





# WTC before 11.09.2001



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The original World Trade Center was a complex of 7 buildings situated in NYC's Financial District

WTC was opened on 4th April 1973

On a typical weekday 50,000 people worked in the two main towers and another 200 000 visited it.

# The Twin Towers

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The main buildings of the original WTC were:

- One WTC- The North Tower (417 m)
- Two WTC - The South Tower (415 m)

known as the Twin Towers

When the "Twin Towers" were built they became the tallest buildings in the world but not for long - the Sears Tower (450 m) opened in May 1973



The other buildings in the complex were:  
Marriott World Trade Center (3 WTC), 4  
WTC, 5 WTC, 6 WTC, and 7 WTC.

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All these  
buildings were  
built between  
1975 and 1985  
and cost 400  
million \$.



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## Major events

**13.02.1975**

A fire alarm broke out on the 11th floor of the North Tower. The fire spread to the 9th and 14th floors it was put out in few hours. Nobody died.

**26.02.1993**

It was the 1st terrorist attack. A truck filled with explosives detonated in the underground garage of 1 WTC. The terrorists hoped that the North Tower will collapse over to the South Tower, and kill thousands of people. The tower complex withstood but despite this 6 civilians died and almost 1000 people were injured.

**14.01.1998**

Mafia member arranged a three-man crew for a heist. They stole over \$2 million



# World Trade Center

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11 September 2001 attacks

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Islamist terrorists hijacked 4 American passenger jets. Two of them were flown into the WTC.  
One plane hit the Pentagon in Virginia and the 4th plane never reached its target - it crashed in Pennsylvania. It is believed that the passengers and crew took control of the plane.

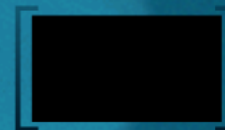
The first plane crashed into 1 WTC. The damage caused to the North Tower destroyed any means of escape from above the impact zone, trapping 1,344 people.

8:46:40 a.m.



The second aircraft crashed into 2 WTC. The South Tower was struck lower than the North Tower - affecting more floors but despite that, a smaller number of people were killed or trapped - fewer than 700.

9:03:11 a.m.



2,772 deaths (including the 19 hijackers) were related to the 9/11 attacks in New York. It was the worst loss of life due to a terrorist attack in US.

5:21 p.m.

7 WTC collapsed due to the damage it suffered when the Twin Towers collapsed. The other buildings in the complex were severely damaged and their ruins were eventually demolished.

After 11/9 plans were created for the reconstruction of the WTC. The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation organized competitions to select a design for new WTC building.

Skidmore, OWINGS & Merrill LLP, designed by Daniel Libeskind, was selected as the master plan. The first new building at the site was 7 WTC, which opened in May 2006.

## Ground zero

The term "Ground zero" marks the point on earth directly below the nuclear detonation zone or the place where earthquakes, epidemics and other disasters occurred.



After 11/9 the term "Ground zero" has become generally understood to mean the WTC site, even after constructing the new 1 WTC and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.



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