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**The Channel Tunnel is a 50.5 km (37.9 km deep) rail tunnel linking Folkestone, the UK, with Coquelles, France, beneath the English Channel at the Strait of Dover.**



**In 1994, the American Society of Civil Engineers elected the tunnel as one of the seven modern Wonders of the World.**





The tunnel carries high-speed  
**Eurostar passenger trains** (300 km/h).



**The project was organised in 1988 and opened in 1994. At £4.650 billion, the project came in 80% over its predicted budget.**



**The tunnel was officially opened on 6 May 1994 by Queen Elizabeth II and the French president, François Mitterrand.**







