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## Germany's Great Pyramid Immortalizes Us All

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Ein Grab für alle Menschen ~ A Tomb for All People.

Dessau-Rosslau Germany is headlining a remarkable project that pays homage to antiquity's ancient pastime of monument building. Reinvigorated by strong economic growth, Germany has aggressive plans in place to further fuel the development of the once defunct area that was eastern Germany. The preliminary plans as outlined on the [project's official website](#) are to construct the largest structure in the world. The new pyramid will serve as a living monument to people of any race or religion.

"The Great Pyramid can potentially be any human being's grave or memorial site. As monumental as it is affordable, it serves those of all nationalities and religions. Individuals who are either unwilling or unable to have their ashes buried there can also opt to have a memorial stone placed instead. Stones can be custom designed with any number of colors, images, or relief decorations. The Great Pyramid will continue to grow with every stone placed, eventually forming the largest structure in the history of man."

To put into perspective the sheer scope of this project, the [Great Pyramid at Giza](#) is 268 meters (879.27 feet) high. Built over 2,000 years before the birth of Christ, it reigned as the largest building in history until it was eclipsed by the [Eiffel Tower](#) in the late 19th Century. The Pyramid Project at Dessau, will dwarf both structures as it will be capped at a whopping 578 meters (1,896.33 feet)! Mind you, the height of the [Empire State Building](#), lightning rod included, is 1454 feet.

This project is as remarkable as it is ambitious. Drumming up the necessary finances will be no small feat. Germany is banking on the epic monument being a powerful breeding ground for tourism and job creation.

"Millions of visitors will travel to the site every year to look at their potential tomb or participate in obsequies. Churches and spiritual congregations from around the world will settle there, offering a view of the pyramid. The employment effects within the labor-intensive services sector will be enormous."

On [Pyramid's website](#) they are currently taking reservations for your chance at immortality. The site indicates there is no commitment, and that the reservation is free of charge. They are using this as a litmus test for demand before they dive headlong into this project.

Currently the project has opened up an [architectural contest](#) in a battle for the ultimate design. Urban planning will serve as the focus of the contest. According to the site, contest submissions were due prior to the mid November deadline.

"We are happy to finally and officially announce the Architectural Competition, that will

help shape first ideas of how the area around the Great Pyramid will be developed. Some have rightly noted that a pyramid as we plan it would not need much architectural design and asked why then a competition. So yes: It's about urban and spatial planning aspects, not essentially about the Great Pyramid-structure."

Overall, specific details regarding the project's timeline are sparse. However, reports indicate the launch of [stage II](#) of the project will begin in the Spring of 2008. Exact details of stage II remain unknown. Nevertheless, administrators are planning a Great Pyramid Gala in Berlin on March 5, 2008. Tickets are due to go on sale in January, and I anticipate more details will become available as the event draws near.

On a personal level, the very notion of this project excites me greatly. Ancient history is my passion, and a big part of antiquity's legacy revolves around monument building. It is the single greatest indicator of an civilization's success and staying power. After all, monuments were never constructed during times of strife and hardship. Historians are fully aware that only during periods of economic and political stability, when time and resources (man power and gold) were readily available, could nation's engage in projects of such magnitude. For great leaders, monuments are a living history book meant to announce and share their success.

Many of the most prominent leaders of our past - from Ramses the Great, to Emperor Hadrian - understood the message monuments offer to posterity. A principle reason we recognize and understand the greatness of Egypt, Greece, and Rome is because of the monuments they left behind. If our world was initially lacking these obvious artifacts, it is debatable as to whether historians would have bothered to even take a look at ancient civilizations. What a shame that would have been considering the invaluable lessons we have gleaned from our Western Ancestors.

For this reason, I truly love the architecture and patron monuments that we have in our own Nation's Capital. George Washington personally oversaw the original design and layout of the Capital City. He intuitively understood the importance of passing on our legacy to posterity. Knowing, future generations would understand the greatness and the power of this country. Fortunately, other Presidents have maintained this precedent by periodically adding to the historical landscape of Washington D.C. with new monuments honoring other gifted leaders, and our brave soldiers.

The Great Pyramid in Germany is taking this same approach. Its' principle goal is to pass on a legacy of togetherness for the future global community to reflect upon. Providing a deep well of inspiration just as the Great Pyramid at Giza has done time and time again. What excites me most about the pyramid is that is open to all people. In every essence it is a true global project, open to anyone. I have often wondered what I want to happen with my body after I die (morbid, I know). The one thing I am fairly sure of is not having it simply buried in the ground, and sadly funeral pyres are no longer legal. So, I am more then curious about the option to have my cremated remains placed in such an extraordinary piece of history. After all, how can I miss this chance to live forever.



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1. [Jason Morgan](#) on November 21st, 2007 1:54 pm

This is a fabulous idea. I have been wanting a civilization to tackle building a monument on the grand scale that used to be seen in ancient times and this fits the bill perfectly.

My only criticism would be, "Couldn't Germany be original and think of a unique idea rather than stealing from the ancient Egyptians?"

2. [Greg Molyneux](#) on November 21st, 2007 1:59 pm

I think because they want to build something so large, they need a simple and perfected design. Plus it is a tribute to the Egyptians for having done it right the first time.

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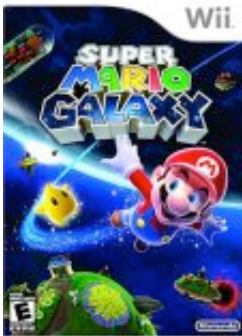
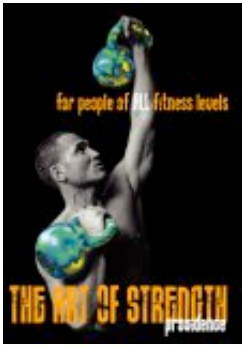
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