WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION

UNESCO

Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, at its General Conference, Paris, 16 November 1972

EXTRACTS

.. deterioration or disappearance of... the cultural or natural heritage constitutes a harmful impoverishment of the heritage of all the nations of the world,

.. protection of this heritage at the national level often remains incomplete because of the scale of the resources which it requires,

.. parts of the cultural or natural heritage are of outstanding interest and therefore need to be preserved as part of the world heritage of humankind as a whole,

.. [with] the magnitude and gravity of the new dangers threatening... [the world's heritage], it is incumbent on the international community as a whole to participate in the protection of the cultural and natural heritage of outstanding universal value...

Each State Party to this Convention recognizes that the duty of ensuring the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission to future generations of the cultural and natural heritage... belongs primarily to that State.

An Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the Cultural and Natural Heritage of Outstanding Universal Value, called "the World Heritage Committee", is... established within UNESCO,

.. the Committee shall establish... under the title of 'World Heritage List", a list of properties forming part of the cultural heritage and natural heritage... which it considers as having outstanding universal value...

The Committee shall establish... under the title of 'List of World Heritage in Danger", a list of the property appearing in the World Heritage List for the conservation of which major operations are necessary...

Any State Party to this Convention may request international assistance for property forming part of the cultural or natural heritage of outstanding universal value situated within its territory.

Redwood National Park (United States of America)

THE WORLD HERITAGE 2003

The approximate locations of the 754 properties: • 582 cultural, 149 natural and 23 mixed – inscribed on the World Heritage List in 129 States Parties are shown on this map.

THE AMERICAS

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA 1983
- Antigua Dockyard and Related Historic Areas

ARGENTINA 1978
- Los Glaciares
- Iguazu National Park
- Península Valdés
- Cueva de las Manos, Río Pinturas
- Quebrada de Humahuaca

ARGENTINA and BRAZIL
- Jesuit Missions of the Guaranis

BARBADOS 2002
- Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison

BELIZE 1990
- Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System

BOLIVIA 1976
- City of Potosí
- Jesuit Missions of the Chiquitos
- Historic City of Sucre
- Fuerte de Samaipata
- Tiwanaku
- Noel Kempff Mercado National Park

BRAZIL 1977
- Historic Town of Ouro Preto
- Historic Centre of the Town of Olinda
- Historic Centre of Salvador da Bahia
- Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Congonhas
- Iguaçu National Park
- Brasília
- Serra da Capivara National Park
- Historic Centre of São Luís
- Discovery Coast Atlantic Forest Reserves
- Atlantic Forest Southeast Reserves
- Historic Centre of the Town of Diamantina
- Central Amazon Conservation Complex
- Pantanal Conservation Area
- Cerrado Protected Areas: Chapada dos Veadeiros and Emas National Parks
- Brazilian Atlantic Islands: Fernando de Noronha and Atol das Rocas Reserves
- Historic Centre of the Town of Goiás

CANADA 1978
- Dinosaur Provincial Park
- Nahanni National Park
- Dinosaur Provincial Park
- Kluane / Wrangell-St. Elias / Glacier Bay / Tatshenshini-Alsek
- Wood Buffalo National Park
- Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks
- Historic District of Québec
- Gros Morne National Park
- Old Town Lunenburg
- Miguasha Park

CANADA and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- Waterton Glacier International Peace Park

CHILE 1981
- Rapa Nui National Park
- Churches of Chiloé
- Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso

COLOMBIA 1983
- Cartagena
- Los Katíos National Park
- Historic Centre of Santa Cruz de Mompox
- National Archaeological Park of Tierradentro
- San Agustín Archaeological Park

COSTA RICA 1977
- Cocos Island National Park
- Área de Conservación Guanacaste

COSTA RICA and PANAMA
- Talamanca – La Amistad

CUBA 1981
- Old Havana
- Trinidad and the Valley de los Ingenios
- San Pedro de la Roca Castle, Santiago de Cuba
- Desembarco del Granma National Park
- Viñales Valley
- Archaeological Landscape of the First Coffee Plantations
- Alejandro de Humboldt National Park

DOMINICA 1981
- Morne Trois Pitons National Park

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 1990
- Colonial City of Santo Domingo

ECUADOR 1978
- Galapagos Islands
- City of Quito
- Sangay National Park
- Historic Centre of Santa Ana de los Ríos de Cuenca

EL SALVADOR 1991
- Joya de Cerén Archaeological Site

GRENADA 1998

Galapagos Islands (Ecuador)

GUATEMALA 1979
- Tikal National Park
- Antigua Guatemala
- Archaeological Park and Ruins of Quiriguá

GUYANA 1977
- Kaieteur National Park

HAITI 1978
- National History Park – Citadel, Sans Souci, Ramiers

HONDURAS 1978
- Maya Site of Copan
- Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve

HUNGARY 1985
- Budapest, the Banks of the Danube and the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrássy Avenue
- Hortobágy National Park
- Fertő / Neusiedlersee Cultural Landscape
- Pannonhalma Archabbey and its Natural Environment
- Hollókő Village and its Environment
- Millenary Benedictine Monastery of Pannonhalma
- Hortobágy National Park – the Puszta
- Early Christian Necropolis of Pécs (Sopianae)
- Tokaj Wine Region Historic Cultural Landscape

HUNGARY and SLOVAKIA
- Caves of Aggtelek Karst and Slovak Karst

ICELAND 1985
- Þingvellir National Park

IRELAND 1991
- Archaeological Ensemble of the Bend of the Boyne
- Skellig Michael

ISRAEL 1999
- Masada
- Old City of Acre
- White City of Tel Aviv – the Modern Movement

ITALY 1979
- Rock Drawings in Valcamonica
- Santa Maria delle Grazie with "The Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci
- Historic Centre of Florence
- Venice and its Lagoon
- Piazza del Duomo, Pisa
- Historic Centre of San Gimignano
- I Trulli di Alberobello
- City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas in the Veneto
- Historic Centre of Siena
- Historic Centre of Naples
- Crespi d'Adda
- Ferrara, City of the Renaissance and its Po Delta
- Castel del Monte
- The Trulli of Alberobello
- Early Christian Monuments of Ravenna
- Historic Centre of Rome
- Jurisdiction of Saint-Emilion
- Loire Valley between Sully-sur-Loire and Chalonnes
- Pont du Gard (Roman Aqueduct)
- Palace and Park of Versailles
- Vézelay, Church and Hill
- Decorated Grottoes of the Vézère Valley
- Palace and Park of Fontainebleau
- Amiens Cathedral
- Roman Theatre and its Surroundings and the "Triumphal Arch" of Orange
- Roman and Romanesque Monuments of Arles
- Cistercian Abbey of Fontenay
- Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Senans
- Place Stanislas, Place de la Carrière and Place d'Alliance in Nancy
- Church of Saint-Savin-sur-Gartempe
- Cape Girolata, Cape Porto, Scandola Nature Reserve and the Piana Calanches in Corsica
- Pont du Gard (Roman Aqueduct)
- Strasbourg – Grande Île
- Paris, Banks of the Seine
- Cathedral of Notre-Dame, Former Abbey of Saint-Rémi and Palace of Tau, Reims
- Bourges Cathedral
- Historic Centre of Avignon
- Le Canal du Midi
- Historic Fortified City of Carcassonne
- Historic Site of Lyons
- Routes of Santiago de Compostela in France
- Royal Palace and the Park of Caserta, the Aqueduct of Vanvitelli, and San Leucio
- Residences of the Royal House of Savoy
- Botanical Garden (Orto Botanico), Padua
- Cathedral, Torre Civica and Piazza Grande, Modena
- Pompei, Herculaneum and Torre Annunziata
- Villa Romana del Casale
- Su Nuraxi di Barumini
- Portovenere, Cinque Terre, Palmaria, Tino and Tinetto
- Castel del Monte
- Archaeological Area and the Patriarchal Basilica of Aquileia
- Cilento and Vallo di Diano National Park
- Historic Centre of Urbino
- Villa Adriana (Tivoli)
- City of Verona
- Isole Eolie (Aeolian Islands)
- Assisi, the Basilica of San Francesco and other Franciscan Sites
- Villa d'Este, Tivoli
- Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto (South-Eastern Sicily)
- Sacri Monti of Piedmont and Lombardy

ITALY and HOLY SEE
- Historic Centre of Rome

LATVIA 1997
- Historic Centre of Riga

LITHUANIA 1992
- Vilnius Historic Centre

LITHUANIA and RUSSIAN FED.
- Curonian Spit

LUXEMBOURG 1983
- City of Luxembourg: its Old Quarters and Fortifications

MALTA 1978
- Hal Saflieni Hypogeum
- City of Valletta
- Megalithic Temples of Malta

MONACO 1978

NETHERLANDS 1982
- Schokland and Surroundings
- Defence Line of Amsterdam
- Mill Network at Kinderdijk-Elshout
- Wadden Sea
- Beemster (Polder)
- Rietveld Schröder House
- Historic Area of Willemstad, Inner City and Harbour, Netherlands Antilles
- Ir.D.F. Woudagemaal (D.F. Wouda Steam Pumping Station)
- Droogmakerij de Beemster (Beemster Polder)
- Rietveld Schröder House

NORWAY 1977
- Urnes Stave Church
- Bryggen
- Rock Drawings of Alta

POLAND 1978
- Cracow's Historic Centre
- Wieliczka Salt Mine
- Auschwitz Concentration Camp
- Historic Centre of Warsaw
- Old City of Zamosc
- Medieval Town of Toruń
- Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork
- Kalwaria Zebrzydowska
- Churches of Peace in Jawor and Swidnica
- Wooden Churches of Southern Little Poland

PORTUGAL 1983
- Central Zone of the Town of Angra do Heroísmo in the Azores
- Monastery of the Hieronymites and Tower of Belém in Lisbon
- Monastery of Batalha
- Convent of Christ in Tomar
- Historic Centre of Évora
- Monastery of Alcobaça
- Cultural Landscape of Sintra
- Historic Centre of Oporto
- Prehistoric Rock-Art Sites in the Côa Valley
- Guarantees of Madeira
- Alto Douro Wine Region
- Historic Centre of Guimarães

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA 2002

ROMANIA 1990
- Danube Delta
- Villages with Fortified Churches in Transylvania
- Monastery of Horezu
- Churches of Moldavia
- Dacian Fortresses of the Orastie Mountains
- Historic Centre of Sighisoara
- Wooden Churches of Maramures

RUSSIAN FEDERATION 1988
- Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg
- Kizhi Pogost
- Kremlin and Red Square, Moscow
- Historic Monuments of Novgorod and Surroundings
- Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands
- White Monuments of Vladimir and Suzdal
- Architectural Ensemble of the Trinity Sergius Lavra in Sergiev Posad
- Church of the Ascension, Kolomenskoye
- Virgin Komi Forests
- Lake Baikal**
- Volcanoes of Kamchatka.**
- Golden Mountains of Altai.**

SAN MARINO 1981
- Historic Centre of San Marino

SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO 2001
- Stari Ras and Sopoćani
- Region of Kotor
- Durmitor National Park
- Studenica Monastery

SLOVENIA 1985
- Škocjan
- Banska Stanica
- Spodaj Hrušica
- Radovljica Town Conservation Reserve

SPAIN 1982
- Historic Centre of Cordoba
- Alhambra, Generalife and Albayzín, Granada
- Burgos Cathedral
- Monastery and Site of the Escorial, Madrid
- Parque Güell, Palacio Güell and Casa Milà in Barcelona
- Altamira Cave
- Old Town of Segovia and its Aqueduct
- Monuments of Oviedo and the Kingdom of the Asturias
- Santiago de Compostela (Old Town)
- Old Town of Ávila with its Extra-Muros Churches
- Mudejar Architecture of Aragon
- Historic City of Toledo
- Garajonay National Park
- Old Town of Cuenca
- Cathedral, Alcázar and Archivo de Indias in Seville
- City of Salamanca
- Rock Art of the Mediterranean Basin on the Iberian Peninsula
- Historic Walled Town of Cuenca
- La Lonja de la Seda de Valencia
- Las Médulas
- Palau de la Música Catalana and the Hospital de Sant Pau, Barcelona
- San Millán Yuso and Suso Monasteries
- Rock Art of the Mediterranean Basin on the Iberian Peninsula
- University and Historic Precinct of Alcalá de Henares
- Aranjuez Cultural Landscape
- Las Ilurien Archaeological Site
- Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida
- Royal Monastery of Santa Maria de Guadalupe
- Route of Santiago de Compostela
- Doñana National Park
- Historic Walled Town of Cuenca
- La Lonja de la Seda de Valencia
- Las Médulas
- Palau de la Música Catalana and the Hospital de Sant Pau, Barcelona
- San Millán Yuso and Suso Monasteries
- Rock Art of the Mediterranean Basin on the Iberian Peninsula
- University and Historic Precinct of Alcalá de Henares
- Risco Caido and the Sacred Mountains of Gran Canaria
- San Cristóbal de La Laguna
- Archaeological Ensemble of Tarraco
- Palmeral of Elche
- Roman Walls of Lugo
- Caliphate Autonomous Port Cities of the Medina Azahara
- Archaeological Site of Atapuerca
- Aranjuez Cultural Landscape
- Renaissance Monumental Ensembles of Úbeda and Baeza

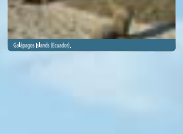
SWEDEN 1985
- Royal Domain of Drottningholm
- Birka and Hovgården
- Engelsberg Ironworks

SWITZERLAND 1983
- Convent of St Gall
- Benedictine Convent of St John at Müstair
- Old City of Berne
- Three Castles, Defensive Wall and Ramparts of the Market-Town of Bellinzona
- Jungfrau-Aletsch-Bietschhorn
- Monte San Giorgio

TURKEY 1985
- Historic Areas of Istanbul
- Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia
- Great Mosque and Hospital of Divriği
- Hattuşa
- Nemrut Dağ
- Xanthos-Letoon
- Hierapolis – Pamukkale
- City of Safranbolu
- Archaeological Site of Troy

UKRAINE 1990
- Kiev: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kiev-Pechersk Lavra
- Historic Centre of Lviv

UNITED KINGDOM 1984
- Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast
- Durham Castle and Cathedral
- Ironbridge Gorge
- Studley Royal Park including the Ruins of Fountains Abbey
- Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites
- Castles and Town Walls of King Edward in Gwynedd
- St Kilda
- Blenheim Palace
- City of Bath
- Hadrian's Wall
- Westminster Palace, Westminster Abbey and Saint Margaret's Church
- Henderson Island ***
- Town of Ironbridge
- Canterbury Cathedral, St Augustine's Abbey and St Martin's Church
- Old and New Towns of Edinburgh
- Gough Island Wildlife Reserve
- Maritime Greenwich
- Heart of Neolithic Orkney
- Historic Town of St George and Related Fortifications, Bermuda.***
- Hanseatic Industrial Landscapes
- Dorset and East Devon Coast
- Derwent Valley Mills
- New Lanark
- Saltaire
- Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.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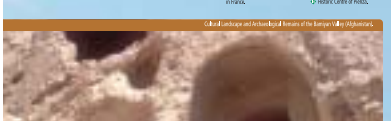
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EUROPE

ALBANIA 1989
- Butrint

ANDORRA 1997
- Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley

ARMENIA 1993
- Monasteries of Haghpat and Sanahin, the Cathedral and Churches of Etchmiatsin and the Archaeological Site of Zvartnots
- Monastery of Geghard and the Upper Azat Valley

AUSTRIA 1992
- Historic Centre of Salzburg
- Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn
- Hallstatt-Dachstein Salzkammergut Cultural Landscape
- Semmering Railway
- City of Graz – Historic Centre
- Wachau Cultural Landscape
- Historic Centre of Vienna

AUSTRIA and HUNGARY
- Fertö/Neusiedlersee Cultural Landscape

AZERBAIJAN 1995
- Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower

BELARUS 1998
- Mir Castle Complex

BELARUS and POLAND
- Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Bialowieza Forest

BELGIUM 1998
- La Grand-Place, Brussels
- Flemish Béguinages
- The Four Lifts on the Canal du Centre and their Environs, La Louvière and Le Rœulx (Hainaut)
- Belfries of Flanders and Wallonia
- Historic Centre of Bruges
- Major Town Houses of the Architect Victor Horta (Brussels)
- Neolithic Flint Mines at Spiennes (Mons)
- Notre-Dame Cathedral in Tournai

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA 1993
- Stećci Medieval Tombstones
- Mostar Bridge
- Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar
- Properties of the Banja Luka Region
- Pliva Natural Park
- Tvrtko's Town of Svetigrad

BULGARIA 1979
- Boyana Church
- Madara Rider
- Thracian Tomb of Kazanlak
- Rock-hewn Churches of Ivanovo
- Ancient City of Nessebar
- Rila Monastery
- Srebarna Nature Reserve
- Pirin National Park
- Thracian Tomb of Sveshtari

CROATIA 1992
- Old City of Dubrovnik
- Historical Complex of Split
- Plitvice Lakes National Park
- Episcopal Complex of the Euphrasian Basilica in Poreč
- Historic City of Trogir
- Cathedral of St James in Šibenik

CYPRUS 1975
- Paphos
- Painted Churches in the Troodos Region
- Choirokoitia

CZECH REPUBLIC 1995
- Historic Centre of Prague
- Historic Centre of Český Krumlov
- Historic Centre of Telč
- Pilgrimage Church of St John of Nepomuk at Zelená Hora
- Kutná Hora: Historical Town Centre with the Church of Saint Barbara and the Cathedral of Our Lady at Sedlec
- Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape
- Holašovice Historical Village Reservation
- Gardens and Castle at Kroměříž
- Litomyšl Castle
- Holy Trinity Column in Olomouc
- Tugendhat Villa in Brno
- Jewish Quarter and St Procopius' Basilica in Třebíč

ESTONIA 1995
- Historic Centre (Old Town) of Tallinn

FINLAND 1987
- Old Rauma
- Fortress of Suomenlinna
- Petäjävesi Old Church
- Verla Groundwood and Board Mill
- Bronze Age Burial Site of Sammallahdenmäki

FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (F.Y.R.O.M.) 1997
- Ohrid Region

FRANCE 1979
- Mont-Saint-Michel and its Bay
- Chartres Cathedral
- Palace and Park of Versailles
- Vendôme, Church and Hill
- Decorated Grottoes of the Vézère Valley
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- Historic Site of Lyons
- Routes of Santiago de Compostela in France

Galapagos Islands (Ecuador).

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ASIA / PACIFIC

AFGHANISTAN 2003
- Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam
- Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley

AUSTRALIA 1981
- Kakadu National Park
- Willandra Lakes Region
- Tasmanian Wilderness
- Lord Howe Island Group
- Central Eastern Rainforest Reserves
- Macquarie Island Nature Reserve
- Port Arthur Historic Site
- Fraser Island
- Gondwana Rainforests of Australia
- Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park
- Willandra Lakes Region
- Tasmanian Wilderness
- Lord Howe Island Group
- Central Eastern Rainforest Reserves
- Macquarie Island Nature Reserve
- Port Arthur Historic Site
- Fraser Island
- Gondwana Rainforests of Australia
- Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park
- Wet Tropics of Queensland
- Shark Bay, Western Australia
- Fraser Island
- Purnululu National Park
- Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens

BANGLADESH 1985
- Historic Mosque City of Bagerhat
- Ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur
- The Sundarbans

BHUTAN 2001
- Dzong

CAMBODIA 1991
- Angkor

CHINA 1985
- Mount Taishan
- The Great Wall
- Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties in Beijing and Shenyang
- Mogao Caves
- Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor
- Peking Man Site at Zhoukoudian
- Mount Huangshan
- Jiuzhaigou Valley
- Huanglong
- Wulingyuan
- Mountain Resort and its Outlying Temples, Chengde
- Temple and Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu
- Ancient Building Complex in the Wudang Mountains
- Potala Palace, Lhasa,
- Lushan National Park
- Mount Emei and Leshan Giant Buddha
- Ancient City of Ping Yao
- Classical Gardens of Suzhou
- Old Town of Lijiang
- Temple of Heaven: an Imperial Sacrificial Altar in Beijing
- Summer Palaces, an Imperial Garden in Beijing
- Mount Wuyi
- Giza Rock Carvings
- Mount Qingcheng and the Dujiangyan Irrigation System
- Ancient Villages in Southern Anhui – Xidi and Hongcun
- Longmen Grottoes
- Imperial Tombs of the Ming and Qing Dynasties
- Yungang Grottoes
- Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas

MALDIVES 1996
- Marshall Islands 2002

MICRONESIA (Fed. States of) 2002

MONGOLIA 1990

MONGOLIA and RUSSIAN FEDERATION
- Uvs Nuur Basin

MYANMAR 1994
- Pagan
- Rakhaing National Park
- Monsoon Wildlife Sanctuary
- Kaukaboo National Park
- Churches and Convents of Goa
- Khajuraho
- Hampi
- Fatehpur Sikri
- Pattadakal
- Elephanta Caves
- Ajanta Caves
- Ellora Caves
- Agra Fort
- Taj Mahal
- Sun Temple, Konarak
- Mahabalipuram
- Kaziranga National Park
- Manas Wildlife Sanctuary
- Keolade