



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

FUN FACTS

1. **TALL TALES**

The Golden Gate Bridge towers rise 746 feet above the water.

2. **GOLDEN GATE, SILVER SCREEN**

Hollywood loves the Bridge and it steals the scene in more than two dozen films, including *Vertigo*, *The Love Bug*, *Superman*, *Star Trek*, and *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*.

3. **RIVET OF DREAMS**

There are about 600,000 rivets in each of the two towers.

4. **LABOR OF LOVE**

Rumor has it that the Bridge is painted end to end every year; actually, it is painted based on the priorities set by regular inspections.

5. **LONG-DISTANCE HAUL**

Steel for the Golden Gate Bridge was fabricated by Bethlehem Steel in its East Coast plants and shipped to the project site through the Panama Canal.

6. **A BIG BELT**

If all 80,000 miles of wire used in the Bridge's two main cables were connected end to end in a single strand, it would circle the Earth three times at the Equator.

7. **SPAN-POLINE**

The Golden Gate Bridge roadway can move up and down as much as 16 feet.

8. **FOR GOOD MEASURE**

The total length of the Golden Gate Bridge is 1.7 miles.

9. **SPAN OF LIFE**

Three babies (that we know of) have been born on the Golden Gate Bridge.

10. **FINE NUMBER NINE**

The Golden Gate Bridge is currently ranked the ninth-longest suspension bridge in the world; it was ranked first when it opened.

11. **HEART OF THE PARKS**

The Golden Gate National Parks stretch 40 miles north and 40 miles south of the Golden Gate Bridge.

12. **"INSTANT" CLASSIC**

It took just four years and five months—January 1933 to May 1937—to build the Golden Gate Bridge.

13. **ORANGE YOU GLAD?**

The Golden Gate Bridge is painted its very own formula of International Orange.

14. **STAR-STUDED BIRTHDAY**

Bill Cosby, Spam, and the Golden Gate Bridge all turn 75 this year.

15. **PARDON OUR GUST**

High winds have closed the Golden Gate Bridge only three times in its 75-year history: 1951, 1982, and 1983.

16. **WORTH ITS WEIGHT**

The Golden Gate Bridge currently weighs 887,000 tons; it lost 12,300 tons in the 1980s when the roadway deck was replaced.