Top 3: Extraordinary museums

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Some museums are as interesting on the outside as they are on the inside. At least for those interested in architecture. And these are our top 3.

3rd place: Messner Mountain Museum



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Extreme mountaineer Reinhold Messner has made a museum project possible with a total of six different locations. Corones is the name of the last part of the Messner Mountain Museum, or MMM for short. It is located on the summit of the Kronplatz in South Tyrol. The building looks as if it has been built through the summit, with an exhibition level inside the mountain. However, the surface in question was previously removed. You can immediately see the handwriting of architect Zaha Hadid. Concrete was used both inside and outside. This also helps to achieve a rock look that blends into the landscape. Messner himself describes the enormous effort of this project as his 15th eight-thousander.

2nd place: Guggenheim Museum Bilbao



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The Guggenheim Museum is a playful colossus. Its wave-shaped architecture flows particularly beautifully into the cityscape of Bilbao. The exterior of titanium, stone and steel connects the industrial past of the city with the traditional harbour life. The museum consists of a number of adjoining shapes, covered with stone or clad in titanium metal. Depending on where you are standing, the building looks like a different shape. From the river, it resembles a boat; from above, a flower. The materials, shape and structure are inspired by fish scales, emphasising the building's proximity to the port of Bilbao.

1st place: The Museum of the Future in Dubai

The Museum of the Future rises up like a giant zeppelin on a green hill above the magnificent Sheikh Zayed Road. The oval building contains seven floors, which are encased in a 17,000 m2 stainless steel facade. It is covered with Arabic calligraphy of the ruler of Dubai, which also

serves as windows. The façade was built in the form of a Dupin ring cyclide. The building does not need any supporting columns. And so the museum is a futuristic attraction in the city in itself.



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