

# The Colosseum and Circus Maximus

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## Facts about Colosseum

The Colosseum is an oval amphitheatre in the centre of Rome just east of the Roman Forum.

It is the largest Ancient amphitheatre ever built and is still the largest standing.

The Colosseum is built out of travertine limestone, tuff ( volcanic rock ) and brick faced concrete.

The events/ games held at the Colosseum were seriously brutal.

During certain games held by the emperors, around 10,000 animals were killed in a single day!



## Facts about Circus Maximus

The site is now a public park (grass land and some dirt).

People often use it for meetings or concerts.

The Circus Maximus was a chariot racing stadium.

Chariots were very light, probably made of leather to go as fast as possible.

If you were to watch a chariot race, you could sit in 1 of 250,000 seats.

