

The Great Wall

Location: China

The Great Wall of China is a series of fortifications that were built over a period of two thousand years to protect the Chinese empire from invasion. The construction of the wall began in the 7th century BC and continued until the 16th century AD, during the Ming dynasty. The Great Wall is the longest wall in the world, stretching over 13,000 miles (21,000 kilometers) from the western to the eastern borders of China. The original walls were built of rammed earth and gravel, but during the Ming dynasty, the walls were rebuilt using bricks and stone. The wall was manned by soldiers stationed in watchtowers and forts along its length. The Great Wall was also used for transportation and communication, with beacons and smoke signals used to convey messages. The Great Wall was not just a physical barrier, but also a symbol of Chinese power and unity. The wall was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987 and is widely regarded as one of the most impressive engineering feats in history. Today, many sections of the wall have been restored and are open to tourists. The most popular sections are located near Beijing, including Badaling, Mutianyu, and Jiankou. Visitors can climb the

wall and enjoy stunning views of the surrounding countryside. The Great Wall of China has become one of China's most popular tourist destinations, attracting millions of visitors each year.

