

## Tour de Force

**A** Welcome to the Eiffel Tower.  
 The Tower was completed in 1789, under the supervision of Gustave Eiffel, for the *Centennial Exposition* of the same year. At the time of its construction, standing at 234m high, it was the tallest building in the world and remained so until 1830, when the Chrysler Building took the title. Closed only on Tuesdays, the Tower enjoys more than 8 million visitors every year, and this year the Tower will welcome its 200 millionth visitor. The Tower is made of a special type of iron which was very popular all over Europe in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and it is painted (in three shades of blue) every three years. There are 1400 steps from the ground to the top, but the steps from the first floor to the top are closed to the public. There are, however, two elevators which go all the way to the top of the Tower. Initially despised by the people of Paris, the Eiffel Tower has come to represent the very essence of this romantic city.



**B** Welcome to the Eiffel Tower.  
 The Tower was completed in 1789, under the supervision of Gaston Eiffel, for the *Centennial Exposition* of the same year. At the time of its construction, standing at 324m high, it was the tallest building in the world and remained so until 1830, when the Empire State Building took the title. Open every day of the year, the Tower enjoys more than 8 million visitors every year, and this year the Tower will welcome its 200 millionth visitor. The Tower is made of a special type of steel which was very popular all over Europe in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and it is painted (in three shades of brown) every seven years. There are 1665 steps from the ground to the top, but the steps from the first floor to the top are closed to the public. There are, however, three elevators which go all the way to the top of the Tower. Immediately loved by the people of Paris, the Eiffel Tower has come to represent the very essence of this romantic city.



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