

# World's Fairs

## Third Edition

This is a chronological list of exhibitions and fairs held throughout the world that gained international attention. A few regional fairs are included if they were significant to the author or for showcasing emerging technology. This list is a compilation from various sources, trying to respect the capitalization traditions from the countries of origin. When controversy arises about the date or name of a fair (should the 1849 fair held in Birmingham, United Kingdom be referred to as “Exhibition of Industrial Arts and Manufacturers” or “Exposition of British Society”) a choice has been made so the checklist remains an index of fairs.

- Brown text indicates that the fair occurred before the Bureau international des expositions (BIE) on November 22, 1928 or was not sanctioned by them.
- Purple text also shows the fair was not sanctioned, but indicates there is a link to additional information researched by the author.
- Black text indicates a BIE sanctioned fair.
- Blue text indicates a link to additional information about a sanctioned fair.

1790's

1791 Prague, Bohemia; First Industrial Exhibition

1798 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française

1800's

1801 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Second Exposition)

1802 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Third Exposition)

1806 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Fourth Exposition)

1810's

1819 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Fifth Exposition)

1820's

1822 Berlin Industrial Exposition Trade Fair

1823 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Sixth Exposition)

1827 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Seventh Exposition)

1829 New York City, United States; American Institute Fair

1829 Turin, Piedmont-Sardina; Prima triennale pubblica esposizione

1830's

1832 Turin, Piedmont-Sardina; Seconda triennale pubblica esposizione

1833 Calcutta, India; Calcutta International Exhibition

1834 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Eighth Exposition)

1838 Turin, Piedmont-Sardina; Pubblica esposizione dell'anno

1839 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Ninth Exposition)

1840's

1844 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Tenth Exposition)

1844 Turin, Piedmont-Sardina; Quarto esposizione d'Industria et di belle

1846 Genoa, Piedmont-Sardina; Esposizione dei prodotti e delle manufatture nazionall

1849 Birmingham, United Kingdom; Exhibition of Industrial Arts and Manufacturers

1849 United Kingdom; First Exhibition of British Manufacturers

1849 Paris, France; Exposition Nationale Des Produits de l'Industrie Agricole Et Manufacturière

1850's

1850 Turin, Piedmont-Sardina Quinta esposizione d'Industria et di belle

1851 London, United Kingdom; The Great Exhibition of the Works of Industry of All Nations

1852 Cork, United Kingdom; Irish Industrial Exhibition

1853 Naples, Two Sicilies; Solenne pubblica esposizione di arti e manufatture

**1853 New York, United States; Exhibition of the Industry of All Nations**

1853 Dublin, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; Great Industrial Exhibition

1854 Genoa, Piedmont-Sardinia; Esposizione industriale

1854 Munich, Bavaria; Allgemeine deutsche Industrie-Ausstellung.

1854 Melbourne, Victoria; Melbourne Exhibition 1854

**1855 Paris, France; Exposition Universelle des produits de l'agriculture, de l'industrie et des beaux-arts de Paris 1855**

1857 Manchester, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; Art Treasures at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Stretford

1858 Turin, Sardinia; Sesta esposizione nazionale di prodotti d'industria

1860's

1861 Metz, France; Exposition Universelle

1862 London, United Kingdom; London International Exhibition of Industry and Art

1865 Dublin, United Kingdom; International Exhibition

**1867 Paris, France; Exposition Universelle**

1870's

1870 Sydney, New South Wales; Intercolonial Exhibition

1871 London, United Kingdom; First Annual International Exhibition

1872 London, United Kingdom; Second Annual International Exhibition

1872 Lima, Peru; Exposición internacional de 1872

1872 Lyon, France; Exposition universelle et Internationale

1872 Kyoto, Nippon; Exhibition of Arts and Manufactures

1873 London, United Kingdom; Third Annual International Exhibition

1873 Vienna, Austria-Hungary; Weltausstellung 1873 Wien

1873 Sydney, New South Wales; Metropolitan Intercolonial Exhibition

1874 London, United Kingdom; Fourth Annual International Exhibition

1874 Dublin, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; International Exhibition of Arts and Manufacturers

1875 Melbourne, Victoria; Victorian Intercolonial Exhibition

1875 Nizhni Novgorod, Russia; Nizhni Novgorod Fair

1875 Sydney, New South Wales; Intercolonial Exhibition

1875 Santiago, Chile; Exposición internacional de Chile

1876 Philadelphia, United States; Centennial International Exhibition

1876 Brisbane, Queensland; Intercolonial Exhibition

**1877 Cape Town, Cape Colony; South African International Exhibition**

1877 Tokyo, Nippon; First National Industrial Exhibition

**1878 Paris, France; Exposition Universelle**

1878 Ballarat, Victoria; Australian Juvenile Industrial Exhibition

1879 Sydney, New South Wales; Sydney International Exhibition

1879 Berlin, Germany; Berlin Industrial Exposition

1879 Melbourne, Victoria; Intercolonial Juvenile Industrial Exhibition

1880's

1880 Melbourne, Victoria; Melbourne International Exposition

1881 Melbourne, Victoria; Melbourne International Exposition

1881 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States; Milwaukee Industrial Exposition

**1881 Paris, France; International Exposition of Electricity**

**1881 Atlanta, Georgia, United States; International Cotton Exposition**

1881 Budapest, Austria-Hungary; Országos Noipara Kiállítás

1882 Bordeaux, France; Exposition Internationale des vins

1882 Buenos Aires, Argentina; Exposición continental Sud-Americana

1883 Boston, Massachusetts, United States; The American Exposition of the Products, Arts and Manufacturers of Foreign Nations

1883 Amsterdam, Netherlands; Internationale Koloniale en Uitvoerhandel Tentoonstelling (International Colonial and Export Exhibition)

1883 Calcutta, India; Calcutta International Exhibition

1883 South Kensington, United Kingdom; International Fisheries Exhibition

1883 Parramatta, New South Wales; Inter-colonial Juvenile Industrial Exhibition

1883 Louisville, Kentucky, United States; Southern Exhibition

1884 New Orleans, Louisiana, United States; World Cotton Centennial

1884 Melbourne, Australia; Victorian International Exhibition 1884 of Wine, Fruit, Grain and other products of the soil of Australasia with machinery, plant and tools employed

1884 Edinburgh, United Kingdom; First International Forestry Exhibition

1884 Turin, Italy; Esposizione Generale Italiana

1885 New Orleans, Louisiana, United States; North Central and South American Exposition

1885 Melbourne, Victoria; Victorians' Jubilee Exhibition

1885 Antwerp, Belgium; Exposition Universelle d'Anvers

1885 Wellington, New Zealand; New Zealand Industrial Exposition

1885 London, United Kingdom; International Inventions Exposition

1886 London, United Kingdom; Colonial and Indian Exposition

1886 Edinburgh, United Kingdom; International Exhibition of Industry, Science and Art

1886 Liverpool, United Kingdom; International Exhibition of Navigation, Commerce and Industry

1887-1888 Adelaide, South Australia; Adelaide Jubilee International Exhibition

1887 Geelong, Victoria; Geelong Jubilee Juvenile and Industrial Exhibition

1887 London, United Kingdom; American Exhibition

1887 Rome, Italy; Esposizione mondiale

1888-1889 Melbourne, Victoria; Victorian Juvenile Industrial Exhibition

1888 Philadelphia, United States; Centennial International Exhibition

1888 Glasgow, United Kingdom; International Exhibition

1888 Brussels, Belgium; Grand Concours International des Sciences et de l'industrie

**1888 Barcelona, Spain; Exposición universal de Barcelona**

1888 Lisboa, Portugal; Exposição Industrial Portuguesa

1888 Copenhagen, Denmark; Nordiske Industri-Landbrugs og Kunstudstilling (The Nordic Exhibition)

**1889 Paris, France; Exposition universelle**

1889 Dunedin, New Zealand; New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition

1889 Buffalo, New York; United States; International Industrial Fair

1890's

1890 Bremen, Germany; Nord-West-Deutsche Gewerbe und Industrie-Ausstellung

1891 Moscow, Russia; Exposition française

1891 Frankfurt, Germany; International Electro-Technical Exhibition

1891 Kingston, Jamaica; International Exhibition

1891 Prague, Austria-Hungary; General Land Centennial Exhibition

1891-1892 Launceston, Tasmania; Tasmanian International Exhibition

1892 Genoa, Italy; Esposizione Italo-Americana

1892 Madrid, Spain; Esposición Histórico-Americana

**1892 Kimberly, Cape Colony; South Africa and International Exhibition**

**1893 Chicago, United States; World's Columbian Exposition**

1893 New York City, United States; World's Fair Prize Winners' Exposition

**1894 San Francisco, United States; California Mid-Winter international Exposition of 1894**

1894 Antwerp, Belgium; Exposition Internationale d'Anvers

1894 Lyons, France; Exposition internationale et coloniale

1894 Oporto, Portugal; Exposição Insular e Colonial Portuguesa

1895 Hobart, Tasmania; Tasmanian International Exhibition

1895 Ballarat, Victoria; Australian Industrial Exhibition

**1895 Atlanta, United States; Cotton States and International Exposition**

1896 Berlin, Germany; Gewerbe-Ausstellung

1897 Brussels, Belgium; Exposition internationale de Bruxelles

1897 Guatemala City, Guatemala; Esposición Centro-Americana

1897 Brisbane, Queensland; Queensland International Exhibition

1897 Chicago, United States; Irish Fair

1897 Nashville, Tennessee; United States; Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition

1897 Stockholm, Sweden; Allmänna konst-och industriutställningen

1898 Jerusalem, Ottoman Empire; Universal Scientific and Philanthropic Exposition

1898 Denedin, New Zealand; Otago Jubilee Industrial Exposition

**1898 Omaha, Nebraska; United States; Trans-Mississippi Exposition**

1898 Munich, Germany; Kraft-und Arbeitsmaschinen-Ausstellung

1898 Turin, Italy; Esposizione Generale Italiana

1898 Vienna, Austria-Hungary; Jubiläums-Ausstellung

1899 Coolgardie, Western Australia; Australian International Mining and Industrial Exhibition

1899 Omaha, Nebraska; United States; Greater America Exposition

1899 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; United States; National Export Exposition

1899 London, United Kingdom; Greater Britain Exhibition

1900's

**1900 Paris, France; L'Exposition de Paris**

1900 Adelaide, South Australia; Century Exhibition of Arts and Industries

1901 Buffalo, New York; United States; Pan-American Exposition

1901 Glasgow, United Kingdom; Glasgow International Exhibition

1901 Vienna, Austria-Hungary; Bosnische Weihnachts-Ausstellung

**1901 Charleston, United States; South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition**

1902 Turin, Italy; Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte Decorativa Moderna

1902 Hanoi, French Indochina; Hanoi Exhibition

1902 Cork, United Kingdom; Cork International Exhibition

1903 Osaka, Nippon; National Industrial Exposition

**1904 St. Louis, Missouri; United States; Louisiana Purchase Exposition**

**1905 Portland, Oregon; United States; Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition**

1905 Liège, Belgium; Exposition universelle et internationale de Liège

1905 London, United Kingdom; Naval, Shipping and Fisheries Exposition

1905 New York, United States; Irish Industrial Exposition

1906 Milan, Italy; Esposizione Internazionale del Sempione

1906 London, United Kingdom; Imperial Austrian Exhibition

1906 Marseille, France; Exposition coloniale

1906-1907 Christchurch, New Zealand; International Exhibition

1907 Dublin, United Kingdom; Irish International Exhibition

1907 Norfolk, Virginia, United States; Jamestown Exposition

1907 Chicago, Illinois; United States; World's Pure Food Exposition

1907 Mannheim, Germany; Internationale Kunst-Ausstellung

**1908 Zaragoza, Spain; la exposición Hispano-Francesa de 1908**

1908 London, United Kingdom; Franco-British Exhibition

1908 New York City, United States; International Mining Exposition

1908 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Exposição Nacional

1908 Marseille, France; Exposition International de l'Electricite

1909 London, United Kingdom; Imperial International Exhibition

**1909 Seattle, Washington; United States; Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition**

1909 New York City, United States; Hudson-Fulton Celebration

1909 Quito, Ecuador; Exposicion Nacional

1910's

1910 Bogotá, Colombia; Exposición del centenario de la independencia

1910 Nanking, China; Nanyang Industrial Exposition

1910 Brussels, Belgium; Exposition Universelle et Industrielle des Bruxelles

1910 Buenos Aires, Argentina; Exposición internacional del centenario

1910 London, United Kingdom; Japan-British Exhibition

1910 Vienna, Austria-Hungary; Internationale Jagd-Austellung

1911 Dresden, Germany; International Hygiene Exhibition

1911 London, United Kingdom; Coronation Exhibition

1911 London, United Kingdom; Festival of Empire

1911 Rome, Italy; Esposizione internazionale d'arte



1911 Turin, Italy; Esposizione internazionale dell'industria e del lavoro

1911 Glasgow, United Kingdom; Scottish Exhibition of National History, Art and Industry

1911 New York City, United States; International Mercantile Exposition

1912 Manila, Philippines; Philippine Exposition

1912 London, United Kingdom; Latin-British Exhibition

1913 Auckland, New Zealand; Auckland Exhibition

1913 Ghent, Belgium; Exposition universelle et internationale

1913 Amsterdam, Netherlands; Tentoonstelling De Vrouw

**1913 Knoxville, Tennessee; United States; National Conservation Exposition**

1914 London, United Kingdom; Anglo-American Exhibition

1914 Malmö, Sweden; Baltic Exhibition

1914 Boulogne-sur-Mer, France; International Exposition of Sea Fishery Industries

1914 Lyon, France; Exposition internationale urbaine

1914 Cologne, Germany; Werkbund Exhibition

1914 Bristol, United Kingdom; International Exhibition

1914 Semarang, Dutch East Indies; Colonial Exhibition of Semarang

1914 Kristiania, Norway; Norges Jubilæumsutstilling (Jubilee Exhibition)

1914 Genoa, Italy; Esposizione internazionale di marina e igiene marinara

**1915 San Francisco, California; United States; Panama-Pacific International Exposition**

1915 Panama City, Panama; Exposición nacional de panama-pacific

1915 Richmond, Virginia; United States; Negro Historical and Industrial Exposition

1915 Chicago, United States; Lincoln Jubilee and Exposition

**1915 San Diego, California; United States; Panama-California Exposition**

**1916 San Diego, California; United States; Panama-California International Exposition**

1918 New York City, United States; Bronx International Exposition of Science, Arts and Industries

1918 Chicago, United States; Allied War Exposition

1920's

1920 Shanghai, China; American-Chinese Exposition

1921 London, United Kingdom; International Exhibition of Rubber and Other Tropical Products

1922 Marseille, France; Exposition nationale coloniale

1922 Tokyo, Nippon; Peace Exhibition

1922-1923 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Exposição do Centenario do Brasil

**1923 Los Angeles, United States; American Historical Review and Motion Picture Exposition**

1923 Calcutta, India; Calcutta Exhibition

1923 Goteborg, Sweden; Jubileumsutställningens Goteborg (Gothenburg Exhibition)

1924 Wembley, United Kingdom; British Empire Exhibition

1924 New York City, United States; French Exposition

1925 Paris, France; Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes

1925-1926 Dunedin, New Zealand; New Zealand and South Seas International Exhibition

**1926 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; United States; Sesquicentennial Exposition**

1926 Berlin, Germany; Internationale Polizeiausstellung

1927 Stuttgart, Germany; Werkbund Exhibition

1928 Cologne, Germany; Internationale Presse-Ausstellung

**1928 Long Beach, California; United States; Pacific Southwest Exposition**

1929 Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom; North East Coast Exhibition

1929 Hangzhou, People's Republic of China; Westlake Exposition

**1929 Barcelona, Spain; Exposición Internacional de Barcelona**

**1929 Sevilla, Spain; Exposición Ibero-Americana**

1930's

1930 Antwerp, Belgium; Exposition internationale coloniale, maritime et d'art flamand

1930 Liège, Belgium; Exposition internationale de la grande industrie, sciences et applications, art wallon ancien

1930 Trondheim, Norway; Trøndelag Exhibition

**1930 Paris, France; Exposition coloniale internationale**

1931 Yorktown, Virginia; United States; Yorktown Sesquicentennial

1932 Tel Aviv, British Mandate of Palestine; Levant Fair

**1933-1934 Chicago, Illinois; United States; A Century of Progress, International Exposition**

**1934 Porto, Portugal; Exposição Colonial Portuguesa**

1934 Tel Aviv, British Mandate of Palestine; Levant Fair

1935 Moscow, USSR; All-Union Agricultural Exhibition

1935 Brussels, Belgium; Exposition universelle de Bruxelles

1935 Porto Alegre, Brazil; Exposição do Centenario Farroupilha

**1935-1936 San Diego, California; United States; California Pacific International Exposition**

1936 Stockholm, Sweden; ILIS International Aerospace Exhibition Stockholm

1936 Tel Aviv, British Mandate of Palestine; Levant Fair

1936 Cleveland, Ohio; United States; Great Lakes Exposition

1936 Dallas, Texas; United States; Texas Centennial Central Exposition

**1936-1937 Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa; Expire Exhibition**

1937 Cleveland, Ohio; United States; Great Lakes Exposition

1937 Dallas, United States; Greater Texas and Pan-American Exposition

1937 Düsseldorf, Germany; Reichsausstellung Schaffendes Volk

1937 Miami, Florida; United States; Pan-American Fair

**1937 Paris, France; Exposition internationale des arts et techniques dans la vie moderne**

1937 Nagoya, Nippon; Nagoya Pan-Pacific Peace Exposition

1938 Glasgow, Scotland; United Kingdom; Empire Exhibition

1938 Helsinki, Finland; Second International Aerospace Exhibition of the League of Air Defence [sic] of Finland

1939 Wellington, New Zealand; New Zealand Centennial Exhibition

1939 Liège, Belgium; Exposition internationale de l'eau

**1939-1940 New York City, New York; United States; New York World's Fair**

**1939-1940 San Francisco, California; United States; Golden Gate International Exposition**

1940's

**1940 Lisboa, Portugal Exposição do Mundo Português**

**1940 Naples, Italy; Mostra Triennale delle Terre Italiane d'Oltremare**

1947 Paris, France; International Exhibition on Urbanism and Housing

**1948 Brussels, Belgium; Foire coloniale**

1949 Stockholm, Sweden; The Universal Exhibition of Sport of Lingiad

1949-1950 Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Exposition internationale du bicentenaire de Port-au-Prince

1949 Lyon, France; Exhibition of Rural Habitat

1950's

1951 Lille, France; L'exposition textile internationale

**1951 London, United Kingdom; Festival of Britain**

1953 Jerusalem, Israel; The conquest of the Desert – International Exhibition

1953 Rome, Italy; Agricultural Exposition of Rome EA 53

**1953 Naples, Italy; Mostra d'Oltremare Exhibition**

1954 Naples, Italy; The International Exhibition of Navigation

1955 Turin, Italy; International Expo of Sport

1955 Helsingborg, Sweden; H55 International Exhibition of Applied Arts of Housing and the Interior

**1955 Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic; Feria de la Paz y Confraternidad del Mundo Libre**

1956 Beit Dagon, Israel; Exhibition of Citriculture

1957 Berlin, Germany; Interbau - International Building Exhibition

1958 Brussels, Belgium; Exposition Universelle et venti Internationale de Bruxelles

1960's

1961 Turin, Italy; Exposition International du Travail

**1962 Seattle, Washington; United States, Century 21 Exposition**

**1964-1965 New York City, New York; United States; New York World's Fair**

**1967 Montreal, Canada; Expo '67**

1968 San Antonio, Texas; United States; HemisFair '68

1970's

1970 Osaka, Nippon; Expo '70

1971 Budapest, Hungary; Expo '71

**1974 Spokane, Washington; United States; Expo '74**

1975 Okinawa, Nippon; Expo '75

1980's

1981 Plovdiv, Bulgaria; Expo 81

**1982 Knoxville, Tennessee; United States; 1982 World's Fair**

1984 New Orleans, Louisiana; United States; 1984 World's Fair

1985 Tsukuba, Nippon; 1985 World's Fair

**1986 Vancouver, Canada; Expo '86**

1988 Brisbane, Australia; Expo '88

1990's

1991 Plovdiv, Bulgaria; Expo 91

**1992 Sevilla, Spain; Expo '92**

1992 Genoa, Italy; Expo Colombo '92

1993 Daejeon, South Korea; Expo '93

**1998 Lisboa, Portugal; Expo '98**

**1999 Kunming, People's Republic of China; World Horticultural Exposition**

2000's

**2000 Hanover, Germany; Expo 2000**

2000 Greenwich, London; United Kingdom; Millennium Dome

2002 Biel, Murten, Neuchâtel and Yverdon-les-Bains in Switzerland; Expo '02

**2004 Barcelona, Spain; Universal Forum of World Cultures**

2005 Aichi, Nippon; Expo 2005

**2008 Zaragoza, Spain; Expo 2008**

2010's

2010 Shanghai, China; Expo 2010

2012 Yeosu, South Korea; Expo 2012

2015 Milan, Italy; Expo 2015

2016 Antalya, Turkey; Expo 2016

2017 Astana, Kazakhstan; Expo 2017

Notable Regional Fairs sometimes found in World Fair Lists

**1887 Atlanta, Georgia; United States; Piedmont Exposition**

1898 San Francisco, California; United States; California's Golden Jubilee

1907 Meiji (Tokyo), Nippon; Industrial Exhibition, Ueno Park

**1909 San Francisco, United States; Portolá Festival**

**1910 San Francisco, United States; Admission day Festival**

1914 Baltimore, Maryland; United States; National Star-Spangled Banner Centennial Celebration

1916 Lyon, France; Fair of Samples

1917 San Francisco, United States; Allied War Exposition

**1918 Los Angeles, United States; California Liberty Fair**

1925 San Francisco, United States; California's Diamond Jubilee

1925 Lyon, France; Foire de Lyon

1927 Lyon, France; Foire internationale

1934 Lyon, France; Lyon International Fair

1959 Moscow, USSR; American National Exhibition

1959 New York, New York; United States Soviet National Exhibition

1907 Meiji (Tokyo), Nippon; Industrial Exhibition, Ueno Park

