



MADAME TUSSAUDS SPILLS THE BEANS!

- From initial sitting to press launch, a typical Madame Tussauds figure takes around four months to make, utilises a team of around 20 skilled artists and costs £150,000.
- 500 precise body and facial measurements are taken over two hours at a standard sitting session with the celebrity subject. This gives expert Madame Tussauds sculptors all the information they need to create a strikingly realistic figure.
- A staggering 2,400lbs of wax is used in nearly 400 figures currently on show in the London attraction. That's roughly equivalent to 16,000 candles, even though the 'Japan' wax used to create figures is incapable of melting.
- Around 500 million people have visited Madame Tussauds London since it was first established – that's more than the population of North America and Australia combined!
- 'Sexyback' pop singer Justin Timberlake gets more hugs than any other figure, and the dry cleaning bill for his super sharp white Savile Row suit proves it! That said, the yearly cost of maintaining the entire Madame Tussauds wardrobe would cover Justin's bill for the next 30 years!
- A dedicated 'clean up' squad inspects every figure at 7.30am each morning to ensure that guests can get up, close and personal with stars looking their very, very best.
- The biggest figure ever created is that of Marvel comic book hero, The Hulk. 15ft tall and 8ft wide, this green giant has fingers thicker than a grown man's arm! At the other end of the scale, Madame Tussauds' smallest figure is Tinker Bell – the world's most famous fairy stands less than 16cm tall!
- The oldest figure in the attraction also breathes. Sculpted in 1765, The Sleeping Beauty is Madame Tussauds' earliest example of an interactive figure; capturing Louis XV's mistress Madame Du Barry in peaceful slumber
- Most kissed female figure is pop princess Kylie Minogue, now in her fourth incarnation. 'Showgirl' Kylie, perched on a crescent moon mid-concert performance, is second only to

The Queen in terms of wax re-creations. Her Majesty has had an incredible 22 figures made in her lifetime.

- A 'colour' by top celebrity coiffeur Daniel Galvin would set Nicole Kidman back around £300; compare that to a brand new hairdo for her Madame Tussauds figure, which comes in well over £1,000 – but at least that includes round-the-clock styling!
- Many A-list stars donate clothes for their figures to wear. Jean Paul Gaultier's likeness is wearing one of his trademark kilts – boxer shorts were quickly added when he realised thousands of guests were peeking underneath it! Beyonce's mum designed a dress for her daughter's double to wear; Kylie's latest figure shines in a CHANEL number from her global 'Showgirl' concert tour; and Madame Tussauds' new eco-friendly Prince Of Wales proudly shows off an official suit, shirt and tie – bespoke collars, cufflinks and all!
- Madame Tussauds has escaped destruction in three major 20th century catastrophes. The world famous attraction survived a huge fire in 1925; earthquake in 1931 (the tremors of which topped the head off of Dr Crippen's figure in Chamber Of Horrors); and devastating Blitz bombing during World War II in 1940 – ironically Hitler was one of the few figures to emerge unscathed.
- Madame Tussauds' figures did their bit for the 'War Effort' – they, too, were subject to strict clothes rationing during the early 1940s , and even had coupon books!

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