

Lady Liberty Looks More Striking Than Ever [WATCH]

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On August 16, a massive lightning bolt lit up the sky surrounding the Statue of Liberty in New York City. Call it extreme weather, call it Mother Nature's version of a spotlight showcasing the beauty of Lady Liberty. Either way, the reaction is all the same – WOW! The incredible display was captured live by EarthCam's webcam, delighting meteorologists and virtual travelers alike. (Photo : Courtesy of EarthCam)

A magnificent and electrifying experience was captured on camera the night of August 16. The Statue of Liberty at New York City was lit up by a lightning bolt. The amazing display was captured by [EarthCam's webcam](#).

Founded in 1996, EarthCam is a global leader in providing webcam content, which include time-lapse construction cameras as well as live streaming videos for tourism, government, and corporate clients. EarthCam's gigapixel cameras offer premier billion pixel clarity for the world's most important events - in this case it was Lady Liberty's electrifying moment.

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However, this is not the first time Lady Liberty has looked "striking." The iconic landmark has been struck by lightning more than once. Lady Liberty joins other landmarks from across the world that have been struck by lightning - with a photograph to showcase for the moment.

Aside from Lady Liberty, the iconic landmarks photographed at the right moment during a lightning strike include the Eiffel Tower, Tower Bridge, the Great Pyramid of Giza, the CN Tower, and the Spire of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City.

While the lightning bolt that hit Lady Liberty caused her to look more "striking" than ever, the photograph of a lightning strike at the US National Park is quite a bit hair-raising. A park ranger at the US National Park, Hallie Larsen managed to take a photograph of a lightning strike that looks like the head of a Tyrannosaurus Rex, with its mouth wide open. The photo was posted on Instagram and has already garnered more than 37 thousand likes.

Yet not all instances of a lightning bolt striking the earth are amazing. For four fishermen who were out surf fishing at North Myrtle Beach, they struck more than just fish. Reports claim they were indirectly hit by lightning and were knocked out unconscious for a few minutes. It pays to be cautious during a thunderstorm as getting struck by lightning according to the National Weather Service is one in 1.19 million.