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Selfies have become a new way of communicating, documenting and expressing individual responses to the world around them. It is commonly expected that one will document any interesting setting with a photograph that one has taken (or has others take) of oneself using that interesting person or place as a digital background.

Find any famous building in the world and you are almost certain to find a crowd taking selfies in front of it. A good example of this is one of the most famous hotels in the world, the Emirates Palace in the UAE.

The Emirates Palace is a luxury hotel in the UAE that was opened in February 2005. It consists of 394 residences, including 92 suites and 22 residential suites, spread over two wings as well as a primary central building. The majority of the suites are furnished in gold and marble. The main primary building houses an expansive marble floor and a large patterned dome. The hotel cost some \$3 billion to construct, making it one of the most expensive hotels ever built.

The gardens of the Emirates Palace have water fountains with an alluring view over the city and the waterside. It has become a favorite selfie spot for tourists. This series was taken in the spring of 2008, on a crowded Saturday afternoon, when Emirates Palace was deluged by tourists posing for selfies.









































