

off the fence.

Top Ten Architecture

10 x 60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Bridges - City Icons

Each of the bridges included in this episode is in some way unique, and not just from the architectural point of view. Architectural, construction and geographic variety were the most important criteria in the final selection into this top ten most amazing bridges in the world. It is no coincidence that bridges are the symbol of advancing progress not only in design, but also in technology.

1. MILLAU VIADUCT (Millau – France)
2. GATESHEAD MILLENNIUM BRIDGE (Gateshead – UK)
3. ORESUND BRIDGE (Denmark – Sweden)
4. AKASHI KAIKYO BRIDGE (Kobe – Japan)
5. ERASMUSBRUG (Rotterdam – Nederland)
6. GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE (San Francisco – USA)
7. SYDNEY HARBOR BRIDGE (Sydney – Australia)
8. TOWER BRIDGE (London – UK) |
9. DOM LUIS BRIDGE (Porto – Portugal)
10. BROOKLYN BRIDGE (New York City – USA)

2. Transport Megastructures - Engineering Wonders

This episode will focus on modern miracles in building industry and the superhuman abilities of modern technology from all around the world. The connecting topic of all these constructions will be transport – the designs of highway systems, canals, tunnels, railways connecting incredible distances and in incredibly inhospitable conditions.

1. TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY (Russia)
2. NEW YORK CITY SUBWAY SYSTEM (New York – USA)
3. ENGLISH CHANNEL TUNNEL (UK, France)

4. SUEZ CANAL (Egypt) |
5. MARMARAY TUNNEL (Turkey)
6. BEIJING-SHANGHAI HIGH-SPEED RAILWAY (China)
7. HIGHWAY 1 (Australia)
8. HONSHU-SHIKOKU BRIDGE PROJECT (Japan)
9. PANAMA CANAL (Panama)
10. INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM (USA)

3. Museums and Galleries - Architectural Treasures

Very popular destinations for tourists and art lovers, and also shrines protecting human heritage. Which of them immediately attract our attention because of their architecture, design and construction? Which museums and galleries belong to the technologically most progressive and at the same time most beautiful buildings?

1. PALACE MUSEUM (Beijing – China)
2. LOUVRE (Paris – France)
3. TATE MODERN (London – UK)
4. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (Paris – France)
5. MOMA (New York – USA)
6. HERMITAGE MUSEUM (St. Petersburg – Russia)
7. RIJKSMUSEUM (Amsterdam – Netherlands)
8. UFFIZI (Florence – Italy) |
9. GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM (Bilbao – Spain)
10. MUSEUM AAN DE STROOM (Antwerp – Belgium)

4. TV Towers - Complex and Gracious

Television towers and transmitter stations are often iconic landmarks of metropolises. They are often also the tallest buildings in the city. Which ten television towers belong to the best in the World? Which are the tallest and how difficult was it to build these hundreds of meters tall giants without them posing a threat to the city?

1. TOKYO SKYTREE (Tokyo – Japan)
2. CANTON TOWER (Canton – China)
3. CN TOWER (Toronto – Canada)

4. OSTANKINO TOWER (Moscow – Russia)
5. ORIENTAL PEARL TOWER (Shanghai – China)
6. MILAD TOWER (Teheran – Iran)
7. BERLIN TV TOWER (Berlin – Germany)
8. STRATOSPHERE (Las Vegas – USA)
9. ZIZKOV TOWER (Prague – Czech Republic)
10. SPACE NEEDLE (Seattle – USA)

5. Stadiums - Stunning Arenas

Sports stadiums are globally recognized as very attractive architectural treasures. Our top-ten makes it clear that the most fantastic stadiums are not only for soccer or baseball, but also for swimming or athletics. The architects of these gems knew that the design had to be unique and monumental. Not for nothing are stadiums compared to shrines and cathedrals.

1. SOCCER CITY (Johannesburg – South Africa)
2. NATIONAL STADIUM (Beijing – China)
3. ESTÁDIO DO MARACANÃ (Rio de Janeiro – Brazil)
4. ALLIANZ ARENA (Munich – Germany)
5. OLYMPIASTADION (Berlin – Germany)
6. OLYMPIC STADIUM (Montreal – Canada)
7. YANKEE STADIUM (New York – USA)
8. FISHT OLYMPIC STADIUM (Sochi – Russia)
9. NATIONAL AQUATICS CENTER (Beijing – China)
10. WEMBLEY STADIUM (London – UK)

6. Memorials and Monuments - Built in Honor

They commemorate events, great personalities, ideas, faith, hope. This was the reason why at many places there appeared monuments and statues, whose creators were inspired by an effort to lend an object or place uniqueness and immortality. Such works are often undisputed symbols of their city and extremely appealing tourist attractions.

1. STATUE OF LIBERTY (New York – USA)
2. EIFFEL TOWER (Paris – France)
3. GREAT SPHINX (Giza – Egypt)
4. TAJ MAHAL (Agra – India)
5. KAABA (Makkah – Saudi Arabia)
6. CHRIST THE REDEEMER (Rio de Janeiro – Brasil)
7. LINCOLN MEMORIAL (Washington, D. C. – USA)
8. TERRACOTTA ARMY (Lintong – China)
9. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL (Berlin – Germany)
10. MOUNT RUSHMORE (Keystone – USA)

7. City Squares - Amazing and Never Still

These spaces were created naturally through different cultural and historical periods and might represent the most changeable elements among works of architecture. City squares frequently undergo great changes. Nevertheless, in our top-ten most amazing squares, we include those whose structure or tradition have prevented any fundamental changes; places where you feel a real genius loci.

1. SAINT PETER'S SQUARE (Vatican)
2. DJEMAA EL-FNAA (Marrakech – Morocco)
3. PIAZZA DEL CAMPO (Siena – Italy)
4. TRAFALGAR SQUARE (London – UK)
5. TIANANMEN (Beijing – China)
6. RYNEK GLOWNY (Krakow – Poland)
7. TIMES SQUARE (New York – USA)
8. OLD TOWN SQUARE (Prague – Czech Republic)
9. RED SQUARE (Moscow – Russia)
10. PIAZZA SAN MARCO (Venetia – Italy)

8. Parks and Gardens - Paradise Created by Humans

These 10 parks and botanical gardens around the world show off the beauty of cultivated nature. Representing a fusion of the wild, untamed natural world and the architectural genius of humans, these parks are the closest to paradise that we can craft with our own hands.

1. CENTRAL PARK (New York – Usa)
2. VERSAILLES PARK (Versailles – France)
3. ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS (Kew – UK)
4. PARC GUELL (Barcelona – Spain)
5. UENO PARK (Tokio – Japan)
6. ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS (Melbourne – Australia)
7. BALBOA PARK (San Diego – USA)
8. SANSSOUCI (Potsdam – Germany)
9. KEUKENHOF (Lisse – Netherlands)
10. HYDE PARK (London – UK)

9. Playful Design - Feast for the Eyes

All around the world we find buildings that immediately catch our eye with their playfulness and creativity rather than with their monumentality. Their design is almost addictive – you will want to see them repeatedly and you will never grow tired of them. Their architects were not afraid to form visions while using humor and fantasy. They created timeless works that can compete not just in the realm of mere building industry, but they represent real art.

1. HUNDERTWASSERHAUS (Vienna – Austria)
2. ATOMIUM (Brussels – Belgium)
3. SOLOMON R. GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM (New York – USA)
4. THE GHERKIN BUILDING (London – UK)
5. CASA MILÁ (Barcelona – Spain)
6. HALLGRÍMSKIRKJA (Reykjavik – Iceland)
7. CLOUD GATE (Chicago – USA)
8. BURJ AL ARAB (Dubai – UAE)
9. LOTUS TEMPLE (Delhi – India)
10. DANCING HOUSE (Prague – Czech Republic)

10. Theatres and Opera Houses - Unforgettable Experiences

Along with art museums, theatres and opera houses showcase the wealth and prestige of the cities in which they are located. Many of them can be toured without buying a ticket to a performance, though seeing a show at one of these lavish theaters is sure to be an unforgettable experience. From Sydney to Milan, these are the world's most amazing theatres and opera houses.

1. LA SCALA (Milano – Italy)
2. PHILHARMONIE DE PARIS (Paris – France)
3. CARNEGIE HALL (New York – USA)
4. NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PERF. ARTS (Beijing – China)
5. WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL (Los Angeles – USA)
6. OSLO OPERA HOUSE (Oslo – Norway)
7. GUANGZHOU OPERA HOUSE (Guangzhou – China)
8. COPENHAGEN OPERA HOUSE (Copenhagen – Denmark)
9. ROYAL ALBERT HALL (London – UK)
10. SYDNEY OPERA (Sydney – Australia)