Since completion in 1994, the equivalent of six times the population of the UK has crossed through the Tunnel.

If you put all the vehicles that have been through the Tunnel in line, the line would be almost long enough to reach the Snake Giant Tortoise.

We work with specialist transporters to relocate all sorts of animals as part of conservation and breeding programmes. These have included: giant tortoise, cheetahs, snakes, penguins, eagles, tigers, sharks, dogs, cats, and ferrets.

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Each shuttle is almost 800 metres long, that’s the length of seven football pitches.

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Since the year 2000, over 2 million dogs and cats have travelled with Eurotunnel, representing 80% of all pets crossing the Channel.

In France over 10 million m³ of earth was moved to construct the terminal that almost matches the volume of the Great Pyramid of Cheops, Egypt’s largest pyramid.

Did you know? One of the boring machines is buried under the sea. It was too big to back out, so it turned left and got concreted in!
People were walking between what is now the UK and Continental Europe 8,500 years ago.

26% of goods traded between the UK and Continental Europe go through the Channel Tunnel, which represents a value of €138bn per year.

The original shaft in Coquelles, Calais had an internal diameter of 55 metres and a depth of 68 metres. It was large enough to contain the Arc de Triomphe.

11 boring machines were used to make the Tunnel. In total they weighed 12,000 tonnes – that's even more than the Eiffel Tower weighs.

The passenger service Eurostar is one of Eurotunnel’s biggest customers. 185 million Eurostar passengers have travelled through the Tunnel since opening in 1994.

Over 2 million cats and dogs have travelled on board the Shuttle since 2000.

More than 80 million vehicles have travelled through the Tunnel since opening in 1994.

The Olympic Torch travelled through the Tunnel on its way to the Olympic Games in London.

Order of new Truck Shuttles to enable Eurotunnel to transport 2 million trucks per year by 2020.

Eurotunnel celebrates 20 years of operating success.

50 million vehicles have crossed the Channel on Eurotunnel Shuttles since 1994.

The Tour de France teams travel through the Tunnel.

You know... boring machines under the sea. Too big to back out, turned left and got concreted in!

The most expensive car to travel on the Shuttle was a LaFerrari, worth £5.7m.

£12bn of fresh fruit and vegetables are carried every year by Eurotunnel.

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The excavated earth from the Tunnel is mainly from the Cretaceous Period. Dinosaurs were wandering across what was then land, when the chalk marl was deposited.

37.9km (25 miles) The longest undersea tunnel in the world.

380,000,000 tonnes of freight have been transported via the Tunnel on board truck shuttles and on rail freight trains, since it opened.

Since the opening of the Truck Shuttle service in 1990, Eurotunnel has carried over 80 million vehicles, including over 380 million tonnes of freight, via the Tunnel, on board truck shuttles and on rail freight trains, since it opened.

80 million vehicles have boarded the Shuttle since it opened (c 1994).

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Statue of Greek titan-God of the sun, Helios, stood at over 30m tall. 280-226 BC – Colossus of Rhodes
Tallest man-made structure in the world for almost 4,000 years – Great Pyramid of Giza
Tiered structure housing spectacular gardens on every level 600 BC – 1 AD – Hanging Gardens of Babylon
Third-tallest human-made structure, stood over 100m tall. Built between 280-247 BC – Lighthouse of Alexandria
Tomb built between 353-350 BC stood at 45m in height – Mausoleum at Halicarnassus
A gold and ivory statue of Zeus, 13m tall and built in 435 BC – Statue of Zeus at Olympia
Greek temple dedicated to an ancient, local form of goddess 550 BC – 401 AD – Temple of Artemis

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The concrete rings that line the tunnels are made of some of the strongest concrete in the world.

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1 million e-commerce, express delivery parcels travel through the Tunnel each day.

For Valentine’s Day each year, around 26 million red roses are delivered through the Tunnel to the UK.

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1. Channel Tunnel - The longest undersea tunnel in the world
2. CN Tower - Tallest freestanding structure in the world 1976–2007
3. Empire State Building - Tallest structure in the world 1931–1967. First building with 100+ storeys
4. Golden Gate Bridge - The longest suspension bridge main span in the world from 1937 to 1964
5. Itaipu Dam - The largest operating hydroelectric facility in the world in terms of annual energy generation
6. Delta Works - The largest hydraulic engineering project undertaken by the Netherlands during the 20th century
7. Panama Canal - One of the largest and most difficult engineering projects ever undertaken