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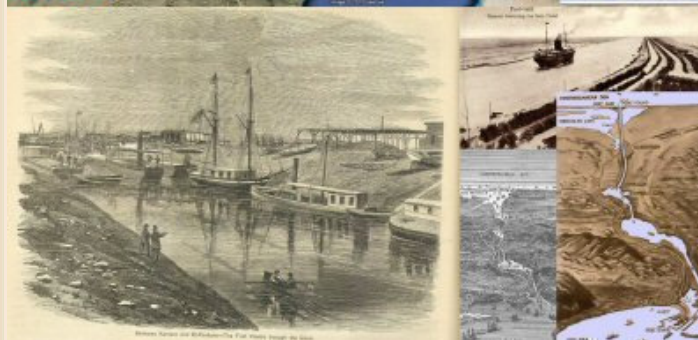
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The Suez canal is a large artificial canal in Egypt, west of the Sinai Peninsula. It was originally 164 km (102 miles) long, 300 m (984 ft) wide at its narrowest point and 8 m (26 ft) deep. After multiple enlargements over time, the canal is 193 km (120 mi) long and 24 m (79 ft) deep. The canal connects Port Said (Būr Sa'īd) in the north on the Mediterranean Sea, with Suez (al-Suways) in the south on the Red Sea, through Lake Timsah (Crocodile Lake) and the Great and Small Bitter Lakes.



The canal allows two-way water transportation, most importantly between Europe and Asia without circumnavigation of Africa. Before its opening in 1869, goods were sometimes offloaded from ships and carried over land between the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

The Ismailia Canal or Freshwater Canal starting at the Nile north of Cairo, was constructed in 1858-1963 to supply the villages

and cities along the Suez Canal with drinking water. Enlarged in 1876. Believed to a large extent to be a modern replacement of an ancient canal which ran east from the Nile and watered the Biblical land of Goshen with its various branches and flowed into the Bitter Lakes. The present Canal goes from Cairo and flows into the Suez Canal and Lake Timsah at Ismailia. Two main branches of the canal originate just west of Ismailia; the Abbasah Canal - "Said arm" of Ismailia Canal which extends north to Port Said and the Suways al Hulwah Canal - "Suez arm" of Ismailia Canal which extends south to Suez.

About the "Suez canal tour": Welcome to the Suez canal tour. Take a tour over this artificial canal from the Gulf Suez, the Red Sea and the Indian ocean in the south, to Port Said in the north by the Mediterranean Sea. Also included are "Suez Ships Spotted" in current and historic imagery of the Suez Canal. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created december 2007. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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The Kiel Canal (German: Nord-Ostsee-Kanal), until 1948 known as the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Kanal, is an approximately 100 kilometer (62 mile) long canal in the German Bundesland Schleswig-Holstein that links the North Sea at Brunsbützel to the Baltic Sea at Kiel-Holtenau. An average of 250 nautical miles (463 kilometers, 288 miles) is saved by using the Kiel Canal instead of going around the Jutland peninsula. This not only saves time but also avoids potentially dangerous storm-prone seas. The Kiel Canal is the most heavily used artificial seaway in the world. Excluding sporting boats and other small boats, an average of 117 ships per day used the canal in 2008.



About the Google Earth "Kiel Canal tour": Take this tour on, The Kiel Canal, from the Kiel bay at the Danish/German part of the baltic sea through the German marsh land to

the North Sea at the estuary of the River Elbe. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created december 2007. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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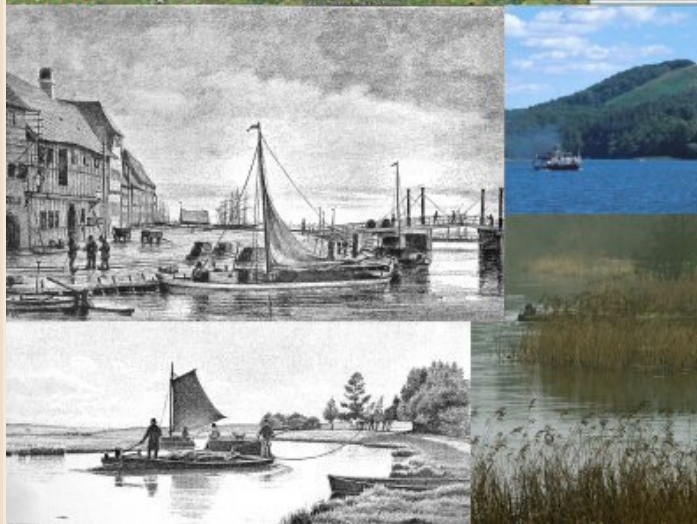
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The River Guden, the Gudenaa (in Danish: Gudenåen). Denmark's longest river. Try this tour of 176 kilometers with more than 200 placemarks which will take you on a flyover of the landscape in Jutland, Denmark from the River Guden spring in Tinnet bushes to the city of Randers. As a bonus is a flyover of Randers Fjord from Randers to the exit to the Kattegat sea. Also included is the marking of the old 1800 Century barge transportation paths from Randers to Silkeborg and the path of the upper river course from Silkeborg to the spring in Tinnet bushes.



In Danish: Gudenåen. Danmarks længste å. Prøv denne tur på 176 kilometer med mere end 200 stedmarkeringer der tager dig på en flyvning over landskabet i Jylland, Danmark fra Gudenåens kilde i Tinnet Krat til Randers By. Som bonus er overflyvning af Randers Fjord fra Randers Havn til udløbet i Kattegat. 1800 tallets pramdrager sti fra Randers til Silkeborg er også kortlagt samt selve åløbet fra Silkeborg til kilden i Tinnet krat.

**Sagnet om Gudenåen.** Der var en halv-gud, der hed Gudar, der engang røvede en pige i Tinnet Krat, hvor åen har sit udspring. Else hed hun og der gik ry om hendes skønhed. Han

bandt hende til en kærre og bortførte hende. For at undgå at eventuelle forfølgere skulle finde dem, styrede han hestene i indviklede sving og slyngninger, da de kørte væk. Pigens far henvendte sig til den kloge mand i Tørring om hjælp til at fange pigerøveren. Først sendte den kloge mand ilden efter Gudar, fordi ilden er hurtigst, men den kloge mand kunne ikke styre ilden og brændte sine fingre. Så måtte han sende vandet! Han kaldte derfor alle bække og kilder sammen, og frådende fulgte denne vandmasse Gudars spor i alle dets slyngninger og rev jorden op, så der blev dannet store dale. Vandet nåede Gudar ved Randers fjord. Gudar druknede, mens pigen, den skønne Else, blev reddet sammen med hestene. Og sådan gik det ifølge sagnet til, at Gudenåen blev dannet og fik navn efter pigerøveren og halv-guden Gudar.

**Legend of the River Guden.** Legend has it that the River Guden has had its name after the half-god called Gudar. He kidnapped a girl from her father's house in Tinnet Bushes, where the river has its source. Else was her name and she was known for her beauty. Gudar tied the girl to a cart and to confuse the persecutors, he drove in intricate turns. But the girl's father sought the help of the wise man in Toerring. First the wise man sent fire after Gudar because fire is fastest, but the wise man could not control the fire and burned his fingers. So he had to send the water! He called, therefore, all streams and springs. The water followed the track of Gudar in all its windings and tore up the earth, thus forming large valleys. The water reached Gudar by Randers Fjord. Gudar drowned while the beautiful Else and the horses were rescued. And thus according to legend, the river Guden was formed and named after the girl robber and demigod Gudar.

About the "The Gudenaa river tour", "The River Guden tour": Please note that comments in this tour/collecion may tend to be mainly presented in the Danish language. Enjoy. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created december 2007. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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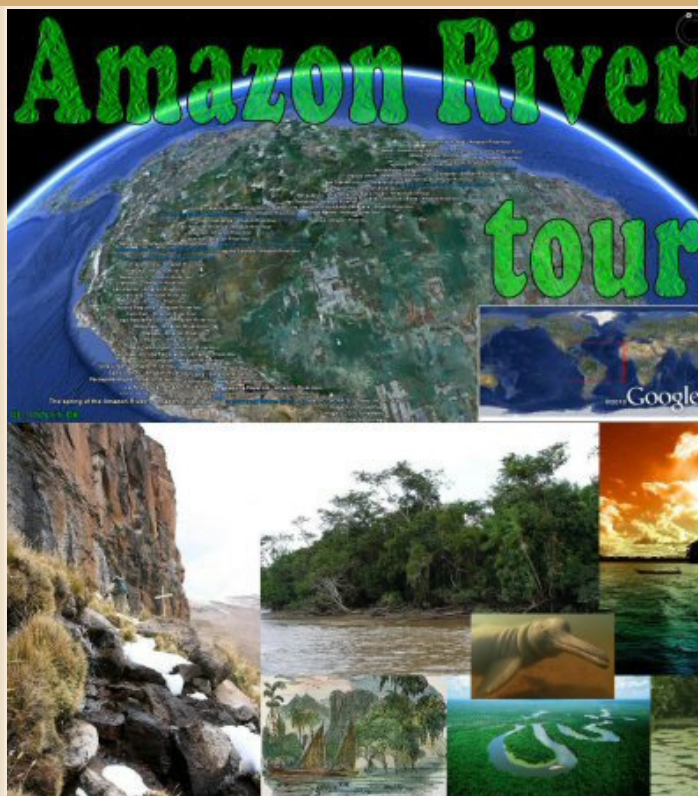
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Amazon River, Rio Amazonas - Worlds largest river! Try this extensive tour of more than 6400 kilometers (3977 miles) with more than 500 placemarks (an average of more than one placemark every 13 kilometers, 8 miles) taking you on a flight over the landscape in Peru and Brazil from the Amazon River spring as a glacial stream on a snowcapped 5597 meter (18363 feet) peak called Nevado Mismi in the Peruvian Andes to the estuary, mouth of the river, surrounding the Marajó island, some 330 kilometres (207 miles) wide. Every second the Amazon River pours 219000 cubic meters (57 million gallons, 88 Olympic-size swimming pools, 876 million cups :-)) of water into the Atlantic ocean! An amount larger than all other major top 10 rivers combined!! And about one-fifth (twenty percent) of the all fresh water that flows into the world's oceans. During dry season, the river is "only" up to 11 kilometers (7 miles) wide. During the rainy season, the Amazon Basin becomes flooded and the river becomes up to 40 kilometers (25 miles) wide. The Amazon River is the worlds biggest river!

The spring of the Amazon River is the glaciers of the Nevado Mismi mountain in the Peruvian Andes. It flow into the Carhuasanta stream, which flow into the Río Apu rímac. Flowing through steep valleys in the high An des it changes first to the Ene River, then to the Tambo R iver. Entering the vast flood plains east of the An des mountains it's named the Ucayali River which later joins the Marañón River to form the Rio Amazonas. From the triple border between Peru, Colombia and Brazil the river is named Solimões River until it reached the Negro River at Manaus. From here it's the Amazon River ti ll it reaches the vast estuary at the Atlantic ocea n.

About the Google Earth "Amazon River tour": Although I never (yet) have been in South America, the Ama zonas has always been a source of facination for it's wil dlife, rivers and wastness. I may come to Amazonas some day but on a winter day in january 2008 I concluded tha t I'll most likely NEVER (guess not many) will trav el the more than 6400 kilometers from the spring to the mouth o f the river. So I decided I would use Google Earth to give myself (and you, maybe) a guided tour. Also a serie s of overlays are included. Enable an overlay to see a specific map or information on and around the Amazon river. The 'Overlays' folder offers a series of image overlays containing various information on the Amazon river and the surrounding Amazonas rain forest. Have a ni ce tour! Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created january 2008. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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Mount Everest. The World's highest mountain, tallest peak. Also called Sagarmatha (Nepal, meaning "Head of the Sky"), Chomolungma (Tibet, meaning "Goddess Mother of the World"), Qomolangma (China), Zhumulangma (Pinyin) and originally named peak XV, peak 15 when it was discovered and classified. Mount Everest is a part of the Himalaya range in High Asia, located on the border between Sagarmatha zone of Nepal and Tibet. The mountain was first observed and recorded from great distance as "peak b" in november 1847. In 1856, the Great Trigonometric Survey of India established, after several years of calculations, the first published height of Everest at 29002ft (8840m). The most current official height is 8848m (29029ft), first determined by an Indian survey in 1955, and subsequently reaffirmed by a 1975 Chinese measurement. Asked "Why do you want to

climb Mt. Everest?" George Mallory is famously quoted as having replied "Because it is there!". During the British 1924 Mount Everest Expedition Mallory and his climbing partner Andrew Irvine both disappeared somewhere high on the North-East ridge during their climb. The New Zealander Edmund Hillary, and the Nepalese Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, was the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest at 11:30 local time the 29th of may 1953 after a climb up the southern face. The mountain, while not posing substantial technical climbing difficulty on the standard routes still has many inherent dangers such as altitude sickness, weather and wind. The highest mountain in the world attracts climbers of all levels. By the end of the 2007 climbing season, there had been 3679 ascents to the summit by 2436 individuals and Everest has claimed 210 lives. In average 2 to 4 fatal casualties every year since the start of the mountains exploration.

About the "Mount Everest tour":

This is a series of placemarks and tracks that will give an impression of the climbing tour from basecamp(s) to the top of the world. The 2 major routes (out of at least 18 routes) are (roughly) shown in red (North Col, Northeast ridge) and blue (South Col, Southeast ridge). Several places of mountain climbing interest along the two routes are also pinpointed. The tour is divided into 5 main folders; "Southern area including Southeast ridge (South Col) route", "Northern area including Northeast ridge (North Col) route", "Eastern area", "Mount Everest - The Summit", "Mount Everest - Peak Pictures". Additional folders "Overlays", "Track4Play" and "How to get to basecamps on Mount Everest..." gives various opportunities to explore the area around the highest mountain on earth supplied with on/off clickable grids, maps and images. The 'Play tour' option of GE will take you on a trip on first the south, then the north and then the east approach. Finally we take a flight around the summit. And end up in displaying a series of old and new pictures from around Mount Everest. Also available are 4 tracks, "track4play" each one designed to take you from the south, north, east or west areas, to or very near the top. Just 'play the track' and let GE do the climb! Consider using a viewing angle of 80 degrees or above. To adjust viewing angle, choose menu 'Tools', 'Options', Click the tab 'Touring' and change the 'Camera Tilt Angle' to 80 degrees. The default is 45-60 (below 80) degrees. Please note that all tracks are very much approximations of the plausible route and nothing near the exact climb. No one has been hurt during the use of this for climbing (mostly because no one hopefully has used them), but they will, if they do!!! The 'South Col' tour is considered the 'easy' trip, but I believe that people taking (the real) tour to the top of Everest are really tough people, no matter what route they take! Even from satellite pictures and Google Earth terrain feature you get a feeling (and I guess never near the real thing) of how really really big this mountain is! Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created march 2008. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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## Mount Everest Autoplay tour [Re: TomKjeldsen]

#1074709 - 29/06/2008 10:49

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About the "Mount Everest Autoplay tour":

Climb Mount Everest in 44 minutes, 4 times! without lifting a finger! No ice axe, no long nights in a tent with oxygen bottles, temperatures below zero, all in all not risking your life! The only requirement is that you make your computer mouse device click on the link below and let Google Earth do the rest. Click on this pre-recorded tour and let GE assist you in climbing the world's highest mountain first from the south, then from the north, followed by the east approach and ending up with a flyover from the west side.

This tour is a recorded tour of playing the 4 tracks, "track4play" in the original tour placemark collection.

About: An Autoplay tour is a pre-recorded tour, often recorded along a track or a collection of placemarks. An Autoplay tour gives you an easy way to view several elements in GE without having to adjust everything yourself. Just click and Google Earth will open and start playing the tour. Note that; Auto play tours does not contain any descriptions, information, pictures, photos and overlays. Autoplay tours only works in Google Earth version 5 and above. Autoplay tour files can be very big! We recommend the original tour/ collection to give you the full information and freedom of navigation.

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Brilliant use of Google Earth. I really enjoyed seeing the tour. Thanks for posting. 

Justin

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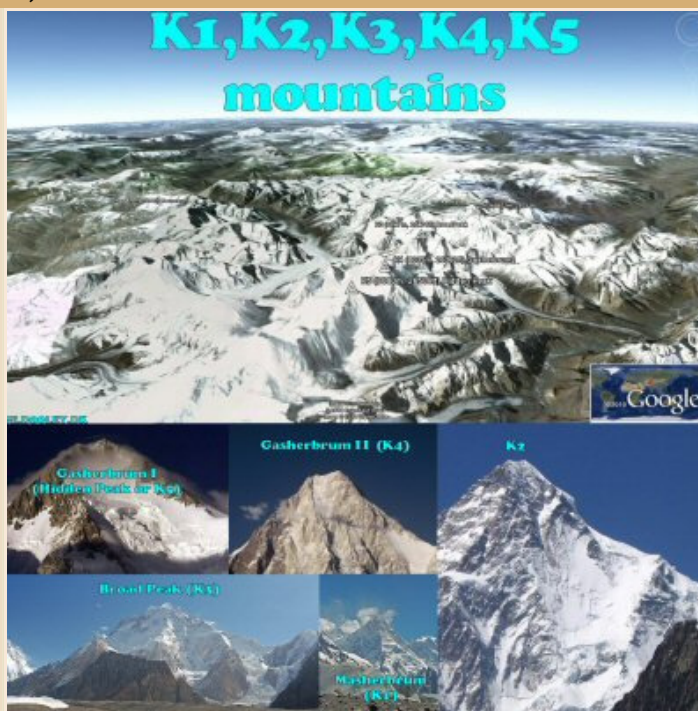
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Beyond the famous K2 check out the sisters K1, K3, K4 and K5 - Thomas Montgomerie was the member of the team who designated it "K2" for being the second peak of the Karakoram range. The other peaks were originally named K1, K3, K4 and K5, but were eventually renamed Masherbrum, Broad Peak, Gasherbrum II and Gasherbrum I respectively. The K2 mountain, the worlds second highest mountain, is commonly known as the hardest mountain in the world to climb. This is due to technical difficulty and objective danger combined with its immense height.

The Karakoram is home to more than sixty peaks above 7,000m (22,960 ft). The range is about 500 km (300 mi) in length, and is the most heavily glaciated part of the world outside of the polar regions.

About the Google Earth "K1 K2 K3 K4 K5 mountain" tour: Take a tour of the 5 "K"

mountains including the most famous K2 mountain, the second tallest point in the world, located in the vast Karakoram range. View one or several photos of each peak adjusted to combine GE terrain feature with the original photo viewpoint. By using the 'play tour' option of GE, combined with the terrain feature enabled, you will get an impression of how Thomas Montgomerie stood on Mount Haramukh back in 1856 and spotted K1 and K2, some 130 miles, 209 kilometers, to the north. See the first drawing and fly from the Montgomerie viewpoint to the closeup of K1 and K2. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, ge.dooley.dk, created April 2008. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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**Colorado River tour** ★★★★★

#1093897 - 12/05/2008 12:27


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The Colorado River, 'Aha Kwahwat in Mojave, Río Colorado (Red River) in Spanish, is a river in the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico, approximately 1450 miles, 2333 kilometers long, draining a part of the western slope of the Rocky Mountains. The river's course takes you from the source in the impressive snow-covered mountain landscapes, over dams and lakes, through deep erode canyons and dry desert areas to the estuary in the Gulf of California. The existence of the Colorado River was first discovered and noted in the records of written history in September 1539, when Francisco de Ulloa sailed to the head of the Gulf of California and rowed a short distance upstream. The Colorado River spring is La Poudre Pass Lake, located high in Rocky Mountain National Park, just west of the Continental Divide. "Grand River" is the name once applied to the Colorado River from its headwaters in Rocky Mountain National Park to its confluence with the Green River. This gave rise to several names including Grand Lake, Grand Valley and Grand Junction. The earliest appearance of this name on a map could be on the map by Henry Schenck Tanner from 1836. The name there replaces the name of Rio Rafael, which appears on many earlier maps. In 1921 Grand River was officially renamed to Colorado River.

About the "Colorado river tour": Take a tour along the entire North American Colorado river from the spring in the Rocky Mountain lake 3101 meters, 10174 feet above sealevel, through hundreds of canyons including Grand Canyon, crossing dams and lakes like the Hoover Dam and Lake Mead and finally flowing into the Gulf of California. More than 800 placemarks, in average one every 3 kilometers, 1.9 mile, guide you along the river. At the end of the placemark collection of folders the 'overlays' folder offer various displays like national parks, the watershed, the river states and the river basin. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created may 2008. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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18-09-2011 11:57

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During the pinpointing of the tour I came to the Na vajo Bridge. Using GE terrain feature I can only re commend driving very carefully! ☹️ Have fun. Tom





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#1233890 - 26/06/2009 01:39




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#1329024 - 03/05/2010 18:22


**SantaSa**  
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Tom thanks for all these great tours - you really rock !


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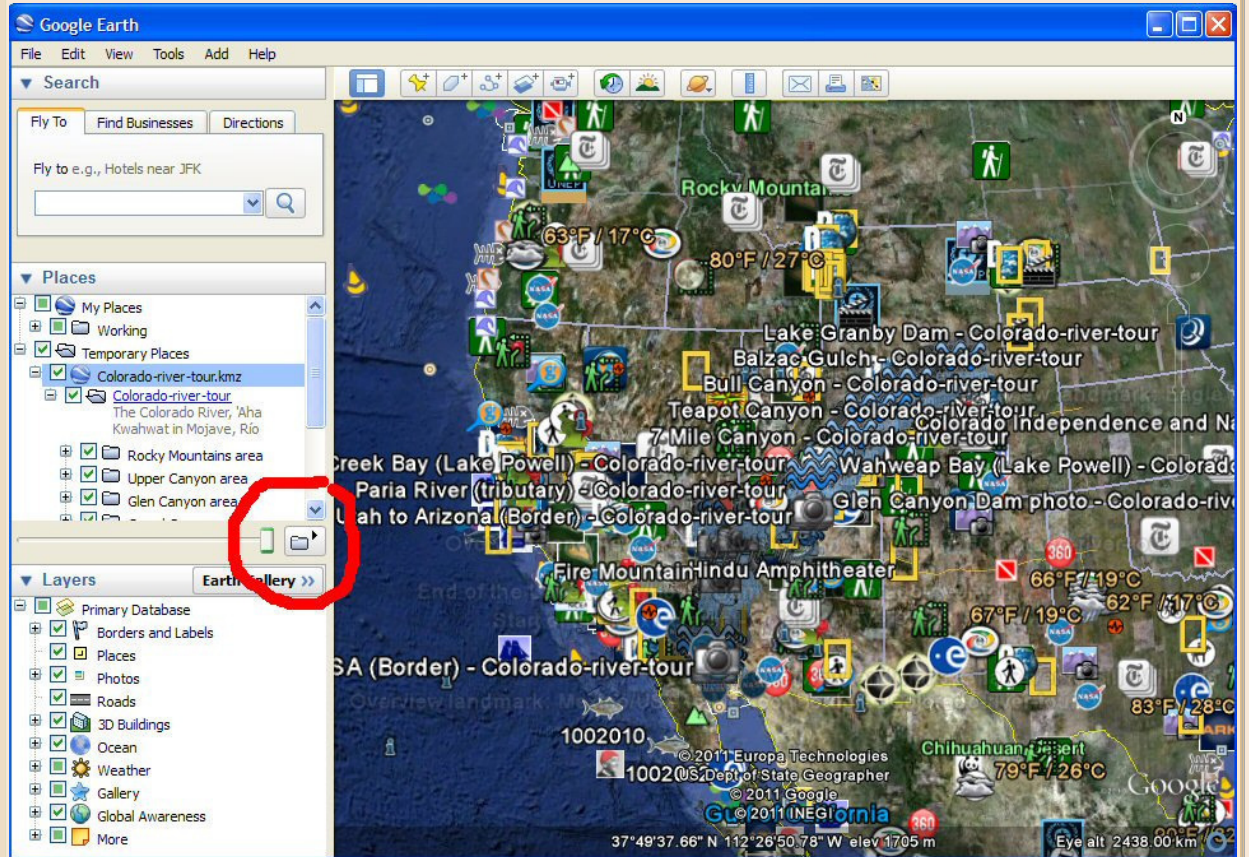
Hi rinpoche and welcome to GEC.

**TomKjeldsen**

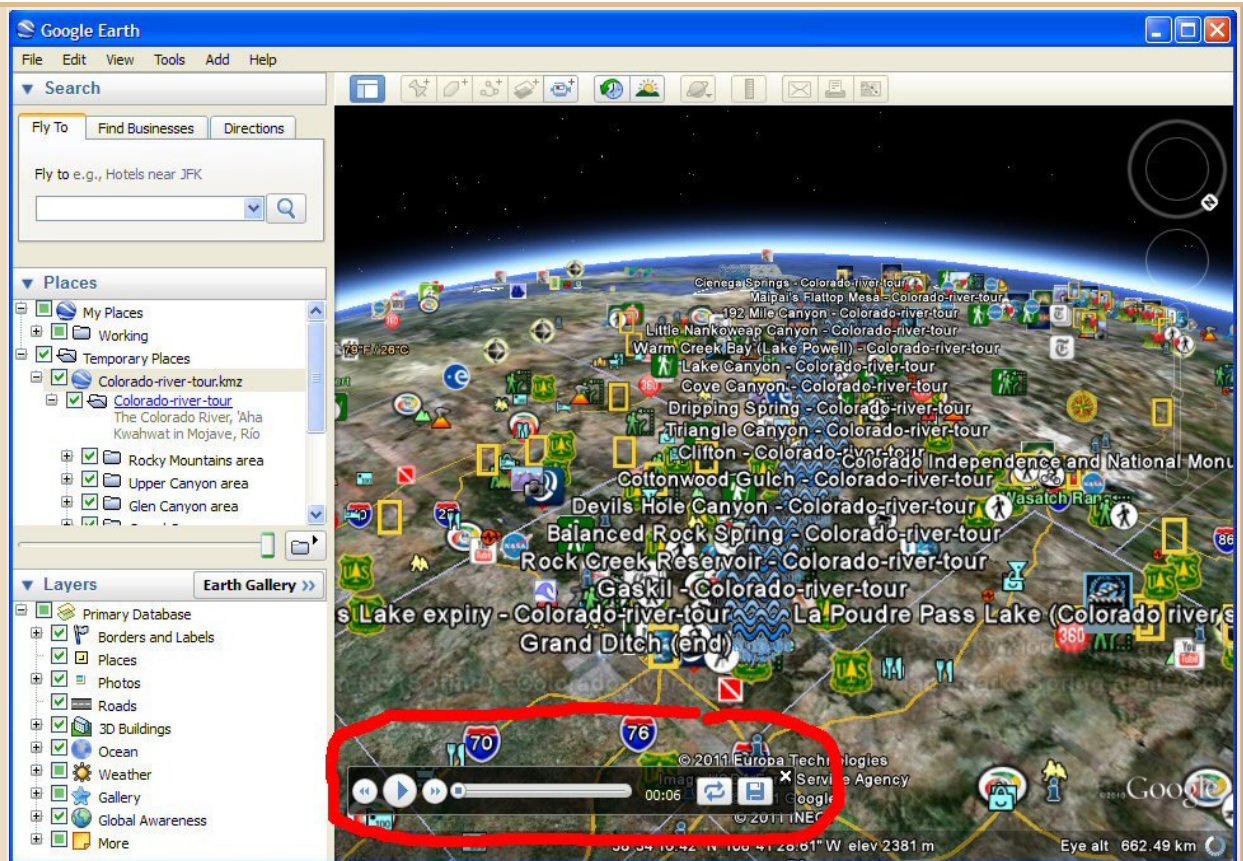
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Hope this helps. Have a nice tour 😊

Best Regards  
Tom

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Deepest part and place of the world's oceans. Mariana Trench and Ridge, with ridge islands and Challenger Deep. The Challenger Deep is the deepest surveyed point in the oceans, with a depth of at least 10,911 metres (35,797 feet). The exact depth is unknown, but 3 expeditions including the only manned dive in 1960 with the submarine Trieste, has measured depths of 10,902 to 10,916 meters. Sonar has recently measured 10,971 m (35,994 ft). The trench forms the boundary between two tectonic plates, where the Pacific plate is subducted beneath the small Mariana plate. It hard to imagine how deep the deepest parts of the oceans are. To illustrate this, the deepest known bottom of the trench is more than 2000 meters (6562 feet) deeper than the highest mountain in the world, Mount Everest is higher above sealevel. At the deepest bottom of the trench, around the depth of 10,911 metres (35,797 ft), the water column above produce a

pressure of 1056 atmospheres, 1091 kg/sq cm, 1070 bar, 106997 kPa, 15519 psi (pounds per square inch), more than one thousand times the standard atmospheric pressure at sea level. The creatures that could live at these depths are few, as far as we know by our current exploration of the deep sea of the earth. On the other hand, the world's oceans is the biggest and most unexplored part of the earth. It's more than likely that most wildlife down there still remains to be discovered. Still deep sea animals like the Viperfish, Giant Megamouth Shark, Blobfish, Goblin Shark, Angler Fish, Dragon Fish, Firefly Squid, Giant Isopod, Giant Squid, Gulper Eel, Vampire Squid, Sperm Whale, Giant Japanese Spider Crab, Filled Shark and the Longnosed Chimaera have been spotted at very deep depths waters. Organisms like foraminifera, single-celled protists that construct shells, have been discovered near or at the bottom of the deepest part of the earth, the deep sea in the Challenger Deep.

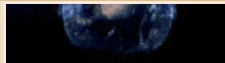
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Wyoming landscape in Big Horn area resembles a face of a person with closed eye facing to the west. Eye to the left of placemark. Maybe Sitting Bull or George Armstrong Custer reflecting on the battle of the Little Bighorn that took place a few miles up north, back in 1876...

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55 tracks displaying the most magnificent 3D models of buildings, structures, sometimes almost entire cities and surroundings present in the Google Earth 3D layer. This is a series of tracks (paths) designed to give you a tour, like a flyover of the local geography, in areas with many or particularly interesting or fascinating models.

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After several hours of touring, creating the tracks (paths) in this collection, detecting 3D models, in many corners and areas of Google Earth, I dedicate, these current and most likely ever evolving tracks, as a tribute to all those who contributed and continue to do so, to the 3D models in the GE layer. These tracks can only give a quick and superficial picture, and never a sufficiently covered view, of the hard and dedicated work provided through the construction, design, research and model making of buildings or structures, large or small, outlined or detailed. Thank you all, you model builders!

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Thanks for that, Tom. 😊 Great work! Now, instead of flying through a town myself, I can let GE do all the work for me! Pressing F11 will enable full screen, btw. 😊

*Cruiff's logic is undeniable.*
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Thank you, Kite, I enjoy those flyovers very much myself. I'm very glad that anyone else beside myself, also get some use of the "more than one hour... 😊" spent to make a smoothe track doing a 3D flyover of the area s.



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The River Nile, the worlds longest river, is a major north-flowing river in Africa. The Nile has two major tributaries, the "White Nile" and the "Blue Nile". The Blue Nile are the source of most of the Nile's water and fertile soil. The White Nile are the longest part of the Nile. The White Nile rises in the Great Lakes region of central Africa, with the most distant source in southern Rwanda/northern Burundi and flows north from there through Tanzania, Lake Victoria, Uganda and southern Sudan. The Blue Nile starts at Lake Tana in Ethiopia, from where it flow into Sudan from the southeast. The two rivers meet near the Sudanese capital Khartoum. The combined Nile north of the confluence of the White and Blue Nile flows through the desert in "the big bend", the worlds biggest river bend, from Sudan into Egypt. "Hapy" is the deification and depiction of the annual flooding of the Nile River in Egyptian mythology, which for centuries has deposited rich silt on its banks, allowing the



Egyptians to grow crops and live along the banks of the Nile. The Nile ends in one of the world's largest river deltas that empties into the Mediterranean Sea.

About the "River Nile tour":

Take a tour along the entire River Nile of 6650 kil ometers, 4135 miles from the most distant spring to the vast delta of the combined rivers. More than 800 placema rks, in average one every 8,3 km, 5.2 mile, guide y ou along the river. Dont forget to checkout the Nile overlays in the folder at the end of the placemarks and th e "Former Nile / Ancient Flows" outline of the Yellow Nile and the Lake Tanganyika Nile. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created may 2009. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Pl ay tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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**Re: River Nile tour** [Re: TomKjeldsen]

#1329033 - 03/05/2010 18:39

**SantaSa**

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Tom thanks for all these great tours - you really rock !

Cheers from Sarajevo  
Santa

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#1231933 - 20/06/2009 20:35

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Traveler

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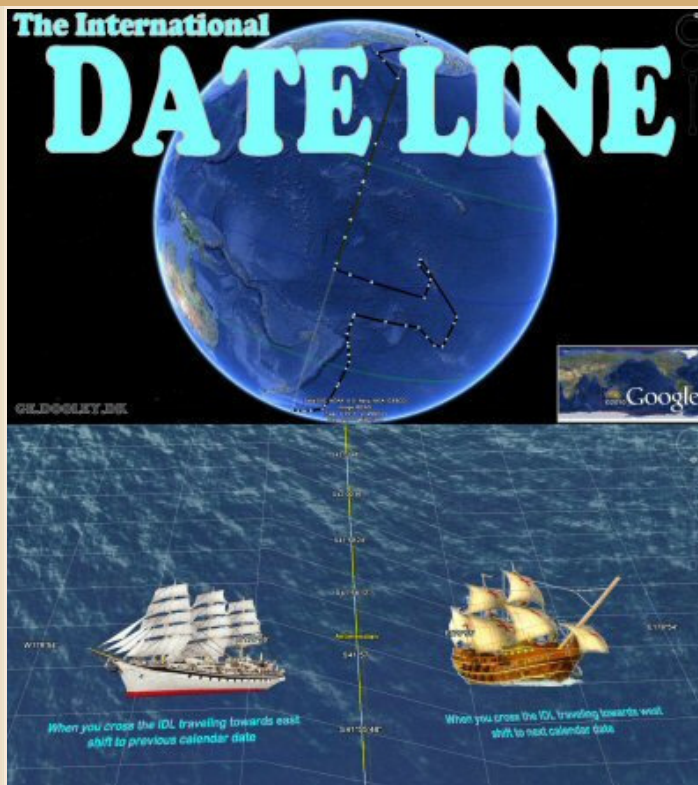
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#1263807 - 29/09/2009 19:34

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The International Date Line (IDL) is an imaginary line on the surface of the Earth opposite the Prime Meridian where the date changes as one travels east or west across it. Roughly along 180° longitude, the Anti Meridian, with diversions to pass around some territories and island groups, it mostly corresponds to the time zone boundary separating +12 and -12 hours of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) also known as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Crossing the IDL traveling east results in a day or approximately 24 hours being subtracted, and crossing west results in a day being added. The exact number of hours depends on the time zones.

The International Date Line can cause confusion among airline travelers. The most troublesome situation usually occurs with short journeys from west to east. To travel from Tonga to Samoa by air, for example, takes approximately two hours but involves crossing the International Date Line, causing passengers to arrive the day before they left.

This often causes confusion in travel schedules, like hotel bookings unless those schedules quote times in UTC, but they typically do not since they must match domestic travel times, local transport, or meeting times.

The first date line problem occurred in association with the circumnavigation of the globe by Magellan's expedition (1519-1522). The surviving crew returned to a Spanish stopover sure of the day of the week, as attested by various carefully maintained sailing logs. Nevertheless, those on land insisted the day was different. This phenomenon, now readily understandable, caused great excitement at the time, to the extent that a special delegation was sent to the Pope to explain this temporal oddity to him.

The effect of ignoring the date line is also seen in Jules Verne's book "Around the World in Eighty Days", in which the travelers, led by Phileas Fogg, return to London after a trip around the world, thinking that they have lost the bet that is the central premise of the story. Having traveled the direction opposite to the one taken by Magellan, they believe the date there to be one day later than it truly is.

If someone circumnavigates the globe in an airplane from east to west (the same direction as Magellan), they should subtract one hour for every 15° of longitude crossed, losing 24 hours for one circuit of the globe; but 24 hours are added the moment the International Date Line is crossed from east to west. The International Date Line must therefore be observed in conjunction with Earth's time zones: the net adjustment to one's watch is zero. If one crosses the date line at precisely midnight, going westward, one skips an entire day; while going eastward, one repeats the entire day.

When you travel from west to east and cross the IDL; Shift to the previous calendar date / set back your clock approximately 24 hours. When traveling from east to west; Shift to the next calendar day / set your clock approximately 24 hours forward when crossing the IDL. The date of where you are right now is rather well defined, also when you go back and forth across the Date Line as it depends solely on your geographical coordinates. Your current clock adjustment to local time is much more depending on local currently active or inactive agreements like daylight saving time of the location of where you currently come from and the

destination you arrive to.

Because the agreed IDL do not follow the 180° longitude in the middle Pacific Ocean a kind of odd daily date situation occurs. For 2 hours every day, between 10:00 and 11:59 UTC, there exist 3 different weekdays concurrently. For example at UTC time Tuesday 10:15, it is Monday 23:15 in Samoa, which is 11 hours behind UTC, and it is Wednesday 00:15 in Kiribati, which is 14 hours ahead of UTC. For the first hour (UTC 10:00-10:59), this is true for inhabited territories, whereas during the second hour (UTC 11:00-11:59) it is only true if you count the uninhabited maritime time zone 12 hours behind UTC.

About the "International Date Line" tour: Take a tour from the north pole to the south pole across mainly the enormous Pacific Ocean. Note the difference on certain parts of the line between the antimeridian and the agreed International Date Line (IDL). The direct distance along the antimeridian from the north to the south pole is roughly 20,000 kilometers (12,400 miles). If you follow the current agreed IDL it will extend the distance to about 30,000 kilometers (18,600 miles). This tour will give you a best bid of the placemarks from north to south of where, from east to west and reverse, to set your current date. This tour also outlines, around the globe, tracks/path of the five major circles of latitude, the Arctic Circle, Tropic of Cancer, Equator, Tropic of Capricorn and Antarctic Circle and of course the Prime Meridian and the Anti Meridian. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created September 2009. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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#### Re: Date Line [Re: TomKjeldsen]

#1266284 - 08/10/2009 02:28

**JavaGAR**  
Master Explorer



Registered: 07/10/2006  
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Interesting, very timely 🙏, tour, Tom. [Kiribati \(Wikipedia\)](#) seems to have been very creative (Well, excuse me!!!) 🙏 with the Date Line.

From the Wikipedia article:

Quote:

Kiribati's 1995 act of moving the international date line far to the east to encompass Kiribati's Line Islands group, so that it would no longer be divided by the date line, courted controversy. The move, which fulfilled one of President Tito's campaign promises, was intended to allow businesses all across the expansive nation to keep the same business week. This is also enabled Kiribati to become the first country to see the dawn of the third millennium, an event of significance for tourism.

Best Regards,

JavaGAR

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#1285602 - 09/12/2009 19:25

TomKjeldsen



Traveler


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The Man in the Moon is an imaginary figure resembling a human face, head or body, that observers from some cultural backgrounds typically perceive in the bright disc of the full moon. The figure is composed of the dark areas (the lunar maria, or "seas") and lighter highlands of the lunar surface.

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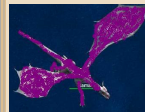
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## Re: Man in the moon [Re: TomKjeldsen]

#1286068 - 10/12/2009 21:56

raizau

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 Registered: 10/12/2009  
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 Loc: Upstate NY

Strange, when i look in the sky i dont see the line s, do you see the other side in denmark? And when I switch back to the earth the face sticks 🙄


Edited by reefmaker (10/12/2009 22:01)  
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Deep in the human unconscious is a pervasive need f or a logical universe that makes sense. But the real universe is always one step beyond logic

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**Re: Man in the moon** [Re: raizau] #1286117 - 11/12/2009 01:17

**TomKjeldsen**  
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Posts: 198  
Loc: Denmark (GMT+1, my clock also ...)

When I open the file I am invited to switch to 'moon' in GE and then the 'man' appears as shown in picture above in the initial post. Is that not the case with you?

Edited by TomKjeldsen (12/12/2009 14:56)




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**Re: Man in the moon** [Re: TomKjeldsen] #1286127 - 11/12/2009 02:14

**Markopolo**  
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Loc: Kailua Kona, Hawaii

If you check out [THIS](#) Wiki, and scroll down a ways, there are several examples of different sorts of figures which can be imagined on the face of the moon, from a rabbit, to a woman's face, to several different "men" in the moon.

These are all examples of [PAREIDOLIA](#), which is the mind's ability to imagine meaningful shapes in random stimuli.


Edited by Markopolo (11/12/2009 02:15)

Wherever you go, there you are.

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**Re: Man in the moon** [Re: Markopolo] #1286321 - 11/12/2009 16:06

**TomKjeldsen**  
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Posts: 198  
Loc: Denmark (GMT+1, my clock also ...)

I agree and know, just as the file originally refers the link to the [wiki](#) that there is several interpretations of the view from earth to the moon. It's a fact that there is no evidence that disprove that there may be a man in the moon...!

It's all very interesting, and most likely a point of this post, to consider the standpoint that everything may not be [Pareidolia](#). A small part could be [Belief](#) ... OR?!... (what) do you believe?




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**Re: Man in the moon** [Re: TomKjeldsen] #1286443 - 11/12/2009 22:44

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Loc: Kailua Kona, Hawaii

Originally Posted By: TomKjeldsen  
...It's a fact that there is no evidence that disprove that there may be a man in the moon...!  
I'm not sure I understand what you're saying here, Tom. Do you think there's a man in the moon who's face is 3,000 kilometers across, or that there is some kind of man of our size who lives on the surface of the moon, or what? ???  
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**Re: Man in the moon** [Re: Markopolo]
#1286540 - 12/12/2009 11:10


**TomKjeldsen**  
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Loc: Denmark (GMT+1, my clock also ...

Originally Posted By: Markopolo  
I'm not sure I understand what you're saying here, Tom. Do you think there's a man in the moon who's face is 3,000 kilometers across, or that there is some kind of man of our size who lives on the surface of the moon, or what? ???  
Original this post was inspired by that I stumbled over the aforementioned [wiki](#) and I assume that I did come to think over the fact that many people, both adults and children believe or interpret natural phenomena such as the man in the moon or link it with mythological, biblical or other persons from different traditions and beliefs, as mentioned in the wiki. Since Google Earth nowadays offer to zoom into the moon, I thought that it would be interesting to see what natural formations associated with each part of the face.  
And no, I do not quite believe that the outlined face is a real person. The comment was really just an attempt to be funny, which obviously did not succeed 😊. I wonder if the size of the face is due to the fact that, before Google Earth gave us the ability to zoom in on the moon, the distance was around 384.403 kilometers (238.857 miles) from people's vantage point on earth to the moon.  
I must also admit that I do not believe that there are people on the moon of our size or shape. This despite the various conspiracy theories about whether we have been on the moon or not. But until more facts come out, I do not believe in the man in or on the moon (apart from previous and future astronauts).  
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**Re: Man in the moon** [Re: TomKjeldsen]
#1286589 - 12/12/2009 15:21

**Markopolo**  
World Explorer  


Whew! Thanks for that, Tom. To be honest, without any emoticons, simply reading your first couple of posts, I couldn't tell that you weren't serious. There are people who believe all kinds of different things, and if you don't include a 😊 once in awhile, it's hard to separate the serious believers from those just having fun.  
At any rate, when I go out on a clear night with a full moon visible, I kinda get a vague impression of some kind of pattern, which I recognize as my mind playing tricks on me. I don't really see any man-in-

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the-moon, rabbit, or anything other than a fabulous world, made distinctive by craters and lava flows and mountains.

Good luck, and have fun! 😊

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The Hawaiian-Emperor seamount chain is an over and under water mountain chain composed of the Hawaiian Ridge, consisting of the islands of the Hawaiian chain northwest to Kure Atoll, and the Emperor Seamounts, a vast underwater mountain region of seamounts along a line southeast to northwest beneath the northern Pacific Ocean. The seamount chain, containing over 80 identified undersea volcanoes, stretches over 6400 kilometres (4000 miles) from the Kuril-Kamchatka Trench in the far northwest Pacific to the Loihi seamount, the youngest volcano in the chain, which lies about 35 kilometres (22 miles) southeast of the Island of Hawaii. The Hawaiian Islands are that portion of the Hawaiian-Emperor seamount chain that projects above sea level.

The Hawaiian-Emperor seamount chain is a subducting seamount chain on the Pacific tectonic plate, moving at absolute velocity of 8,10 centimeters (3.19 Inches) per year from SE to NW, being subducted beneath the Okhotsk tectonic plate where the plates meet and form the Kuril-Kamchatka Trench. At this point the seamounts end up their more than 80 million years of existence and travel across

the Pacific tectonic plate, from their birth as a Shield volcano above the Hawaiian hotspot, now being pressed down into the trench under the Okhotsk plate.

The amount of lava erupted over time to form the Hawaiian-Emperor chain is calculated to be at least 7 50.000 cubic kilometers, 180,000 cubic miles. If all this material was spread over the 10432 km<sup>2</sup> Hawaii island it would be covered with a layer of lava at least 70 km (44 miles) thick! This is more than 9.375.000 cubic meter or 331,075,000 cubic feet erupted every year! More than 0,3 cubic meter or 10.5 cubic feet every second!

A sharp bend in the chain indicates that the motion of the Pacific Plate abruptly changed about 43 million years ago, as it took a more westerly turn from its earlier northerly direction. Why the Pacific Plate changed direction is not known, but the change may be related in some way to the collision of India into the Asian continent, which began about the same time.

About the "Hawaiian Emperor seamount chain" tour collection: Take this tour displaying more than 80 million years of volcanic activity combined with mountains moving more than 6400 km (4000 mi) along with the tectonic movement. Collection creator: Tom Kjeldsen, ge.dooley.dk, created December 2009. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain and ocean layer enabled.

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## Re: The Hawaiian-Emperor seamount chain [Re: TomKjeldsen]

#1286681 - 12/12/2009 22:34

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Very cool post, Tom.

Since 1983, Kilauea has added nearly 1 square mile of new land to the island of Hawai'i. And, using your number of 8,10 cm (3.2 inches) of drift per year, the whole island has drifted about a meter, or over 3 feet, to the NW during that same time period.

Pretty incredible.

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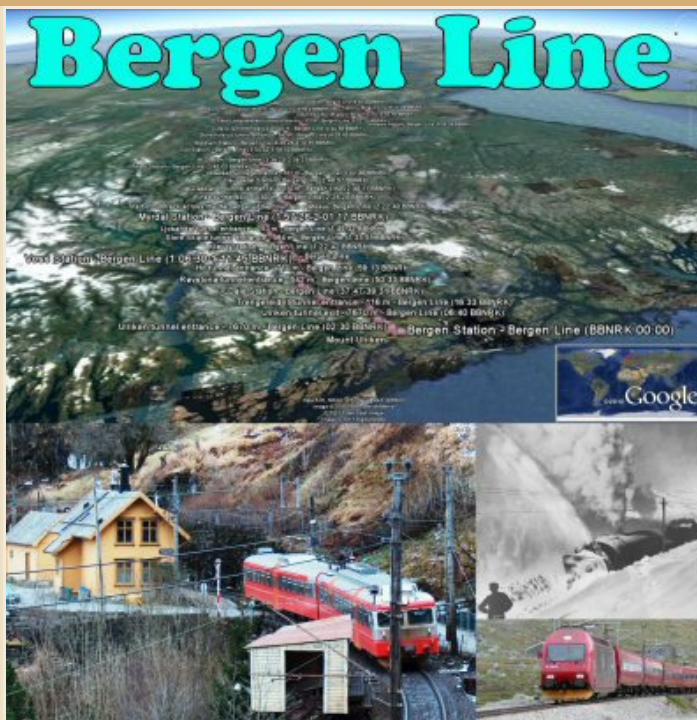
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The Bergen Line (Norwegian: Bergensbanen), also called the Bergen Railway, is a 496 kilometer (308 miles) standard gauge single track railway line in Norway between Bergen and Oslo. It is the highest mainline railway line in Northern Europe, crossing the Hardangervidda mountain plateau at 1.237 metres (4,060 feet) above sea level. The first part of the railway from Bergen to Voss, the Voss Line (Norwegian: Vossebanen) was opened in 1883 as a narrow gauge railway. In one night, on the night between the 10 and 11th of August 1904 the entire 106 kilometres (66 mile) long Voss track was changed from a 1067 mm (3 ft 6 in) narrow gauge, to 1435 mm (4 ft 8 1/2 in) standard gauge. 5 years later, in 1909 the Bergen Line opened from Voss to Hønefoss, and the Voss Line was merged into Bergen Line. From Hønefoss the Bergen line goes via Drammen to Oslo. The 100 year old (2009) Bergen Line is considered one of the most exciting and most beautiful train rides in the

world.

The longest documentary ever?! At least the longest the Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK) have made. More than 7 hours, showing every minute of the scenic train ride between Bergen on the Norwegian west coast, crossing the mountains to the capital of Oslo. Almost every placemark in this "The Bergen Line" railway tour has references to elapsed time (h:mm:ss BBNRK) in this documentary, so you can easily locate the filmed area of any GE placemark in this collection. Download the Bergen Line (Bergensbanen) documentary in HD (22,5 GB) from <http://nrkbeta.no/2009/12/18/bergensbanen-eng/>

This tour/collection also includes the Flåm Line from Flåm to Myrdal, a station on the Bergen Line. The Flåm railway is considered one of the 10 most spectacular train journeys in the World. The train journey provides some of Norway's wildest and most magnificent scenery. On the 20 kilometre long train ride, rising from sea level to 865 metres above sea level, you can see rivers that cut through deep ravines, waterfalls cascade down the side of steep, snow-capped mountains and mountain farms that cling dizzily to sheer slopes. The Flåm Railway is one of the world's steepest adhesion railway lines on normal gauge. The gradient is 5,5 % (55/1000) on almost 80% of the line with an average gradient of 4,3 %. The twisting tunnels that spiral in and out of the mountain are manifestations of the most daring and skilful engineering in Norwegian railway history.

Follow this beautiful trainride in realtime with this one hour documentary taking you from Myrdal along the Bergen Line 866 meters above sea level down to Flåm at sea level at the Aurlandsfjord. Almost every placemark in "The Flåm Line" tour folder has references to elapsed time (h:mm:ss FBNRK) in this documentary, so you can easily locate the filmed area of any GE placemark in this collection. Download the Flåm Line (Flåmsbanen) documentary in HD (3,8 GB) from <http://nrkbeta.no/2010/09/03/last-ned-flaamsbana-i-2d-og-3d/>

About the "Bergen Line tour":

Take a train ride tour from Bergen to Oslo through hundreds of tunnels. The breathtaking steep Flåm Line from Flåm to Myrdal is also pinpointed and a path/track of the railroad is added. Also the old track/path across the Hardangervidda mountain plateau is supplied which since 1993 has been replaced by the 10300 meter (33800 feet) Finse tunnel. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created december 2009. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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Although I don't consider myself a train and railway geek 😊 (I like trains as I like many other transport options), I have to admit that I have spent 8++ hours on a train video !! 😊 I have actually seen the movie, more than 7 hours long, from Bergen to Oslo (some parts even repeatedly, repeated again and again... 😊) in HD during the process of making the placemarks of the Bergen Line tour. It was indeed a pleasure and a wonderful relaxing experience. Beyond and beside this, it was so nice having a rare opportunity to see a train ride through the windscreen. When it at the same time meant viewing the beautiful landscapes in HD, it all together made it all worthwhile and very recommendable!

You can checkout various info below about the more than 7 hour documentary before you download (Creative Commons: <http://nrkbeta.no/bergensbanen>) the more than 22 GigaByte .mp4 file.

This is what I've found so far:

A 10 minutes preview, of the winter areas, are available here:

For people on "speed"... without epileptic tendencies 😊 a (VERY compressed!!!) video of only 7 minutes and 14 seconds of the entire tour can be seen here:

Have a nice ride!  
Tom



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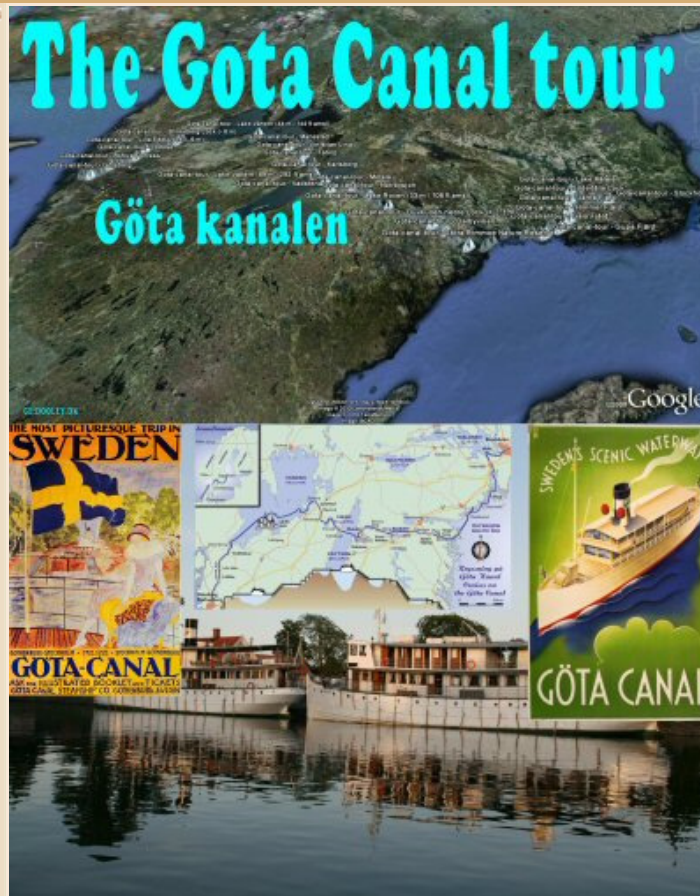
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The Gota Canal (Swedish: Göta kanalen) is a Swedish canal constructed in the early 19th century located in Götaland (Gothia, Gothland, Gothenland, Gautland, Geatland), one of the three (unofficial) lands of Sweden. Geographically the waterway is located in the south of Sweden. The Göta Canal was officially opened on 26. September 1832. The original canal stretches from Mem to Sjøtorp. Nowadays the Gota Canal is the common name of the entire waterway and canals from Stockholm to Gothenburg (Swedish: Göteborg), through the major Swedish lakes Vättern and Vänern.

The Gota Canal itself is 190 km (118 mi) long, of which 87 km (54 mi) were dug or blasted, with a width varying between 7-14 m (23-46 ft) and a maximum depth of about 3 m (9 ft). The canal has 58 locks and can accommodate vessels up to 30 m (98 ft) long, 7 m (23 ft) wide, a draught of 2,8 m (9 ft) and height of maximum 22 m (72 ft). During it's course the waterway rises from 0 m amsl (above mean sea level) at the sea, up to it's highest level 91 m (299 ft) amsl at Lake Viken.

In conjunction with the Swedish archipelago from Stockholm to Mem, the Gota Canal from Mem to Sjøtorp at Lake Vänern and Göta älv and the Trollhätte Canal, a water passage is made possible from the Swedish capital at the Baltic Sea to Gothenburg on the west coast, giving access to the North Atlantic Sea. When the canals and locks was built and designed, one of the reasons was to avoid the Danish Oresund Toll, a paid duty to the Danish Crown from 1429 to 1857 for passing 'the sound', the strait that separates Denmark from Sweden.

About the "The Gota Canal tour": Checkout more than 180 placemarks on the sailing trip from Stockholm to Gothenburg on a cruise through dozens of locks taking you almost 100 meters up and down above sealevel. For a proposed use of low height flyover of the waterway, 3 playable tracks are included in this tour/collection designating the detailed routes from Stockholm to Mem, Mem to Vänern and Vänern to Göteborg. Furthermore a series of Google Streetview links to photos corresponding to placemarks in this tour/collection are supplied when available/located and can be found in the top collection/tour folder description. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created january 2010. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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The Zambezi river is the fourth-longest river in Africa, and the largest flowing into the Indian Ocean from Africa. The 3540 km (2200 mile) long river has its source in Zambia and flows through Angola, along the borders of Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, to Mozambique, where it empties into the Indian Ocean.

The Victoria Falls, some of the largest in the world, is one of the most spectacular and beautiful features of the Zambezi river. With a width of 1708 metres (5604 feet) and a height of 108 meters (360 feet), it forms the largest sheet of falling water in the world. It was discovered and named by David Livingstone during his exploration of the African interior in the period 1852-1856. The indigenous name of 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' - literally meaning the 'Smoke that Thunders' - is also well known. The river's annual flood season peaks in April with the spray from the falls typically rises to a height of over 400 metres (1300 feet), and sometimes

even twice as high. Victoria Falls is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The creation of the waterfalls and the current flow of the middle and lower Zambezi river began 200 million years ago when southern Africa was subjected to violent volcanic activity that covered most of the area with lava. As the lava cooled cracks arose, which was subsequently filled with softer soil. Originally the Zambezi River floated into the current southern Shashe and Limpopo rivers, probably from the area around the current Zambezi tributary Chobe River. When the flow into the Limpopo River was blocked, the upper Zambezi River flowed instead into the lava landscape. The water masses eroded the softer soil of the cracks and cut deeper into the softer soil. During 100000 years, a number of cracks eroded backwards. The waterfall pulled back each time, which can be seen on the zigzag-shaped gorges below the fall today. Today's edition of the Victoria Falls is the eighth version and certainly not the last, since the falls most massive erosion of the area called "Devil's Cataract" actually is the beginning of the ninth Victoria Falls.

The vast Barotse (Zambezi) Floodplain is one of Africa's great wetlands, on the Zambezi River in the Western Province of Zambia. It is a designated Ramsar site, regarded as being of high conservation value. Other notable waterfalls along the Zambezi river is the Chavuma Falls at the border between Zambia and Angola, and the Ngonye Falls, near Sioma in Western Zambia. There are two main sources of hydroelectric power on the river. These are the Kariba Dam, which provides power to Zambia and Zimbabwe and the Cahora Bassa Dam in Mozambique which provides power to both Mozambique and South Africa.

About the "Zambezi River and Victoria Falls tour": Take a tour along the entire Zambezi (also spelled Zambesi) river from the spring and source to the delta at the Indian Ocean. The tour is divided into 4 sections; The Upper Zambezi river, where you'll discover the source and the wastness of the African wilderness. The Victoria Falls area section gives you spectacular and detailed views of the Victoria Fall and the sections of the fall. Also supplied is the pinpointing of the steep Gorges and Rapids below the falls. The Middle and Lower Zambezi river sections displays with vast National park areas and huge lakes and dams ending up at the river delta at the Indian Ocean. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created may 2010. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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Fiordland is a National Park in south-west New Zealand, where several Fiords, also called Sounds, face the Tasman Sea, surrounded by thousands of feet and meters of steep cliffs, irrigated by many large and small waterfalls surrounded by stunningly beautiful natural formations and botanical growth. Among the hundreds of spectacular places and views in the area are the Milford Sound, Track and Road. And also the Browne Falls and Sutherland Falls, two of the tallest waterfalls in the world. Fiordland is a World Heritage Area.



About this "Fiordland tour":

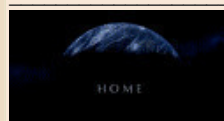
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**Re: Fiordland National Park, New Zealand** [Re: TomKjeldsen] #1338912 - 06/06/2010 22:36

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**Re: Fiordland National Park, New Zealand** [Re: Hill] #1341229 - 15/06/2010 17:52

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This is a nice tour of a very scenic area.

Thanks and yes that area looks so very impressive and beautiful! Wish that one day, I can take a trip and see it in real world.

Originally Posted By: Hill

The names of the features don't appear with the icons, and I can't figure out why.

Hill, Let me assume that you are a first mover on the new version of Google Earth (5.2) - Since my posting of this tour (created in GE 5.1) I've upgraded to the new(est) version 5.2 on most of the computers I work with. On all of them all tours tested, somewhere in the play of the tour stops to show the labels of the placemarks. This must certainly be a minor glitch in the new 5.2 version. I have reported the question here: [Placemark label do not display or disappear during play of a tour in GE 5.2](#)

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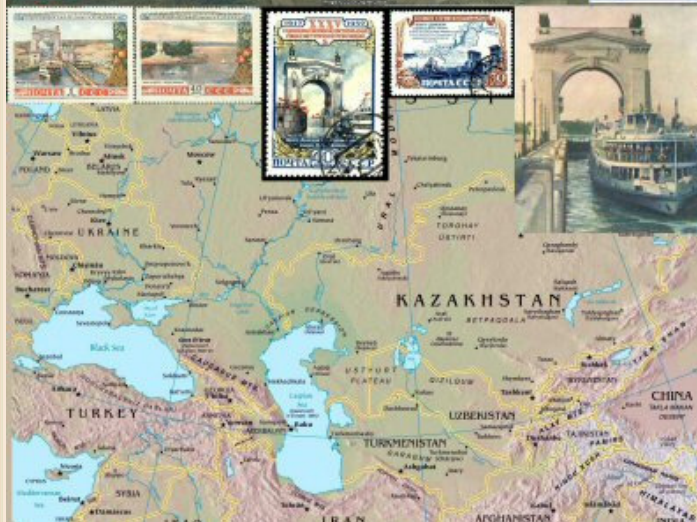
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The Volga-Don Canal (Russian: Волго-Донской канал) connects the Volga River and the Don River. A canal said to be "connecting Asia with Europe", joining of the five seas: the Baltic Sea, the Black Sea, the White Sea, the Sea of Azov and the Caspian Sea. Take this tour from Volgograd, former Stalingrad on the Volga river to the canal estuary into the Don river. The length of the waterway is 101 kilometers (63 miles) of which the 56 km (35 mi) is dugged canals and the remaining 45 km (28 mi) is through rivers and reservoirs. The canal has 13 locks and rises 88 meter and then fall 44 meters along the total length of the canal. That way, the Don River raises 44 meters above the Volga River through their connection. To ensure adequate quantities and levels of water in the canal, there are 3 pumping stations (Karpovsky, Marinovsky, Varvarovskoy) that pumps water back to the canal from the Tsimlyanskoye vodokhranilishche (reservoir) south-west of the canal estuary into the Don River..



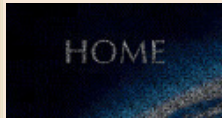
between the tributaries of the Volga and Don rivers, Reed and Ilovlya, but, because of a lack of resources and other problems, this was abandoned in 1701. In 1701, a second construction attempt was initiated, far north of the current canal, known as the Ivanovsky Canal. This canal was actually opened with 24 locks. 300 ships managed, under remarkably difficult navigation conditions, in 1707 to pass the canal. For more than 200 years, from 1709 to early 1930'es, mainly financial and changing political difficulties stopped the construction of the original canal and maintenance of the Ivanovsky canal. The current canal construction project was established in the mid-1930'es, but paused because of World War 2 / the Great Patriotic War. The Volga-Don Canal construction was resumed in February 1948 and completed only 4.5 years later where navigation was opened June 1, 1952.

About the "Volga-Don-Canal" tour: Take a tour along the waterway which consist of several locks and reservoirs to cross to make the trip between the two main transportation rivers in mid Asia/Europe. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created august 2010. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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The River Skjern (Danish: Skjern Å) is the largest river in Denmark. The river drains an area the size of approximately 10% of the entire country and is the most water rich river in Denmark. The average river discharge of water is 35 m<sup>3</sup>/second. The river drains the western part of Jutland westward of the Jutland ridge before discharging via the Skjern Å delta, which is the only river delta in Denmark, into the Ringkøbing Fjord, a bay of the North Sea near the town of Skjern. Large areas around the lower half part of the river and tributaries, to the estuary, is National park.

In Danish:

Skjern Å er den største flod i Danmark. Floden afvander et areal der i størrelse svarer til omkring 10% af hele Danmark og er den mest vandrige flod i landet. Den gennemsnitlige udledning af vand er 35 m<sup>3</sup> / sekund. Floden afvander den vestlige del af Jylland vest for den jyske højderyg, før der udmunder via Skjern Å-deltaet, som er det eneste flod delta i Danmark, i Ringkøbing Fjord, en bugt i Nordsøen nær byen Skjern. Store områder omkring den nedre halvdel af floden og bifloder, til munden, er nationalpark.



About the "The Skjernaa river tour", "The Skjern River tour": Please note that comments in this tour/collection may tend to be mainly presented in the Danish language. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created october 2010. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature enabled.

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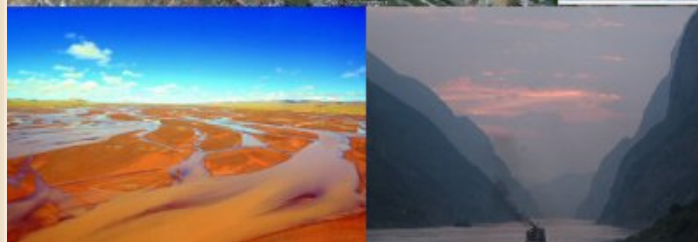
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The Yangtze River is the longest river in Asia, and the third-longest in the world. From the spring in the glaciers on the Tibetan Plateau more than 5500 m (18000 ft) above sea level, the river flows 6300 km (3915 mi) on its course eastward through almost the entire China from west through central and eastern part of the country before emptying into the East China Sea at Shanghai. The Yangtze River drainage area is more than one-fifth of China's land area. The Yangtze River basin is home to one-third of China's population, more than 440 million people. The discharge of the Yangtze River is the fifth largest in the world.



About the "The Yangtze river tour": Take a tour along the entire Yangtze river with more 400 placemarks between the spring and the estuary. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created november 2010. Recommended to be viewed

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The Panama Canal is a 48 mile (77 km) canal that joins the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean, through the Isthmus of Panama. The canal has had an enormous impact in the 20'th century shipping between the two oceans, mainly replacing the long route south of Cape Horn at the southernmost tip of South America. In average almost any long sailing route which involve passing the Americas can be shortened by up to and more than 10000 km (6200 mi) not having to travel south around South America or north around North America by traveling through the Panama Canal.

The canal was built from 1904 to 1914. In August 15, 1914, the Panama Canal was officially opened. It's one of the largest and

most difficult engineering projects completed, initially started at the end of the 19'th century and completed in the beginning of the 20'th century. The Panama Canal consist of 3 sets of locks, The Gatun Locks, The Pedro Miguel Locks and The Miraflores Locks. The artificial Gatun Lake, 26 m above sealevel, created by the Gatun Dam on the Chagres River connects the Gatun Locks with the city of Gamboa. From here the Gaillard (Culebra) Cut leads through the continental divide ending up at the Pedro Miguel Locks. 27000 tonnes of dynamite was used to excavate over 76 million cubic metres of material at the 12,6 km (7.8 mi) long Gaillard (Culebra) Cut.

The idea of a canal near Panama dates back to the early 16'th century. The first attempt constructing a canal began in 1880 under French leadership, but was abandoned after 21900 workers died, largely from landslides and disease, particularly malaria and yellow fever. The United States launched a second effort, claiming further 5600 deaths but succeeding in opening the canal in 1914. U.S.A. controlled the canal and the canal zone surrounding it, until 1977. The Torrijos-Carter Treaties provided the foundation for the transition of control to Panama. From 1979 to 1999 the canal was under joint U.S. and Panamanian administration, and from 31 December 1999 command of the waterway was assumed by the Panama Canal Authority, an agency of the Panamanian government.

About the "Panama Canal tour":

A tour crossing between 2 oceans, the Pacific and the Atlantic. Checkout the 2 tracks/paths which will take you on a "sailing trip" through the entire canal from east (Atlantic) to west (Pacific) or back. The Panama Canal actually goes from North-West to South-East. So when you are 'going west', you are actually sailing on an south east bound course in most of the canal and of course vice versa. Consider in general along the entire tour to adjust the GE 'Camera tilt angle' to 80 degrees or above for better display when playing tracks/paths. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created december 2010. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain and 3D Building layer enabled.

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The Highway 1 (The Pacific Coast Highway, PCH, State Route 1) is a more than 650 miles (1050 km) long road following the Pacific coast of the U.S. state of California. Originally being constructed from 1919 the name California Highway 1, or just California 1 was first used in 1934 and finally stated in 1964. The trip along California 1 is considered one of the prettiest rides in the world. Many scenic views can be seen along this highway, including Los Angeles and San Francisco coastlines, the Big Sur area, hundreds of small coastal settlements and several areas with a diverse wildlife.

About "The Highway 1 tour": Check the more than 350 placemarks along the Californian Coast from Leggett in north to Dana Point in south. Consider also to try the almost 5 hour long detailed track/path of the entire (734 mi / 1181 km) route passing every turn and

intersection along the Highway 1 from the start in south at the Interstate 5 intersection to the end in the north at the Route 101 intersection. Note that this track/path is very long and detailed, hence displaying it can be hard to many computers since the path consist of more than 10000 handmade coordinates.

Specific about "The Highway 1 track/path": Do not use this as a detailed navigational aid! :-). Although rather precise at many points and areas it is still approximations of the PCH road lanes and the general road course. Altitude above ground is set to 16 feet (5 meter) for best view when 'playing tour' like "driving along the road", the "green path". If a more "flyover" experience is preferred, 2 extra paths, identical to the previous, but at an altitude of 290/1800 feet (88/550 meter) above ground is supplied, "the yellow and red paths". These paths are especially suitable for crossing high structures like the Golden Gate Bridge. Consider in general along the entire tour to adjust the GE 'Camera tilt angle' to 80 degrees or above for better display when playing tracks/paths.

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## Re: The Highway 1 tour [Re: TomKjeldsen]

#1390705 - 30/12/2010 15:09

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That's a pretty incredible piece of work, Tom, thank you! I can't say for sure that I've been on all 650 miles of PCH, but having lived in Monterey and Palos Verdes, and taken "the scenic route", I can say that I've been on most of it. Your tour brings back memories. The central portion, the drive from Cambria and San Simeon to Monterey, is as scenic a drive as there is anywhere in the world, in it's own way. If a traveler wishes to see the California coastline, and can manage to time the trip to arrive at either end around sunset, well, that's one of those things which should be in everybody's "bucket list" of things to do while they're still alive.

On a personal note, I can remember in the mid-70's cruising PCH on Friday and Saturday nights as a teenager in a '68 Camaro through the towns of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Manhattan Beach, looking for girls. Gasoline was about \$0.45 per gallon, and we'd scrape together two or three bucks for a night's cruise.

Thanks, Tom.

Wherever you go, there you are.

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This is a great tour with many beautiful areas to explore. My wife and I have traveled the whole length, though not in one trip. We now tend to concentrate mostly on the length between San Lois Obispo and Monterrey which many consider the most scenic part of the tour. There are high cliffs and narrow valleys with the southernmost native California Redwoods tucked back in them, wildlife including elephant seals, sea otters, migrating whales and a healthy population of reintroduced California Condors, and spectacular views everywhere.

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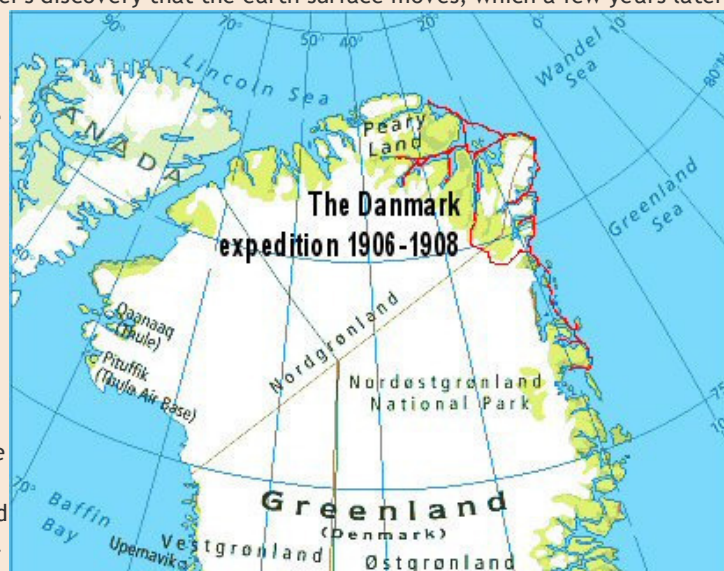
The Danmark (Denmark) ekspedition named after the expedition ship "Danmark" is a Danish led expedition to Northeast Greenland in the years 1906-1908. The purpose of the expedition is to explore and map the northernmost East Greenland. Since the 1700s, Greenland has been slowly mapped piece by piece, but the harsh climate of the northeast region has meant that no one had managed to get far north up the Greenland eastcoast. At least 1600 kilometers (1000 miles) of coastline are unknown yet waiting to be discovered and mapped from Kap Bismarck up to the northern region near Cape (Kap) Bridgman. The plan of the expedition is to sail with the expedition ship as far north as possible, establish a base and then travel by dogsled further north along the coast, mapping the geography.

The expedition leader Ludvig Mylius-Erichsen plan extensive studies and travel using dog sleds, and the result is a total of more than 6500 km (4039 mi) travel on dog sled, a record distance on Arctic expeditions. The 2 major single sledge journeys, Team 2 with Koch as leader, ends up being about 2000 km (1243 mi) long, and Team 1 with Mylius-Erichsen as leader, may have exceeded 1800 km (1118 mi).

On an expedition in 1900 the American Robert Peary claims that a east-west channel separate the enourmous mainland of Greenland from the northern-most north-east part, named Peary Land. One of 2 primary goals of the Danmark expedition is to investigate whether this is true or false. The second goal is to find Peary's cairn raised at Wyckhoff Land, the most eastern point reached on the Peary expedition.

Although the main objective for the expedition is to map the last unknown coastal areas of Greenland, very diverse research is being conducted and numerous scientific results being collected during the expedition, including the German scientist Alfred Wegener's discovery that the earth surface moves, which a few years later led to his theory of plate tectonics.

In June 1906 the expedition ship "Danmark" departs from Copenhagen. After crossing the North Atlantic sea for a month the expedition arrives to East Greenland in August 1906. The expedition base Danmarkshavn is being designated and established and during the autumn and winter multiple preparations is made to support the dogsled journey the following spring up north along the unexplored northern eastcoast. In March 1907 four Teams, 10 men, 10 sleds and approx. 80 dogs starts out of Danmarkshavn. In April 1907 the most eastern part of Greenland, Nordostrundningen is discovered. Team 3 and 4 has already headed back towards the base.



Shortly after passing Nordostrundningen the remaining 2 teams splits up; Team 1, Mylius-Erichsen, Niels Peter Høgh Hagen, Jørgen Brønlund, who will search and verify if the Peary channel exist, and Team 2, Johan Peter Koch, Aage Bertelsen, Tobias Gabrielsen, to identify the East Coast up to Peary's cairn. With very little or nothing to hunt all men and dogs are starving. In May 1907 Team 1 discovers an approx. 200 km. deep fjord, which they believe is Independence Fjord. When they realize their mistake they name it Danmark Fjord and turn back out of the fjord. Meanwhile, Team 2 has, after a tough and grueling dogsled journey across the sea ice, reached Peary Land, located Peary's cairn and traveled further as long as up to Cape Bridgman. On 28 May Sled Team 1 and 2 meets by an almost unbelievable coincidence in time, Team 1, on their way back out of Danmark fjord, and Team 2, on their way back from Cape Bridgman. This meeting place is named



Kap Rigsdagen. Both teams decide to hurry back to the base in Danmarkshavn (Denmark Harbour) 750 km to the south. But the next morning Mylius-Erichsen has changed his mind. He announces that he and his team will spend a few days exploring Independence Fjord and then return. Therefore the two teams separates again. Team 1 heads for Independence Fjord - Team 2 heads back to base. On 23 June sled Team 2 arrives back to Danmarkshavn. Meanwhile, Team 1 has mapped the Independence Fjord. A few days have become weeks and the Greenland summer makes it continually harder and harder to travel with dog sleds. After a hard and risky trip back out of Independence Fjord, they finally reach Danmark Fjord in August 1907, where they are forced to camp until frost again makes it possible to travel. Worn out footwear and lack of materials makes it difficult and painful to hunt game. In order to survive sled dogs, one after one, must act as a small but yet a meal. This is an extremely difficult decision, both because of the close relationship between dogs and sled driver, but also because the reduction in the dog team inevitably mean that it will be, if possible, even harder to get back to the base in Danmarkshavn. In September 1907 Team 1 breaks up from the summer camp and, and in October 1907, from the bottom of Danmark Fjord they fight their way for 4 days to climb the Greenland ice sheet with only five remaining dogs. For almost a month they fight their way across the ice sheet. In November 1907 they reach Nioghalvfjerdingsfjorden (79° Fjord). Without food and supplies and unable to reach a depot, first Niels Peter Høgh-Hagen dies, then Ludvig Mylius-Erichsen days later. Jørgen Brønlund succeeds in reaching the depot at Lambert Land and then to find a cave where he can stay. But he is too exhausted and is suffering from severe frostbite. He write his last diary-page and dies in late November 1907. In March 1908 a rescue team discovers the cave and Jørgen Brønlund's dead body. The bodies of Høgh-Hagen and Mylius-Erichsen is never found in spite of several searches. The Danmark expedition and the searches continues over the summer and in July 1908 the expedition ship "Denmark" departs from Greenland and Danmarkshavn and arrive in Copenhagen about a month later.

About "The Danmark expedition" collection and tour: All tracks/Paths are very much limited approximations to the actual routes both due to the vast areas covered, the lack of precise data and the amount of hundreds of sled rides beside the 2 major single sledge journeys mapping the northeast Greenland coastal areas. Take these as illustration of which main areas this great sled ride did occur. The locations pinpointed of the death of the Team 1 members are very much approximations, due to the fact that very little and only vague information is available. Add the fact that the bodies of 2 of the 3 members, in spite of numerous search expeditions spread over more than hundred years, has never been recovered, spotted or even just revealed any clear indications of the actual places. The main idea of this Google Earth tour/collection, beyond the basic intent of pinpointing, in a chronological sequence, the locations of this landmark sledge journey into the unknown areas visited, has been to present the expedition tour to a broader audience, in English. Most text and descriptions is self-authored, except of course quotations, all been translated manually, naturally primarily from Danish. Placemarks has been named and labeled in best possible respect to both Danish, Greenlandic, English/American and other discoverers of the areas pinpointed. In Danish a 'Ø' is a 'Island', 'Øer' is 'Islands', 'Ø' is generally pronounced as 'oe'. A 'Kap' is a 'Cape' and a 'Varde' is a 'Cairn'. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created April 2011.

The 28 members of the Danmark expedition. Ludvig Mylius-Erichsen - expedition leader, journalist and author. Alf Trolle - first lieutenant, captain and deputy commander of the expedition. Henning Bistrup - lieutenant and first mate. Gustav Thostrup - second mate, cartographer and experienced officer. Christian Bendix Thostrup - third officer, accountant and secretary. Ivar Weinschenk - first engineer, had sailed for the East Asiatic Company and Norden. Hermann A. Koefoed - second engineer. Johannes Lindhard - the expedition's doctor and former

doctor at Ivittuut. Hans Ludvig Jensen - chief steward and cook in the royal Greenlandic Trade. Jens Knudsen Gundahl - carpenter on board the ship. Knud Christiansen - sailor, had before sailed on Greenland, also sailmaker. Peter Hansen - sailor, participated in the 1898-1900 Amdrup expedition to East Greenland. Charles Poulsen - sailor, went to sea as a 15 year old, sailed on Greenland. Carl Johan Ring - Norwegian maritime ice pilot, sailed "Danmark" (when it was called "Magdalene") on trips to East Greenland. Harald Hagerup - A Norwegian electrical engineer with experience from other polar expeditions. Aage Bertelsen - painter, trained at art school Zahrtmann. Achton Friis - painter, The Danish Academy. Johan Peter Koch - Lieutenant, cartographer, experience from Iceland and Greenland. Niels Peter Høgh Hagen - lieutenant and cartographer. Frits Johansen - expedition zoologist, stud.mag. University of Copenhagen. Andreas Lundager - botanist, teacher, had worked in Greenland. A.L.V. Manniche - ornithologist, zoologist and hunter, teacher. Hakon Jarner - geologist and engineer from the Danish Polytechnic Institute. Alfred Wegener - German scientist in physics and meteorology. Peter Freuchen - Student. Hired as a stoker, assistant to Wegener. Jørgen Brønlund - Greenlandic sled driver, Kateket educated. Tobias Gabrielsen - Greenlandic sled builder and sled driver. Hendrik Olsen - Greenlandic hunter, sled driver and handyman.

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#### Re: The Danmark expedition [Re: TomKjeldsen]

#1417106 - 29/04/2011 10:54

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Very interesting, Tom! One name on the crew especially caught my eye, the artist [Achton Friis](#). From the Great Danish (encyclopedia) article:

Quote:

He has made pottery, porcelain for Bing & Grøndahl, portrait drawings by Danish folk types and also given concerts with Achton Friis-trio. 1906-08, he attended the Denmark Expedition to NE Greenland, which resulted in paintings such as Teufel Cape, Greenland (1908, Randers Kunstmuseum), and etchings as well as the popular reports on the journey, Denmark Expedition to Greenland's North East Coast (1909 and 2005 ), and other travel and natural descriptions.

Portraits. There are paintings of his online, but I preferred his beautiful drawings.



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Achton Friis (tv), Johannes Larsen (midt) og skipper Christian Andersen (th) om bord på »Rylen« i 1921, hvor indsamlingen af stof om de danske øer begyndte. (Friis is on the left)

More information at [ostfynsmuseer.dk](http://ostfynsmuseer.dk).



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The Jiaozhou Bay Bridge, the Qingdao Haiwan Bridge is the worlds longest brigde over water. It is 42,5 kilometres, 26.4 miles long and was opened on June 30, 2011.

The bridge connects the city of Qingdao in the east/south with Jiaozhou in north/west and the Huangdao in the south/west across the waters of the northern part of Jiaozhou Bay. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created june 2011.

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The brigde is part of the 1318 kilometres (819 miles) long Jinghu high speed railway also known as the Beijing-Shanghai high speed railway.

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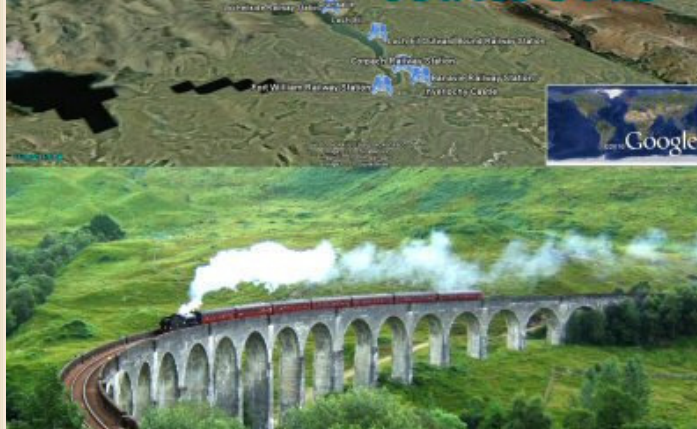
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The Jacobite Steam Train Railway Track, "The Railway to the Isles", is described as one of the great railway journeys of the world. This 41.3 miles (66,5 kilometers) long track takes you past a list of impressive sites. Starting in Fort William near the highest mountain in Britain, Ben Nevis, it visits Britain's most westerly mainland railway station, Arisaig; passes close by the deepest freshwater loch in Britain, Loch Morar and the shortest river in Britain, River Morar, finally arriving at Mallaig next to the deepest seawater loch in Europe, Loch Nevis.

The train crosses the 21-arched Glenfinnan viaduct, a location made famous when travelling with the Hogwarts Express in several Harry Potter films. The train stops on the route to Mallaig at the village of Glenfinnan which overlooks Loch Shiel and The Glenfinnan Monument, The Jacobite. Next stop is Arisaig. From here, on a clear summer's day, you can

see the "Small Isles" of Rum, Eigg, Muck, Canna and the southern tip of Skye. The train continues on from here passing Morar and the silvery beaches used in the films "Highlander" and "Local Hero".

Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created July 2011. Path of the track is available, one at ground level showing the railway direction, a second above level suitable for playing the path. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature and '3D buildings' layer enabled.

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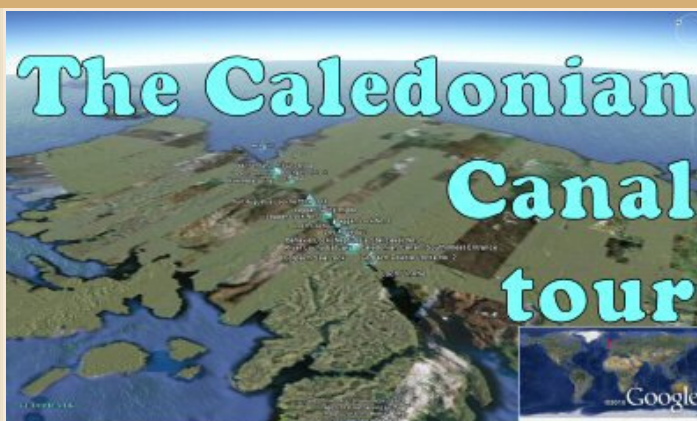
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The Caledonian Canal, connecting Inverness to Fort William in Scotland, is 59 miles (94 kilometres) long. 22 miles (35 kilometres) are man-made to connect the natural lochs, of Loch Lochy, Loch Oich, Loch Ness and Loch Dochfour. The canal was opened in 1822. It was constructed to help commercial shipping avoid the treacherous journey around the Scottish west coast.

The Canal follows the Great Glen (Glen Albyn) fault across northern Scotland from the Moray Firth and Inverness at the North Sea in the north east to Loch Linnhe and Fort William at the North Atlantic Ocean in the south west. There are 29 locks, four aqueducts and 10 bridges in the course of the canal.

The building of the canal was planned in 1803 by the canal engineers Thomas Telford and William Jessop. Expected to take seven years to complete, the canal finally opened in 1822, having taken an extra 12 years to complete due to several problems and the difficulties of

the construction of the locks, the largest ever built at the time. The Swedish Gota Canal is a sister canal of the Caledonian Canal also constructed by Thomas Telford from 1810-1832 using the most advanced expertise and equipment in the world at that time.

About the "Caledonian Canal-tour": Take a tour over this canal crossing the Scottish highland connecting the famous lakes, lochs. Also included are 2 paths following the entire canal, one at ground level showing the canal direction, a second above level suitable for playing the path. Recommended to be viewed as a 'Play tour' in Google Earth with terrain feature and '3D buildings' layer enabled. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created july 2011.

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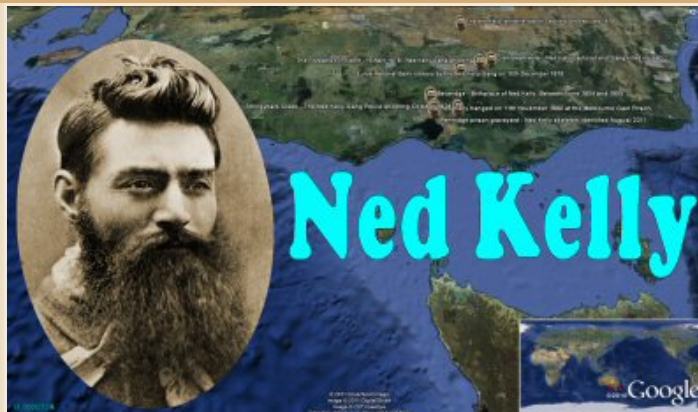
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Edward "Ned" Kelly, born between June 1854-55, hanged the 11th of November 1880, was an Irish Australian bushranger. He is considered by some to be a cold-blooded killer, by others to be a folk hero and symbol of Irish Australian resistance against oppression by the British ruling class and for his defiance of the colonial authorities in 19th century Australia.

A child of a Irish father and a Australian farmers daughter he was born between June 1854 and June 1855 in Beveridge. 14 year old

he was first arrested for assault, and at the age of 16 sentenced to three years imprisonment with hard labour for "feloniously receiving a horse". In 1878 Ned Kelly and his brother Dan went into hiding, where they later were joined by their friends Joe Byrne and Steve Hart and formed the Ned Kelly Gang.

On 25 October 1878 police officers set off to search for the Kellys and set up a camp at Stringybark Creek. A second police party set off from Greta near the Wangaratta end, with the intention of closing in on Ned in a pincer movement. At the end 3 of the 4 policemen were killed during gunfire, and as a response to these killings the Victorian parliament passed the Felons' Apprehension Act which outlawed the gang and made it possible for anyone to shoot them.

Following the killings at Stringybark, the gang committed two major robberies, at Euroa at 10 December 1878 and Jerilderie on Saturday 8 February 1879 which both involved the taking of hostages and robbing the bank safes.

Months prior to arriving in Jerilderie, and with help from Joe Byrne, Ned Kelly dictated a lengthy letter for publication describing his view of his activities and the treatment of his family and, more generally, the treatment of Irish Catholics by the police and the English and Irish Protestant squatters. The Jerilderie Letter, as it is called, is a document of 7,391 words and has become a famous piece of Australian literature.

The Kelly Gang arrived in Glenrowan on 27 June and took about 70 hostages at the Glenrowan Inn, wearing armour tough enough to repel bullets. The Kelly gang's attempt to derail the police train, they knew was coming, failed. Firearm shooting was started at dawn on Monday 28 June. The Kelly Gang members where shot and died in the hotel. At the end Ned Kelly was shot repeatedly in the legs and as he fell he was hit by a shotgun blast that injured his hip and right hand.

Ned Kelly survived to stand trial, and was sentenced to death. When the judge uttered the customary words "May God have mercy on your soul", Kelly replied "I will go a little further than that, and say I will see you there when I go". At Ned's request, his photographic portrait was taken and he was granted farewell interviews with family members. His mother's last words to Ned were reported to be "Mind you die like a Kelly". He was hanged on 11 November 1880 at the Melbourne Gaol.

In August 2011, scientists publically confirmed a skeleton exhumed from the old Pentridge Prison's graveyard was that of Ned Kelly, after comparing the DNA to that of Kelly's great grand nephew.

Tracks, Path are supplied to help to assist the chronology of the placemarks. Descriptions, stories and information on the individual placemarks are mainly excerpts from the great compelling and comprehensive article [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ned\\_Kelly](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ned_Kelly) on wikipedia. Tour creator: Tom Kjeldsen, created September 2011.

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