

Additional information about the Cologne Cathedral Located in Cologne, Germany & Gothic Architecture

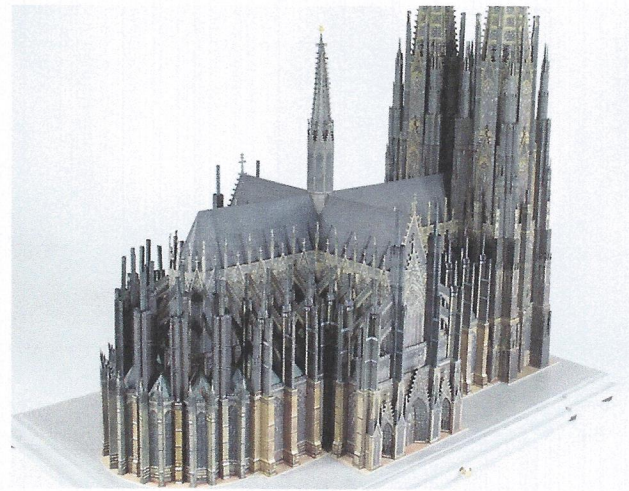


- It is one of the world's largest cathedrals
- It is an old Roman Catholic Church
- Construction started in 1248 and took 632 years to complete
- It is the tallest Gothic building in the world
- This cathedral has 11 bells
- It has the largest functioning free-swinging bell in the world weighing 24 tons
- This bell is called the St. Peters Bell
- It has the largest façade in the world
- The interior is equivalent to 600 houses lined up together
- The towers, pillars, and decorations all point up toward the sky as is believed to be a symbol to reach up to heaven
- A typical feature of Gothic Architecture is if you look from a bird's eye view from the sky, the Cathedral forms the sign of the cross
- In World War II, the city was bombed over 70 times and the entire city was in ruins, but the cathedral survived the bombings and remained standing
- During the bombing, the windows were blown out and replaced with plain glass
- In 2007, the plain glass windows were replaced with stained glass.
- This stained glass had 11,500 identically sized pieces of colored glass resembling pixels
- Stained glass windows were a typical characteristic of cathedrals.
- The glass pieces formed a picture that told a Bible story. This was helpful during the times when most people could not read
- It is believed the Three Wise Men are buried here in the Shrine of the Three Wise Men
- The Shrine was opened in 1864 and bones and garments were found inside
- The size of the cathedral is massive
 - It is 474 feet long
 - It is 284 feet wide
 - It is 515 feet tall
- There is constant repair needed since wind, rain and pollution slowly eat away at the stones.
- The Cologne Cathedral is the most visited landmark in Germany.

Cologne Cathedral Photos



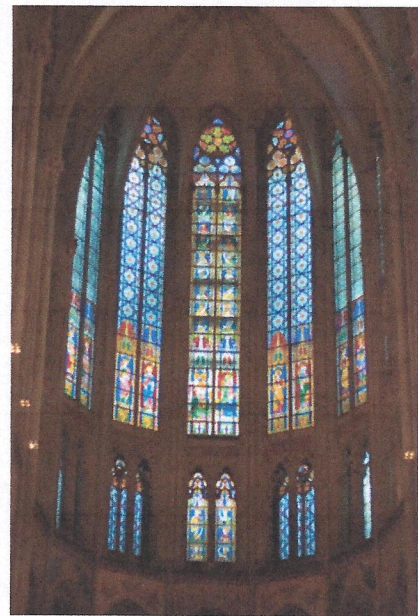
Exterior Facade



Exterior - Cross Plan



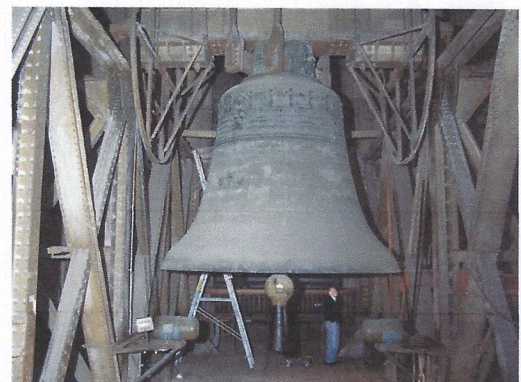
Inside Photos



Stained Glass Windows



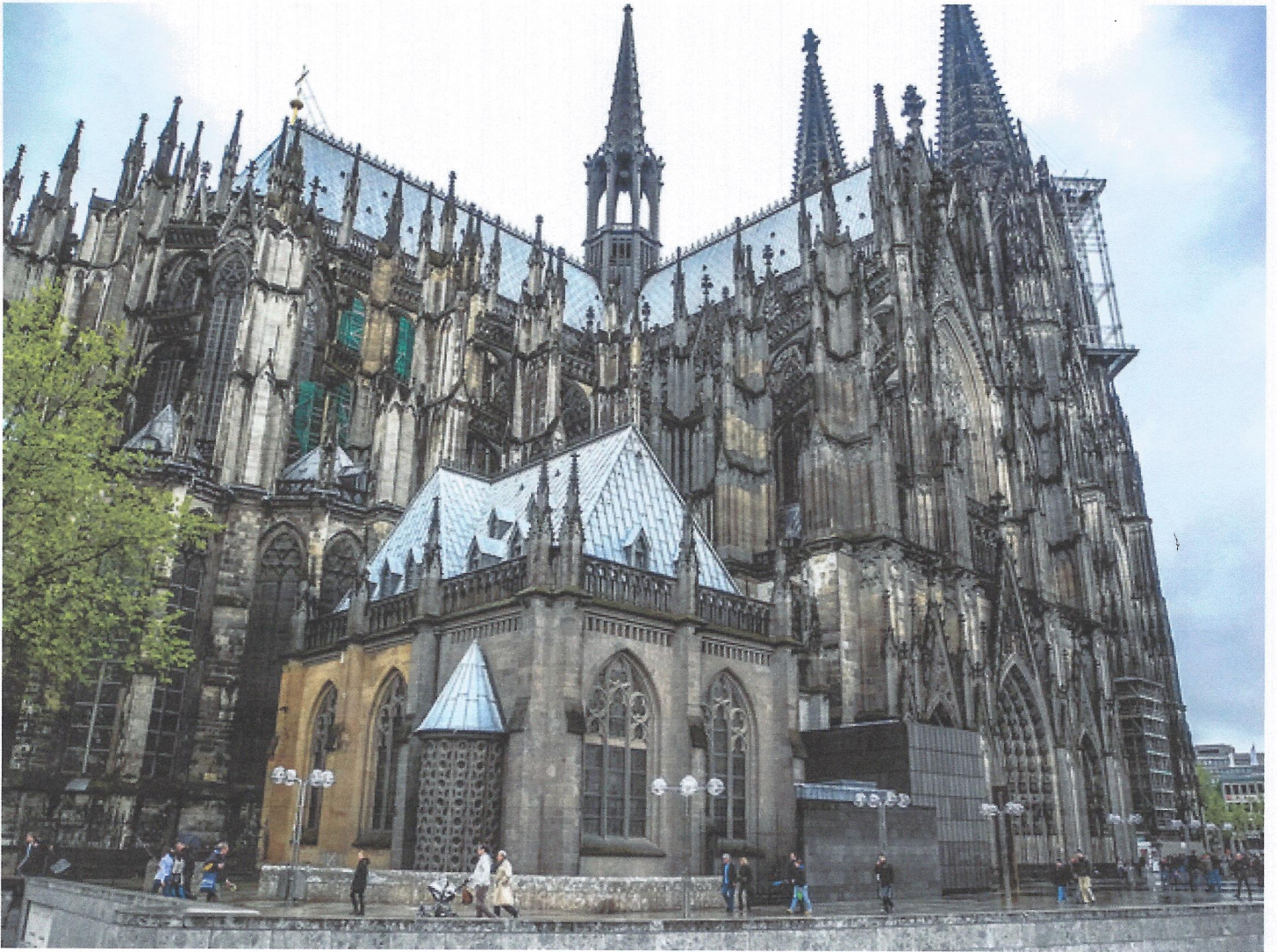
*Believed to be the Shrine
of the Three Wise Men*



*Largest Swinging Church Bell
Weights over 24 tons*

Today your child participated in another Art Appreciation lesson!

The Cologne Cathedral in Germany Featuring Gothic Architecture



Some fun and amazing facts about The Cologne Cathedral in Germany are:

- It is one of the world's largest cathedrals
- It took over 600 years to build
- It is the tallest Gothic Architecture in the world
- It has the largest church façade in the world
- The inside is larger than 600 houses put together
- It has the largest free swinging church bell in the world & it weighs over 24 tons

After the art lesson, each student had the opportunity to create his or her own stained glass window. We had so much fun and a great discussion about the Cologne Cathedral & Gothic Architecture. We hoped they enjoyed this art appreciation lesson!