

THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

A) Description

The Empire State Building is a **skyscraper** in **New York City**.

- The name

The state of New York has a nick name: **The Empire State**.

That's why it was named: The Empire State Building.

- Localization

It is located on the island of **Manhattan**, on **Fifth Avenue**. This avenue is one of the most famous avenues in the world.

- Style

Its style is **Art Deco**.

- Height

Its height is **1,25 feet** (380 m), or 1,45 feet (448 m) with its antenna.

It was built in **1930**, at the beginning of the **great Depression**.

It became the **tallest building in the world and remained until 1967**.

After the attacks of September 11 in 2001, which caused the collapse of the twin towers, The Empire state Building once again became the tallest skyscraper in New York City.

But The **One World Trade Center in 2013** was built and The Empire State Building became the **second highest** skyscrapers of New York City. It is also the **fourth largest skyscraper in the United States**.

- The lobby

The lobby is in **iron**. On the wall, we can see the building without its antenna.

B) History

In the **early 19th century**, there are **no skyscrapers in NYC**.

There were a lot of slums. Where the Empire State Building was built there was a **farm**.

A company planned to build a skyscraper. Architect **William Lamb** was charged to draw building plans. The site opened in **1930 and in 1931** it was finished. It took 410 days.

In 1929, America lived the **crash stock**. This period was called: **The Great Depression**.

There was great **poverty**. People needed to work, even **low-paid**. They had to **accept dangerous conditions of work** if they wanted to work.

The workers were many. Workers who built The Empire State Building were called : The **"skyboys"**. They worked without protection. It was very dangerous.

The Empire State Building was inaugurated on May 1 in 1931. It is the president of the United States, Herbert Hoover, who sued the lightings of the building.

c) Visit and the view

Visitors have to pay to go up. There are **102 floors**.

It is possible to go out and visitors can see **all the city of New York**. They can see the **North and the south** of Manhattan.

d) Cinema

The Empire State Building was made famous by the **King Kong** movie, made in **1933**. In this film, a Gorilla King Kong climbs to the top of the Empire State Building and finds himself stuck at the top. He is attacked by **airplanes**. It is one of the **mythical** scenes of American cinema.

The film poster of the movie is very famous.

In **1983**, for the 50th anniversary of the film, a **balloon** in the shape of King Kong was placed at the top of the building.

The Empire State Building appeared in many other films, as well as television series like the British series **"Doctor who"**.

e) Lights at the top of the building

At night, the top of the building can be **illuminated**. For the **Independence day** (July 4th) the top is blue, white and red.

For Christmas, lights are green and red.

This year, for the results of the elections, the top was red (color of the republicans) with Trump's face