

TOP 5 LARGEST DAMS IN THE WORLD

1. TARBELA DAM, PAKISTAN

The dam is located in Kyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. It is considered as the largest earth-filled dam. It is the fifth largest in the world in terms of Volume. The dam forms the reservoir which is spread over 250 square kilometres. It was opened in 1976. It is built across the largest river of Pakistan- The Indus river. This dam was designed and constructed to control flood, generation of hydroelectric power and to store water for irrigation. 3,478MW was the installed capacity of the Dam. The useful lifespan of Tarbela dam is estimated to be 85 years which will be completed in 2060.



2. FORT PECK DAM, USA

This dam is the highest among the six dams built across the river Missouri. It is located near Glasgow. Its total height is 76 meter. The dam is spread over an area of 202 ha. It was opened in the year 1940. It creates Fort Peck Lake, which is among the fifth largest man-made Lake in USA and it is almost 200 feet (61 m) deep.



3. ATATURK DAM, TURKEY

Along with being one of the largest dams in the world, it is also one of the tallest dams. Its height is 169 meters. It is originally known as Karababa Dam. It was opened in the year 1990. The dam produces 8,900 gigawatt-hours per annum. It is built across Euphrates River. The reservoir "Ataturk Lake" is spread over an area of 817 km² with water volume of 48.7km³. Month of September- October are the best to visit the Dam and enjoy the Water Sports Festival and International sailing competition.



4. HOUTRIBDIJK DAM, NETHERLANDS

The dam was earlier made as a dike but it is actually a Dam. Its construction started in the year 1963 and ended in 1975. The total length of the dam is 30 km. The Dam separates Markermeer and IJsselmeer Lake. The Dam is officially known as Houtribdijk.



5. OAHE DAM, USA

It is the largest dam built across the Missouri River. It is one of the largest dams in the world. The dam creates fourth largest reservoir: Lake Oahe which stretches up to 327 km in USA. It was built in the year 1968. Its Installed capacity is 786 MW. The dams attract lots of tourists due to its rich biodiversity. The Lake Oahe is the home to many species of Fish, migratory birds and endangered aquatic animals. The place is heaven for the bird watchers as many migratory birds come to this dam.

