

Brooklyn Bridge



Identification



EBN	236127
Name	Brooklyn Bridge
Construction Type	bridge
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	District (2nd level)	Financial District
Country Name	U.S.A.	Address (as text)	Brooklyn Bridge
State Name	New York	Virtual Address	45-107 Park Row
Metro Area Name	New York-Newark-Bridgeport Metro Area	Latitude	Contact us
City Name	New York City	Longitude	Contact us

District (1st level) Manhattan

Description

Facade Color	light brown	Main Usage	 foot traffic  vehicle traffic
Architectural style	neo-gothic		

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	276.5 ft
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Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1870	Building costs	\$ 15,100,000
Year (construction end)	1883		

Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings

Facts

- The Brooklyn Bridge is a suspension bridge.
- The feasibility study for the bridge was carried out by John Roebling but following his premature death, the bridge's construction was executed and completed by his son, Washington.
- Work within the bridge's caissons was carried out under compressed air to keep water out; an airlock facilitated entry to the work area.
- The compressed air caused workers to experience what we now know as 'the bends.'
- The bridge was officially opened on 24th May 1883.
- The central span is 486 metres (1,594 feet) in length.
- Brooklyn Bridge was the world's first suspension bridge to be built of steel.
- World's first bridge to be illuminated by electricity.

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- Due to the expansion of Brooklyn Bridge's entrance ramp in downtown Manhattan, the World Building and New York Tribune Building were demolished. They formed a triumvirate of high-rise headquarters for major news organizations. Only the New York Times Building remains.

Involvement companies

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