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## SWITZERLAND JUST COMPLETED THE WORLD LONGEST TUNNEL BENEATH THE ALPS

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The structure cuts through the base of mountains in the Gotthard region, an important north-south corridor between Switzerland and the northern Italian plain.

In January 1,000 people will be selected to take the maiden voyage. So far, the project has remained on time and without delays in construction. Specially decorated locomotives were on hand to show off the newly completed tunnel for members of the press. Trains will be able to run through it at 241 kmph (150 mph). The structure actually consists of two separate single-track tunnels so trains can run in either direction. The tunnel cost about £ 6 billion and was entirely funded by the Swiss authorities.

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