

The great wall of China



Start of construction



- * And in 221 BC the ruler of one of the kingdoms of Qin Shi Huang the great managed to subdue longstanding blood feud. He was proclaimed the first Chinese Emperor and for 11 years of his reign, created the state with an effective system of governance and justice. It was his idea to combine already existing in the North of the Empire fortifications a single wall.

Successor of Shi Huangdi



- * After the death of Shi Huangdi the work was continued by his successors, the emperors of the Han dynasty, who not only followed by maintaining facilities in a proper manner, but also involved in the elongation of the wall. The last important stage in the construction of the great Wall of China falls on the reign of the Imperial Ming dynasty, 1368-1644 years.

The Wonder Of The World



- * Already during the reign of the Ming dynasty fortifications stretches from the Shanhaiguan fortress, located on the shores of the Strait Bhavanisagar to Tsaugust in North-West Gansu province. Today the length of the wall amounts to a total of 8 851,8 km, which is absolute and, most likely, an undefeated record in construction.



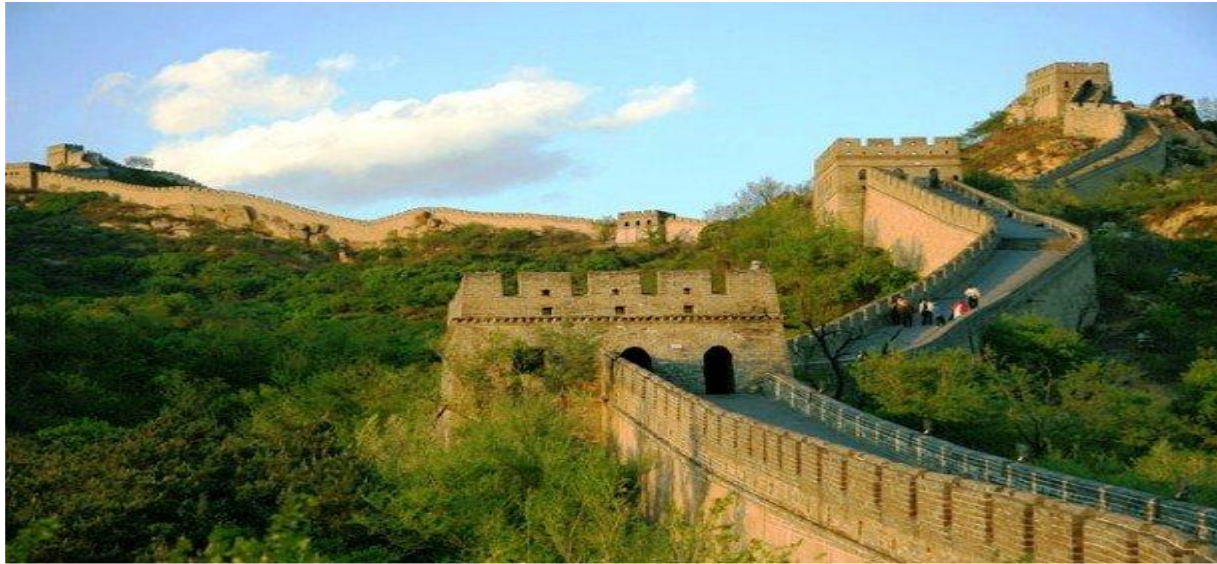
Top 5 Facts

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- * For the construction of the wall took more than two millennia. The first segments of the wall were laid in the 8th century BC.

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- * For many years the wall has changed names. Originally called "Barrier", "Rampant" or "Fortress", later it gained a more poetic names like "Purple frontier" and "Land dragon". Only in the late 19th century it got the name that we know today.

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- * Legend tells that part of the construction materials was made of human bones – lie. In fact, the materials for construction of the wall were all available at that time, the objects such as clods of earth, stones, wood, bricks, clay tiles and lime.

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