

"Fascinating Clocks Around the World"

Throughout history people around the world have needed a way to keep track of time. Clocks were invented as a way to meet this need, and over the ages, the clock itself transformed from a mere practical tool to a grandiose work of art and craftsmanship. If you're looking for some great clock-related sites to see or plan to see, here's a list of some of the most interesting and extravagant clocks located throughout the world.

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Reloj Monumental de Pachuca

"The Landmark of Pachuca"

The Monumental Clock of Pachuca is the symbolic clock tower of the city of Pachuca built in intervals from the year 1904 to 1910. The tower has an uncanny resemblance to the famous Big Ben of London and was built to celebrate 100 years of independence. Elegant sculptures on each side of the tower represent Reform, Liberty, Constitution and Independence. Beautifully lit up at night, the clock bells play Mexico's national anthem at 6 in the evening every day.



Plaza Independencia, Centro, Pachuca



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Zimmertoren

"A State-Protected Monument"

La torre se llama así por el astrónomo Louis Zimmer; la esfera de su reloj es conocida en todo el mundo.



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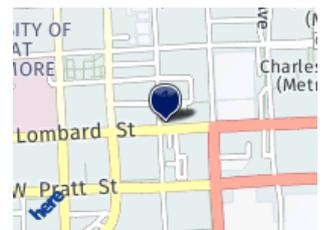


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Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower

"One of the City's Tallest"

Dating back to 1911, the Emerson Bromo Seltzer tower is credited to Captain Isaac Emerson. A 15 storey structure, it was stylistically inspired by Florence's Palazzo Vecchio tower and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Until 1936, a 51-foot replica of the famed blue bottle revolved on top of the building, illuminated by 596 lights. Today, a blue glow emanates from the tower's cupola and the structure's four clock faces are illuminated at all times, allowing passersby to see the Bromo Seltzer letters that mark the time. The tower is also houses to an arts facility, showcasing exhibitions by resident as well as other artists.



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312 West Lombard Street and South Eutaw Street, Baltimore MD



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Strasbourg Astronomical Clock

"Spectacular Time Piece"

Ornate and ancient, the Strasbourg Astronomical Clock is located within the suitably grand walls of Cathédrale Notre-Dame. The clock was third to be installed at the cathedral in the 19th Century, after the first and second stopped working. The clock has a stunning design and astronomical accuracy as it shows the sun and moon position, has automata, a planetary dial, a perpetual calendar and shows lunar and solar eclipse. A small replica of it was produced by Richard Smith in 1887 and is now on display at the Powerhouse Museum in Australia.



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Place de la Cathédrale, Estrasburgo

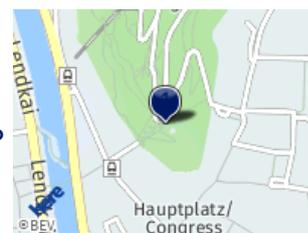


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Grazer Uhrturm

"Symbol of Graz"

The Uhrturm (Watchtower) is not only beautiful to look at, but it is home to one of the oldest bells in the country. And, it doesn't just stop at that; it serves a practical function as well. The hands of the clock work in an unconventional manner, with the small hand shows the minutes and the big one the hours, making it much easier to read. The Uhrturm was constructed in 1560 and the bell rung to announce impending executions. Later it indicated the closing hour for pubs and cafes.



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Schlossberg, Graz

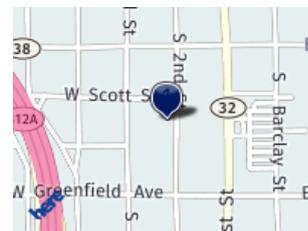


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Allen-Bradley Clock Tower

"One of the World's Largest"

Marvel at the towering Allen-Bradley Clock Tower, a well-recognized landmark in Milwaukee. Dating back to 1962 and located on the Rockwell Automation Headquarters, this clock tower is 283 feet (86.3 meters) tall with a four-sided clock that's about 40 feet (12 meters) tall. This clock is so large that it is almost twice as big as London's Big Ben, and until 2010, was the world's largest clock with four faces. Make sure to check it out at night when the clock light up beautifully.



2nd Street, Milwaukee WI



by Harry Mitchell

Eastgate and Eastgate Clock

"Second Most Photographed Clock"

The stunning Eastgate Clock has the prized distinction of being one of the most photographed clock in England, second only to the mighty Big Ben. Dating back to May 1899, Eastgate and Eastgate Clock was opened to honor the Queen on her 80th birthday. Credited to John Douglas, the clock in the heart of Chester has become an institution in itself. Although people initially considered it to be overly decorative and a misfit in its blighted surroundings, over time it has become one of the most beloved landmarks of Chester.



Eastgate Street, Chester



Gastown Steam Clock

"Gastown's Attraction since 1977"

Built in 1977 and credited to Raymond Saunders, the Gastown steam clock is one of the very few steam clocks still in existence. The clock was commissioned privately and sits on a pavement in a leafy alley. The four-faced clock signals quarter hours though a whistle chime playing Westminster Quarters.



by IQRemix



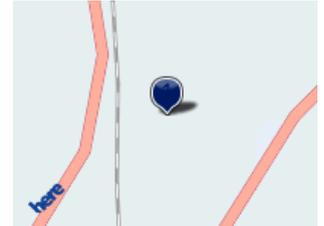
Water Street, 300 block, Vancouver BC



NI-Tele Really BIG Clock

"Treat For Ghibli Fans"

Also renowned as The Giant Ghibli Clock, the NI-Tele Really BIG Clock is credited to beloved animation director Hayao Miyazaki who also co-founded the world-renowned Studio Ghibli. Created using copper and steel, the clock rises up to three stories. Stylistically similar to the popular film 'Howl's Moving Castle', the numerous figurines that surround the giant clock spring into action multiple times in a day. Thanks to this unique feature, the "NI-Tele Really BIG Clock" has struck a chord with ardent Ghibli fans.



by Arjan Richter



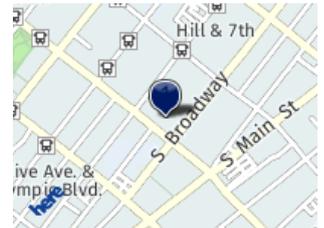
1-6-1 Higashishimbashi, Nittele Tower, Tokio



Eastern Columbia Building

"Art Deco Jewel"

Completed in 1930, the Eastern Columbia Building is a 264 feet (80.46 meter) tall building that was intended to be the Eastern-Columbia Department Store's thirty-ninth store and headquarters. Constructed in beautiful Art Deco style, with a unique turquoise facade, the building is a well-recognized feature of downtown. Its crowning glory is the monumental four-sided clock tower, illuminated and proudly emblazoned with the word EASTERN.



by davidwilson1949



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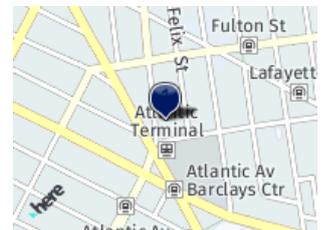
849 South Broadway, Los Angeles CA



Williamsburgh Savings Bank Tower

"Architectural Icon"

Dating back to April 1929, Williamsburgh Savings Bank Tower which rises to a height of 512 feet (156 meters) is regarded as one of the city's distinctive architectural landmarks. The thirty-seven storied Byzantine-Romanesque styled building is topped by a four-sided clock tower. Thanks to its imposing height, the Williamsburgh Savings Bank Tower is recognized as one of the world's tallest clock towers.



by Beyond My Ken



1 Hanson Place, Nueva York NY



Great Mosque of Testour

"Serving Testour since 1631"

Testour's Great Mosque is a striking edifice, designed with Moorish and Ottoman styles of architecture. Mohamed Tagharinu, who built the mosque in 1631, was of Andalusian origin, and the building's unique mix of architectural styles conspicuously reflects this. One of the mosque's highlights is the 23 meter (75.4 feet) tall minaret with a clock that runs counter-clockwise; one of the few such clocks in existence.

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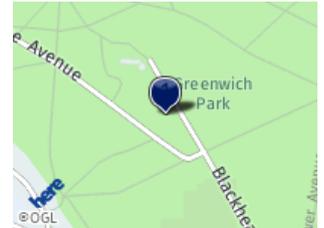


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Shepherd Gate Clock

"One of Earliest Electric Clocks"

Located at the entrance of Royal Observatory, Shepherd Gate Clock credited to Charles Shepherd in 1852 is one of the earliest examples of an electric clock. A unique feature of this clock is that the numbers are arranged in the twenty-four-hour format. Another thing to remember about this clock is that it was also one first to publicly display Greenwich Mean Time.



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 www.rmg.co.uk/see-do/we-recommend/attractions/shepherd-gate-clock

 Blackheath Avenue, Royal Observatory, Londres



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Lamp Post Clock

"Time Tested"

Located right in front of Union Station, the Lamp Post Clock dates back to the 1880s, making it a relic of Kansas City's glorious past. Through its more than 100 year life span, the grand clock has stood at numerous spots in the city, landing finally at the Union Station in 1936. Ironically, the clock fell prey to the rigors of time and was briefly out of service in 2015. Thankfully, the majestic clock was restored to its former glory through a private donation in the subsequent year and proudly stands now as an essential part of the station.



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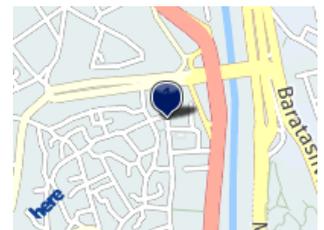


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Clock Tower at Rezo Gabriadze Theatre

"Delightfully Jittery"

Standing right outside the Rezo Gabriadze Theatre, this clock tower is hard to miss, not just because of its eye-catching details, but also its odd posture. The tower looks disjointed, almost like giant blocks stacked vertically by a child, ready to collapse any moment. A steel beam coming in from the side provides structural support and relief to the unnerving sight. Completed in 2010, the tower is credited to Rezo Gabriadze, who also built the eponymous theater. Despite its obvious flaw, the tower is nonetheless a charming sight, with its multicolored tiles and random elements. There's even an angel at the top that strikes a bell to denote every hour of the day. Needless to say, the tower is a refreshing contrast to the all the other pretty, but symmetric buildings flanking it.



 gabriadze.com/en/bez-rubriki/bashnya/

 Shavteli Street 13, Rezo Gabriadze Theatre, Tbilisi

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