

La Tour Eiffel – The Eiffel Tower

Over 300 metres high.

Was built between
1887-1889.

Sits beside the River Seine in Paris.

When it was first built many
people thought it was very ugly.

The tower was only meant to
be a temporary structure. It was
the winner of a competition to
celebrate the centenary of the French
Revolution.

It was designed to be easily
dismantled as it only had permission
to stand for 20 years.

Until 1930 it was the
tallest building in the world.

Designed by Gustave Eiffel and
his engineering company.

When it was discovered that the
tower made an excellent radio
antenna, the city of Paris decided
to keep it.

The tower is repainted every
seven years. It takes 18 months
to paint and is painted in 3
shades of brown.

The tower is cleaned
all year round.

In 2014, a glass
floor called the 'le
plancher transparent'
was installed on the
first floor.

The names of 72
famous French
engineers and
scientist are engraved
in the tower, just
under the first
balcony.

