

Forth Bridge is Scotland's greatest man-made wonder



The Forth Bridge in South Queensferry at sunset

Research carried out by VisitScotland has decided that the 126 year old Forth Bridge is Scotland's wonder in the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design 2016.

The bridge which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site beat our other wonders such as Edinburgh Castle, the Glenfinnan Viaduct, Stirling Castle, the Falkirk Wheel, the Caledonian Canal and the Scott Monument.

Almost two thirds of people in Britain have made a journey to see an architectural wonder or famous building. This figure does not just relate to older people, it also includes those in the 16-24 year old age bracket. The most popular building which people go to visit is Edinburgh Castle.

VisitScotland have been promoting the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design since January with events at St Peter's Seminary and Ignite Dundee among those in the packed schedule.

Next year from 1 January 2017 the theme will be a Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

Malcolm Roughead, Chief Executive of VisitScotland said:

"It is no surprise that our awe-inspiring Forth Bridge has taken the top spot in this research and it is wonderful to see that new man-made wonders like The Kelpies are already proving a hit with visitors. 2016 has shone a significant spotlight on Scotland's achievements in innovation, architecture and

design through a wide-range of activity designed to boost tourism in Scotland. I hope many people continue to make architectural pilgrimages to Scotland throughout the rest of this year and beyond to discover some of our truly remarkable sights."

The full list of Scotland's greatest man-made wonders, as voted for by the British public:

1.	Forth Bridge (30%)
2.	Edinburgh Castle (13%)
3.	The Kelpies (8%)
4.	Glenfinnan Viaduct (7%)
5.	Stirling Castle (5%)
6.	Falkirk Wheel (5%)
7.	Caledonian Canal (5%)
8.	Scott Monument (4%)
9.	Bell Rock Lighthouse (4%)
10.	Melrose Abbey (3%)