

The Colosseum



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Facts

Fact 1

The Colosseum is an oval shaped Roman Amphitheatre in Rome, Italy. It's sometimes known as the Flavian Amphitheatre because it was built during the Flavian dynasty. The Flavian dynasty, or family, ruled the Roman Emperor between 69 AD and 96AD.

Fact 2

The construction of the Colosseum lasted 9 years.

Fact 3

It is the largest Amphitheatre in the world and made of stone and concrete.

Fact 4

Construction was started by Emperor Vespasian in 72AD and was finished in 81AD by Titus.

Fact 5

The Colosseum was used as a games arena for gladiator contests, executions, mock battles and animal hunts.

Fact 6

Gladiators were armed warriors, usually slaves, who entertained Roman audiences by fighting in the arena.

Fact 7

The Colosseum could hold between 50,000 and 80,000 spectators. It had a box seats for wealthy and powerful people, just like today's stadiums.