The **Eiffel Tower** ([/ˈaɪfəl/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/English) [*EYE-fəl*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Pronunciation_respelling_key); [French](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_language): *tour Eiffel* [[tuʁ‿ɛfɛl]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/French) ([About this sound](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Tour_Eiffel_Pronunciation.ogg) [listen](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/eb/Tour_Eiffel_Pronunciation.ogg))) is a [wrought iron](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wrought_iron) [lattice tower](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lattice_tower) on the [Champ de Mars](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Champ_de_Mars) in [Paris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris), [France](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France). It is named after the engineer [Gustave Eiffel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustave_Eiffel), whose company designed and built the tower.

Constructed from 1887–89 as the entrance to the [1889 World's Fair](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exposition_Universelle_(1889)), it was initially criticized by some of France's leading artists and intellectuals for its design, but it has become a global [cultural icon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cultural_icon) of France and one of the most recognisable structures in the world.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eiffel_Tower#cite_note-Key_figures-3)The Eiffel Tower is the most-visited paid monument in the world; 6.91 million people ascended it in 2015.

The tower is 324 metres (1,063 ft) tall, about the same height as an 81-storey building, and the [tallest structure in Paris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tallest_buildings_and_structures_in_the_Paris_region). Its base is square, measuring 125 metres (410 ft) on each side. During its construction, the Eiffel Tower surpassed the [Washington Monument](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Monument) to become the [tallest man-made structure](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tallest_freestanding_structures_in_the_world#Timeline_of_world's_tallest_freestanding_structures) in the world, a title it held for 41 years until the [Chrysler Building](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chrysler_Building) in [New York City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_City) was finished in 1930. Due to the addition of a broadcasting [aerial](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aerial_(radio)) at the top of the tower in 1957, it is now taller than the Chrysler Building by 5.2 metres (17 ft). Excluding transmitters, the Eiffel Tower is the [second tallest structure in France](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tallest_structures_in_France) after the [Millau Viaduct](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millau_Viaduct).

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| **General information** | |
| **Type** | Observation tower Broadcasting tower |
| **Location** | [7th arrondissement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/7th_arrondissement_of_Paris), [Paris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris), France |
| [**Coordinates**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system) | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[48°51′29.6″N2°17′40.2″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Eiffel_Tower&params=48_51_29.6_N_2_17_40.2_E_region:FR-75_type:landmark)[Coordinates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system): https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[48°51′29.6″N 2°17′40.2″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Eiffel_Tower&params=48_51_29.6_N_2_17_40.2_E_region:FR-75_type:landmark) |
| **Construction started** | 28 January 1887 |
| **Completed** | 15 March 1889 |
| **Opening** | 31 March 1889 (128 years ago) |
| **Owner** | [City of Paris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris), [France](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France) |
| **Management** | *Société d'Exploitation de la Tour Eiffel* (SETE) |
| **Height** | |
| **Architectural** | 300 m (984 ft)[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eiffel_Tower#cite_note-CTBUH-1) |
| **Tip** | 324 m (1,063 ft)[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eiffel_Tower#cite_note-CTBUH-1) |
| **Top floor** | 276 m (906 ft)[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eiffel_Tower#cite_note-CTBUH-1) |
| **Technical details** | |
| **Floor count** | 3[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eiffel_Tower#cite_note-Emporis-2) |
| **Lifts/elevators** | 8[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eiffel_Tower#cite_note-Emporis-2) |
| **Design and construction** | |
| **Architect** | [Stephen Sauvestre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Sauvestre) |
| **Structural engineer** | [Maurice Koechlin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maurice_Koechlin) [Émile Nouguier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%89mile_Nouguier) |
| **Main contractor** | [Compagnie des Etablissements Eiffel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustave_Eiffel) |
| **Website** | |
| [toureiffel.paris](http://toureiffel.paris/) | |
| **References** | |
| I. [**^**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eiffel_Tower#ref_talleststatus) [Eiffel Tower](https://www.emporis.com/buildings/110508) at *[Emporis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emporis" \o "Emporis)* | |