAHAL (Agra – India) | 5. KAABA (Makkah – Saudi Arabia) | 6. CHRIST THE REDEEMER (Rio de Janeiro – Brasil) | 7. LINCOLN MEMORIAL (Washington, D. C. – USA) | 8. TERRACOTTA ARMY (Lintong – China) | 9. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL (Berlin – Germany) | 10. MOUNT RUSHMORE (Keystone – USA)



Episode 7: CITY SQUARES – AMAZING AND NEVER STILL

These spaces were created naturally throughout different cultural and historical periods and might represent the most changeable elements among works of architecture. City squares frequently undergo great changes. Nevertheless, in our top-ten most amazing squares, we include those whose structure or tradition have prevented any fundamental changes; places where you feel a real genius loci.

1. SAINT PETER'S SQUARE (Vatican) | 2. DJEMAA EL-FNAA (Marrakech – Morocco) | 3. PIAZZA DEL CAMPO (Siena – Italy) | 4. TRAFALGAR SQUARE (London – UK) | 5. TIANANMEN (Beijing – China) | 6. RYNEK GLOWNY (Krakow – Poland) | 7. TIMES SQUARE (New York – USA) | 8. OLD TOWN SQUARE (Prague – Czech Republic) | 9. RED SQUARE (Moscow – Russia) | 10. PIAZZA SAN MARCO (Venetia – Italy)



Episode 8: PARKS AND GARDENS – PARADISE CREATED BY HUMANS

These 10 parks and botanical gardens around the world show off the beauty of cultivated nature. Representing a fusion of the wild, untamed natural world and the architectural genius of humans, these parks are the closest to paradise that we can craft with our own hands.

1. CENTRAL PARK (New York – Usa) | 2. VERSAILLES PARK (Versailles – France) | 3. ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS (Kew – UK) | 4. PARC GUELL (Barcelona – Spain) | 5. UENO PARK (Tokio – Japan) | 6. ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS (Melbourne – Australia) | 7. BALBOA PARK (San Diego – USA) | 8. SANSSOUCI (Potsdam – Germany) | 9. KEUKENHOF (Lisse – Netherlands) | 10. HYDE PARK (London – UK)



Episode 9: PLAYFUL DESIGN – FEAST FOR THE EYES

All around the world we find buildings that immediately catch our eye with their playfulness and creativity rather than with their monumentality. Their design is almost addictive – you will want to see them repeatedly and you will never grow tired of them. Their architects were not afraid to form visions while using humor and fantasy. They created timeless works that can compete not just in the realm of mere building industry, but they represent real art.

1. HUNDERTWASSERHAUS (Vienna – Austria) | 2. ATOMIUM (Brussels – Belgium) | 3. SOLOMON R. GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM (New York – USA) | 4. THE GHERKIN BUILDING (London – UK) | 5. CASA MILÀ (Barcelona – Spain) | 6. HALLGRÍMSKIRKJA (Reykjavík – Iceland) | 7. CLOUD GATE (Chicago – USA) | 8. BURJ AL ARAB (Dubai – UAE) | 9. LOTUS TEMPLE (Delhi – India) | 10. DANCING HOUSE (Prague – Czech Republic)



Episode 10: THEATRES AND OPERA HOUSES – UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES

Along with art museums, theatres and opera houses showcase the wealth and prestige of the cities in which they are located. Many of them can be toured without buying a ticket to a performance, though seeing a show at one of these lavish theaters is sure to be an unforgettable experience. From Sydney to Milan, these are the world's most amazing theatres and opera houses.

1. LA SCALA (Milano – Italy) | 2. PHILHARMONIE DE PARIS (Paris – France) | 3. CARNEGIE HALL (New York – USA) | 4. NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PERF. ARTS (Beijing – China) | 5. WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL (Los Angeles – USA) | 6. OSLO OPERA HOUSE (Oslo – Norway) | 7. GUANGZHOU OPERA HOUSE (Guangzhou – China) | 8. COPENHAGEN OPERA HOUSE (Copenhagen – Denmark) | 9. ROYAL ALBERT HALL (London – UK) | 10. SYDNEY OPERA (Sydney – Australia)