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Spanish visionary **Santiago Calatrava** is renowned around the world as an architect, structural engineer, sculptor, and artist. Famed for bridges as much as buildings, he has made his name with neofuturistic structures that combine **deft engineering solutions with dramatic visual impact**.

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