

This is What the Largest Photograph Ever Taken of New York Looks Like

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Thanks to EarthCam we can see the largest photograph ever taken of New York City. This is an impressive 120 gigapixel image; In other words, 120,000 million pixels.

The capture was made with the new Gigapixel Cam X80 from the Empire State Building.

Those who want to know what New York looks like in this vast image, can access this link. The photograph can be magnified many times (too many) and those who are concerned if their connection will be able to hold a record of that magnitude, be careful: the site loads the image by mosaics as we approach a certain point.

The platform allows the user to move freely over the image and explore any point in the city, from the World Trade Center to the Flatiron building, passing by the Statue of Liberty, one of the icons of this city.

In an interview with Petapixel, Brian Cury, CEO of EarthCam, explained that the Gigapixel Cm X80 was used for this photograph, which mixes a Sony a7R IV and a Sony FE 70-300mm f / 4.5-5.6 G mount.

While the Gigacam is built to take 80-gigapixel photos, the team in charge managed to get the most out of it to achieve a 120-gigapixel image.

Cury also explained that this image "was probably created over several weeks." It was also indicated that it has something of a "trap", since some areas, such as the Statue of Liberty, were photographed in a moment of optimal lighting.

Even so, the result of the image is spectacular, so much so that many are already looking to be able to print it. The problem is that, to do so, of course we could not use traditional paper, since the photo printed at 300DPI has a width of 41.45 meters. This is equivalent to saying that it is 140 A4 sheets wide horizontally.