

1802

First design for cross-Channel Tunnel – to be lit by oil lamps for horse-drawn carts

1834

First rail tunnel proposal for steam trains

1880

An attempt of tunnel excavation – some of this tunnel still exists today

1987

Boring of the service tunnel starts in the UK

1994

6th May – Official opening by Queen Elizabeth II and French President François Mitterrand

1997

Samphire Hoe opens, a nature reserve created using the spoil from the tunnels

2000

Start of the Pet Travel Scheme for dogs, cats and ferrets

2006

100 million customers Eurotunnel Passenger

Since completion in 1994, the equivalent of six times the population of the UK has crossed through the Tunnel.

6x

If you put all the vehicles that have been through the line would be almost long enough to reach the

4G

mobile services are available in the Tunnel.

7x

Each shuttle is almost 800 metres long, that's the length of seven football pitches.

Cheetah

Snake

Giant Tortoise

4.9 million cubic metres

of chalk marl and shale were excavated during construction and used to create Samphire Hoe – a 30 hectare nature reserve located at the foot of the White Cliffs of Dover in Kent – and a hill at Le Fond Pignon in France which offers panoramic views over the coastal plain of the Calais region.

The earth that was dug out to create the Tunnel could fill Wembley Stadium

7 times

Since the year 2000, over 2 million

dogs and cats have travelled with Eurotunnel, representing 80% of all pets crossing the Channel.

In July 1994 more than 26 million trucks.

In France over 12 million m³ of earth was moved to construct the terminal – that's almost 5 times the volume of the Great Pyramid of Cheops, Egypt's largest pyramid.

Did you know? One of the largest pyramids is buried in the desert. It was too large so it turned into a sand dune.

The UK's longest (between tunnels) is a catwalk long enough to stand on top of a decker bus on

	2007	2009	2012	2014	2015	2017	2018
Month on r on el r Shuttle	The Tour de France teams travel through the Tunnel	50 million vehicles have crossed the Channel on Eurotunnel Shuttles since 1994	The Olympic Torch travelled through the Tunnel on its way to the Olympic Games in London	Eurotunnel celebrates 20 years of operating success	Order of new Truck Shuttles to enable Eurotunnel to transport 2 million trucks per year by 2020	Over 2 million cats and dogs have travelled on board the Shuttle since 2000	More than 80 million vehicles have travelled through the Tunnel since opening in 1994

the Tunnel bumper to bumper, moon and back from Earth.

That's over 477,710 miles

8,500 years ago

People were walking between what is now the UK and Continental Europe

26% of goods traded between the UK and Continental Europe go through the Channel Tunnel, which represents a value of **€138bn** per year

The original shaft in Coquelles, Calais had an internal diameter of **55 metres and a depth of 68 metres.**

It was large enough to contain the Arc de Triomphe.

11 boring machines were used to make the Tunnel. In total they weighed 12,000 tonnes – **that's even more than the Eiffel Tower weighs.**

The idea of a fixed link between Britain and European mainland was first seriously considered in Napoleonic times, and there were many designs drawn up, and attempts made, between then and the opening of the Tunnel in 1994.

The most expensive car to travel on the Shuttle was a LaFerrari, worth

£5.7m

£12bn

of fresh fruit and vegetables are carried every year by

The passenger service Eurostar is one of Eurotunnel's biggest customers. **185 million** Eurostar passengers have travelled through the Tunnel

You know
boring machines under the sea.
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top of each other.

Since the opening of the Truck Shuttle service, Over **380,000,000 tonnes** of freight have been transported via the Tunnel, on board truck shuttles and on rail freight trains, since it opened.

The excavated earth from the Tunnel is mainly from the Cretaceous Period. Dinosaurs were wandering across what was then land, when the chalk marl was deposited.

37.9km (25 miles) The longest undersea tunnel in the world.

The service tunnel has two rail tunnels – it's also used for maintenance work. Chris Froome has cycled through it, and it's been used for filming the series "The Tunnel".

80 million vehicles have boarded the Shuttle since it opened (c)



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Statue of Greek titan-God of the sun, Helios, stood at over 30m tall. 280-226 BC – **Colossus of Rhodes**

Tallest man-made structure in the world for almost 4,000 years – **Great Pyramid of Giza**

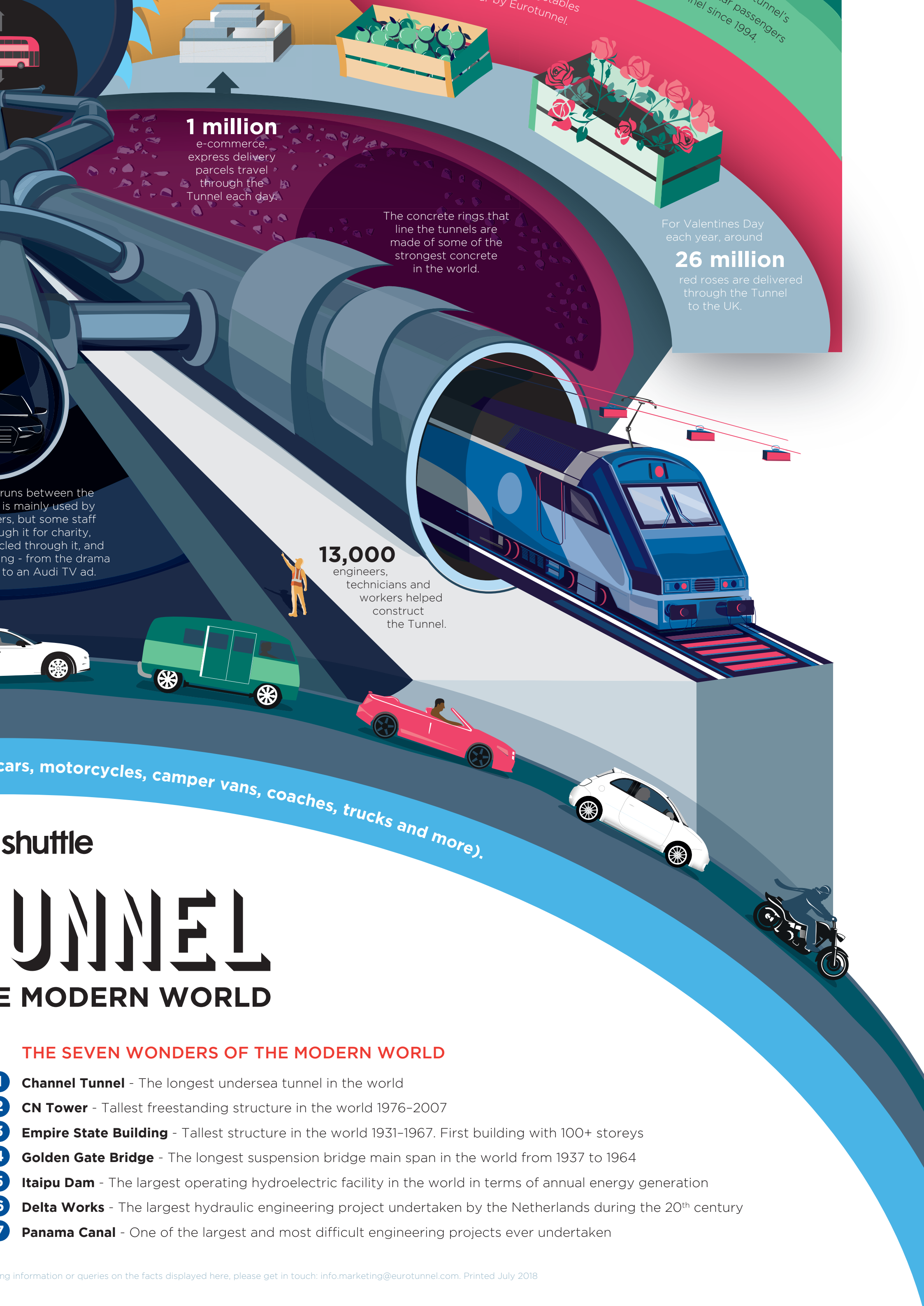
Tiered structure housing spectacular gardens on every level 600 BC – 1 AD – **Hanging Gardens of Babylon**

Third-tallest human-made structure, stood over 100m tall. Built between 280-247 BC – **Lighthouse of Alexandria**

Tomb built between 353-350 BC stood at 45m in height – **Mausoleum at Halicarnassus**

A gold and ivory statue of Zeus, 13m tall and built in 435 BC – **Statue of Zeus at Olympia**

Greek temple dedicated to an ancient, local form of goddess 550 BC – 401 AD – **Temple of Artemis**



1 million

e-commerce,
express delivery
parcels travel
through the
Tunnel each day.

The concrete rings that
line the tunnels are
made of some of the
strongest concrete
in the world.

For Valentines Day
each year, around

26 million

red roses are delivered
through the Tunnel
to the UK.

13,000

engineers,
technicians and
workers helped
construct
the Tunnel.

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to an Audi TV ad.

cars, motorcycles, camper vans, coaches, trucks and more).

shuttle

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THE MODERN WORLD

THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE MODERN WORLD

- Channel Tunnel** - The longest undersea tunnel in the world
- CN Tower** - Tallest freestanding structure in the world 1976-2007
- Empire State Building** - Tallest structure in the world 1931-1967. First building with 100+ storeys
- Golden Gate Bridge** - The longest suspension bridge main span in the world from 1937 to 1964
- Itaipu Dam** - The largest operating hydroelectric facility in the world in terms of annual energy generation
- Delta Works** - The largest hydraulic engineering project undertaken by the Netherlands during the 20th century
- Panama Canal** - One of the largest and most difficult engineering projects ever undertaken