

WORLD HERITAGE

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Al Zubarah lies at the meeting place of sea and desert on Qatar's north-west coast. Founded by merchants as an independent pearl-diving and commercial center, the city's brick network lined East and West. In the 18th and early 19th centuries, the four-square-kilometer archaeological site included a fort and the remains of a vast urban complex of mosques, houses and markets within thick defensive walls.

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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.

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 beyond national boundaries and 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.

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

... 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...

The Grand Canyon, a rocky labyrinth 445 kilometers long and 1.5 kilometers deep in the southwestern United States, is one of the world's geological wonders. The Colorado River still carves new channels in the canyon as it has for six million years, revealing multicolored layers of Earth's history.



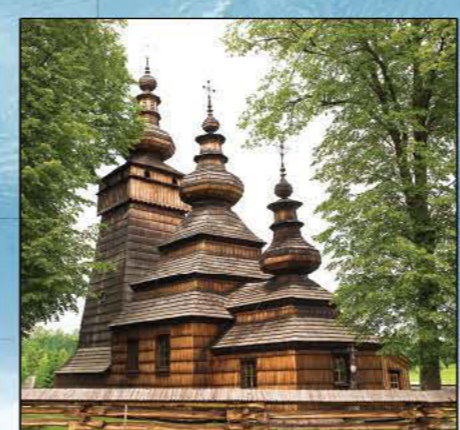
The nine-stepped Maya Temple of the Jaguar rises 47 meters above the Great Plaza of Tikal in Guatemala's lush rain forest. Inhabited from the 6th century A.C. to the 12th century A.D., Tikal was among the most powerful cities in Mesoamerica. At its height, up to 90,000 men, women and children lived and worked there.



The Bathonian Parliament building marries neo-Gothic style and local coral limestone in Bridgetown. Founded in 1628, the port and garrison attracted Great Britain's Atlantic trading empire. A rich Creole culture emerged over time from the mingling of the city's Amerindians, Africans and Europeans.



Established as a French colonial outpost in 1659, the island city of Saint-Louis, at the mouth of the Senegal River, today welcomes painted fishing boats instead of European traders seeking gold and slaves. A new canal helps to preserve elegant homes and quays from floods.



From the 16th to the 19th century in the Carpathian Mountains of Poland and Ukraine, communities built unique wooden churches (churches). These three-part structures with shingled onion domes, cupolas and bell towers expressed spiritual devotion in a form seen nowhere else in the world.



The Bane d'Argentan's rocky landscape hugs the Atlantic coast of Brittany, providing a winter haven for two million migratory wading birds. Gullies and bays from the sand dunes, white mosques, mudflats and dry islands offer safe nesting sites and rich feeding grounds for 15 bird species and endangered green sea turtles.



Like a string of jewels, seven groups of religious and historical monuments stretch across Nepal's Kathmandu Valley, attesting to the area's great multicultural and religious diversity. Thamel Hindu temples at Changu Narayan date from the 5th century. At Boudhanath's gilded Buddhist stupas, "all-seeing eyes" watch over 50 Tibetan Buddhist monasteries.



A favorite subject of artists for ten centuries, the snow-capped volcanic cone of Japan's Mount Fuji rises 3,776 meters above glittering blue lakes. Shinto shrines and winding Buddhist paths draw 200,000 pilgrims a year to the sacred mountain, many hiking at night in order to watch the sun rise at the summit.



Monitor lizards, bats and 43 species of birds live on the protected southern third of Newell Island, one of the world's largest raised coral atoll. Part of the Solomon Islands, the site is invaluable as a laboratory for studying biodiversity and climate change.

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

- 1 Cultural property
- 2 Natural property
- 3 Mixed property (cultural and natural)
- 4 Transnational property
- 5 Property currently inscribed on the List of World Heritage In Danger

See country index on back side of map for site listings. Number indicates site order by year of inscription within each country. Letters are assigned to transnational properties in the order of their inscription on the List. Only States Parties to the World Heritage Convention are labeled on this map. United Nations (UN) country boundaries shown as of October 2013. <http://whc.unesco.org> <http://www.nationalgeographic.com>

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Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

*occupied Palestinian territory



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, 107 World Heritage forests protect more than 80 million hectares of woodland. This accounts for 2 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 46 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.

Robinson Projection
SCALE 1:43,720,000
1cm = 437.2km
1in = 7000mi

The reduced scale of the map and the cartographic projections have resulted in approximate locations of some properties.
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1in = 6400mi

The Small Islands Programme focuses on preserving heritage on the islands of the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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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, 190 countries have ratified the treaty, and at present 981 properties are inscribed on the List — 759 of which are cultural, 193 natural and 29 mixed (a combination of the two). They are noted here in alphabetical order by country and in the order they were listed.

KEY

- Cultural property
- Natural property
- Mixed property (cultural and natural)
- Transnational property (Twenty-nine properties are nominated and managed by more than one State Party)
- Property in danger

1979 Year in which each of the 190 States Parties adhered to the World Heritage Convention

A variety of dangers due to natural causes or human intervention are constantly threatening the World Heritage. As a result, 44 properties (in bold on the list) are currently inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger and in this annex to participate actively in emergency conservation action.

- BAHRAIN** 1991
 - Qal'at al-Bahrain — Ancient Harbour and Capital of Dilmun
 - Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy
- BANGLADESH** 1983
 - Dia Fossil Reserves
 - Historic Mosque City of Bagerhat
 - Urban Historic Centre of Dhaka at Paharpur
 - The Sundarbans
- BARBADOS** 2002
 - Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison
- BELARUS** 1988
 - Mir Castle Complex
 - Architectural, Residential and Cultural Complex of the Radzivil' Family at Nesvizh
 - Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Bialowieża Forest
 - Strove Geodetic Arc
- BELGIUM** 1996
 - La Grand-Place, Brussels
 - Flemish Brigliques
 - The Four Lifts on the Canal du Centre and their Environs, La Louvière and Le Roeulx (Hainaut)
 - Historic Centre of Brugge
 - Major Town Houses of the Architect Victor Horta (Brussels)
 - Neolithic Flint Mines at Spiennes (Mons)
 - Notre-Dame Cathedral in Tournai
 - Plantin-Moretus House-Workshops-Museum Complex
 - Stockholmskanalen
 - Major Mining Sites of Wallonia
 - Belfries of Belgium and France
- BELIZE** 1990
 - Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System
- BENIN** 1982
 - Royal Palaces of Abomey
- BHUTAN** 2001
 - 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 South-East Reserves
 - Historic Centre of the Town of Diamantina
- ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA** 1983
 - Los Glaciares National Park
 - Cathedral and Churches of Chmistan and the Archaeological Site of Zwartkops
 - Monastery of Geggand and the Upper Azzet Valley
- ARGENTINA** 1978
 - Los Glaciares National Park
 - Cathedral and Churches of Chmistan and the Archaeological Site of Zwartkops
 - Península Valdés
 - Cueva de las Manos, Rio Pinturas
 - schiguanasta / Talampaya National Parks
 - Jesuit Block and Estancias of Córdoba
 - Quebrada de Humahuaca
 - Jesuit Missions of the Guaranis
- ARMENIA** 1993
 - Monasteries of Hagrapat and Sanahin
 - Cathedral and Churches of Chmistan and the Archaeological Site of Zwartkops
 - Monastery of Geggand and the Upper Azzet Valley
- AUSTRALIA** 1974
 - Kakadu National Park
 - Great Barrier Reef
 - Tasmanian Wilderness
 - Lord Howe Island Group
 - Geondwana Rainforests of Australia
 - Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park
 - Wet Tropics of Queensland
- AUSTRALIA** 1992
 - Historic Centre of Salzburg
 - Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn
 - Habsburg Dachstein Salzkammergut Cultural Landscape
 - Semmering Railway
 - City of Graz — Historic Centre and Schloss Eggenberg
 - Wachau Cultural Landscape
 - Historic Centre of Vienna
 - Fertő / Neusiedlersee Cultural Landscape
 - Prehistoric Pile dwellings around the Alps
- AUSTRIA** 1992
 - Central Aurochs 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
 - São Francisco Square in the Town of São Cristóvão
 - Rio de Janeiro: Carnicaria Landscapes between the Mountain and the Sea
 - Australian Convict Sites
 - Jesuit Missions of the Guaranis
- BRUNEI DARUSSALAM** 2001
 - Historic Centre of Molei
 - Historic Centres of Saiburg
 - Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn
 - Habsburg Dachstein Salzkammergut Cultural Landscape
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- BURKINA FASO** 1987
 - Walled City of Bakou with the Shivranshah's Palace and Maiden Tower
 - Gobustan Rock Art. Cultural Landscape
- BURUNDI** 1982
 - Strove Geodetic Arc
- COLOMBIA** 1993
 - Fort, Fortresses and Group of Monuments, Cartagena
 - Nos Kofes National Park
 - Historic Centre of Santa Cruz de Mompox
 - National Archaeological Park Tierracentro
 - San Agustín Archaeological Park
 - Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary
 - Coffee Cultural Landscape of Colombia
- COMOROS** 2000
 - Sangha Tritinational
- CONGO** 1987
 - Sangha Tritinational
- COOK ISLANDS** 2001
 - Tai National Park
 - Covee National Park
 - Historic Town of Great-Bassam
 - Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve
- COSTA RICA** 1977
 - Coccos Island National Park
 - Area de Conservación Guanacaste
 - Talamanca Ranga-La Amistad Reserves / La Amistad National Park
- CÔTE D'IVOIRE** 1981
 - Tai National Park
 - Covee National Park
 - Historic Town of Great-Bassam
 - Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve
- CROATIA** 1992
 - Old City of Dubrovnik
 - Historical Complex of Split with the Palace of Diocletian
 - Plitvice Lakes National Park
 - Episcopal Complex of the Euphrasian Basilica in the Historic Centre of Poreč
 - Historic City of Trogir
 - Cathedral of St James in Šibenik
 - Stari Grad Plain
- CUBA** 1981
 - Old Havana and its Fortification System
 - Timidá and the Valley de los Ingenios
 - San Pedro de la Roca Castle, Santiago de Cuba
 - Desembarco del Granma National Park
 - Vinales Valley
 - Archaeological Landscape of the First Cofeé Plantations in the South-East of Cuba
 - Associated Ecosystems
 - Algarindo de Humboldt National Park
 - Urban Historic Centre of Cartagena
 - Historic Centre of Camagüey
- CYPRUS** 1975
 - Paphos
 - Painted Churches in the Troodos Region
 - Choirokitia
- CZECH REPUBLIC** 1993
 - Historic Centre of Prague
 - Historic District of Český Krumlov
- DANMARK** 1979
 - Jelling Monuments, Runic Stones and Church
 - Roskilde Cathedral
 - Kronborg Castle
 - Ilulissat Icefjord
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 - Roskilde Cathedral
 - Kronborg Castle
 - Ilulissat Icefjord
- DEM. PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA** 1998
 - Complex of Koguryo Tombs
 - Historic Monuments and Sites in Kaesong
- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO** 1974
 - Virunga National Park
 - Garamba National Park
 - Kahuzi-Biega National Park
 - Salonga National Park
 - Okapi Wildlife Reserve
- DENMARK** 1979
 - Jelling Monuments, Runic Stones and Church
 - Roskilde Cathedral
 - Kronborg Castle
 - Ilulissat Icefjord
- 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
 - Family Mansion in Quito
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