

## Swimming pool Trivia

Titanic was the first ocean liner to have a swimming pool and a gym. [Source: internet]

The turbopump on the Space Shuttle main engine is so powerful it could drain an average family-sized swimming pool in 25 seconds [Source: NASA]

Esther Williams did not win any Olympic medals for swimming or for diving. The year she was to compete (1940) the Olympics were suspended due to WWII. [Source: internet]

In some volcanic areas such as Iceland, the temperature rises beneath the surface of the earth as high as 680 degrees F (360 degrees C) that engineers can tap the geothermal energy by piping hot water from underground to warm nearby homes, offices and factories. An outdoor swimming pool in the Icelandic capital of Reykjavik is heated so effectively by this method that it remains open and in use all year round.  
[Source:Reader's Digest Book of Facts]

Benjamin Franklin invented swim-fins. [Source: internet]

The first heated swimming pool was built by Gaius Maecenas of Rome in the first century BC. [Source: about.com]

In the 1948 Olympics, the U.S. won every event in the swimming competition. [Source:USA Swimming]

The longest pool toy (Pool Noodle)ever measured 1,609.34 m (5,280 ft) and was made by Industrial Thermo Polymers Ltd of Brampton, Ontario, Canada, on July 1, 2001. [Source: Guinness World Records]

Largest indoor wave pool is located at the West Edmonton Mall. [Source: Guinness World Records]

The largest indoor pool is at the **Neutral Buoyancy Lab** in the Sonny Carter Training Center at NASA JSC in Houston [Source: NASA]

Longest swimming pool is the Orthlieb Pool in Casablanca, Morocco. The pool is 480 meters or 1,574 feet long and 75 meters or 246 feet wide. The Orthlieb Pool is filled with sea water and covers 8.9 acres. [Source: Internet]

Nemo 33 is a recreational diving center in Brussels, Belgium that is home to the world's deepest swimming pool. The pool has two large flat-bottomed areas at depth levels of 5m (16 ft) and 10m (32 ft), and a large circular pit descending to a depth of 33m (108 ft).[Source:Wikipedia]

One of the most haunted sections of the ship the RMS Queen Mary is the former First Class Swimming Pool. [Source:Wikipedia]