

The Eiffel Tower is a wrought-iron lattice tower on the Champ de Mars in Paris, France. It is named after the engineer Gustave Eiffel, whose company designed and built the tower. Constructed in 1889 as the entrance arch to the 1889 World's Fair, it was initially criticized by some of France's leading artists and intellectuals for its design, but it has become a global cultural icon of France and one of the most recognizable structures in the world. The tower is 330 meters (1,083 feet) tall, including its antenna. When it was completed in 1889, it surpassed the Washington Monument to become the tallest man-made structure in the world, a title it held for 41 years until the completion of the Chrysler Building in New York City in 1930. The Eiffel Tower is the most visited paid monument in the world. In 2015, it received 6.91 million visitors. This text provides basic information and historical facts about the Eiffel Tower.