

The Taj Mahal is located in Agra India. This mausoleum was constructed in memory of the India's emperor Shah Jahan's wife. Mumtaz Mahal, asked Shah to build an enormous mausoleum that this world has never seen. Mumtaz past away giving birth to her fourteenth child, after she passed away Shah was very sorrow and shocked from this incident, so he started the construction in 1632, one year after her death. It was complete



in 1648. The architecture is Mughal, or Muslim based, and is considered to be the jewel of Muslim art. It changes color depending the time of day due to the fine marble used. There are significant buildings, such as the garden, mosque, the great gate, and other mausoleums dedicated for other wives. There are myths that Emperor Shah Jahan would cut off the hands of the artist who designed this magnificent building, so no other can construct anything near his mausoleum. In india's culture they believed that both man and women

should change their names when getting married. Shah's real name is Shahab-ud-din Khurram, and Mumtaz's real name is Arjumand Banu. Another myth is Shah was planning to design a black version of the Taj Mahal directly across from his tomb, and a bridge would connect the two. It is also considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The center of the dome is 213 feet wide, It uses the principles of geometry and a symmetry of architectural elements.

The Taj Mahal by Emperor Shah Jahan



The garden is Islamic Style of architecture it symbolizes the spirituality and harmony. According to the holy Koran, a garden is a symbolic of paradise. When someone leaves the entrance gateway, you can view an extensive garden in front of you going all the way up to the Taj Mahal. The Taj Garden covers most part of the Taj area. Out of a total area of 580 m by 300 m, the Taj Garden by itself covers 300 m by 300 m.

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