It Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time: A Look at Some of the World's Most Bizarre and Unforgettable Buildings

From the Crooked House in Poland to the Longaberger Basket Building in Ohio, these are some of the most bizarre and unforgettable buildings in the world.



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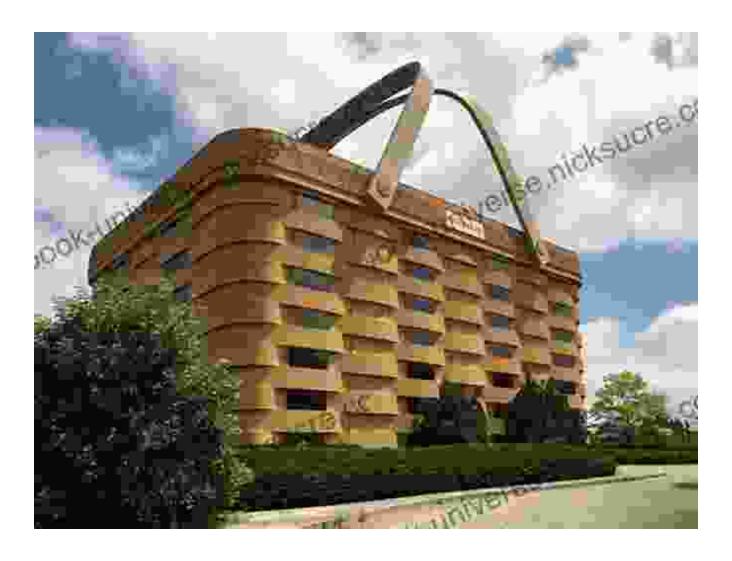
1. The Crooked House, Sopot, Poland

The Crooked House is a residential building in Sopot, Poland, that was designed by Polish architect Szotyński and Zaleski. The building was completed in 2004 and is known for its unusual, curved shape. The Crooked House has been featured in numerous magazines and newspapers, and it has been voted one of the most bizarre buildings in the world.



2. The Longaberger Basket Building, Newark, Ohio

The Longaberger Basket Building is a seven-story office building in Newark, Ohio, that was designed by NBBJ architects. The building was completed in 1997 and is shaped like a giant picnic basket. The Longaberger Basket Building is the largest basket in the world, and it has been featured in numerous magazines and newspapers. The building is also a popular tourist attraction.



3. The Atomium, Brussels, Belgium

The Atomium is a 102-meter-tall steel structure in Brussels, Belgium, that was designed by engineer André Waterkeyn. The Atomium was built for the 1958 Brussels World's Fair, and it has since become one of the most iconic landmarks in the city. The structure is made up of nine spheres, which are connected by tubes. Visitors can take an elevator to the top of the Atomium, where they can enjoy panoramic views of Brussels.



4. The Sagrada Família, Barcelona, Spain

The Sagrada Família is a large basilica in Barcelona, Spain, that was designed by Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí. The construction of the Sagrada Família began in 1882, and it is still unfinished today. The Sagrada Família is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Barcelona, and it is known for its unique and elaborate architecture. The basilica is covered in intricate carvings and mosaics, and it features a towering central spire.



5. The Sydney Opera House, Sydney, Australia

The Sydney Opera House is a performing arts center in Sydney, Australia, that was designed by Danish architect Jørn Utzon. The construction of the Sydney Opera House began in 1959, and it was completed in 1973. The Sydney Opera House is one of the most iconic buildings in the world, and it is known for its unique and innovative design. The building consists of a

series of white sails, which are supported by a complex system of ribs and trusses.



6. The Burj Khalifa, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

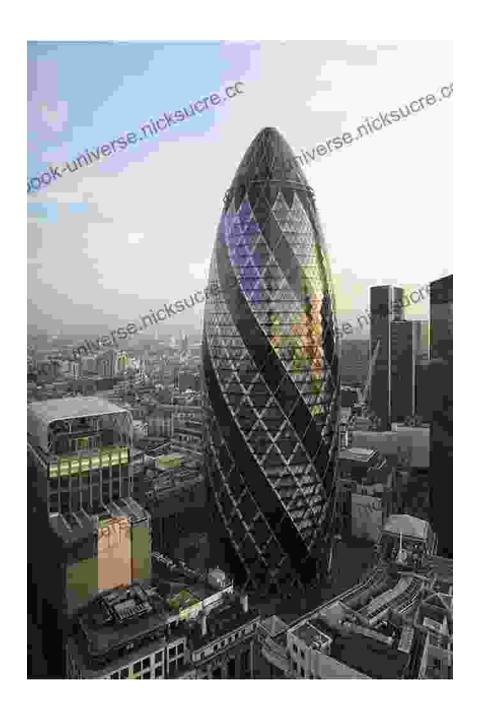
The Burj Khalifa is a 828-meter-tall skyscraper in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, that was designed by American architect Adrian Smith. The construction of the Burj Khalifa began in 2004, and it was completed in 2010. The Burj Khalifa is the tallest building in the world, and it is home to a variety of residential, commercial, and hospitality spaces.



7. The Gherkin, London, United Kingdom

The Gherkin is a 180-meter-tall skyscraper in London, United Kingdom, that was designed by British architect Norman Foster. The construction of the Gherkin began in 2001, and it was completed in 2004. The Gherkin is known for its unusual shape, which is inspired by a gherkin cucumber. The

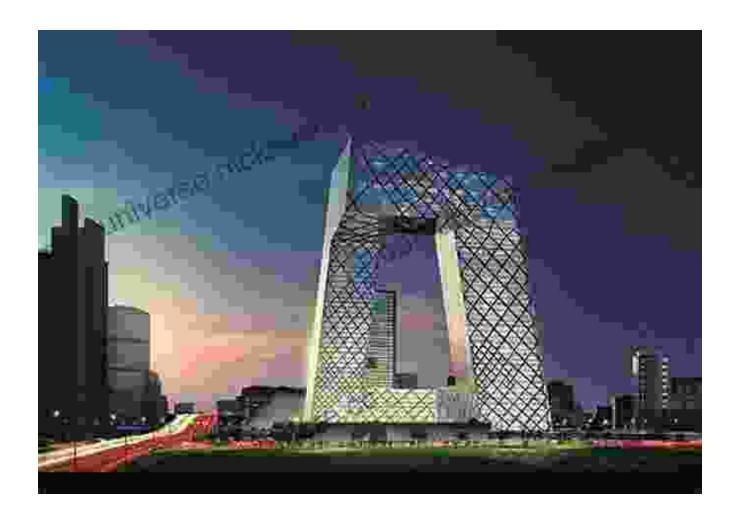
building is home to a variety of office spaces, and it is also a popular tourist attraction.



8. The CCTV Headquarters, Beijing, China

The CCTV Headquarters is a 234-meter-tall skyscraper in Beijing, China, that was designed by Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas. The construction of the CCTV Headquarters began in 2004, and it was completed in 2012. The

CCTV Headquarters is one of the most iconic buildings in Beijing, and it is known for its unique and innovative design. The building consists of two towers, which are connected by a skybridge. The CCTV Headquarters is home to a variety of office spaces, and it also houses the headquarters of China Central Television.



9. The Dancing House, Prague, Czech Republic

The Dancing House is a 99-meter-tall office building in Prague, Czech Republic, that was designed by Czech architects Vlado Milunić and Frank Gehry. The construction of the Dancing House began in 1994, and it was completed in 1996. The Dancing House is known for its unusual and innovative design, which is inspired by the dancers Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The building consists of two towers, which are connected by a

curved glass roof. The Dancing House is home to a variety of office spaces, and it is also a popular tourist attraction.





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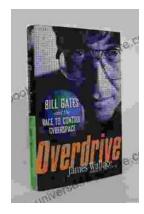
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