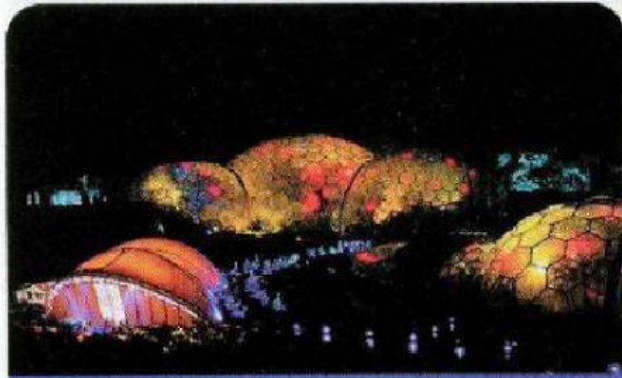




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Eden Project by night

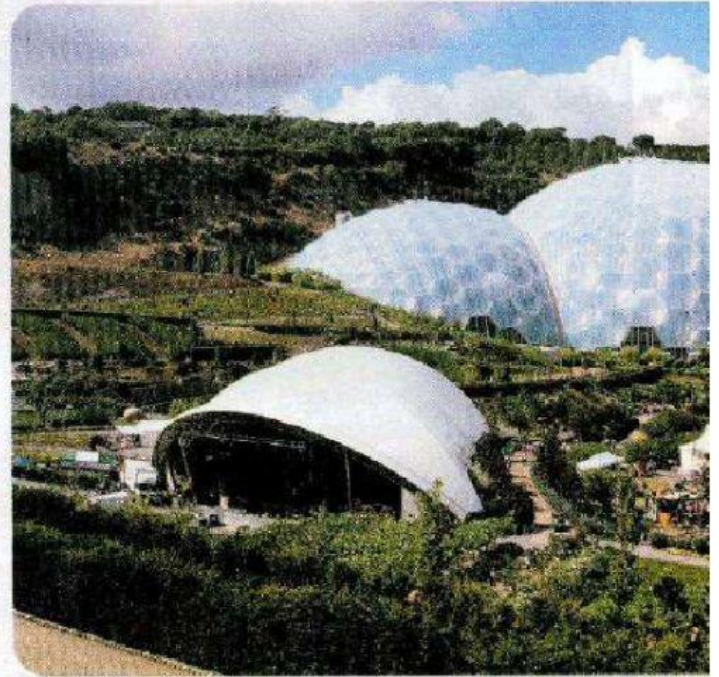


Inside the Humid Tropics Biome



Inside the Warm Temperate Biome

EDEN PROJECT

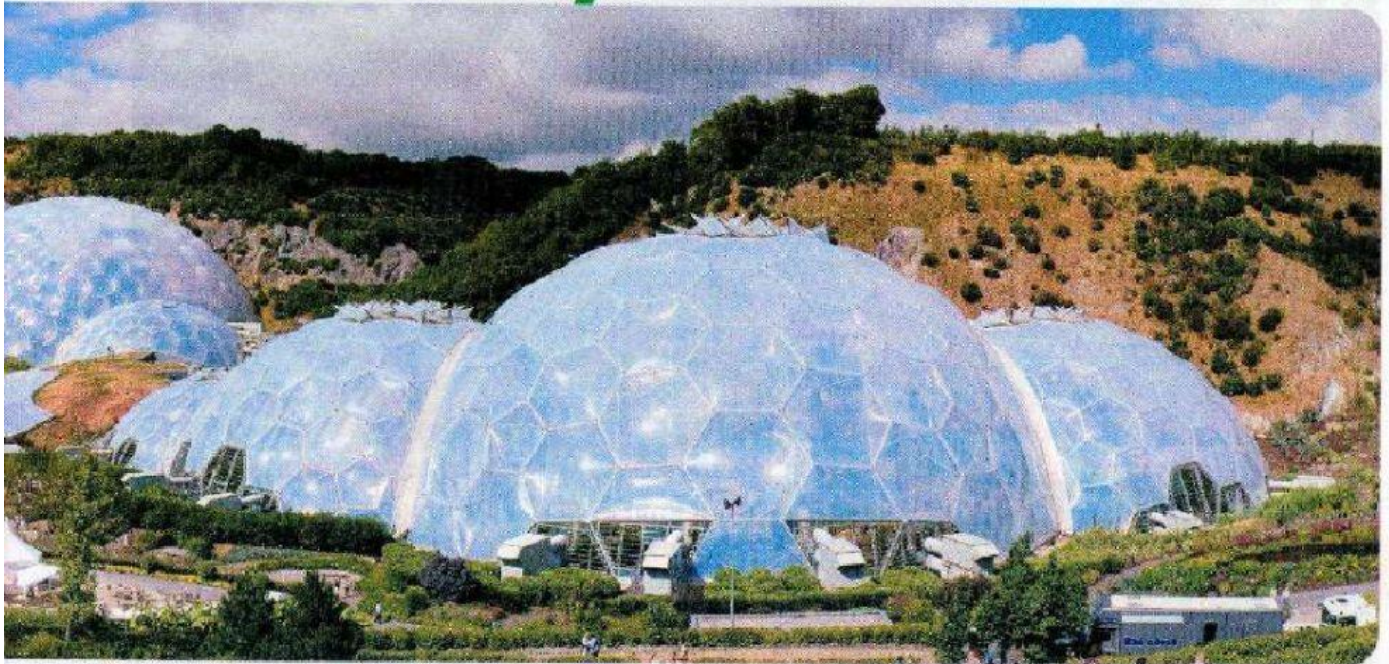


The Eden Project began as a dream. In the late 1990s, Tim Smit – an archaeologist turned pop-music producer – decided to build a new Eden. In his imagination he saw a beautiful park with huge greenhouses filled with exotic plants from all over the world. He even found a place for his park – a disused clay pit in Cornwall. All he needed was the money. Amazingly, many people agreed to help him and Tim's dream came true. In the spring 2001, the Eden Project, a large environmental park in Cornwall, opened to the public. The press called it 'The Eighth Wonder of the World'.

Since its opening more than 9 million people have visited the Eden Project. It has



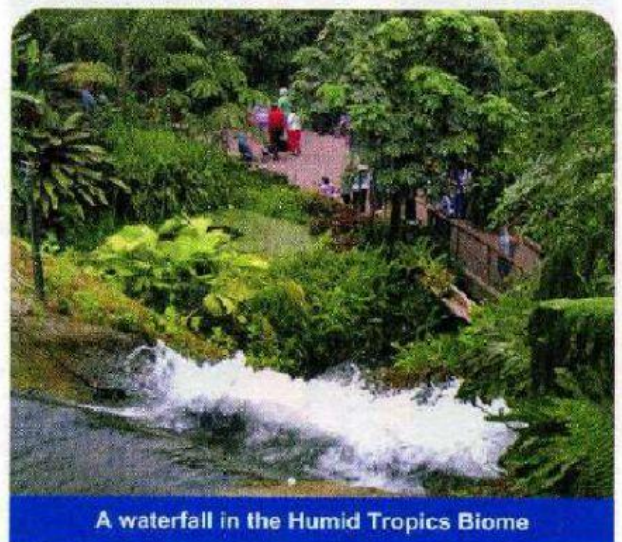
21st Century Global Garden



become the country's top tourist attraction, more popular than the Tower of London.

The Eden Project consists of two giant greenhouses, shaped like grapefruit halves, and an outdoor area. These are called 'biomes'. They recreate the natural environments of three different climates found around the world.

The Humid Tropics Biome recreates the natural environment of the world's hottest regions. It houses hundreds of trees and other plants from the jungles of South America, Africa, Asia and Australia. Trees like banana trees, rubber trees, cocoa, bamboo and mahogany. It is the largest of the three biomes and the most impressive.



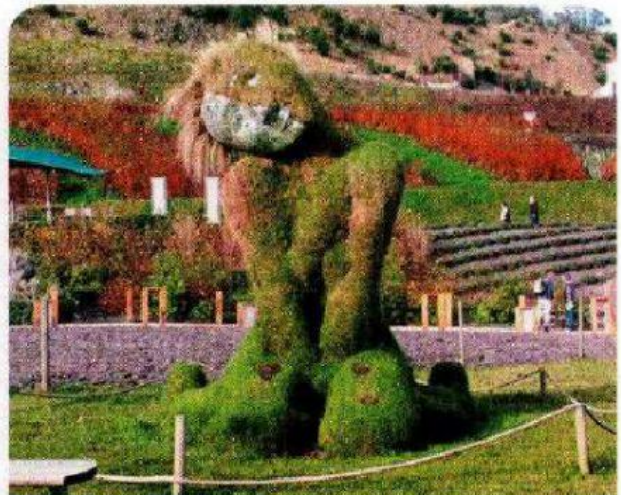
A waterfall in the Humid Tropics Biome



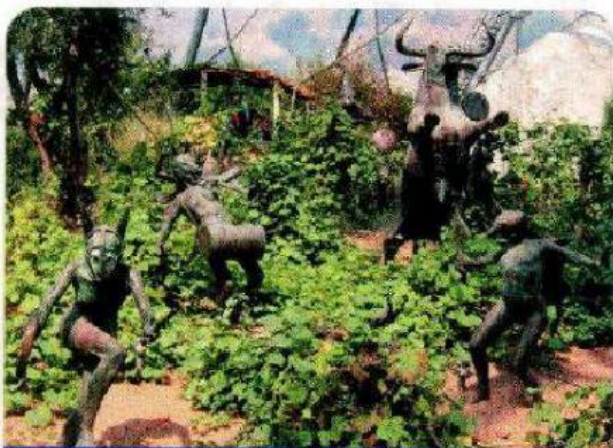
A pineapple

It is big enough to hold the Tower of London!

In the Warm Temperate Biome you can travel to South Africa and California and walk among orange and lemon trees, old olive groves and grape vines.



There are lots of sculptures both inside and outside. This great green woman is Eve. It's made of earth!



Eden statues placed among the grape vines



Bombus the Bee is 6 metres tall.

The third biome is the Roofless Biome. This is an open outdoor area with plants from the temperate Cornwall area and similar climates in Chile, the Himalayas, Russia and Australia. It tells the story of plants that have changed the world and which could change your future.



Prairie flowers

AMAZING FACTS

- One of the plants on show, the tropical bamboo, *Bambusa gigantea*, can grow up to 45 cm a day.
- The Eden Project's toilets won the 2003 Best Toilet in Britain award!
- Several scenes from the James Bond film *Die Another Day* were filmed here.

Soon a new biome will be built at the Eden Project. It will recreate desert life and will have the most unusual water gardens in the world.

Tim Smit and other creators of the Eden Project see the site as much more than a collection of plants. The main purpose of Eden is to educate the public about the natural world, to show how we depend on plants and what we can do to save them.

Apart from over one hundred thousand plants, there are exhibits to suit almost everyone. You can study the links between plants and music, plants and health and plants and sport, for example. And there are all sorts of events too, from tea-tasting and 'chocolate' days to live concerts.

FLOWERS QUIZ

Do you know the English names of flowers?
Match the English and Russian words.



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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1) bluebell | a) подснежник |
| 2) snowdrop | b) василек |
| 3) poppy | c) нарцисс |
| 4) forget-me-not | d) колокольчик |
| 5) cornflower | e) маргаритка |
| 6) daffodil | f) мак |
| 7) carnation | g) незабудка |
| 8) sunflower | h) подсолнух |
| 9) pansy | i) анютины глазки |
| 10) daisy | j) гвоздика |

(See answers on page 32)



Answer the questions.

1. Who established the Eden Project?

2. Where is the Eden Project located?

3. Is this park less popular than Tower of London?

4. What can you see in the world's hottest biome?

5. What can you see in Warm Temperate Biome?

6. What is the third biome about?

7. Are they going to widen the territory?

8. What is the target of this project?
