

Brooklyn Bridge



The **Brooklyn Bridge** is a hybrid [cable-stayed/suspension bridge](#) in [New York City](#), spanning the [East River](#) between the boroughs of [Manhattan](#) and [Brooklyn](#). Opened on May 24, 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge was the first fixed crossing of the East River. It was also the [longest suspension bridge in the world](#) at the time of its opening, with a main span of 1,595.5 feet (486.3 m) and a deck 127 ft. (38.7 m) above [mean high water](#). The span was originally called the **New York and Brooklyn Bridge** or the **East River Bridge** but was officially renamed the Brooklyn Bridge in 1915.

History

- The Brooklyn Bridge is a hybrid cable-stayed/suspension bridge in New York City and is one of the oldest bridges of either type in the United States. Completed in 1883, it connects the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn by spanning the East River.

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- The bridge was designed by John Augustus Roebling, who died in 1869 from a tetanus infection caused by a wire cable injury. His son, Washington Roebling, took over as chief engineer and oversaw the completion of the bridge.
- The bridge was built using a combination of suspension and cable-stayed design elements. The main cables are supported by two massive stone towers, and the deck is suspended from the cables.
- The Brooklyn Bridge was a major engineering feat at the time and was considered to be one of the wonders of the world. It was the first bridge to use steel wire cables, and it was the longest suspension bridge in the world until 1889.

Construction

- The construction of the Brooklyn Bridge was a challenging undertaking. The bridge was built over water, and the workers had to contend with strong winds and currents.
- The bridge was also built during a time of political and social unrest. There were protests against the bridge, and some people even tried to sabotage its construction.
- Despite the challenges, the Brooklyn Bridge was completed in 1883. It was a major engineering achievement and a symbol of progress and hope for the city of New York.

Design

- The Brooklyn Bridge is a graceful and elegant structure. The cables are thin and delicate, and the bridge blends in with the natural landscape.
- The design of the bridge was inspired by the surrounding bridges in Europe. The towers are similar to the towers of the Pont Neff in Paris, and the cables are similar to the cables of the Royal Albert Bridge in England.
- The Brooklyn Bridge is a National Historic Landmark and a New York City landmark. It is one of the most iconic bridges in the world and is a popular tourist destination.

Here are some additional details about the Brooklyn Bridge:

- The bridge is 1.3 miles (2.1 km) long and 159 feet (48 m) high.
- The bridge has four main cables, each of which is made of 5,318 wire strands.
- The bridge can carry up to 150,000 vehicles and 150,000 pedestrians per day.
- The Brooklyn Bridge is a popular spot for photography and sightseeing.