



# Eiffel Tower

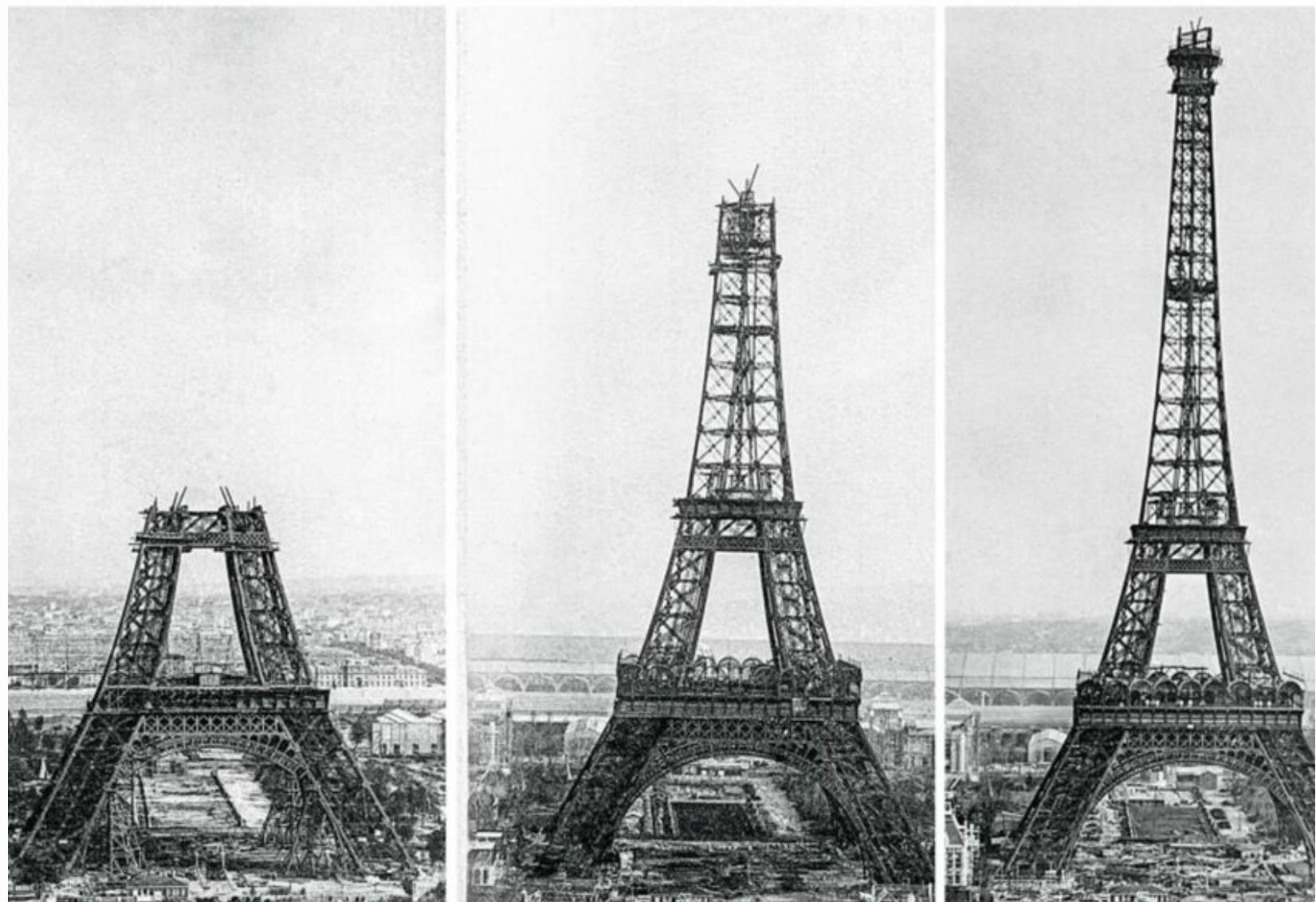
The Eiffel Tower is an iron tower and it measures 330 meters. Her nickname is the Iron Lady. It built in two years, from 1887 to 1889 by Gustave Eiffel.

Gustave Eiffel climbed the 1710 steps of the Tower to plant the tricolor flag at the top. At that time, the tower was 312 meters high.

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## History

The construction of the Eiffel Tower lasted 2 years and the works took place in 3 stages: the construction of the first floor finished on April 1, 1888, the second floor finished on August 14, 1888 and finally the final assembly to the top of the tower on March 31, 1889. The monument was inaugurated on March 31, 1889.



At the beginning the Eiffel Tower was built for the tenth Universal Exposition who takes place in Paris in 1889 and had to stay 20 years then it had to be destroyed but meanwhile the tower had a great success during the Universal Exhibition with 2 million visitors coming to mount it.

During the World War II the Eiffel Tower played a role in the Second World War spare the radio antennas, used for military communications



## **Gustave Eiffel**

**Gustave Eiffel was born in 1832 and died in 1923. He had 5 children and he was an ingénieur and french industriel. He take part in the construction of the Eiffel Tower, the viaduct of Garabit and the statue of Liberty.**

## **The Eiffel Tower today**

**The Eiffel tower become a symbol of the French capital and a touristic attraction. Since its opening at the public, it welcomes more than 300 millions visitors.**

**Each year, nearly 7 million visitors come to visit the tower.**

