

Most instagrammed skyscrapers in the world

Everyone wants the perfect picture for Instagram. Here we look at the most popular skyscrapers in the world based on Instagram hashtags.

Skyscrapers dominate the skylines of their home cities, providing a sight emblematic of the local culture. They are feats of engineering, testifying to the prowess of national business and technology, and offering tourists a splendid backdrop for their Instagram memories. A recent [study made by Dublin Airport Central Offices](#) found out the most popular skyscrapers on Instagram, as well what would happen if all these pictures were printed and placed next to the building itself.

Here are the findings:

(Image Courtesy of [Dublin Airport Central](#))

The most hashtagged:

1. New York's Empire State Building (main image)

Designed by builders, Shreve, Lamb and Harmon, this historic edifice was completed in 1931. The Empire State Building has a roof height of 380 metres and the tip of its massive mast puts the building's total height at 443.2 metres. During the period of its construction, the building underwent several changes in blueprints. This was due in part to a fierce competition between investors, John J. Raskob and Walter Chrysler. Mr. Chrysler's Chrysler Building, in Manhattan, was to be New York's tallest storied structure, until the addition of the Empire State Building's mast, intended to moor dirigibles. The name derives from New York's moniker as 'the empire state'. It bore the distinction of the world's tallest building, until the completion of the World Trade Center's North Tower in Manhattan, in 1970. It is, today, a proud emblem of New York's engineering and industrial history. Four million tourists visit the building's 86th and 102nd floor observatories every year, amassing an astonishing [4,283,025 pictures](#) on Instagram.

2. The world's tallest building – Dubai's Burj Khalifa

The official title of world's tallest building goes to The Burj Khalifa, known as The Burj Dubai prior to its inauguration in 2010. The building was renamed in honour of the ruler of Abu Dhabi, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who contributed financial support to the building's completion. With a roof height of 828 metres and a total height of 829.8 metres, this enormous tower hails from Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Its construction began in 2004, with the exterior completed five years later. The centrepiece of a large-scale, mixed-use development, it houses 30,000 residences, nine hotels, 3 hectares of parkland, The Dubai Mall, and overshadows the 12-hectare artificial Burj Khalifa Lake. Built for the sole purpose of enlivening Dubai's tourist industry, The Burj Khalifa lives up to its mission earning [3,617,996 hashtags](#).

3. Symbolising the freedom of a nation – New York's One World Trade

At the outset of its construction it was called Freedom Tower, and many thousands of Americans are reluctant to utilise any other name. Officially called One World Trade Center, the building stands at a symbolic 541 metres, or 1776 feet. 1776 is a purposeful reference to the Declaration of Independence, written and approved, by the Second Continental Congress, on July 4, 1776. It is the tallest building in the United States, and the sixth tallest building in the world. One World Trade Center stands on the northwest corner of the 6.5 hectare World Trade Center site, honouring the fallen Twin Towers that were destroyed in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. A significant historic site, One World Trade Center features a three-story observation deck on its 100th through 102nd floors. These offer astonishing aerial views of the city as well as a food court and space for special events. An object of national pride, One World Trade Center has amassed 969,254 hashtags as of August 2019, (126,477 on #oneworldtrade, 842,777 on #freedomtower)

Highest buildings in Ireland

By no means the island of Ireland is known by skyscrapers, however there are also impressive building constructions in both Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Here are some of them:

Northern Ireland's Tallest Building: The Obel Tower

(Image Courtesy of [Wikipedia](#))

Standing over the River Lagan, in the city of Belfast, the curved face of The Obel Tower is visible from a great distance. With its unique silhouette, it is the tallest storied building in Northern Ireland standing at 85 metres. Completed in 2005, The Obel Tower overtook Windsor House, known as The Grand Central Hotel since 2018. A residential structure, the tower is home to 233 apartments.

Ireland's Most Instagrammed Building: The Elysian

(Image Courtesy of [Wikipedia](#))

Rising at the fork of the River Lee, in Cork City, upon its completion in 2008, The Elysian was the tallest building in the Republic of Ireland. The Capital Dock overtook it in 2018. The site of the building consists of a number of connected six and eight-story buildings, with the tallest edifice being the 17-story tower. The Elysian's tower rises to 68.28 metres. The site hosts a Japanese garden, a two-level basement garage and a host of residential and commercial units.

The Tallest Building in Dublin: Capital Dock

Capital Dock is a mixed-use site on the banks of the River Liffey. It consists of numerous buildings including The Hailing Station, a 22-story edifice developed by Kennedy Wilson. Capital Dock is home to sought-after high-end residences, offering 360-degree panoramic views of the cityscape. The site was acquired in 2012. Construction finished in 2018, when The Hailing Station became the tallest storied building in the Republic of Ireland, and the third tallest on the island of Ireland.

Conclusion

In conclusion, skyscrapers are objects of local pride and emblems of the cities in which they are found. However, in regions as steeped with history and culture as Ireland, visitors may hope to find locations embodying Irish heritage and pride in forms other than tall buildings.

Trinity College of Dublin, for instance, hosts the Trinity Library, the permanent home of the Brian Boru Harp, a national symbol of Ireland, The Book of Kells, and a copy of 1916 Proclamation of the Irish Republic. Its beautiful halls have been featured in such movie masterpieces as the Harry Potter series, and this fandom has earned it a combined 279,788 hashtags.

Blarney Castle, home to the infamous Blarney Stone, receiving more than 200,000 visitors a year, has received 139,853 hashtags.

Numerous natural sites across Ireland have received countless more, extolling their inherent beauty. If hashtags are a reliable measure of pride, then Ireland has much more than modern buildings to be proud of.

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