

World's Fair

Budapest, Hungary

Presented at the World's Fair Competition, this design won third place, depicting an idea for the World's Fair held in Budapest, Hungary.

The finished design was taller than the St. Louis Arch - about 90 feet - with monorails running up each of three legs - to a suspended platform. From the platform viewers could see all of Budapest. About a quarter of the way from the top hovered a large dome with the image of the earth.

One leg of the structure stood on an island and called for part of it to feature a child's world with playgrounds and child-size buildings. The rest of the plan called for historical structures - such as exhumed archaeological finds - and exhibition buildings that would be converted to shopping centers or other public uses.

The design had to address several concerns about the project:

- Potential for use after the fair
- The benefit to the area's economy
- Demonstration of forward thinking.

In Europe, such competitions were popular for architects to join so that they could be awarded architectural contracts.



A model of the proposed World's Fair design.

