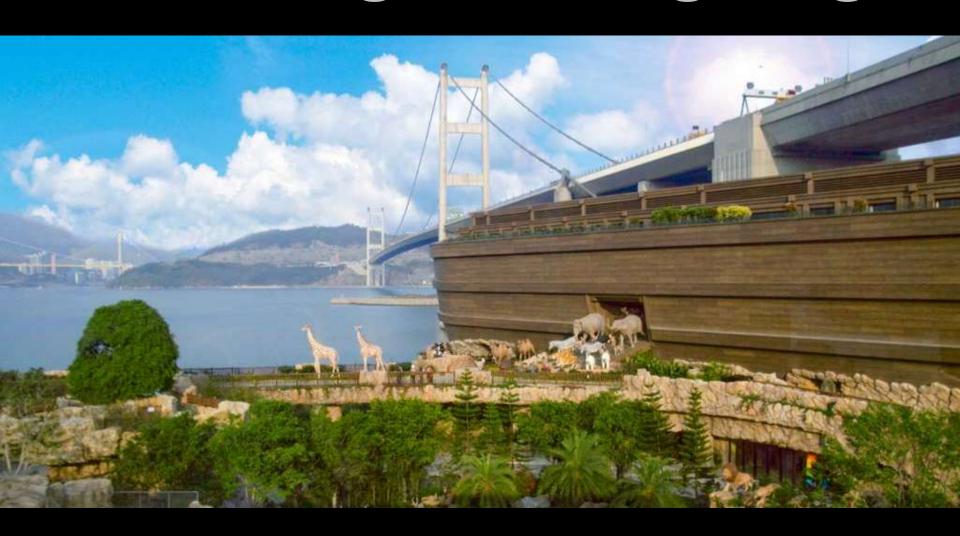
## Arka Noego w Hongkongu



Noah's Ark in Hong Kong



## Chińska Arka Noego.

- Pierwsza naturalnych rozmiarów rekonstrukcja biblijnej Arki Noego została otwarta dla publiczności w maju 2009 r, "aby dać nadzieję na nowy początek".
- Arka znajduje się w parku rozrywki na wyspie Ma Wan, niedaleko Hongkongu.
- Jej budowa została ufundowana przez braci Kwok, chińskich chrześcijan, bardzo zamożnych biznesmenów.
- Replika Arki ma wymiary dokładnie takie, jak te podane w Księdze Rodzaju,
- czyli 300 łokci długości, 50 łokci szerokości i 30 łokci wysokości
- (133 m długości, 22 m szerokości i 13 m wysokości).
- Arka zawiera eksponaty rzadkich zwierząt i egzotycznych stworzeń morskich.
- Jest także ogród, w którym znajduje się 70 par rzeczywistej wielkości kopii zwierząt wykonanych z włókna szklanego.
- W arce znajduje się luksusowy hotel, muzea i restauracje.
- Pomysłodawcy i wykonawcy projektu mówią, że zdecydowali się na budowę dokładnej repliki Arki Noego, ponieważ chcieli dokonać "czegoś niezwykłego i wybitnego".

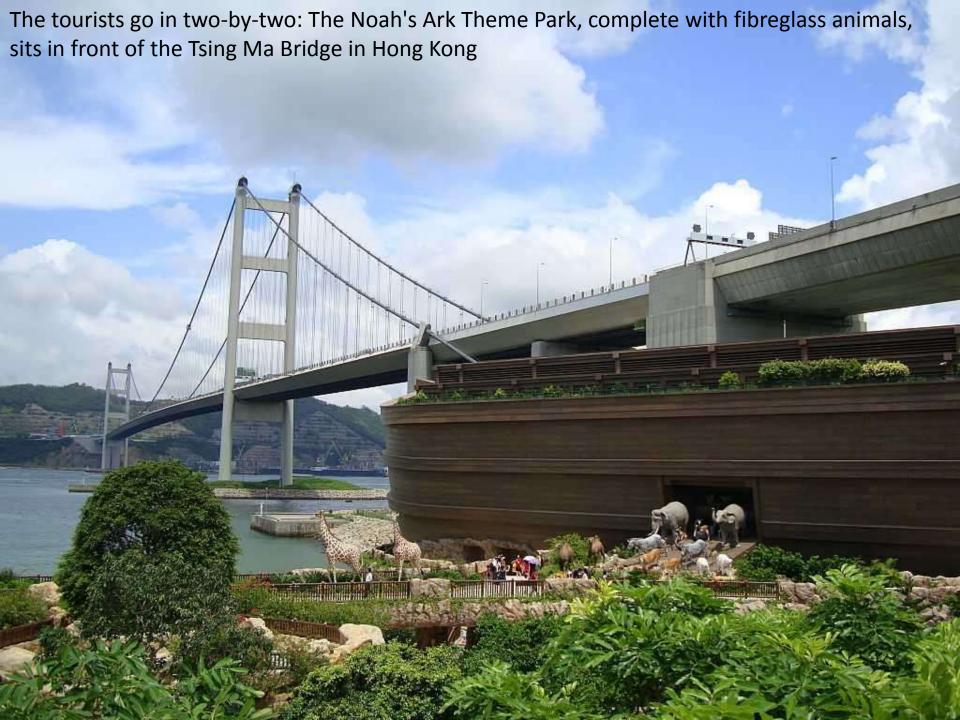


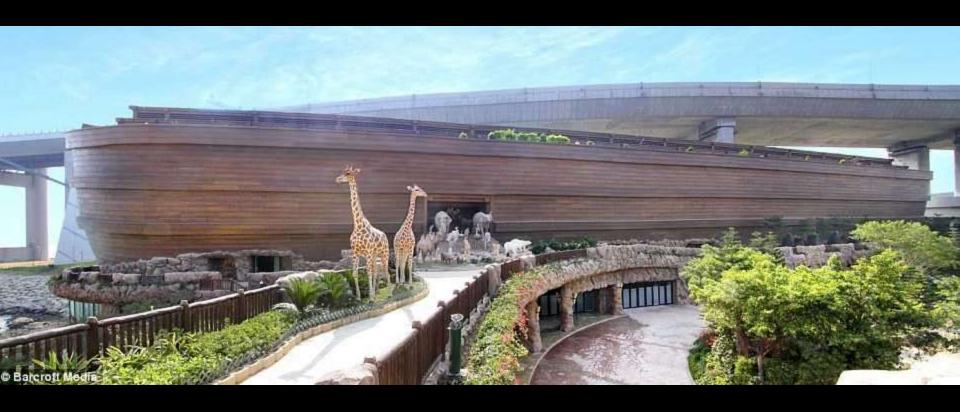


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At least they'll never be flooded! Billionaire brothers build 450ft long life-size replica of Noah's Ark. Having been built, according to the Bible, thousands of years ago, Noah's Ark has only ever existed in peoples' imaginations.

But now a group of architects who pondered what the Biblical vessel looked like have turned their dreams into reality by constructing a Noah's Ark replica, complete with animals.

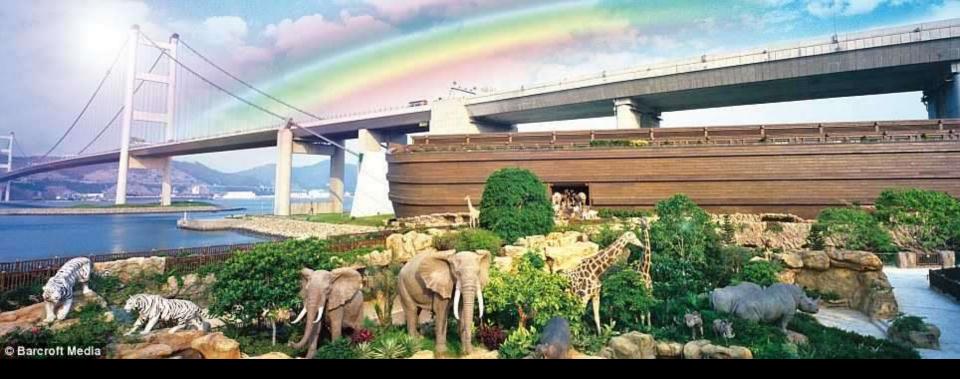
Thomas, Walter and Raymond's land-bound Ark certainly has dimensions on a Biblical scale, measuring a massive 450ft long and 75ft wide.



Water sight: The Ark also boasts less authentic Biblical touches such as double-glazed windows and a fine dining restaurant







The billionaire brothers who built the Ark in Hong Kong claim it is the only ful-scale version in the world

And the imaginative trio even attempted to give the giant boat an air of authenticity by placing 67 pairs of animals at the entrance, just like the pairs of creatures saved from the Great Flood by Noah in the Bible tale.

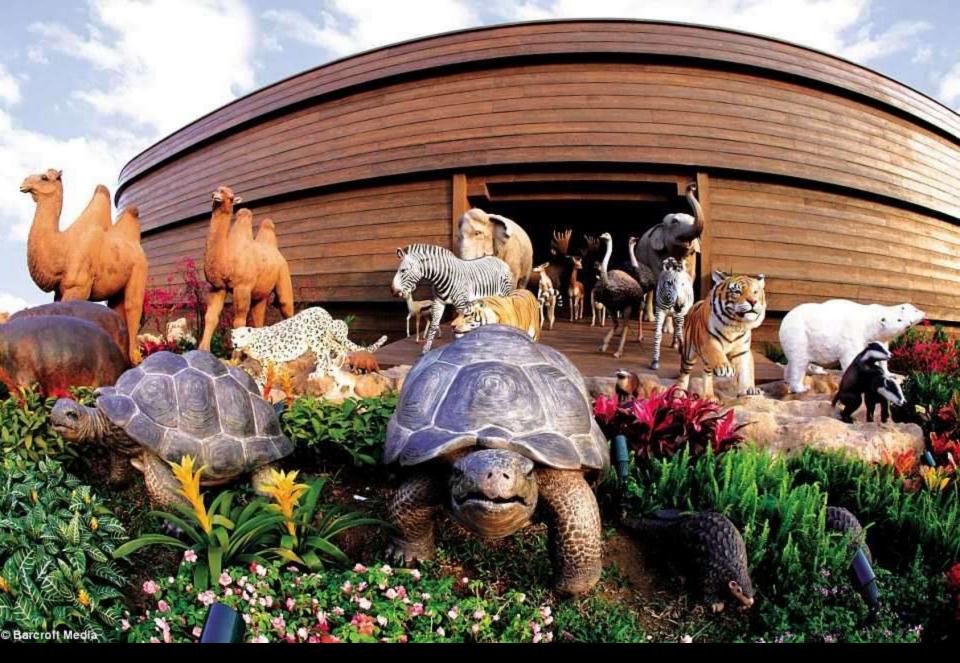
The creationist-inspired vessel forms part of a theme park near Hong Kong which was inspired by a young girl's scrawled drawing of the mammoth boat.

Architects appear to have used some artistic licence in parts of the Ark - for instance including double-glazed windows, a fine dining restaurant and luxurious bedrooms.

Inside, real-life exotic animals can be found - including a nautilus, a toucan and reams of fish.



All lit up: The Ark shines under Hong Kong's lights as a fibreglass giraffe stands guard near the entrance



Authentic: Various fibreglass animals stand outside the Ark to mimmick the Bible tale where Noah took creatures on board the vessel



The Noah's Ark Theme Park is now run by Christian organisations, who use it to promote peace and unity.

Matthew Pine, manager of Noah's Ark Theme Park, said:

- 'They had a vision to do something remarkable, something outstanding.
- 'They came up with many ideas. Some of them were really outrageous.
- 'But then they came across this girl's drawing, and knew it would be something do-able that captured imaginations.
- 'So they hired architects and engineers to create the replica Noah's Ark.'



Food for thought: The Ark also includes a sophisticated-looking restaurant as one of its on-board attractions



Bed for the night: Guests on board Noah's Ark can also stay on the Biblical vessel in one of its luxurious hotel-style rooms



Land-bound: The Hong Kong-based Noah's Ark theme park was built in 2009 and is popular among tourists



Matthew added: 'The reason we chose that moment in the Bible's story is because this is the message we want to bring to Hong Kong, to China, to the world.



'In our lives we always face floods, we will face trials, we will face difficulties.

'Hopefully Noah's Ark will inspire people to pass through those troubles as Noah did in his day.'



























The Ark opened in May 2009, 17 years after plans were first mooted for the enormous structure. It is just one of a number of real-life Noah's Arks - including one built by a Dutchman that contains pairs of living animals





