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Top 100 famous tourist attractions in the world

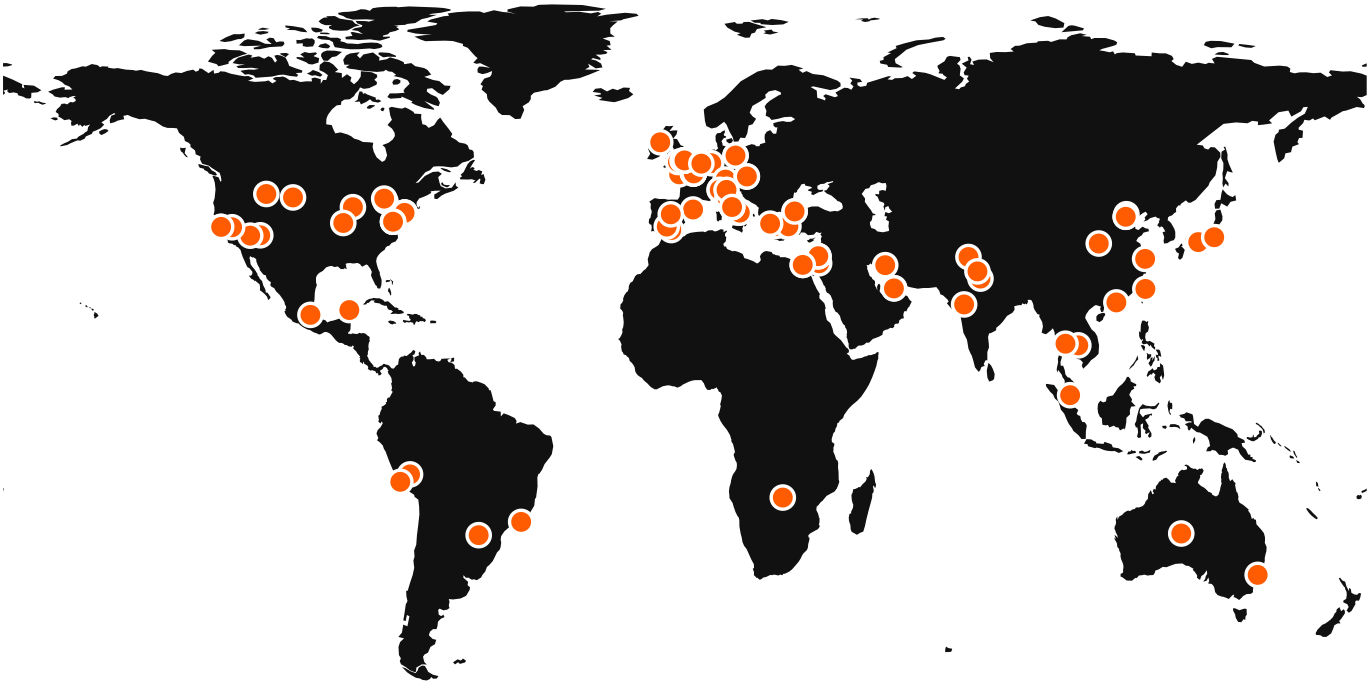
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100 landmarks on six continents

Each dot marks one of the hundred attractions in this guide. The cards start on page 4, and the index on the next page lists them all with their page numbers.



100
famous landmarks, each summed up in a card

60
cities to pair them with

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countries on six continents

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100 landmarks, one card each

This PDF lists the 100 most famous tourist attractions in the world, one card each, in the order travellers look them up. Each card gives the facts that matter at a glance: what the place is, when it was built, how big it is, whether UNESCO lists it, how many people visit and whether entry is free.

The second part pairs the landmarks with 60 cities, grouped by the kind of traveller each one suits. Most city cards link to a free city guide.

HOW TO READ A CARD

- **Type**: what the place is, in a few words.
- **Built**: construction or opening dates; for ancient sites, the period.
- **Scale**: the one figure that gives its size (height, length or area).
- **UNESCO**: year of World Heritage inscription and the listed property, when the landmark is part of one.
- **Visitors**: the latest figure published by the operator or a public authority; left out when none exists.
- **Access**: free, ticketed, or free outside and ticketed inside. Hours and prices change: check before going.

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The top 100



1 Sagrada Família

BARCELONA · SPAIN

Basilica under construction since 1882; its Tower of Jesus Christ reached 172.5 m in February 2026, with interior work continuing.

TYPE	Basilica, Catalan Modernisme	BUILT	Begun 1882; tower completed 2026
SCALE	172.5 m tall	UNESCO	1984, Works of Antoni Gaudí
VISITORS	4,877,567 in 2025	ACCESS	Ticketed · timed entry

Tickets and visiting guide: **sagradafamilia.barcelonatickets.org**



2 Eiffel Tower

PARIS · FRANCE

Built for the 1889 Exposition Universelle in 2 years, 2 months and 5 days, the tower stands 330 m tall.

TYPE	Iron lattice tower	BUILT	1887–1889
SCALE	330 m tall	UNESCO	1991, Paris, Banks of the Seine
VISITORS	Over 6.75 million in 2025	ACCESS	Free outside, ticketed inside

Tickets and visiting guide: **eiffeltower.paristickets.org**



3 Burj Khalifa

DUBAI · UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Completed in January 2010, the tower stands 828 m tall, as confirmed by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat.

TYPE	Supertall skyscraper	BUILT	Completed 4 January 2010
SCALE	828 m tall	ACCESS	Ticketed (observation decks)

City guide: **touristoffice.org/dubai/**



4 Taj Mahal

AGRA · INDIA

Mughal emperor Shah Jahan commissioned this marble mausoleum for his queen Mumtaz Mahal; the main tomb was completed in 1648.

TYPE	Marble mausoleum	BUILT	c. 1631–1653
SCALE	44.4 m outer dome height	UNESCO	1983
VISITORS	About 6.9 million in 2024–25	ACCESS	Ticketed



5

Machu Picchu

CUSCO REGION · PERU

Fifteenth-century Inca citadel at 2,430 m, linked to the ruler Pachacutec; daily entry is capped by the Ministry of Culture.

TYPE	Inca citadel	BUILT	15th century
SCALE	2,430 m above sea level	UNESCO	1983, Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu
ACCESS	Ticketed · timed entry		



6

Great Wall of China

BEIJING · CHINA

Not one continuous wall: the official 21,196.18 km total counts wall segments, trenches and natural barriers built across many dynasties.

TYPE	Ancient defensive wall system	BUILT	3rd century BC–17th century AD
SCALE	21,196.18 km surveyed	UNESCO	1987, The Great Wall
ACCESS	Ticketed sections		



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Colosseum

ROME · ITALY

Flavian amphitheatre commissioned by Vespasian and inaugurated by Titus in AD 80; the anchor of a four-part archaeological park.

TYPE	Roman amphitheatre	BUILT	c. AD 70–80
SCALE	189 × 156 m, 48 m high	UNESCO	1980, Historic Centre of Rome
VISITORS	14.7 million entries in 2024 (whole park)		
ACCESS	Ticketed · timed entry		

Tickets and visiting guide: **colosseum.rome-tickets.org**



8

Mount Rushmore

SOUTH DAKOTA · UNITED STATES

Granite sculpture of four US presidents carved into a Black Hills mountain between 1927 and 1941.

TYPE	Presidential mountain sculpture	BUILT	1927–1941
SCALE	Heads about 18 m (60 ft) tall	VISITORS	1.85 million visits in 2024
ACCESS	Free (parking fee)		



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Statue of Liberty

NEW YORK CITY · UNITED STATES

Bartholdi's 'Liberty Enlightening the World' was dedicated in 1886 and shipped from France in 350 parts packed in 214 crates.

TYPE	Monumental copper statue	BUILT	Dedicated 1886
SCALE	93 m to torch tip	UNESCO	1984
VISITORS	3.72 million in 2024 (with Ellis Island)		
ACCESS	Ticketed		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/new-york-city/**



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Taipei 101

TAIPEI · TAIWAN

A 101-storey, 508 m tower in Taipei's Xinyi District, completed in 2004, with a tuned mass damper visible from its observatory.

TYPE	Skyscraper with observatory	BUILT	1999–2004
SCALE	508 m tall	ACCESS	Ticketed (observatory)

City guide: **touristoffice.org/taipei/**



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White House

WASHINGTON, D.C. · UNITED STATES

Home and office of the US president, begun 1792 to James Hoban's design and first occupied by John Adams.

TYPE	Presidential residence and office	BUILT	1792–1800
SCALE	132 rooms in the Residence	ACCESS	Free (reservation via Congress)



12

Mont-Saint-Michel

LE MONT-SAINT-MICHEL · FRANCE

Island abbey whose history begins in 708; the gilded archangel on its spire is a 19th-century addition, placed in 1897.

TYPE	Island abbey and village	BUILT	Oratory 708; abbey from 966
SCALE	Abbey church 80 m above the sea	UNESCO	1979, Mont-Saint-Michel and its Bay
VISITORS	1.63 million at the abbey in 2025	ACCESS	Free outside, ticketed inside

Tickets and visiting guide: **normandytickets.com/mont-saint-michel**



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Pantheon

ROME · ITALY

Rebuilt under Hadrian between AD 118 and 125, the Pantheon has a dome whose 43.3 m diameter equals its height.

TYPE	Roman temple, now church	BUILT	AD 118–125 (Hadrian's building)
SCALE	43.3 m dome diameter	UNESCO	1980, Historic Centre of Rome
VISITORS	About 4.09 million entries in 2024	ACCESS	Ticketed

City guide: **touristoffice.org/rome/**



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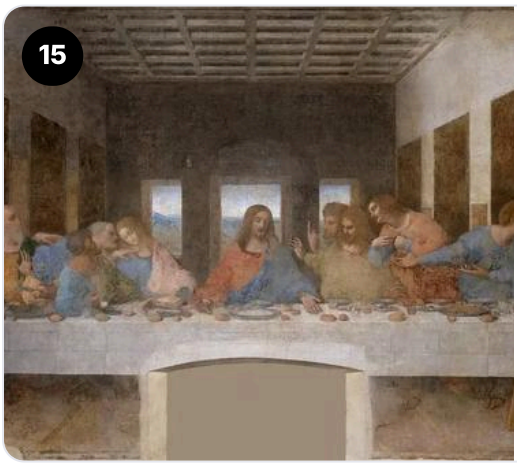
Pompeii archaeological park

POMPEII · ITALY

Roman city buried by the eruption of Vesuvius on 24 August AD 79; 49 of its 66 hectares are excavated.

TYPE	Roman city, archaeological park	BUILT	From 7th–6th century BC; buried AD 79
SCALE	66 ha (49 excavated)	UNESCO	1997, Archaeological Areas of Pompei
VISITORS	4.0 million in 2025 (Pompeii site only)		
ACCESS	Ticketed · timed entry (named tickets)		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/pompeii/**



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The Last Supper (Santa Maria delle Grazie)

MILAN · ITALY

Leonardo da Vinci's 460 by 880 cm mural, painted in the 1490s on the refectory wall of Santa Maria delle Grazie, Milan.

TYPE	Mural painting in a refectory	BUILT	1494–1498
SCALE	4.6 × 8.8 m mural	UNESCO	1980, Santa Maria delle Grazie with The Last Supper
ACCESS	Ticketed · timed entry		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/milan/**



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Stonehenge

SALISBURY · UNITED KINGDOM

Begun as an earthwork about 5,000 years ago, Stonehenge gained its stone circle in the late Neolithic, about 2500 BC.

TYPE	Neolithic stone circle and henge	BUILT	c. 3000–2500 BC
SCALE	30 m diameter sarsen circle	UNESCO	1986, Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites
ACCESS	Ticketed		



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Empire State Building

NEW YORK CITY · UNITED STATES

Completed in 1931 after about 13 months of construction, the skyscraper reaches 443 m including its antenna.

TYPE	Art Deco skyscraper	BUILT	1930–1931
SCALE	443 m with antenna	ACCESS	Ticketed (observation decks)

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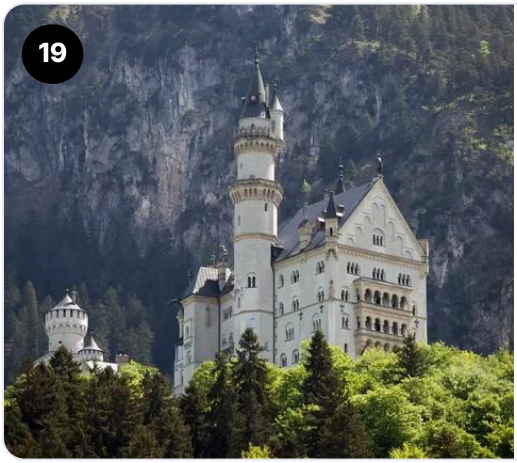
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Cologne Cathedral

COLOGNE · GERMANY

Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880; the south tower reaches 157.22 m.

TYPE	Gothic cathedral	BUILT	1248–1880
SCALE	157 m south tower	UNESCO	1996
VISITORS	About 6 million a year (cathedral)	ACCESS	Free (towers and treasury ticketed)



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Neuschwanstein Castle

SCHWANGAU · GERMANY

Built by Ludwig II as a private refuge, the castle opened to the public seven weeks after his death in 1886.

TYPE	Historicist royal castle	BUILT	1869–1892
UNESCO	2025, Palaces of King Ludwig II of Bavaria	VISITORS	About 1.1 million in 2025
ACCESS	Ticketed · timed entry (guided tour)		



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Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx

GIZA · EGYPT

Tomb of Pharaoh Khufu, the Great Pyramid is the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still standing.

TYPE	Pyramid tombs and Sphinx	BUILT	c. 2589–2566 BC (Great Pyramid)
SCALE	Great Pyramid 138.5 m today	UNESCO	1979, Memphis and its Necropolis
ACCESS	Ticketed sections		



21

One World Trade Center

NEW YORK CITY · UNITED STATES

Tower on the rebuilt World Trade Center site; CTBUH ratified its 1,776 ft (541.3 m) height in 2013.

TYPE	Skyscraper with observatory	BUILT	2006–2014
SCALE	541 m tall (1,776 ft)	ACCESS	Ticketed (observatory)

City guide: **touristoffice.org/new-york-city/**



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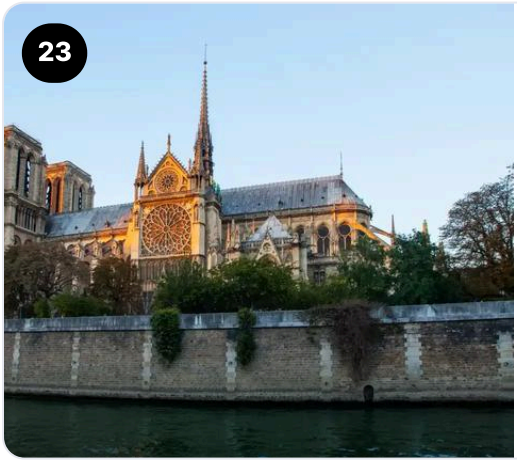
Hagia Sophia

ISTANBUL · TÜRKIYE

Built in 532 to 537 under Justinian I, Hagia Sophia has been a church, mosque, museum and, since 2020, a mosque again.

TYPE	Byzantine church, now mosque	BUILT	AD 532–537
SCALE	Dome about 32 m across	UNESCO	1985, Historic Areas of Istanbul
ACCESS	Ticketed (foreign visitors, gallery)		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/istanbul/**



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Notre-Dame de Paris

PARIS · FRANCE

Begun in 1163, the cathedral lost its spire and roof in the 2019 fire and reopened on 8 December 2024.

TYPE	Gothic cathedral	BUILT	1163–1345
SCALE	127 m long	UNESCO	1991, Paris, Banks of the Seine
VISITORS	More than 11 million in 2025	ACCESS	Free (booking optional)

City guide: **touristoffice.org/paris/**



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Mount Fuji

FUJINOMIYA · JAPAN

Fujisan, a 3,776 m volcano on the Yamanashi–Shizuoka border, is a UNESCO-listed sacred site and a focus of Japanese art.

TYPE	Sacred volcano	BUILT	Sacred mountain; national park 1936
SCALE	3,776 m summit	UNESCO	2013, Fujisan
VISITORS	About 205,000 climbers in 2025 (8th-station count)		
ACCESS	Ticketed (trail fee, July to Sept)		



25

Louvre

PARIS · FRANCE

A medieval fortress turned royal palace, the Louvre opened as a public museum in 1793 and now shows about 30,000 works.

TYPE	Art museum, former royal palace	BUILT	Museum opened 1793
SCALE	70,000 m² exhibition space	UNESCO	1991, Paris, Banks of the Seine
VISITORS	About 9 million in 2025	ACCESS	Ticketed · timed entry

City guide: **touristoffice.org/paris/**



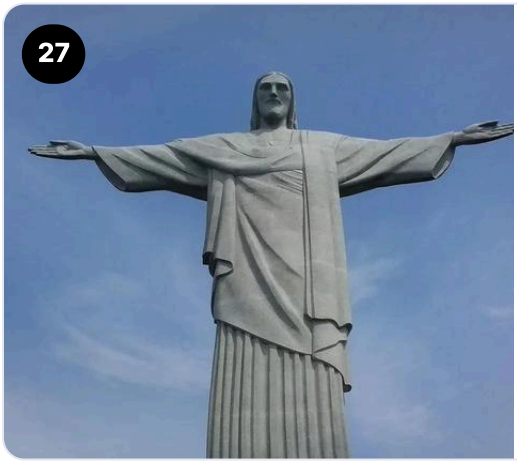
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Palace of Versailles

VERSAILLES · FRANCE

Louis XIV's court moved to Versailles in 1682, turning a former hunting lodge into the seat of royal power until 1789.

TYPE	Royal palace and gardens	BUILT	Lodge 1623; enlarged from 1661
SCALE	Estate of over 800 ha	UNESCO	1979, Palace and Park of Versailles
VISITORS	8.4 million visits in 2025 (whole estate)		
ACCESS	Ticketed sections		



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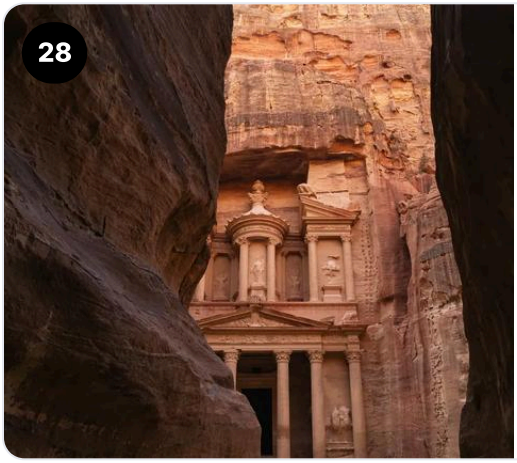
Christ the Redeemer

RIO DE JANEIRO · BRAZIL

Inaugurated on 12 October 1931 after construction from 1926, the statue stands 30 m high on an 8 m pedestal on Corcovado.

TYPE	Colossal statue of Christ	BUILT	1926–1931
SCALE	38 m including pedestal	UNESCO	2012, Rio de Janeiro, Carioca Landscapes
ACCESS	Ticketed		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/rio-de-janeiro/**



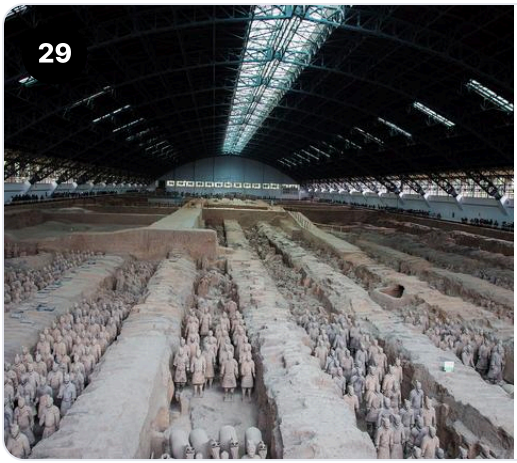
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Petra

WADI MUSA · JORDAN

Nabataean capital carved into sandstone and entered through the Siq gorge; the Treasury is widely identified as the tomb of Aretas IV.

TYPE	Rock-cut Nabataean city	BUILT	Treasury: 1st century BC–1st century AD
SCALE	Treasury façade 39.5 m high	UNESCO	1985
VISITORS	582,550 in 2025	ACCESS	Ticketed



29

Terracotta Army

XI'AN · CHINA

The tomb complex of Qin Shi Huang, begun in 246 BCE, has nearly 200 pits holding thousands of life-size terracotta soldiers.

TYPE	Imperial tomb with army pits	BUILT	From 246 BCE
SCALE	Nearly 200 accompanying pits	UNESCO	1987, Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor
VISITORS	About 10.97 million in 2025	ACCESS	Ticketed



30

Angkor Wat

SIEM REAP · CAMBODIA

State temple built by Suryavarman II between 1113 and 1150, dedicated to Vishnu and later converted to Buddhist use.

TYPE	Hindu-Buddhist temple complex	BUILT	1113–1150
SCALE	162.6 ha	UNESCO	1992, Angkor
VISITORS	955,131 international in 2025 (whole park)		
ACCESS	Ticketed		



31

St. Peter's Basilica

VATICAN CITY

Construction of the present basilica began in 1506 and ended with its consecration in 1626; Michelangelo's dome rises about 136 m.

TYPE	Renaissance papal basilica	BUILT	1506–1626
SCALE	136 m high to dome top	UNESCO	1984, Vatican City
ACCESS	Free (dome ticketed)		



32

Arc de Triomphe

PARIS · FRANCE

Ordered by Napoleon in 1806 to honour the Grande Armée, the arch was inaugurated in 1836 and is about 50 m high.

TYPE	Triumphal arch	BUILT	1806–1836
SCALE	49.5 m tall	VISITORS	About 1.85 million in 2025
ACCESS	Ticketed		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/paris/**



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Chichén Itzá

YUCATÁN · MEXICO

Maya city whose pyramid El Castillo, 30 m high, has four staircases of 91 steps; climbing is prohibited.

TYPE	Maya archaeological city	BUILT	6th–10th century and later
SCALE	El Castillo, 30 m high	UNESCO	1988, Pre-Hispanic City of Chichen-Itza
VISITORS	About 2.18 million in 2025	ACCESS	Ticketed



34

Church of the Holy Sepulchre

JERUSALEM · ISRAEL

Church over the site Christian tradition identifies as Calvary and Jesus's tomb; Constantine's complex was inaugurated on 13 September 335.

TYPE	Christian basilica, shared custody	BUILT	AD 325–335; Edicule rebuilt 1810
UNESCO	1981, Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls	ACCESS	**Free**



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Forbidden City

BEIJING · CHINA

Built from 1406 to 1420 for the Yongle Emperor, the palace complex became the Palace Museum in 1925.

TYPE	Imperial palace, now museum	BUILT	1406–1420
SCALE	112 ha of palace grounds	UNESCO	1987, Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties
VISITORS	More than 17.6 million in 2024	ACCESS	Ticketed · timed entry



36

Alhambra

GRANADA · SPAIN

Palace-city begun in the 13th century by the Nasrid dynasty's founder; its UNESCO listing also covers the Generalife and Albayzín.

TYPE	Palace and fortress complex	BUILT	13th–15th century
SCALE	450 ha listed (with Albayzín)	UNESCO	1984, Alhambra, Generalife and Albayzín, Granada
VISITORS	2,726,861 in 2025	ACCESS	Ticketed · timed entry

Tickets and visiting guide: **alhambra.granadatickets.org**



37

Yellowstone National Park

WYOMING · UNITED STATES

Established in 1872, Yellowstone protects hydrothermal areas holding about half the world's active geysers.

TYPE	National park with geothermal areas	BUILT	Park established 1872
SCALE	8,983 km² (2.2 million acres)	UNESCO	1978
VISITORS	4.76 million visits in 2025	ACCESS	Ticketed (park pass)



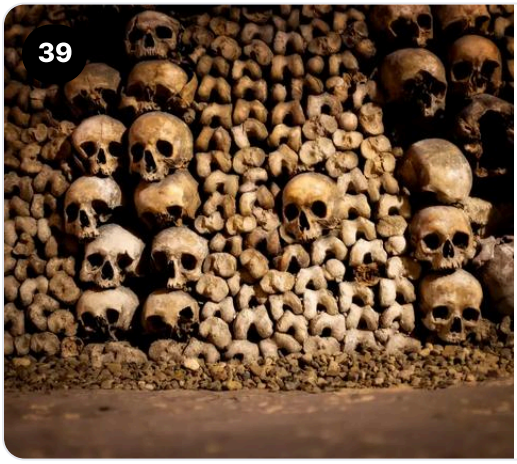
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Teotihuacan

MEXICO CITY · MEXICO

Pre-Hispanic city that INAH describes as one of Mesoamerica's largest, with over 100,000 inhabitants at its peak.

TYPE	Pre-Hispanic city, archaeological zone	BUILT	1st–7th century AD
SCALE	City of over 100,000 at its peak	UNESCO	1987
VISITORS	Nearly 2 million a year (INAH, June 2026)		
ACCESS	Ticketed		



39

Catacombs of Paris

PARIS · FRANCE

Former Paris quarries consecrated as the municipal ossuary in 1786 and open to visitors since 1809.

TYPE	Underground ossuary in old quarries	BUILT	Ossuary 1786; opened to public 1809
SCALE	1.5 km visitor circuit	VISITORS	About 600,000 a year (2025)
ACCESS	Ticketed · timed entry (online only)		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/paris/**



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Leaning Tower of Pisa

PISA · ITALY

The cathedral's bell tower, begun in August 1173 and built over about two centuries with two long interruptions, began tilting during construction.

TYPE	Cathedral bell tower	BUILT	1173–14th century
SCALE	58.36 m tall	UNESCO	1987, Piazza del Duomo, Pisa
ACCESS	Ticketed · timed entry		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/pisa/**



41

Buckingham Palace

LONDON · UNITED KINGDOM

Built as Buckingham House in 1703, it became a royal palace under John Nash from the 1820s and has 775 rooms.

TYPE	Royal palace and residence	BUILT	1703; palace from 1820s
SCALE	775 rooms	ACCESS	Free outside, ticketed inside

City guide: **touristoffice.org/london/**



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Acropolis and Parthenon

ATHENS · GREECE

Citadel above Athens, where the Parthenon was built in 447–432 BC; much of its surviving sculpture is now in the Acropolis Museum.

TYPE	Ancient citadel with temples	BUILT	Parthenon 447–432 BC
SCALE	3.04 ha (listed property)	UNESCO	1987, Acropolis, Athens
VISITORS	About 4.61 million in 2025	ACCESS	Ticketed · timed entry

Tickets and visiting guide: **acropolis.athenstickets.org**



43

Golden Gate Bridge

SAN FRANCISCO · UNITED STATES

Opened in May 1937 after construction began in January 1933, the bridge has a 1,280 m main span between two towers.

TYPE	Suspension bridge	BUILT	1933–1937
SCALE	2,737 m total length	ACCESS	Free (walking and cycling)



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Trevi Fountain

ROME · ITALY

Designed by Nicola Salvi and finished in 1762, the Baroque fountain is the terminal display of the Acqua Vergine aqueduct.

TYPE	Baroque monumental fountain	BUILT	1732–1762
SCALE	About 26 m high	UNESCO	1980, Historic Centre of Rome
ACCESS	Ticketed (basin front)		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/rome/**



45 Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament

LONDON · UNITED KINGDOM

Big Ben is the Great Bell in the Elizabeth Tower, whose clock began keeping time on 31 May 1859.

TYPE	Clock tower, seat of Parliament	BUILT	Palace from 1840; clock 1859
SCALE	96 m tall tower	UNESCO	1987, Palace of Westminster and Westminster Abbey
VISITORS	More than 1 million a year	ACCESS	Ticketed sections

City guide: **touristoffice.org/london/**



46 Tower of London

LONDON · UNITED KINGDOM

The White Tower was begun around 1078, and the fortress later served as a royal palace and prison.

TYPE	Medieval royal fortress	BUILT	White Tower from c. 1078
SCALE	7.5 ha World Heritage property	UNESCO	1988
VISITORS	About 2.9 million in 2024	ACCESS	Ticketed

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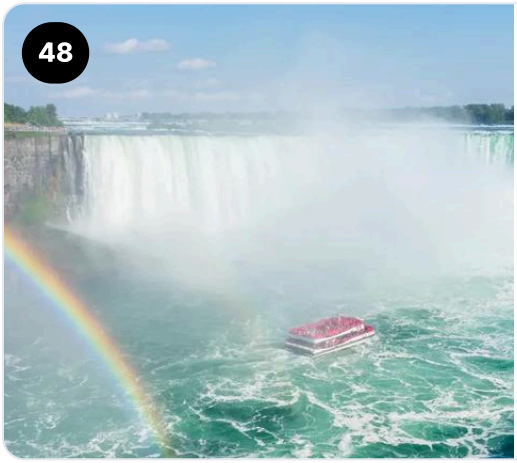
47 Tokyo Skytree

TOKYO · JAPAN

Broadcasting and sightseeing tower in Sumida, Tokyo, 634 m tall; Guinness World Records certified it in 2011 as the world's tallest tower.

TYPE	Broadcasting and observation tower	BUILT	Opened 2012
SCALE	634 m tall	ACCESS	Ticketed (observation decks)

City guide: **touristoffice.org/tokyo/**



48 Niagara Falls

NIAGARA FALLS · CANADA / UNITED STATES

Three waterfalls straddle the Canada–United States border; the Horseshoe Falls drop averages 57 m.

TYPE	Waterfalls on international border	BUILT	Receding since c. 12,500 years ago
SCALE	57 m Horseshoe Falls drop		
VISITORS	About 8.9 million in 2025 (US park only)		
ACCESS	Free (attractions ticketed)		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/niagara-falls/**



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Willis Tower

CHICAGO · UNITED STATES

Completed in 1974 at 442.1 m, Willis Tower is ranked Chicago's tallest building by the Council on Tall Buildings.

TYPE	Skyscraper with observation deck	BUILT	1970–1974
SCALE	442.1 m tall	ACCESS	Ticketed (Skydeck)

City guide: **touristoffice.org/chicago/**



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Westminster Abbey

LONDON · UNITED KINGDOM

Every coronation since 1066 has been held at the Abbey, whose present Gothic church Henry III began rebuilding in 1245.

TYPE	Gothic abbey church	BUILT	Rebuilt from 1245; consecrated 1269
SCALE	161.5 m long with Lady Chapel	UNESCO	1987, Palace of Westminster and Westminster Abbey
VISITORS	1.42 million in 2023–24	ACCESS	Ticketed

City guide: **touristoffice.org/london/**



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Milan Cathedral

MILAN · ITALY

Begun in 1386 and still maintained by the Veneranda Fabbrica, founded in 1387; no single architect can be credited with the design.

TYPE	Gothic cathedral	BUILT	Begun 1386, ongoing works
SCALE	108.5 m to the main spire	ACCESS	Ticketed

Tickets and visiting guide: **milantickets.org/milan-cathedral**



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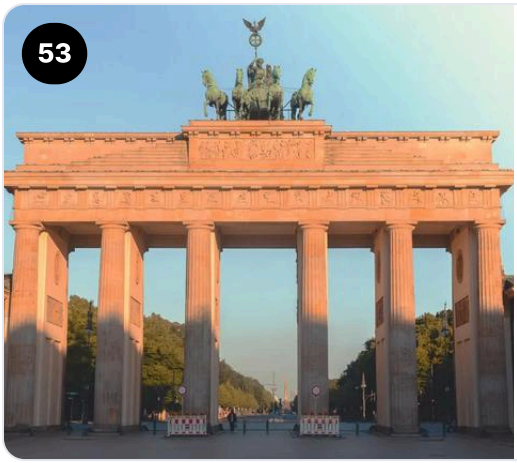
Windsor Castle

WINDSOR · UNITED KINGDOM

Royal Collection Trust calls Windsor, founded in the 11th century by William the Conqueror, the oldest and largest occupied castle.

TYPE	Royal castle and residence	BUILT	Founded c. 1070
SCALE	5.3 ha (13 acres)	VISITORS	1.37 million in 2024/25
ACCESS	Ticketed (Thursday to Monday)		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/windsor/**



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Brandenburg Gate

BERLIN · GERMANY

Berlin's first Greek revival building, designed by Carl Gotthard Langhans and finished in 1791, was inspired by the Acropolis gateway in Athens.

TYPE	Neoclassical city gate	BUILT	1788–1791
SCALE	26 m high, 65.5 m long	ACCESS	**Free**

City guide: **touristoffice.org/berlin/**



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Dome of the Rock

JERUSALEM · ISRAEL

Umayyad shrine completed in AD 691–692 under Caliph Abd al-Malik, on the Haram al-Sharif / Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

TYPE	Umayyad Islamic shrine	BUILT	AD 691–692
SCALE	Dome over 20 m wide	UNESCO	1981, Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls
ACCESS	Free (interior for Muslims only)		



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St Paul's Cathedral

LONDON · UNITED KINGDOM

Christopher Wren's cathedral, built 1675–1710 after the Great Fire, is topped by a dome about 111 m high.

TYPE	Baroque cathedral	BUILT	1675–1710
SCALE	Dome about 111 m high	VISITORS	About 1.4 million in 2024
ACCESS	Ticketed (free for worship)		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/london/**



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Himeji Castle

HIMEJI · JAPAN

Japanese castle whose white-plastered main keep dates from Ikeda Terumasa's 1601–1609 rebuilding; UNESCO-listed in 1993.

TYPE	Japanese feudal castle	BUILT	1601–1609 (main keep)
SCALE	Main keep over 45 m high	UNESCO	1993
ACCESS	Ticketed		



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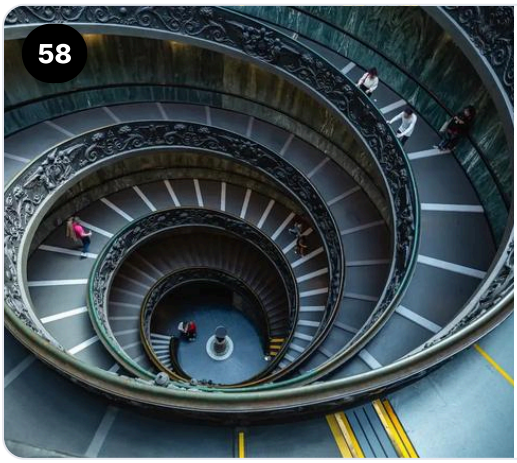
Central Park

NEW YORK CITY · UNITED STATES

Olmsted and Vaux's Greensward Plan was chosen from 33 entries; construction began in 1858 on 843 acres in Manhattan.

TYPE	Urban landscaped park	BUILT	From 1858; built over 15 years
SCALE	341 ha (843 acres)	VISITORS	42 million visits a year
ACCESS	**Free**		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/new-york-city/**



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Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel

VATICAN CITY

The collection dates from 1506, when Julius II displayed ancient statues in the Octagonal Court; in 1508 he commissioned Michelangelo's Sistine ceiling.

TYPE	Papal museum complex	BUILT	Collections from 1506
SCALE	Sistine Chapel 40.23 m long	UNESCO	1984, Vatican City
ACCESS	Ticketed		



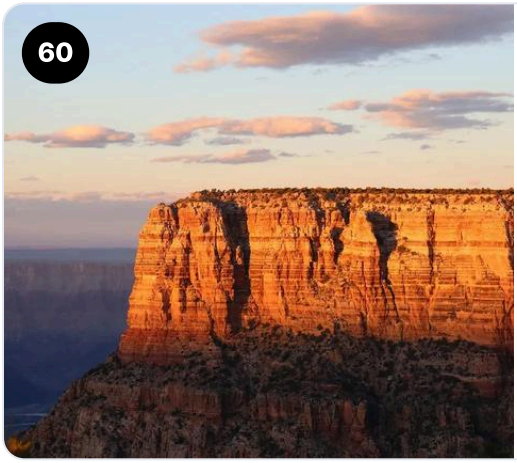
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Statue of Unity

KEVADIA · INDIA

182 m statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, dedicated on 31 October 2018 at Kevadiya on the Narmada River, Gujarat.

TYPE	Bronze-clad monumental statue	BUILT	2013–2018
SCALE	182 m tall	ACCESS	Ticketed (closed Mondays)



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Grand Canyon

ARIZONA · UNITED STATES

Mile-high canyon walls display a largely undisturbed cross section of Earth's crust extending back some two billion years.

TYPE	Canyon, national park	BUILT	Rocks up to c. 2 billion years old
SCALE	446 km long (277 miles)	UNESCO	1979
VISITORS	4.43 million in 2025 (whole park)	ACCESS	Ticketed (park entry)



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Western Wall

JERUSALEM · ISRAEL

The 488 m Western Wall keeps Second Temple period stones in its lower courses and serves as a place of Jewish prayer.

TYPE	Ancient wall and prayer site	BUILT	1st century BC (Herodian)
SCALE	488 m long	UNESCO	1981, Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls
ACCESS	**Free**		



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Hoover Dam

BOULDER CITY · UNITED STATES

Concrete arch-gravity dam on the Colorado River, 726 feet high, built in the 1930s by the Six Companies consortium.

TYPE	Concrete arch-gravity dam	BUILT	1931–1936
SCALE	221 m (726 ft) high		
VISITORS	More than 4 million a year (Reclamation)		
ACCESS	Free outside, ticketed inside		



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Nazca Lines

NAZCA · PERU

Geoglyphs scratched into the Peruvian desert between about 500 BC and AD 500, covering a protected area of 75,358 hectares.

TYPE	Prehistoric desert geoglyphs	BUILT	c. 500 BC–AD 500
SCALE	75,358 ha protected area	UNESCO	1994
ACCESS	Ticketed (viewing tower)		



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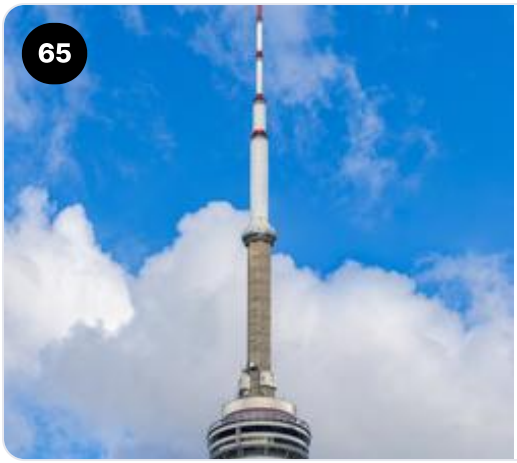
Petronas Towers

KUALA LUMPUR · MALAYSIA

Twin office towers of 88 floors, completed in 1998, ranked as the world's tallest buildings until 2004, according to CTBUH.

TYPE	Twin skyscrapers	BUILT	Completed 1998; opened 1999
SCALE	452 m tall including spires	ACCESS	Ticketed sections

City guide: **touristoffice.org/kuala-lumpur/**



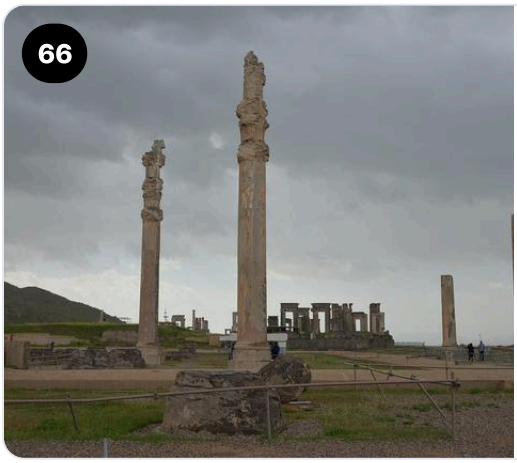
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CN Tower

TORONTO · CANADA

Toronto's communications and observation tower, finished in 1975 and open to the public since 26 June 1976, stands 553 metres tall.

TYPE	Communications and observation tower	BUILT	1973–1976
SCALE	553 m tall		
VISITORS	More than 2 million a year (operator)		
ACCESS	Ticketed		



66

Persepolis

SHIRAZ · IRAN

Ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid Empire, founded by Darius I around 518 BC on a vast half-natural, half-artificial terrace.

TYPE	Achaemenid royal city ruins	BUILT	From c. 518 BC
SCALE	13 ha terrace complex	UNESCO	1979
ACCESS	Ticketed		



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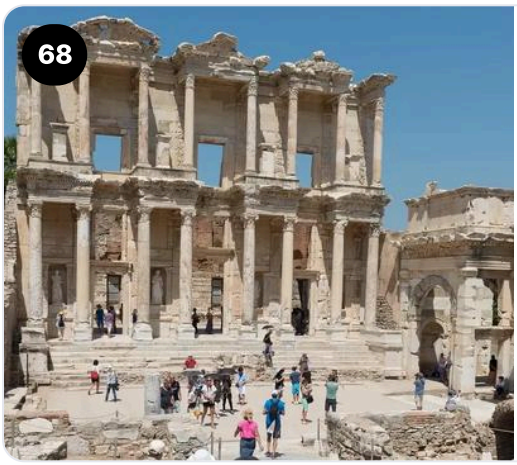
Reichstag

BERLIN · GERMANY

Seat of the German Bundestag, designed by Paul Wallot, completed in 1894 and rebuilt under Norman Foster, reopened in 1999.

TYPE	Parliament building with glass dome	BUILT	Completed 1894; rebuilt 1999
SCALE	Glass dome 23.5 m high	ACCESS	Free (reservation needed)

City guide: **touristoffice.org/berlin/**



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Ephesus

SELÇUK · TÜRKIYE

Greek and Roman port city refounded by Lysimachos in the fourth century BCE, later capital of the Roman province of Asia.

TYPE	Ancient Greek and Roman city	BUILT	Refounded 4th century BC
SCALE	663 ha listed site	UNESCO	2015
VISITORS	2.55 million in 2025	ACCESS	Ticketed



69

Brooklyn Bridge

NEW YORK CITY · UNITED STATES

Suspension bridge across the East River designed by John A. Roebling, built 1869 to 1883, with a main span of 1,595.5 feet.

TYPE	Suspension bridge	BUILT	1869–1883
SCALE	486 m main span	ACCESS	**Free**

City guide: **touristoffice.org/new-york-city/**



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Florence Cathedral

FLORENCE · ITALY

Begun in 1296 to Arnolfo di Cambio's design, the cathedral was consecrated in 1436 on completion of Brunelleschi's dome.

TYPE	Gothic cathedral, Renaissance dome	BUILT	1296–1436
SCALE	153 m long	UNESCO	1982, Historic Centre of Florence
VISITORS	1.33 million in 2023 (Duomo complex)		
ACCESS	Ticketed sections		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/florence/**



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United States Capitol

WASHINGTON, D.C. · UNITED STATES

Meeting place of the United States Congress, begun in 1793, with a cast-iron dome built 1856 to 1866.

TYPE	Legislative building	BUILT	Begun 1793; dome 1856–1866
SCALE	88 m to the Statue of Freedom	ACCESS	Free (guided tours, booking advised)



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Uluru

ULURU · AUSTRALIA

Sandstone monolith 348 metres high, returned to its Anangu traditional owners in 1985 and jointly managed with Parks Australia.

TYPE	Sandstone monolith	BUILT	Handed back to Anangu 1985
SCALE	348 m high	UNESCO	1987, Uluṟu-Kata Tjuṯa National Park
ACCESS	Ticketed (park pass; no climbing)		



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Tokyo Tower

TOKYO · JAPAN

Broadcasting and observation tower opened on 23 December 1958, 333 metres tall, with decks at 150 and 250 metres.

TYPE	Broadcasting and observation tower	BUILT	Opened 1958
SCALE	333 m tall	ACCESS	Ticketed (observation decks)

City guide: **touristoffice.org/tokyo/**



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Golden Temple

AMRITSAR · INDIA

Central gurdwara of Sikhism, begun by Guru Arjan Dev in 1588 on the Amrit Sarovar, with a free community kitchen.

TYPE	Sikh gurdwara	BUILT	1588–1604
SCALE	Shrine 12.3 m square	ACCESS	**Free**



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Washington Monument

WASHINGTON, D.C. · UNITED STATES

Obelisk honouring George Washington, designed by Robert Mills and completed in 1884 at about 555 feet.

TYPE	Commemorative obelisk	BUILT	1848–1884
SCALE	169 m tall (555 ft)	ACCESS	Free (timed tickets for the top)



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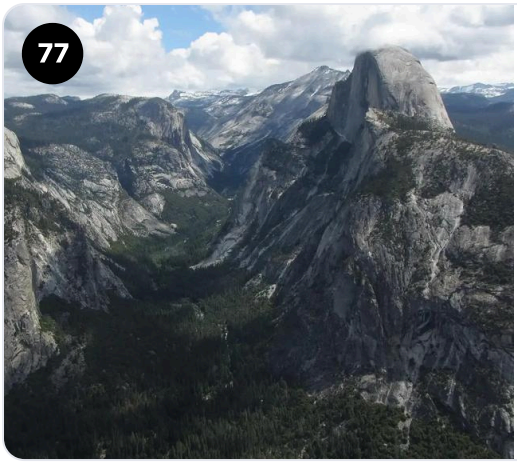
Sydney Opera House

SYDNEY · AUSTRALIA

Jørn Utzon won the 1957 design competition; the shells are clad in 1,056,006 tiles and the house opened on 20 October 1973.

TYPE	Performing arts centre	BUILT	1959–1973
SCALE	1,056,006 roof tiles	UNESCO	2007
VISITORS	Over 10.9 million a year (operator)		
ACCESS	Free outside, ticketed inside		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/sydney/**



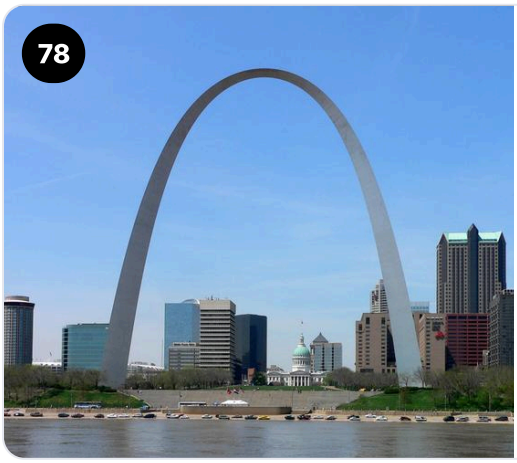
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Yosemite National Park

CALIFORNIA · UNITED STATES

Glacier-carved Sierra Nevada national park designated by Congress in 1890, covering about 759,620 acres and a World Heritage Site since 1984.

TYPE	Glaciated granite national park	BUILT	Park established 1890
SCALE	3,074 km² (759,620 acres)	UNESCO	1984
VISITORS	4.45 million in 2025	ACCESS	Ticketed (park pass)



78

Gateway Arch

ST. LOUIS · UNITED STATES

Stainless-steel arch designed by Eero Saarinen, completed on 28 October 1965 and 630 feet tall.

TYPE	Stainless-steel monument arch	BUILT	1963–1965
SCALE	192 m tall (630 ft)	ACCESS	Ticketed (tram; museum free)



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Osaka Castle

OSAKA · JAPAN

Japanese castle begun by Toyotomi Hideyoshi in 1583; the present main keep is a 1931 reconstruction funded by citizens' donations.

TYPE	Japanese castle and museum	BUILT	Begun 1583; keep rebuilt 1931
SCALE	Observation deck at 50 m	VISITORS	2.81 million keep entries in 2025
ACCESS	Free outside, ticketed inside (keep museum)		



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Tiananmen Square

BEIJING · CHINA

Public square in central Beijing between Tian'anmen Gate and Zhengyangmen Gate, measuring 880 by 500 metres.

TYPE	Public city square	BUILT	Enlarged 1958
SCALE	440,000 m² (880 × 500 m)	ACCESS	Free (reservation needed)

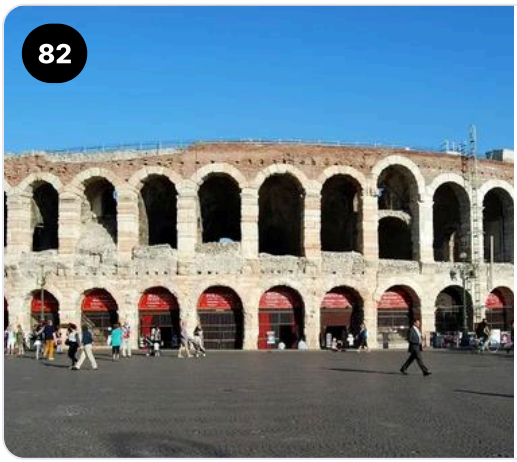


81 Mosque–Cathedral of Córdoba

CÓRDOBA · SPAIN

Great mosque built from the eighth century, turned into a Christian cathedral in 1236; part of the Historic Centre of Córdoba.

TYPE	Mosque and Catholic cathedral	BUILT	8th–10th century; cathedral from 1236
SCALE	Bell tower 54 m tall	UNESCO	1984, Historic Centre of Cordoba
VISITORS	2,191,731 in 2025	ACCESS	Ticketed (free morning slot Mon–Sat)



82 Verona Arena

VERONA · ITALY

Roman amphitheatre of the first century AD, 152.43 by 123.23 metres, hosting open-air opera since 1913.

TYPE	Roman amphitheatre	BUILT	1st century AD
SCALE	152 × 123 m	UNESCO	2000, City of Verona
VISITORS	721,887 paying visitors in 2024	ACCESS	Ticketed



83 Castel Sant'Angelo

ROME · ITALY

Hadrian's mausoleum, begun in AD 135 and completed in 139, later a fortress and, since 1925, a national museum.

TYPE	Roman mausoleum, fortress and museum	BUILT	AD 135–139
SCALE	About 47.5 m tall	UNESCO	1980, Historic Centre of Rome
VISITORS	1,315,063 in 2024	ACCESS	Ticketed

City guide: **touristoffice.org/rome/**



84 Manneken Pis

BRUSSELS · BELGIUM

Small bronze fountain statue commissioned by the City of Brussels in 1619 from sculptor Jérôme Duquesnoy.

TYPE	Bronze fountain statue	BUILT	1619
SCALE	Wardrobe of 900+ costumes	ACCESS	**Free**



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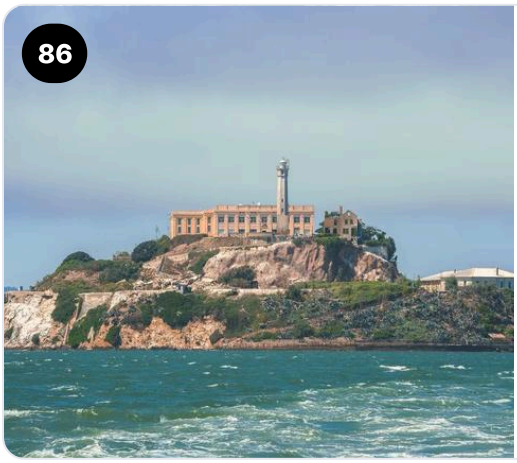
Schönbrunn Palace

VIENNA · AUSTRIA

Habsburg imperial residence until 1918, with gardens that held what UNESCO describes as the world's first zoo, opened in 1752.

TYPE	Baroque imperial palace	BUILT	Late 17th–18th century
SCALE	186.28 ha UNESCO property	UNESCO	1996
VISITORS	About 3.96 million entries in 2025	ACCESS	Ticketed · timed entry

City guide: **touristoffice.org/vienna/**



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Alcatraz

SAN FRANCISCO · UNITED STATES

Island in San Francisco Bay that held a federal penitentiary from 1934 to 1963 and is now a National Park Service site.

TYPE	Former island prison and fortress	BUILT	Army post from 1850; prison 1934–1963
SCALE	9 ha island	VISITORS	About 1.6 million a year (NPS)
ACCESS	Ticketed (ferry)		



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Iguazu Falls

FOZ DO IGUAÇU · BRAZIL / ARGENTINA

Semicircular waterfall system on the Argentina-Brazil border, about 2,700 m wide with vertical drops of up to 80 m, according to UNESCO.

TYPE	Waterfall system in national parks	BUILT	National park since 1934
SCALE	About 2,700 m wide	UNESCO	1984 (Argentina) and 1986 (Brazil)
VISITORS	1.5 million in 2025 (Argentine park)		
ACCESS	Ticketed (a park on each side)		



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Tokyo Imperial Palace

TOKYO · JAPAN

Residence of Japan's Emperor on the site of Edo Castle, the seat of the Tokugawa shoguns until 1868.

TYPE	Imperial residence	BUILT	Imperial palace since 1868
SCALE	Around 115 ha of palace gardens	ACCESS	Free (reservation for the tour)

City guide: **touristoffice.org/tokyo/**



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Red Fort

DELHI · INDIA

Palace-fort of the Mughal capital Shahjahanabad, built of red sandstone between 1639 and 1648 for Emperor Shah Jahan.

TYPE	Mughal palace-fort	BUILT	1639–1648
SCALE	Walls rise up to 23 m	UNESCO	2007, Red Fort Complex
VISITORS	About 2.2 million in 2023–24 (ASI)	ACCESS	Ticketed



90

Giant's Causeway

COUNTY ANTRIM · UNITED KINGDOM

Coastal exposure of about 40,000 regular basalt columns in County Antrim, formed around 60 million years ago, according to UNESCO.

TYPE	Basalt columns on the coast	BUILT	Formed about 60 million years ago
SCALE	About 40,000 basalt columns	UNESCO	1986, Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast
ACCESS	Free (visitor centre ticketed)		



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Shanghai Tower

SHANGHAI · CHINA

Skyscraper in Shanghai's Lujiazui district, 632 m to its architectural top with 128 floors, designed by Gensler.

TYPE	Megatall skyscraper	BUILT	Completed 2015
SCALE	632 m tall	ACCESS	Ticketed (observation deck)



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St. Stephen's Cathedral

VIENNA · AUSTRIA

Gothic cathedral at the centre of Vienna whose 136.4 m south tower has a lookout at 72 m, reached by 343 steps.

TYPE	Gothic cathedral	BUILT	Consecrated 1147; Gothic from 14th century
SCALE	136.4 m south tower	UNESCO	2001, Historic Centre of Vienna
ACCESS	Free (tours and towers ticketed)		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/vienna/**



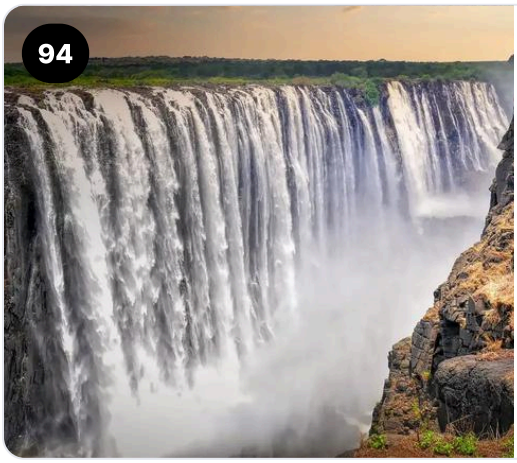
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Delphi

DELPHI · GREECE

Pan-Hellenic sanctuary of Apollo on Mount Parnassus, where the Pythia delivered oracles from the 8th century BC.

TYPE	Ancient sanctuary of Apollo	BUILT	Developed from 8th century BC
SCALE	51 ha listed site	UNESCO	1987
VISITORS	About 463,000 at the museum in 2025		
ACCESS	Ticketed (combined museum and site ticket)		



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Victoria Falls

VICTORIA FALLS · ZAMBIA / ZIMBABWE

Zambezi River waterfall on the Zambia-Zimbabwe border, about 1,708 m wide with a deepest point of 108 m, according to UNESCO.

TYPE	Waterfall on the Zambezi River	BUILT	Listed by UNESCO in 1989
SCALE	About 1,708 m wide	UNESCO	1989
ACCESS	Ticketed (national park on each side)		



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Burj Al Arab

DUBAI · UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Hotel tower in Dubai, 321 m to its architectural top, completed in 1999 and designed by the firm Atkins.

TYPE	Luxury hotel	BUILT	Opened 1999
SCALE	321 m tall	ACCESS	Closed to visitors until 2027

City guide: **touristoffice.org/dubai/**



96

Royal Palace of Madrid

MADRID · SPAIN

Official residence of Spain's Head of State, with 3,418 rooms and more than 135,000 m², according to Patrimonio Nacional.

TYPE	Royal palace and state residence	BUILT	1738–1755
SCALE	3,418 rooms	VISITORS	1,769,167 in 2025
ACCESS	Ticketed		

City guide: **touristoffice.org/madrid/**



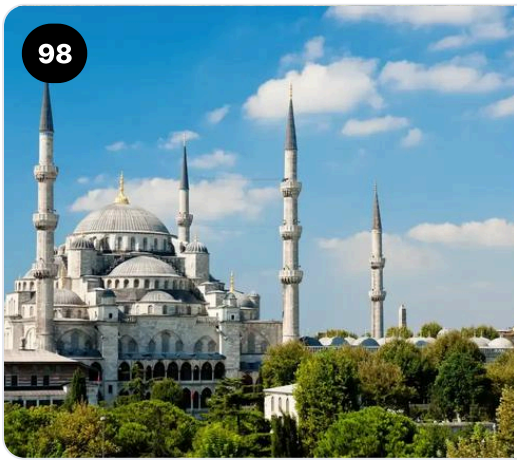
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Grand Egyptian Museum

GIZA · EGYPT

Museum of ancient Egyptian civilisation beside the Giza pyramids, opened 1 November 2025 after a design competition won in 2003.

TYPE	Archaeological museum, opened 2025	BUILT	Opened 1 November 2025
SCALE	47 ha site		
VISITORS	Nearly 4 million, Nov 2025 to Aug 2026 (Cabinet)		
ACCESS	Ticketed		



98

Blue Mosque

ISTANBUL · TÜRKIYE

Built 1609–1617 for Sultan Ahmed I, it takes its name from the İznik tilework lining the interior and has six minarets.

TYPE	Ottoman imperial mosque	BUILT	1609–1617
SCALE	Six minarets	UNESCO	1985, Historic Areas of Istanbul
ACCESS	**Free**		

Tickets and visiting guide: **istanbultickets.org/blue-mosque**



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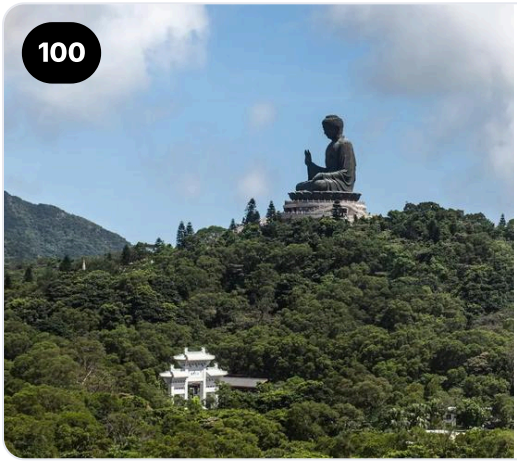
Grand Palace

BANGKOK · THAILAND

Founded in 1782 when the new king moved the capital to the Chao Phraya's left bank; the grounds cover 218,000 m².

TYPE	Royal palace complex	BUILT	Founded 1782
SCALE	218,000 m² of grounds	ACCESS	Ticketed

City guide: **touristoffice.org/bangkok/**



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Tian Tan Buddha

HONG KONG

Bronze seated Buddha on Lantau Island, 34 m tall including its base, inaugurated in 1993 and reached by 268 steps.

TYPE	Bronze seated Buddha statue	BUILT	Inaugurated 1993
SCALE	34 m including base	ACCESS	Free outside, ticketed inside

City guide: **touristoffice.org/hong-kong/**

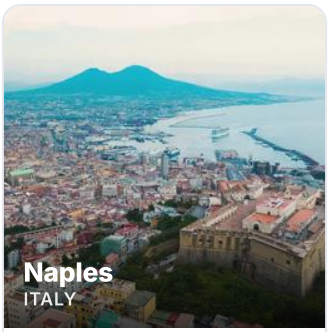
60 cities to pair them with



FOOD AND STREET LIFE

Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew, founded in 1782, ringed by canal markets and dense street food

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FOOD AND STREET LIFE

UNESCO-listed historic centre from 1995, birthplace of pizza and the gateway to Pompeii and Vesuvius

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FOOD AND STREET LIFE

Medina inscribed by UNESCO in 1985, centred on Jemaa el-Fna square and its ring of souks

touristoffice.org/marrakech/



FOOD AND STREET LIFE

Victorian Gothic and Art Deco ensembles, inscribed by UNESCO in 2018, face each other across Oval Maidan



FOOD AND STREET LIFE

Dotonbori neon sits near Osaka Castle, rebuilt in 1931, and Shitenno-ji, founded in 593



FOOD AND STREET LIFE

Old Quarter of 36 trade streets by Hoan Kiem Lake, with the Imperial Citadel nearby



FOOD AND STREET LIFE

Trinity College's Old Library, Dublin Castle and the Guinness Storehouse sit in one walkable centre



FOOD AND STREET LIFE

Open-air yatai stalls in Nakasu and Tenjin, plus the Hakata Gion Yamakasa festival at Kushida Shrine

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MODERN SKYLINES

Burj Khalifa, Dubai Frame and Palm Jumeirah in a skyline built almost entirely since the 1990s

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MODERN SKYLINES

Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building and Brooklyn Bridge inside one harbour and one island

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MODERN SKYLINES

Senso-ji and the Meiji Shrine set against Tokyo Skytree and the Shibuya crossing

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MODERN SKYLINES

Victoria Harbour frames a dense skyline, with the 34 m Tian Tan Buddha on Lantau

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MODERN SKYLINES

The Opera House, opened in 1973 and UNESCO-listed in 2007, shares the harbour with the bridge

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MODERN SKYLINES

Petronas Twin Towers and Batu Caves bookend colonial, Malay, Chinese and Indian landmarks

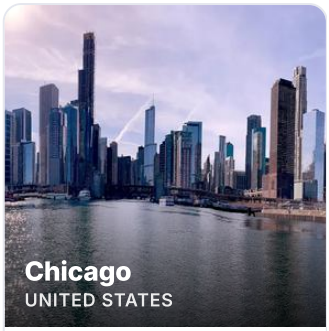
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Historic Centre inscribed in 2005 gathers more than 20 monuments, including the Ruins of St Paul's

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MODERN SKYLINES

The city that invented the skyscraper district, seen from the Riverwalk, Millennium Park and lakefront

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Taipei 101 rises 508 m and was the world's tallest building from 2004 until 2010

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MODERN SKYLINES

The Corniche links the Museum of Islamic Art to the desert-rose National Museum of Qatar



MODERN SKYLINES

Erasmus Bridge, Markthal and Cube Houses beside the largest port in Europe

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ART AND CULTURE

Eiffel Tower, Louvre and Notre-Dame along one walkable river corridor, first on the 2025 attractiveness index

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ART AND CULTURE

Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London and Westminster, with 22.7 million international arrivals in 2025

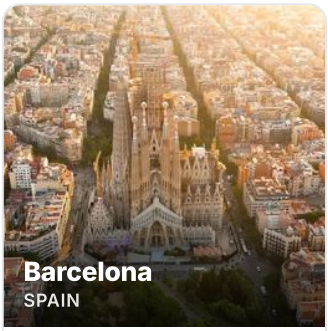
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A 17th-century canal ring around a museum quarter holding the Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum

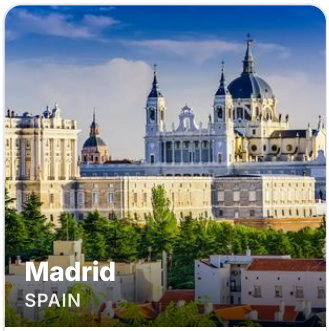
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ART AND CULTURE

Home of Gaudí: the Sagrada Familia stands 172.5 m tall and seven Gaudí works are UNESCO-listed

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ART AND CULTURE

The Paseo del Arte lines up the Prado, the Reina Sofía and the Thyssen-Bornemisza

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ART AND CULTURE

A historic centre inscribed in 1982 holding Brunelleschi's dome, the Uffizi and the Ponte Vecchio

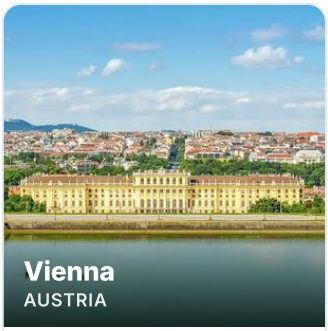
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Milan Cathedral crowns the city, its gilded Madonnina at 108.5 m above roof terraces open to visitors

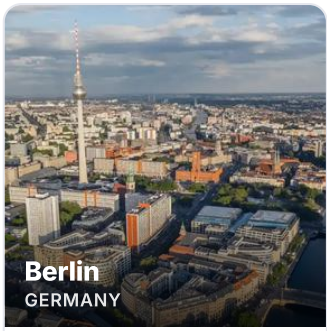
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ART AND CULTURE

Habsburg legacy from Schönbrunn and the Hofburg to the Kunsthistorisches Museum and the Ringstrasse

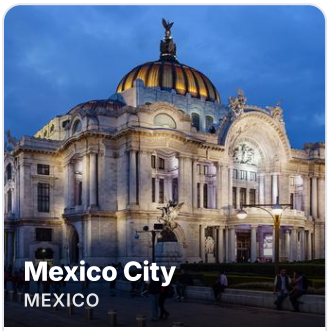
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ART AND CULTURE

Museum Island holds five state museums on one Spree islet, near the Brandenburg Gate

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ART AND CULTURE

Historic centre and Xochimilco inscribed in 1987, with the Templo Mayor beside the cathedral



ART AND CULTURE

Cathedral, Alcázar and Archivo de Indias were inscribed together by UNESCO in 1987

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ART AND CULTURE

Teatro Colón, Recoleta cemetery and the painted houses of La Boca on European-style boulevards

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HISTORY AND ANCIENT SITES

The Colosseum, inaugurated by Titus in AD 80, inside a historic centre inscribed in 1980

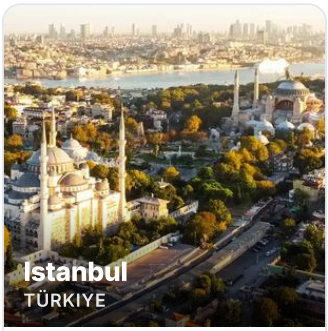
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The Parthenon, built 447 to 432 BC under Pericles, on a rock inscribed in 1987

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HISTORY AND ANCIENT SITES

Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque and Topkapı on one UNESCO-listed peninsula, 19.7 million arrivals in 2025

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HISTORY AND ANCIENT SITES

Jerónimos Monastery and Belém Tower guard the Tagus, with hillside trams climbing above Alfama

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The Alhambra, begun in 1238 under Muhammad I, was inscribed by UNESCO in 1984

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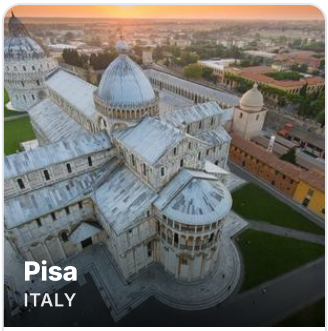
A grid-planned 18th-century walled town inscribed in 2019, holding Hawa Mahal and the City Palace



HISTORY AND ANCIENT SITES

An abbey traced to 708 and inscribed by UNESCO in 1979, crowned by a gilded archangel

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HISTORY AND ANCIENT SITES

Piazza del Duomo, inscribed in 1987, groups cathedral, baptistery, cemetery and leaning campanile

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HISTORY AND ANCIENT SITES

A Roman town buried by Vesuvius in AD 79, inscribed by UNESCO in 1997

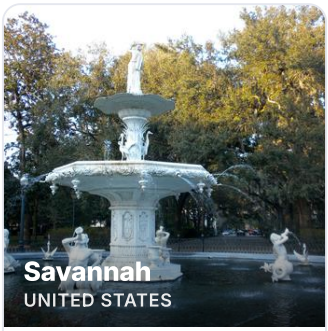
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HISTORY AND ANCIENT SITES

Windsor Castle, founded by William the Conqueror around 1070, is still an occupied royal residence

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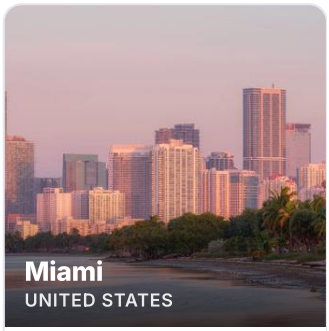
Laid out in 1733 by James Oglethorpe on a grid of squares, 22 of which survive



BEACH AND ISLAND ESCAPES

The Turquoise Coast base, with walled Kaleiçi and the Roman ruins of Perge and Aspendos

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BEACH AND ISLAND ESCAPES

The Ocean Drive Art Deco district faces the beach, with Little Havana and Wynwood inland

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BEACH AND ISLAND ESCAPES

Inscribed by UNESCO in 1999 for walled Dalt Vila and the island's Posidonia seagrass meadows



BEACH AND ISLAND ESCAPES

The Faraglioni sea stacks, the Piazzetta and the Blue Grotto sea cave

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BEACH AND ISLAND ESCAPES

A former maritime republic with a striped cathedral and paper mills on the UNESCO-listed coast

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BEACH AND ISLAND ESCAPES

Pastel houses stacked down a cliff to the beach, and a local resortwear tradition

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BEACH AND ISLAND ESCAPES

Cliffs above the Gulf of Naples, and a base for Capri, Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast

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ROMANTIC GETAWAYS

Venice and its lagoon, inscribed in 1987, are reached on foot or by water only

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ROMANTIC GETAWAYS

A historic centre inscribed in 1992 links Prague Castle to the Old Town across Charles Bridge

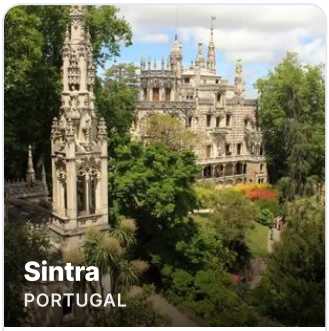
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ROMANTIC GETAWAYS

Buda's castle hill faces the Parliament across the Danube, above thermal baths in continuous use

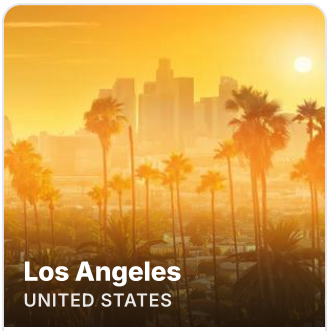
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ROMANTIC GETAWAYS

A cultural landscape inscribed in 1995 for romantic-era palaces and wooded hills, including Pena Palace

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FAMILY ADVENTURES

Hollywood, the Griffith Observatory and the Getty Center, plus the region's biggest theme parks

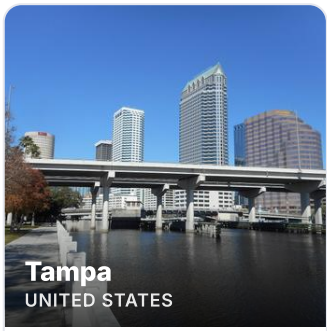
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FAMILY ADVENTURES

Centennial Park District pairs the Georgia Aquarium with the World of Coca-Cola near Auburn Avenue

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FAMILY ADVENTURES

Busch Gardens sits beside Ybor City, a historic district built on the cigar-making trade



NATURE AND SCENERY

Christ the Redeemer, one of the New7Wonders named in 2007, looks over Sugarloaf and Copacabana

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NATURE AND SCENERY

The Horseshoe Falls averages 57 m, and over 168,000 cubic metres cross the crestline each peak minute

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NATURE AND SCENERY

Gateway to the Norwegian fjords, with the Hanseatic wharf Bryggen inscribed by UNESCO in 1979

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NATURE AND SCENERY

Parliament Hill and its 92.2 m Peace Tower stand above the UNESCO-listed Rideau Canal

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