

THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA (ВЕЛИКА КИТАЙСЬКА СТІНА)

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У доповіді йде мова про Велику китайську стіну, яка входить до світової спадщини ЮНЕСКО.

About 2,400 years ago, there were many small countries in China. There were often wars. People didn't want enemies in their country, so they built big walls to keep them out. For more than 2,000 years, people built walls, destroyed walls, and built new walls.

The Great Wall of China is really many walls. It is the collective name of a series of fortification systems generally built across the historical northern borders of China to protect and consolidate territories of Chinese states and empires against various nomadic groups of the steppe and their polities. Together they are about 7,000 kilometers long. The walls are about 7 meters high. There are also many taller towers. Construction of the Great Wall of China was begun by Emperor Qin Shi Huang after the unification of China (221 BC. E.).

People also used the wall as a road. Among the abundance of information about the main Chinese attraction, the myth that the Chinese Wall is visible even from the Moon is quite popular. In fact, this myth has long been dispelled. No astronaut was able to clearly view this wall from either the orbital station or the night satellite of the earth.

In 1754, there was the first mention that the Great Wall of China was so large that its only one was visible from the Moon. But the cosmonautics never managed to consider this structure of stones and ground in the pictures. In 2001, Neil Armstrong also denied rumors that the Wall of China could be seen from Earth's orbit. He stated that none of the other cosmonautics could clearly see the structure on Chinese territory. So, the issue has staed controversial till this day.

Apart from disputes about the visibility of the wall from orbit, there are many rumors and legends around this landmark. The terrible legend that the construction solution was kneaded from shredded human bones has also not been confirmed. Rice flour was the basis for the solution.