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50 Strange Buildings of the World

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1. The Crooked House (Sopot, Poland)

Construction of the building started in in January 2003 and in December 2003 it was finished. House architecture is based on Jan Marcin Szancer (famous Polish artist and child books illustrator) and Per Dahlberg (Swedish painter living in Sopot) pictures and paintings.



Image via: [brocha](#)

2. Forest Spiral – Hundertwasser Building (Darmstadt, Germany)

The Hundertwasser house “Waldspirale” (“Forest Spiral”) was built in Darmstadt between 1998 and 2000. Friedensreich Hundertwasser, the famous Austrian architect and painter, is widely renowned for his revolutionary, colourful architectural designs which incorporate irregular, organic forms, e.g. onion-shaped domes.

The structure with 105 apartments wraps around a landscaped courtyard with a running stream. Up in the turret at the southeast corner, there is a restaurant, including a cocktail bar.



Image via: [Kikos Dad](#)

3. The Torre Galatea Figueras (Spain)



Image via: [manuelfloresv](#)

4. Ferdinand Cheval Palace a.k.a Ideal Palace (France)



Image via: [Mélisande*](#)

5. The Basket Building (Ohio, United States)

The [Longaberger](#) Basket Company building in Newark, Ohio might just be a strangest office building in the world. The 180,000-square-foot building, a replica of the company's famous market basket, cost \$30 million and took two years to complete. Many experts tried to persuade Dave Longaberger to alter his plans, but he wanted an exact replica of the real thing.



Image via: [addicted Eyes](#)

6. Kansas City Public Library (Missouri, United States)

This project, located in the heart of Kansas City, represents one of the pioneer projects behind the revitalization of downtown.

The people of Kansas City were asked to help pick highly influential books that represent Kansas City. Those titles were included as 'bookbindings' in the innovative design of the parking garage exterior, to inspire people to utilize the downtown Central Library.



Image via: [jonathan moreau](#)

7. Wonderworks (Pigeon Forge, TN, United States)



8. Habitat 67 (Montreal, Canada)

Expo 67, one of the world's largest universal expositions was held in Montreal. Housing was one of the main themes of Expo 67.

The cube is the base, the mean and the finality of Habitat 67. In its material sense, the cube is a symbol of stability. As for its mystic meaning, the cube is symbol of wisdom, truth, moral perfection, at the origin itself of our civilization.

354 cubes of a magnificent grey-beige build up one on the other to form 146 residences nestled between sky and earth, between city and river, between greenery and light.

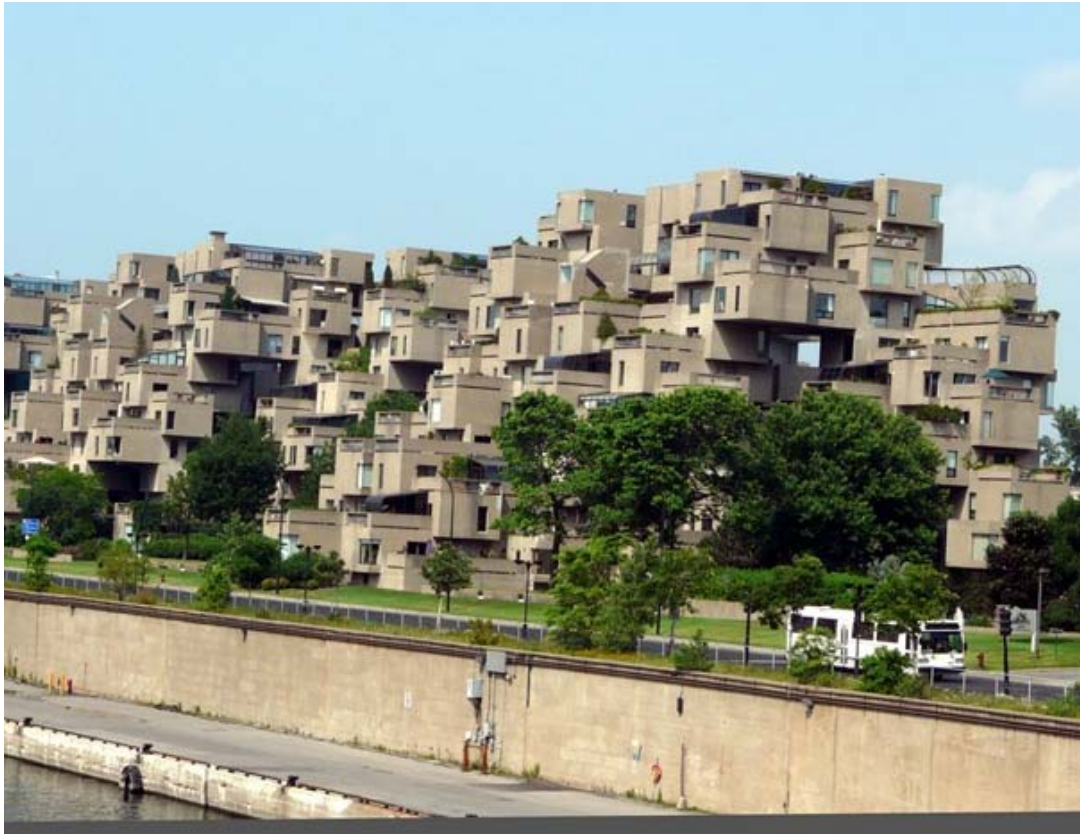


Image via: [ken ratcliff](#)

9. Cubic Houses (Rotterdam, Netherlands)

The original idea of these cubic houses came about in the 1970s. Piet Blom has developed a couple of these cubic houses that were built in Helmond.

The city of Rotterdam asked him to design housing on top of a pedestrian bridge and he decided to use the cubic houses idea. The concept behind these houses is that he tries to create a forest by each cube representing an abstract tree; therefore the whole village becomes a forest.



Image via: [vpzone](#)

10. Hang Nga Guesthouse a.k.a Crazy House (Vietnam)

The house is owned by the daughter of the ex-president of Vietnam, who studied architecture in Moscow.

It does not comply with any convention about house building, has unexpected twists and turns, roofs and rooms. It looks like a fairy tale castle, it has enormous "animals" like a giraffe and a spider, no window is rectangular or round, and it can be visited like a museum.



Image via: **JonasPhoto**

11. Chapel in the Rock (Arizona, United States)

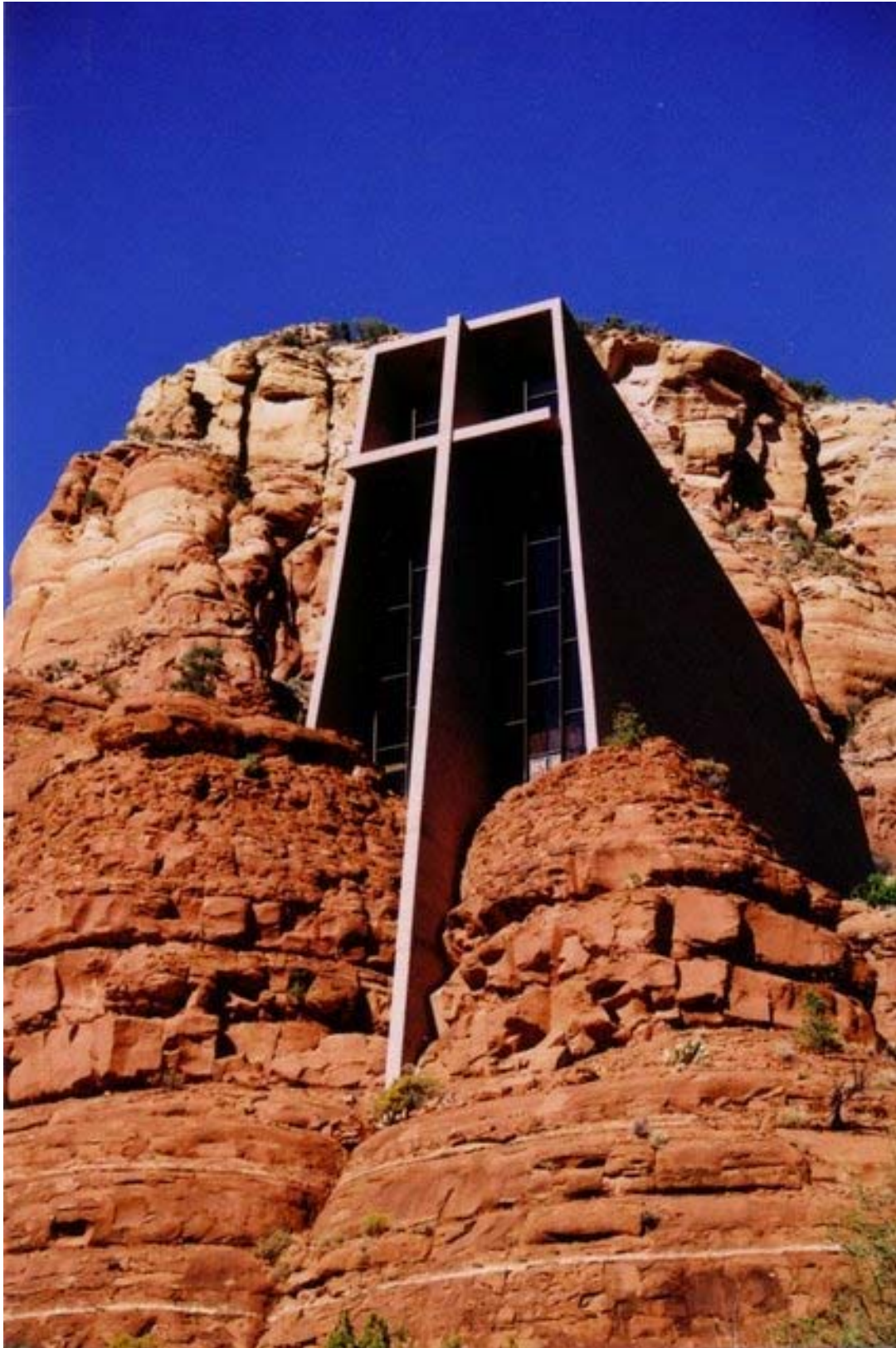


Image via: [santanartist](http://santanartist.com)

12. Dancing Building (Prague, Czech Republic)



Image via: [jemil75](#)

13. Calakmul building a.k.a La Lavadora a.k.a The Washing Mashine (Mexico, Mexico)



Image via: [marj k](#)

14. Kettle House (Texas, United States)



Image via: y [luckyfukr](#)

15. Manchester Civil Justice Centre (Manchester, UK)



Image via: tj.blackwell

16. Nakagin Capsule Tower (Tokyo, Japan)



Image via: [pict u re](#)

17. Mind House (Barcelona, Spain)



Image via: [angelocesare](#)

18. Stone House (Guimarães, Portugal)



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19. Shoe House (Pennsylvania, United States)



Image via: [James Gordon](#)

20. Weird House in Alps



Image via: [nicolasnova](#)

21. The Ufo House (Sanjhih, Taiwan)



Image via: [cypherone @ Taiwan](#)

22. The Hole House (Texas, United States)



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23. Ryugyong Hotel (Pyongyang, North Korea)



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24. The National Library (Minsk, Belarus)

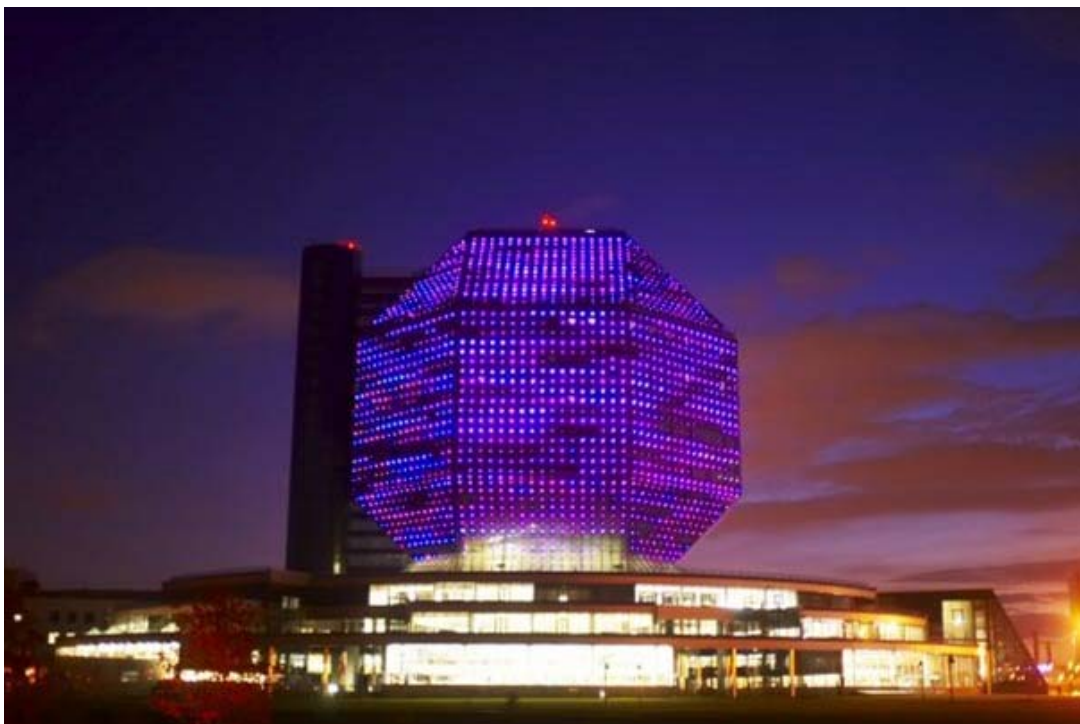


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25. Grand Lisboa (Macao)

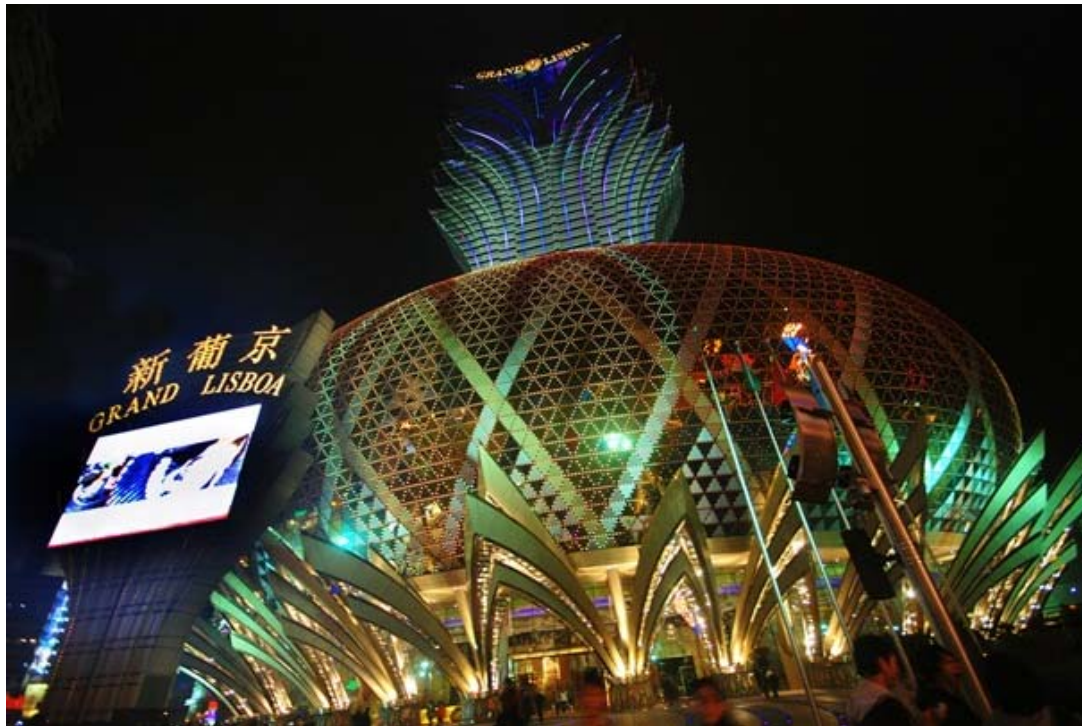


Image via: Michael McDonough

26. Wall House (Groningen, Netherlands)



Image via: Liao Yusheng

27. Guggenheim Museum (Bilbao, Spain)



Image via: [disgustipado](#)

28. Bahá'í House of Worship a.k.a Lotus Temple (Delhi, India)



Image via: [MACSURAK](#)

29. Container City (London, UK)



Image via: y **Fin Fahey**

30. Erwin Wurm: House Attack (Viena, Austria)



Image via: [Dom Dada](#)

31. Wooden Gagster House (Archangelsk, Russia)



Image via: deputy-dog.com

32. Air Force Academy Chapel (Colorado, United States)



Image via: [dbking](#)

33. Solar Furnace (Odeillo, France)



Image via: [f2g2](#)

34. Dome House (Florida, United States)



Image via: [easement](#)

35. Beijing National Stadium (Beijing, China)



Image via: [littlemalt](#)

36. Fashion Show Mall (Las Vegas, United States)



Image via: [b2tse](#)

37. Luxor Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas, United States)



Image via: [wallyg](#)

38. Zenith Europe (Strasbourg, France)



Image via: [Edouard55](#)

39. Civic Center (Santa Monica)



Image via: [karenchu121](#)

40. Mammy's Cupboard (Natchez, MS, United States)



Image via: [Live Simply](#)

41. Pickle Barrel House (Grand Marais, Michigan, United States)



Image via: [the naked fauxtographer](#)

42. The Egg (Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, United States)



Image via: [lessi](#)

43. Gherkin Building (London, UK)



Image via: [Lawrie Cate](#)

44. Nord LB building (Hannover, Germany)



Image via: [iterby](#)

45. Lloyd's building (London, UK)



Image via: [ryanfb](#)

46. “Druzhba Holiday Center Hall (Yalta, Ukraine)



Image via: [Argenberg](#)

47. Fuji television building (Tokyo, Japan)



Image via: [kamoda](#)

48. UCSD Geisel Library (San Diego, California, United States)



Image via: [ewen and donabel](#)

49. Ripley's Building (Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada)



Image via: [Bekah267](#)

50. The Bank of Asia a.k.a Robot Building (Bangkok, Thailand)



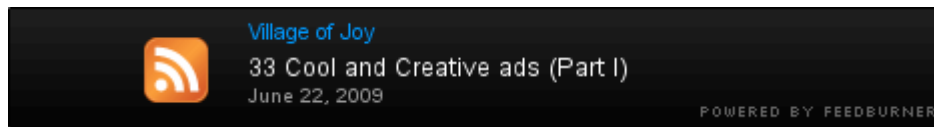
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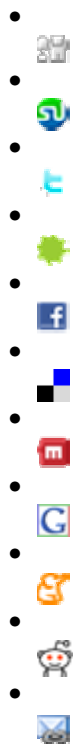
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TheArchitect Says:

November 29th, 2009 at 11:29 pm

Cool.. Really strange! I like your list..
 Thank you..

372 ***nathan*** Says:**November 19th, 2009 at 5:50 pm**

i like learning about strange buildings. it is fun

371 ***j fuzzy*** Says:**November 19th, 2009 at 8:56 am**

wow these are aer graet!!! i hop i cna visit al of thees

370 ***mariah*** Says:**November 16th, 2009 at 8:33 am**

I love these houses but some of them are just regular houses

369 ***deshaun*** Says:**November 11th, 2009 at 3:13 pm**

this site is f***** awsome site in the world

368 ***Brendan*** Says:**November 11th, 2009 at 3:12 pm**

this site is f##### awsome yeahhh boy

367 ***JAIME FONSECA*** Says:**November 9th, 2009 at 7:10 pm**

La mayoría de los edificios que se muestran responden a una idea icónica de arquitectura del espectáculo que creo que es solo eso. Querer parecer algo no es igual a serlo.

366 ***Lenin Jayasinghe*** Says:**November 8th, 2009 at 11:06 am**

I have visited and seen to my self one in New Delhi the Lotus Temple and the Pyramid in Las vegas they are beatiful a touch of splendour otside and modern inavotives inside marvellous

365 ***shankara*** Says:**November 1st, 2009 at 2:52 am**

helo

364



e procurement software comparison Says:
October 23rd, 2009 at 7:15 am

I like the Library, the Basket and the Spiral. But all of them are nice. Brilliant and imaginative!



363



Jazz Says:
October 21st, 2009 at 6:48 am

Very Strange Buildings ..!

You are working so hard on this post..!

Good Post ...!

362



LovieOei Says:
October 19th, 2009 at 9:21 pm

I like nearly everything. BUT, some are a little ordinary.

361



Deziree Says:
October 15th, 2009 at 7:55 am

I think some of the buildings are quite normal... but some them are really...er.... bizarre

But still, nice designs!!

I especially like the crooked house, hole house, and the civic center.... yes really!



360



anant kumar pushpak Says:
October 7th, 2009 at 2:04 am

nice & beautiful building.hope this type of building will find in india

359



Lida Says:
October 3rd, 2009 at 9:04 am

I think you add Duabi tower in this list. neve mind this list coolest I ever seen...:D

358



Yoyo Says:
September 24th, 2009 at 8:03 am

Nice Nice

357 

Ross Says:

September 7th, 2009 at 4:45 pm

Obvious prejudice toward South America. My nomination would be the Museum of Contemporary Art at Niteroi (near Rio de Janeiro). Maybe it made the second or third list.

356 

GIBSON DANIEL OOTY Says:

August 27th, 2009 at 5:18 am

wooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo very nice

355 

Perforowana Says:

August 14th, 2009 at 11:16 am

you've forgotten about Upside Down House in Szymbark (Poland) here are links:

http://www.bochenia.pl/assets/images/blogowicze/dom_do_gory.jpg

<http://expresskaszubski.pl/pictures/2007-05/fotel-do-gory-nogami.jpg>



354 

abbas Says:

August 10th, 2009 at 1:25 am

waooooooooooooooooooooo

what are we going to c in heaven then?????????????

353 

Mark Says:

August 6th, 2009 at 7:11 pm

Funny thing is I have seen about 1/4 of the list of buildings on here lol

352 

Chris Ronk Says:

August 3rd, 2009 at 8:53 pm

cool collection of buildings. It was nice wasting time on your site.

351 

PauTravels Says:

August 2nd, 2009 at 9:35 pm

Wow this is a great collection of pictures! nice one!

350 

Hayya Says:

August 2nd, 2009 at 4:59 am

OMG these buildings r awesome there soooooo cool I have never seen any other WHOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO HOOOOOOOO Florida rocks it has wonder works in it (up side building)

349



ms.dimple punay or ms.7evil paradise Says:

July 29th, 2009 at 1:42 am

wewtweeeew>>> its better been good>>>

>>>>i really like the dancing building wow i cant believe it?

>>>those building were really cool and awesome>>

348



ms.7evil paradise Says:

July 29th, 2009 at 1:33 am

wow! its amazing i llike the all buildings specially to the library buildings..

its fabulous!!!!

347



Mike Says:

July 28th, 2009 at 12:14 pm

#12 the Dancing Building in Prague is called Fred and Ginger by tour guides.

346



Munden Says:

June 29th, 2009 at 7:34 pm

To Jon Hash and his deeply erroneous comment about #34:

heheh, I'm sorry but WHAT mountains? The house in question is indeed in Florida and is on the barrier island in Pensacola Beach. It's had stories on the news about it and is also quite clearly visible in Google Earth/Maps and Street View. Do a Google map search on "1056 Ariola Dr, Pensacola , FL" and voila, there it is.

345



Hodari Says:

June 17th, 2009 at 12:06 pm

The maker doesnt know anything about weird architecture! ever heard of the Winchester house in San Jose, California? Sarah Winchester, a millionaire, who built it with 5 million dollars. It should claim the strangest house of all time. It has doors and windows that open to walls, doors that open to nowhere, stairs that lead to nowhere, and one that goes straight in the ceiling. Theres a room with no furniture, that has one entrance, and three exits, and a secret door, that opens 8 feet above the kitchen below. The building was 7 floors tall before the earthquake in

1906. Now its just 4 storys tall. Its opened every day exept in christmas.
The real list should start: Winchester mansion, Nord LB building, Forest Spiral, Habitat 67, Cubic Houses, Russian Gangster House.... and so on.

344 

Astrid Paramita Says:
June 11th, 2009 at 7:19 am

Great list! Thank you for compiling such list



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343 

Ella Says:
June 11th, 2009 at 1:14 am

What about the art museum in Graz, Austria? That is a bizarre building, nicknamed "The Friendly Alien"

http://www.contemporist.com/photos/graz_art_museum_mar16.jpg

342 

Carol Says:
June 8th, 2009 at 10:37 am

They are all absolutely fascinating but the most beautiful is the #28, the Baha'i House of Worship, Lotus Blossom. That took outstanding skill building!

341 

Joseph Tyler Says:
June 2nd, 2009 at 3:09 pm

Extraordinarily strange, but extraordinarily beautiful. What a treat! I took a better photograph of the UCSD Library.

340 

Jenn Says:
May 19th, 2009 at 8:14 am

Who designed them? If you added the architects names it would be soooo much better!!!!

339 

priyadarshi Says:
May 17th, 2009 at 7:22 am

excellent

338 

lemonzested Says:
May 16th, 2009 at 3:52 am

Ripleys Believe or Not Building is not in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

337

**noah** Says:**May 14th, 2009 at 1:28 pm**

what up call me my # is 4502182

336

**Abdul Rahman** Says:**May 14th, 2009 at 3:00 am**

Awesome Buildings....Wish i could visit every building....

335

**Aminatep** Says:**May 9th, 2009 at 5:44 pm**

The interesting thing about Ideal Palace is not its design.
The interesting thing about Ideal Palace is its creator.
It was built by a single man, a simple retired French postman wth little or no knowledge in architecture and design, who had always dreamt about building his own palace. And he did it.

I think it sould be written below the photo.

334

**Loni Edwards** Says:**May 6th, 2009 at 12:08 pm**

This is a super cool blog. Thanks for compiling these all together. I really enjoyed looking at them



333

**Sumiati** Says:**May 6th, 2009 at 9:00 am**

Ohhh my goodness those buildings are so beautiful but some of them look weird....

332

**expert** Says:**May 5th, 2009 at 9:23 pm**

these are photoshopped, i can tell by the pixes.

331

**Raisa** Says:**April 29th, 2009 at 9:01 pm**

This buildings are rocking. I heard about them alot before that they looked funny but never knew the were popping out of the screen too! LOL

330



Drummerboy Says:

April 29th, 2009 at 7:48 pm

Hey Anonymoose, when I zoom in to 2,600,000% I can see god in the atoms of internet ether and he said you don't know JACK about the odd buildings of the world! All real my friend! And to John Hash, look at the picture BELOW the caption, not ABOVE! You're looking at the Solar Furnace not the Dome House in Fla.

329



MacKenzie C. Says:

April 28th, 2009 at 5:10 pm

I have actually been to Pigeon Forge in Tennessee and saw wonderworks (the upside down building) it's super cool. One of the coolest buildings i have seen in my life close up!

328



LAU HOK KEUNG Says:

April 22nd, 2009 at 5:58 am

I have lost words to describe. One never knows how much 3 pounds of superb brain cells could do. Man's deeds? God's deeds? Or we human beings are simply fulfilling and are part of God's deeds in the Universe!!!The feelings are so good that, again, it is beyond words!!!

327



aisha Says:

April 19th, 2009 at 12:01 pm

wow these r awesome releee i loved it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

326



Caroline Says:

April 18th, 2009 at 3:22 pm

#32.....Air Force Academy Chapel, Colorado, United States.....Beautiful structure.....a must see.....

325



DYLAN Says:

April 17th, 2009 at 2:45 pm

THESE BUILDINGS ARE VERY WIERD

324



perezj09 Says:

April 15th, 2009 at 3:11 am

41 is actually in Grand Rapids, MI; not Grand Marais. =) I'm from there.

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