

The Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal is a grand tomb, built by Emperor Shah Jahan for his favourite wife. The structure is made of marble and took 20,000 artisans and architects 21 years to complete, finally being finished in 1653.

It is estimated that it cost around 32 million rupees to build (equivalent of over \$800 million today). It is considered to be a global masterpiece, perfectly symmetrical and framed by a specially designed 'reflecting pool' in front, and the Yamuna River to the side. The art, beauty and love story surrounding the Taj Mahal are thought to enchant the eight million tourists who visit it every year.

The Taj Mahal received the most votes out of any candidate in the selection process for the list of seven wonders, making it the most popular of the seven wonders of the modern world.

