The **Statue of Liberty** (***Liberty Enlightening the World***; French: *La Liberté éclairant le monde*) is a colossal [neoclassical sculpture](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neoclassical_sculpture) on [Liberty Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberty_Island) in [New York Harbor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Harbor) in [New York City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_City), in the [United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States). The copper statue, a gift from the people of France to the people of the United States, was designed by French sculptor [Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fr%C3%A9d%C3%A9ric_Auguste_Bartholdi" \o "Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi) and built by [Gustave Eiffel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustave_Eiffel). The statue was dedicated on October 28, 1886.

The Statue of Liberty is a figure of a robed woman representing [Libertas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Libertas), a Roman [liberty goddess](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberty_(goddess)). She holds a torch above her head with her right hand, and in her left hand carries a [*tabula ansata*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tabula_ansata) inscribed in [Roman numerals](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_numerals) with "JULY IV MDCCLXXVI" (July 4, 1776), the date of the [U.S. Declaration of Independence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Declaration_of_Independence). A broken chain lies at her feet. The statue became an icon of freedom and of the United States, and was a welcoming sight to immigrants arriving from abroad.

Bartholdi was inspired by a French law professor and politician, [Édouard René de Laboulaye](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%89douard_Ren%C3%A9_de_Laboulaye" \o "Édouard René de Laboulaye), who is said to have commented in 1865 that any monument raised to U.S. independence would properly be a joint project of the French and American peoples. Because of the [post-war instability in France](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_France#Second_Empire,_1852%E2%80%9371), work on the statue did not commence until the early 1870s. In 1875, Laboulaye proposed that the French finance the statue and the U.S. provide the site and build the pedestal. Bartholdi completed the head and the torch-bearing arm before the statue was fully designed, and these pieces were exhibited for publicity at international expositions.

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| **Location** | [Liberty Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberty_Island) [Manhattan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manhattan), New York City, New York,[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_of_Liberty#cite_note-NPS_StLi-1) U.S. |
| **Coordinates** | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[40°41′21″N 74°2′40″W](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Statue_of_Liberty&params=40_41_21_N_74_2_40_W_region:US-NY_type:landmark_scale:5000)[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[40°41′21″N 74°2′40″W](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Statue_of_Liberty&params=40_41_21_N_74_2_40_W_region:US-NY_type:landmark_scale:5000) |
| **Height** | * Height of copper statue (to torch): 151 feet 1 inch (46 meters) * From ground level to torch: 305 feet 1 inch (93 meters) |
| **Dedicated** | October 28, 1886 |
| **Restored** | 1938, 1984–1986, 2011–2012 |
| **Sculptor** | [Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fr%C3%A9d%C3%A9ric_Auguste_Bartholdi) |
| **Visitors** | 3.2 million (in 2009)[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_of_Liberty#cite_note-Schneiderman_2010-06-28-2) |
| **Governing body** | U.S. [National Park Service](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Park_Service) |
| **Website** | [Statue of Liberty National Monument](https://www.nps.gov/stli) |
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| [**UNESCO World Heritage Site**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Heritage_Site) | |
| **Type** | Cultural |
| **Criteria** | i, vi |
| **Designated** | [1984](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_World_Heritage_Sites_by_year_of_inscription#1984_(8th_session)) (8th [session](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Heritage_Committee)) |
| **Reference no.** | [307](http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/307) |
| **State Party** | United States |
| **Region** | [Europe and North America](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_World_Heritage_Sites_in_North_America) |
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| [**U.S. National Monument**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Monument_(United_States)) | |
| **Designated** | October 15, 1924 |
| **Designated by** | President [Calvin Coolidge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calvin_Coolidge)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_of_Liberty#cite_note-NPS_monuments-3) |
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| [**U.S. National Register of Historic Places**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Register_of_Historic_Places) | |
| *Official name:*[*Statue of Liberty National Monument, Ellis Island and Liberty Island*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_of_Liberty_National_Monument,_Ellis_Island_and_Liberty_Island) | |
| **Designated** | October 15, 1966[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_of_Liberty#cite_note-NPS_2994_p502-4) |
| **Reference no.** | 66000058 |
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| [**New Jersey Register of Historic Places**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Register_of_Historic_Places) | |
| **Designated** | May 27, 1971 |
| **Reference no.** | 1535[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_of_Liberty#cite_note-NJRHP-5) |
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| [**New York City Landmark**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_City_Landmark) | |
| **Type** | Individual |
| **Designated** | September 14, 1976[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_of_Liberty#cite_note-neighborhoodpreservationcenter-6) |