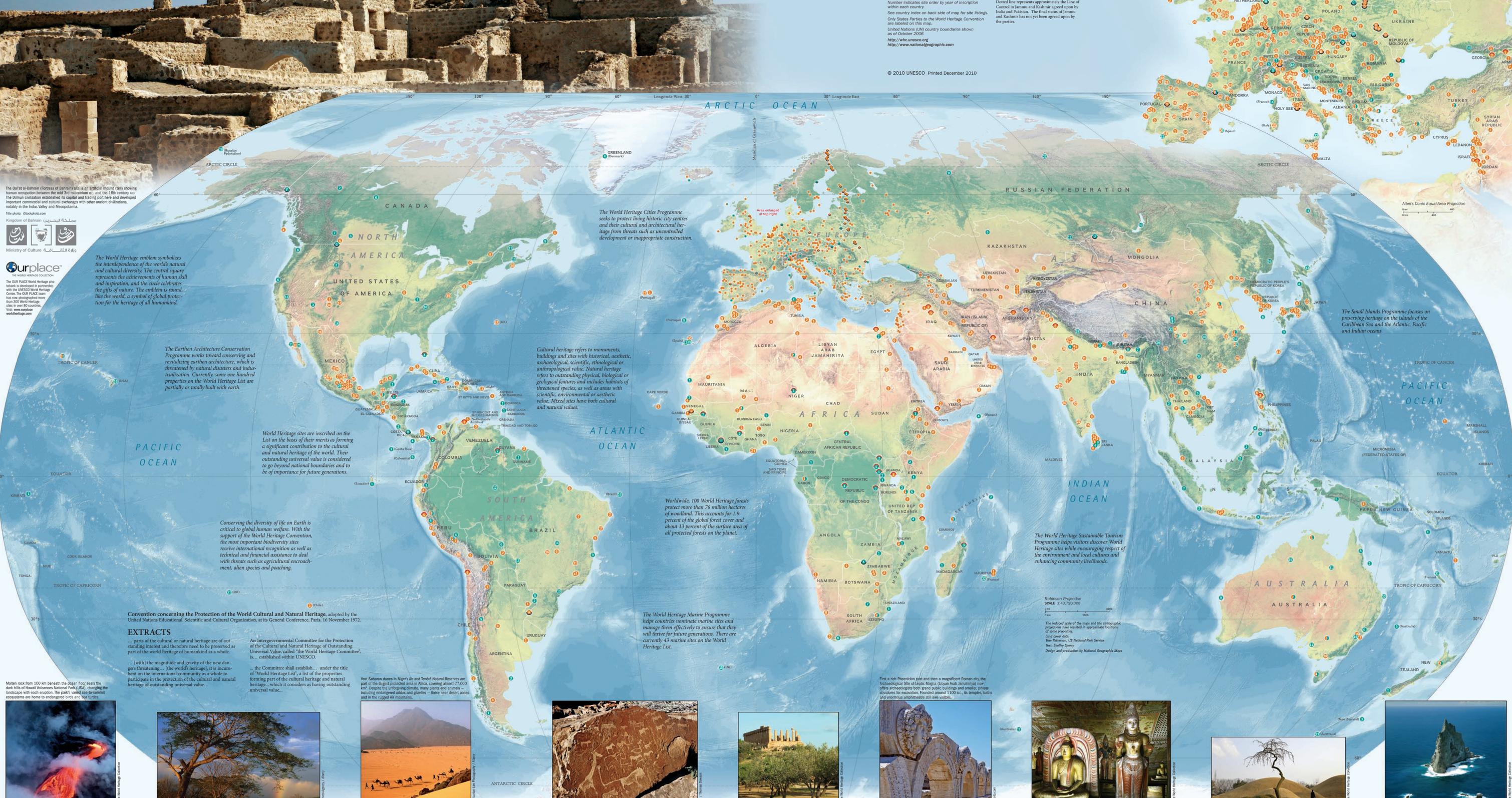


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From the vast plains of the Serengeti to historic cities such as Vienna, Lima and Kyoto; from the prehistoric rock art on the Iberian Peninsula to the Statue of Liberty; from the Kasbah of Algiers to the Imperial Palace in Beijing — all of these places, as varied as they are, have one thing in common. All are World Heritage sites of outstanding cultural or natural value to humanity and are worthy of protection for future generations to know and enjoy.

Key
 ○ Cultural property
 ○ Natural property
 ○ Mixed property (cultural and natural)
 ○ Transitional property
 ○ Property currently inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger
 Number indicates site order by year of inscription within each country.
 See country index on back side of map for site listings.
 Only States Parties to the World Heritage Convention are labeled on this map.
 United Nations (UN) country boundaries shown as of October 2006.
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The Qal'at al-Bahrain (Fortress of Bahrain) site is an artificial mound (tell) showing human occupation between the mid 3rd millennium B.C. and the 18th century A.D. The Dilmun civilization established its capital and trading port here and developed important commercial and cultural exchanges with other ancient civilizations, notably in the Indian Valley and Mesopotamia.
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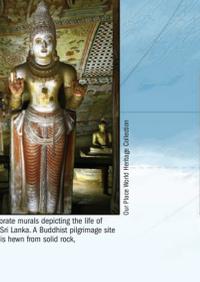
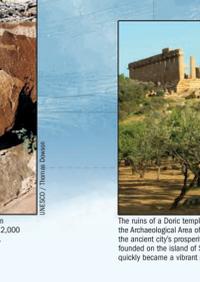
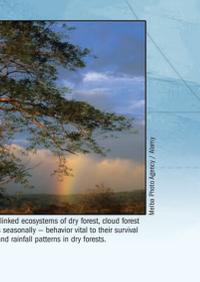
The World Heritage emblem symbolizes the interdependence of the world's natural and cultural diversity. The central square represents the achievements of human skill and inspiration, and the circle celebrates the gifts of nature. The emblem is round, like the world, a symbol of global protection for the heritage of all humankind.
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The Earthen Architecture Conservation Programme works toward conserving and revitalizing earthen architecture, which is threatened by natural disasters and industrialization. Currently, some one hundred properties on the World Heritage List are partially or totally built with earth.

World Heritage sites are inscribed on the List on the basis of their merits as forming a significant contribution to the cultural and natural heritage of the world. Their outstanding universal value is considered to be of importance for future generations.

Conserving the diversity of life on Earth is critical to global human welfare. With the support of the World Heritage Convention, the most important biodiversity sites receive international recognition as well as technical and financial assistance to deal with threats such as agricultural encroachment, alien species and poaching.

EXTRACTS
 ... 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...
 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 the properties forming part of the cultural heritage and natural heritage... which it considers as having outstanding universal value...
 Visit Saharan dunes in Niger's Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves are part of the largest protected area in Africa, covering almost 77,000 km². Despite the unforgiving climate, many plants and animals — including endangered addax and gazelles — thrive near desert oases and in the rugged Air mountains.



The World Heritage Cities Programme seeks to protect living historic city centres and their cultural and architectural heritage from threats such as uncontrolled development or inappropriate construction.

Cultural heritage refers to monuments, buildings and sites with historical, aesthetic, archaeological, scientific, ethnological or anthropological value. Natural heritage refers to outstanding physical, biological or geological features and includes habitats of threatened species, as well as areas with scientific, environmental or aesthetic value. Mixed sites have both cultural and natural values.

Worldwide, 100 World Heritage forests protect more than 76 million hectares of woodland. This accounts for 1.9 percent of the global forest cover and about 13 percent of the surface area of all protected forests on the planet.

The World Heritage Marine Programme helps countries nominate marine sites and manage them effectively to ensure that they will thrive for future generations. There are currently 43 marine sites on the World Heritage List.

The World Heritage Sustainable Tourism Programme helps visitors discover World Heritage sites while encouraging respect of the environment and local cultures and enhancing community livelihoods.

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 SCALE 1:43,720,000
 1 cm = 1000 km
 1 inch = 1600 miles
 The reduced scale of the maps and the cartographic projections have resulted in approximate locations of some properties.
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First a rich Phoenician port and then a magnificent Roman city, the Archaeological Site of Lepcis Magna (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) now offers archaeologists both grand public buildings and smaller private structures for excavation. Founded around 1100 B.C., it remains a vibrant port and marketplace.

More than 150 stone statues guard beneath elaborate murals depicting the life of the Buddha at the Grotto Temple of Dambudha in Sri Lanka. A Buddhist pilgrimage site for 22 centuries, the complex of cave-sanctuaries is hewn from solid rock, providing meditation space for monks.

Graceful, grass-covered mounds in Gyeongju Historic Areas (Republic of Korea), cover ruins from the Silla Kingdom, which spanned 6 centuries ending in A.D. 935. Throughout, Gyeongju pagodas, temples, stone engravings and statues recall the flowering of Korean Buddhism in the Silla capital.

Australia's Lord Howe Island Group emerged as part of a massive shield volcano in the Pacific some seven million years ago. Now eroded into sharp rocky peaks, some covered in lush forests or grasslands, the islands provide homes or nesting stopovers for at least 168 species of bird.

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The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) works with countries around the world to identify and protect cultural and natural places that merit recognition as part of the common heritage of humankind. UNESCO adopted the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage in 1972. Since then, 187 countries have ratified the treaty, and at present 911 properties are inscribed on the List — 704 of which are cultural, 180 natural and 27 mixed (a combination of the two). They are noted here in alphabetical order by country and in the order they were listed.

- Cultural property
- Natural property
- Mixed property (cultural and natural)
- Transnational property
- Property in danger

1979 Year in which each of the 187 States Parties adhered to the World Heritage Convention

A variety of dangers due to natural causes or human intervention are constantly threatening World Heritage. As a result, 34 properties (in bold on the list) are currently inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger and are thus entitled to particular attention and emergency conservation action.

- AFGHANISTAN** 1979
 - Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam
 - Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamyan Valley
- ALBANIA** 1989
 - Butrint
 - Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra
- ALGERIA** 1974
 - Old City of Beni Hamad
 - Tassili n'Ajjer
 - M'Zab Valley
 - Djémila
 - Tipasa
 - Tingitana
 - Kasbah of Algiers
- ANDORRA** 1997
 - Madriu-Perafita-Clauter Valley
- ANGOLA** 1991

- ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA** 1983
- ARGENTINA** 1978
 - Los Glaciares
 - Iguazu National Park
 - Peninsula Valdés
 - Cueva de las Manos, Rio Pinturas
 - Ichoiqués / Talampaya National Parks
 - Jesuit Block and Estancias of Córdoba
 - Quebrada de Humahuaca
- ARMENIA** 1993
 - Monasteries of Haghpat and Sanahin
 - Cathedral and Churches of Echmiadzin and the Archaeological Site of Zvartnots
 - Monastery of Geghard and the Upper Aztat Valley
- AUSTRALIA** 1974
 - Kakadu National Park
 - Great Barrier Reef
 - Willandra Lakes Region
 - Tasmanian Wilderness Area
 - Lord Howe Island Group
 - Gondwanan Rainforests of Australia
 - Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park
 - Wet Tropics of Queensland
 - Shark Bay, Western Australia
 - Fraser Island
 - Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Riversleigh / Naracoorte)

- BANGLADESH** 1983
 - Historic Mosque City of Boghata
 - Ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur
 - The Sundarbans
- BARBADOS** 2002
- BELARUS** 1988
 - Mir Castle Complex
 - Architectural, Residential and Cultural Complex of the Radzivil Family at Nesvizh
- BELGIUM** 1996
 - La Grand-Place, Brussels
 - Flemish Béguinages
 - The Four Lifts on the Canal du Centre and their Environs, La Louvière and Le Roeux (Hainaut)
 - Historic Centre of Brugge
 - Plantin-Moretus House-Workshops-Museum Complex
 - Stoctet House
- BELIZE** 1990
 - Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System
- BENIN** 1982
 - Royal Palaces of Abomey
- BHUTAN** 2001
- BOLIVIA** 1976
 - City of Potosí
 - Jesuit Missions of the Chiquitos
 - Historic City of Sucre
 - Fuerte de Samaipata
 - Tiwanaku: Spiritual and Political Centre of the Tiwanaku Culture
 - Noel Kempf Mercado National Park
- BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA** 1993
 - Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar
 - Mehmed Paša Sokolović Bridge in Višegrad
- BOTSWANA** 1988
 - Tsodilo
- 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
 - Iguazu National Park
 - Brasília
 - Serra da Capivara National Park
 - Historic Centre of São Luís
 - Discovery Coast Atlantic Forest Reserves
 - Atlantic Forest South-East Reserves
 - Historic Centre of the Town of Diamantina
 - Central Amazon Conservation Complex
 - Pantanal Conservation Area
 - Carrasco 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
 - São Francisco Square in the Town of São Cristóvão
- BULGARIA** 1974
 - Boyana Church

- CHAD** 1999
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 - Fasil Ghebbi, Gondar Region
 - Lower Valley of the Awash
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 - Lower Valley of the Omo
 - Harar Jugol, the Fortified Historical Town
- FINLAND** 1987
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- FRANCE** 1975
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