

Empire State Building

Empire State Building is one of the tourist attractions in New York. It is a skyscraper located in **Manhattan** which offers a stunning view of the city.

HISTORY

The building was designed in the Art Deco style by a company called Shreve, Lamb and Harmon. It took only **13 months** to build it which was extremely fast at that time. The construction was completed in 1931, and from 1931 to 1970 it was the **tallest building** in the world.

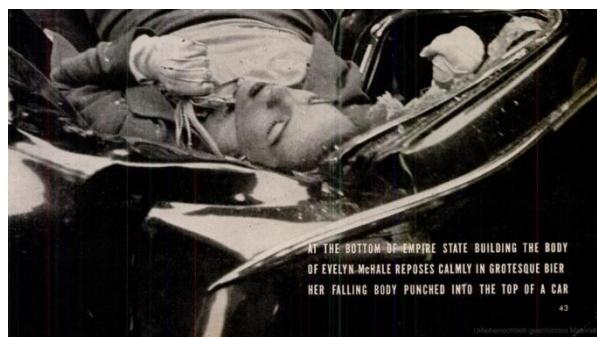
ABOUT THE BUILDING

The building looks like a tall tower and is over **400 metres** tall to the top of its spire. It has **102 floors** and **73 fast lifts** inside. There are observation decks (viewing areas) on the **80th, 86th and 102nd** floors which offer an amazing view of New York at day and night.



DEATHS

In the history of Empire State Building over 30 people jumped off the building to commit suicide.



In 1947 Evelyn McHale jumped from the **86th** floor and her body landed on the car below. She was wearing gloves and pearls, and her dead body looked perfect. Soon after she had landed atop a limousine, a student took a photo of her which became very famous and was published in *Time* magazine.

In December 1979, a 29-year-old woman, Elvita Adams who had lost her job, wanted to kill herself. She jumped from the tower but a strong wind pushed her body back and she landed on the floor below. A security guard saved her life.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Empire State Building is open to tourist day and night. It offers a breath-taking view of the Big Apple especially at night. Every year 4 million tourist visit the building. After the collapse of the World Trade Center towers on 11th September 2001, Empire State Building is again the tallest building in New York.