

USA LONGEST BRIDGE

Lake Pontchartrain Causeway Longest Bridge in USA

The Lake Pontchartrain Causeway, also called the Lake Pontchartrain Bridge or the Causeway Bridge, is not only the longest bridge in Louisiana but also the longest bridge in the USA. It is ranked as the ninth longest bridge in the world; Danyang Kunshan Grand Bridge is the longest bridge in the world with nearly five times the length of the Pontchartrain Causeway. The Pontchartrain Causeway is actually two bridges that run side by side, technically called a twin bridge. One end of the Causeway Bridge is located in New Orleans, Louisiana, while the other end is on the North Shore of Lake Pontchartrain. The bridge goes right across the middle of Lake Pontchartrain and is one of the longest bridges in the world; it is so long that at one point during the drive, it becomes impossible to see land in any direction.

HISTORY

The Lake Pontchartrain Bridge has a very interesting history and has even been the subject of controversy in recent years. As a landmark, it is striking, providing an unusual driving experience that can be unsettling when all sight of land disappears. Construction of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway began in May of 1955 and only lasted approximately fourteen months, with the first lane of the bridge opening in August of 1956. The speed of the construction can be attributed to the fact that this was the first instance of both mass production and assembly line utilization for the construction of a bridge.