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The approximate locations of the 730 properties - 563 cultural, 144 natural and 23 mixed - inscribed on the World Heritage List in 125 States Parties are shown on this map.

Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System.

Rock-hewn Churches, Lalibela, Ethiopia.

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...

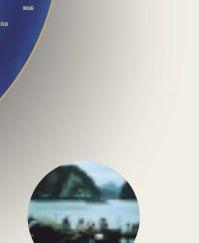
Any State Party to this Convention may request international assistance for property forming part of the cultural or natural heritage of outstanding universal value situated within its territory.

Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia.

Lake Turkana National Parks, Kenya.

Samarkand Crossroads of Cultures, Uzbekistan.

Old Walled City of Shibam, Yemen.


Ha Long Bay, Viet Nam.

THE AMERICAS

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA 1983

ARGENTINA 1978
- Los Glaciares.
- Iguazu National Park.
- Peninsula Valdés.
- Cuevas de los Manos, Río Pinturas.
- Ischigualasto/Talampaya Natural Parks.
- Jesuit Block and Estancias of Córdoba.

ARGENTINA and BRAZIL
- Jesuit Missions of the Guaranis.

BARBADOS 2002

BELIZE 1990
- Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System.

BOLIVIA 1976
- City of Potosí.
- Jesuit Missions of the Chiquitos.
- Historic City of Sucre.
- Fortress 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 de 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.
- Iué National Park.
- 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 1976
- L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site.
- Nahanni National Park.
- Dinosaur Provincial Park.
- Gwaii Haanas (Anthony Island), Nuut-Sounded-in Buffalo Jump.
- 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
- Kluane / Wrangell-St Elias / Glacier Bay / Tatshenshini-Alsek.
- Waterton Glacier International Peace Park.

CHILE 1980
- Rapa Nui National Park.
- Churches of Chiloé.

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.
- Area 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 1995
- Morne Trois Pitons National Park.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 1985
- Colonial City of Santo Domingo.

ECUADOR 1975
- Galápagos Islands.
- City of Quito.
- Sangay National Park.
- Historic Centre of Santa Ana de los Ríos de Cuenca.

EL SALVADOR 1991
- Joya de Ceren Archaeological Site.

GRENADA 1998

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

GUYANA 1977

HAITI 1980
- National History Park - Citadel, Sans Souci, Ramiers.

Historic Centre of Puebla, Mexico.

HONDURAS 1979
- Maya Site of Copán.
- Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve.

JAMAICA 1983

MEXICO 1984
- Sian Ka'an.
- Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan.
- Historic Centre of Oaxaca and Archaeological Site of Monte Albán.
- Historic Centre of Puebla.
- Historic Town of Guanajuato. Pre-Hispanic City of Chichen-Itzá.
- Historic Centre of Morelia.
- El Tajín, Pre-Hispanic City.
- El Vibrón Sanctuary of El Cardón.
- Historic Centre of Zacatecas.
- Rock Paintings of the Sierra de San Francisco.
- Earliest 16th-century Monasteries on the Slopes of Popocatapetl. Pre-Hispanic Town of Uxmal.
- Historic Monuments Zone of Querétaro.
- Hospicio Cabañas, Guadalajara.
- Archaeological Zone of Paquimé, Casas Grandes.
- Historic Monuments Zone of Tlacotalpan.
- Archaeological Monuments Zone of Xochicalco.
- Historic Fortified Town of Campeche.
- Ancient Maya City of Calakmul, Campeche.

NICARAGUA 1979
- Ruins of León Viejo.

PANAMA 1978
- Fortifications of Portobelo-San Lorenzo.
- Darién National Park.
- Historic District of Panamá, with the Salón Bolívar.

PARAGUAY 1988
- Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue.

PERU 1982
- City of Cuzco.
- Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu.
- Chavín (Archaeological Site).
- Huascaran National Park.
- Chan Chan Archaeological Zone.
- Manú National Park.
- Historic Centre of Lima.
- Río Abiseo National Park.
- Lines and Geoglyphs of Nasca and Pampas de Jumana.
- Historical Centre of the City of Arequipa.

SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS 1985
- Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park.

SAINT LUCIA 1991

SURINAME 1997
- Central Suriname Nature Reserve.
- Historic Inner City of Paramaribo.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 1979
- Mesa Verde.
- Yellowstone.
- Grand Canyon National Park.
- Everglades National Park.
- Independence Hall.
- Redwood National Park.
- Mammoth Cave National Park.
- Olympic National Park.
- Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site.
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- La Fortaleza and San Juan Historic Site in Puerto Rico.
- Statue of Liberty.
- Yosemite National Park.
- Chaco Culture National Historical Park.
- Monticello and University of Virginia in Charlottesville.
- Mesa Verde National Park.
- Pueblo de Taos.
- Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

URUGUAY 1983
- Historic Quarter of Colonia del Sacramento.

VENEZUELA 1993
- Coro and its Port.
- Canaima National Park.
- Ciudad Universitaria de Caracas.

EUROPE

ALBANIA 1989
- Butrint.

ANDORRA 1997

ARMENIA 1993
- Monasteries of Haghpat and Sanahin.
- Cathedral and Churches of Echmiatsin 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
- Cultural Landscape of Fertö/Neusiedlersee.

AZERBAIJAN 1993
- Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower.

BELARUS 1988
- Mir Castle Complex.

BELARUS and POLAND
- Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Białowieża Forest.

BELGIUM 1996
- La Grand-Place, Brussels.
- Flemish Béguinages.
- The Four Lifts on the Canal du Centre and their Environs, La Louvière and Le Roeulx (Hainaut).
- Belfries of Belgium and Wallonia.
- Historic Centre of Brugge.
- Major Town Houses of the Architect Victor Horta (Brussels).
- Neolithic First Mines at Spiennes (Mons).
- Notre-Dame Cathedral in Tournai.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA 1993

BULGARIA 1979
- Boyana Church.
- Madara Rider.
- Thracian Tomb of Kazanlak.
- Rock-hewn Churches of Ivanovo.
- Ancient City of Nessebar.
- Rila Monastery.
- Sveshtari 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, Poreč.
- Historic City of Trogir.
- Cathedral of St Jacques in Šibenik.

CYPRUS 1985
- Paphos.
- Painted Churches in the Troodos Region.
- Choirokoitia.

CZECH REPUBLIC 1993
- Historic Centre of Prague.
- Historic Centre of Cesky Krumlov.
- Historic Centre of Telc.
- Pilgrimage Church of St John of Nepomuk at Zelena Hora.
- Kutná Hora: Historical Town Centre.
- Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape.
- Holašovice Historical Village Reservation.
- Gardens and Castle at Kroměříž.
- Litomyšl Castle.
- Holy Trinity Column in Olomouc.
- Tugendhat Villa in Brno.

DENMARK 1979
- Jelling Mounds, Runic Stones and Church.
- Roskilde Cathedral.
- Kronborg Castle.

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.

FRANCE 1979
- Mont-Saint-Michel and its Bay.
- Churches Cathedral.
- 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 Church of Notre-Dame, Former Abbey of Saint-Remi 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.
- Jurisdiction of Saint-Emilion.
- Loire Valley between Sully-sur-Loire and Chalonnes.
- Poitiers, Town of Medieval Faits.

FRANCE and SPAIN
- Pyrénées - Mont Perdu.

GEORGIA 1992
- City-Museum Reserve of Mtskheta.
- Bagrati Cathedral and Gelati Monastery.
- Upper Svaneti.

GERMANY 1976
- Aachen Cathedral.
- Speyer Cathedral.
- Würzburg Residence.
- Pilgrimage Church of Wies.
- Castles of Augustusburg and Falkenlust at Brühl.
- St Mary's Cathedral and St Michael's Church at Hildesheim.
- Roman Monuments, Cathedral of St Peter and Church of Our Lady in Trier.
- Hanseatic City of Lübeck.
- Palaces and Parks of Potsdam and Berlin.
- Abbey and Altermünster of Lorsch.
- Mines of Rammelsberg and Historic Town of Goslar.
- Town of Bamberg.
- Maulbronn Monastery Complex.
- Old Town of Quedlinburg.
- Völklingen Ironworks.
- Messel Pit Fossil Site.
- Cologne Cathedral.
- Bauhaus and its Sites in Weimar and Dessau.
- Luther Memorials in Eisleben and Wittenberg.
- Classical Weimar.
- Wartburg Castle.
- Museumsinsel (Museum Island), Berlin.
- Monastic Island of Reichenau.
- Garden Kingdom of Dessau-Wörlitz.
- Zollverein Coal Mine Industrial Complex in Essen.
- Historic Centres of Stralsund and Wismar.
- Upper Middle Rhine Valley.

GREECE 1981
- Temple of Apollo Epicurius at Bassae.
- Archaeological Site of Delphi.
- Acropolis, Athens.
- Mount Athos.
- Meteora.
- Paleochristian and Byzantine Monuments of Thessaloniki.
- Archaeological Site of Epidauros.
- Medieval City of Rhodes.
- Mystras.
- Archaeological Site of Olympia.
- Delos.
- Monasteries of Daphni, Hosios Loukas and Nea Moni of Chios.
- Pythagoreion and Heraion of Samos.
- Archaeological Site of Vergina.
- Archaeological Sites of Mycenae and Tiryns.
- Historic Centre (Chora) with the Monastery of Saint John "the Theologian" and the Cave of the Apocalypse on the Island of Patmos.

HOLY SEE 1992
- Vatican City.

HUNGARY 1985
- Budapest, the Banks of the Danube and the Buda Castle Quarter.
- Hollókő.
- Millenary Benedictine Monastery of Pannonhalma.
- Hortobágy National Park.
- Pécs (Sopianae) Early Christian Necropolis.
- Tokaj Wine Region Cultural Landscape.

Acropolis of Athens, Greece.

HUNGARY and SLOVAKIA
- Caves of the Aggtelek Karst and Slovak Karst.

ICELAND 1995

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

ISRAEL 1999
- Masada.
- Old City of Acre.

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 dei Duomo, Pisa.
- Historic Centre of San Gimignano.
- I Sassi di Matera.
- City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of 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 Pienza.
- 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, Herculanum and Torre Annunziata.
- Villa Romana del Casale.
- Su Nuraxi di Barumini.
- Pontevecchio, Cinque Terre, Palmaria, Tino and Tinetto.
- Castles Hohenstaufen.
- Archaeological Area of Agrigento.
- Archaeological Areas and the Pontifical Basilica of Aquileia.
- Chiesa and Villa di Piazza Armerina