

WORLD HERITAGE 2012-2013



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Centuries of a 4000-year-old archaeological site, Cambodia's Angkor Wat towers rise into the clouds like lotus buds. From the 9th to the 16th centuries, Khmer Empire rulers built dozens of stone temples, vast courts and reservoirs to manage the water crucial to their prosperity. The complex at Angkor contains the magnificent remains of the different capitals of the Khmer Empire and it is one of the largest archaeological sites in the world.

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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 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...

... 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...



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)
- Transnational 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 2012. <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.

Final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined.

*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, 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, 106 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
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The vertical scale of the map and the cartographic projections have resulted in approximate locations of some properties.
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Iran's arid irrigation systems date back to at least A.D. 500 and represent the deep communal values of the people who live in these villages. The systems - which include waterwheels for defence - depend on gravity to channel water from springs to homes and fields, but also on careful management and sharing.



One of the world's largest mangrove forests, known as the Sundarbans, lies on the coast of Bangladesh, where the river delta meets the sea. A labyrinth of waterways that rise and fall with the tides, the site is a haven for endangered Bengal tigers, crocodiles and hippos.



At the Changling Fossil Site in China's Yunnan province, scientists have discovered new clues about the origins of Earth's animal species. Almost 200 of which have been identified to date. The evidence shows how quickly life forms diversified during the early Cambrian period - 530 million years ago.



Hawksbill turtles, dugongs and sharks swim among coral reefs in the turquoise waters around Palau's Rock Islands. Abandoned by their human population some 400 years ago because of climate change, these limestone islands feature the world's largest concentration of marine lakes.

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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 962 properties are inscribed on the List — 745 of which are cultural, 188 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.

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- Cultural property
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- 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 World Heritage. As a result, 35 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 Bamiyan Valley
- ALBANIA 1989**
 - Butrinte
 - Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra
- ALGERIA 1974**
 - Al Qal'a of Beni Hamad
- TASSILI N'AJER**
 - M'Zab Valley
 - Djémila
 - Timgad
 - Kasbah of Algiers
- ANDORRA 1997**
 - Madriu-Perafita-Clauter Valley
- ANGOLA 1991**
- ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA 1983**
- ARGENTINA 1978**
 - Los Glaciares National Park
 - Iguazu National Park
 - Península Valdés
 - Cueva de las Manos, Rio Pinturas
 - Ischigualasto / Talampaya National Parks
 - Jesuit Block and Estates 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 Azer Valley
- AUSTRALIA 1974**
 - Kakadu National Park
 - Great Barrier Reef
 - Willandra Lakes Region
 - Tasmanian Wilderness
 - Lord Howe Island Group
 - Goondiwindi Rainforests of Australia
 - Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park
 - Wet Tropics of Queensland
 - Shark Bay, Western Australia
 - Australian Convict Sites
 - Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Riversleigh / Naracoorte)

- BELGIUM 1996**
 - La Grand-Place, Brussels
 - Flemish Béguinages
 - The Four Liffs on the Canal du Centre and their Environs, La Louvière and Le Roeux (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
 - Stoclet House
 - Major Mining Sites of Wallonia
- 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 Kempfer Mercado National Park
- BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA 1993**
 - Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar
 - Mehmed Paša Sokolović Bridge in Višegrad
- BOTSWANA 1998**
 - Tsoelike
- BRAZIL 1977**
 - Historic Town of Ouro Preto
 - Historic Centre of the Town of Olinda
 - Historic Centre of Salvador da Bahia
 - Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Congonhas
 - Iguazu National Park
 - Brazil
 - 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
 - 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: Carcota Landscapes between the Mountain and the Sea

- BRUNARI DARUSSALAM 2011**
- BULGARIA 1974**
 - Boyana Church
 - Great Escape Mountains Area
 - Pumnyul National Park
 - Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens
 - Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo
 - Ancient City of Nessebar
 - Rila Monastery
 - Srebarna Nature Reserve
 - Pirin National Park
 - Thracian Tomb of Sveshtsar
- BURKINA FASO 1987**
 - Ruins of Loropéni
- BURUNDI 1982**
 - Sennezingo Railway
 - City of Gitega — Historic Centre and Schloss Egenberg
 - Wachau Cultural Landscape
 - Historic Centre of Vienna
- CAMBODIA 1991**
 - Angkor
 - Temple of Preah Vihear
- AZERBAIJAN 1993**
 - Walled City of Baku with the Shirvan Shah's Palace and Maiden Tower
 - Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape
- CANADA 1976**
 - L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site
 - Nahanni National Park
 - Dinosaur Provincial Park
 - SEASIDE
 - Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump
- CHINA 1985**
 - Mount Taishan
 - Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties in Beijing and Shenyang
 - Mogao Caves
 - Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor
 - Peking Man Site at Zhoukoudian
 - Mount Huangshan
 - Juzhaiguo Valley Scenic and Historic Interest Area
 - Huanglong Scenic and Historic Interest Area
 - Wulingyuan Scenic and Historic Interest Area
 - Mountain Resort and its Outlying Temples, Chengde
 - Temple and Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu
 - Ancient Building Complex in the Wudang Mountains
 - Historic Ensemble of the Potala Palace, Lhasa
 - Lushan National Park
 - Mount Emei Scenic Area, including Leshan Giant Buddha Scenic Area
 - Ancient City of Ping Yao
 - Classical Gardens of Suzhou
 - Old Town of Lijiang
 - Temple of Heaven; an Imperial Sacrificial Altar in Beijing
 - Summer Palace, an Imperial Garden in Beijing
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 - Yungang Grottoes
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 - Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas
 - Capital Cities and Tombs of the Ancient Koguryo Kingdom
 - Historic Centre of Macao
 - Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuaries — Wolong, Mt Siguaning, and Jiajin Mountains
 - Yin Yu
 - Kalping Diolou and Villages
 - South China Karst
 - Fujian Tulou
 - Mount Sangangshan National Park
 - Mount Wutai
 - China Daxia
 - Historic Monuments of Dengfeng in 'The Centre of Heaven and Earth'
 - West Lake Cultural Landscape of Hangzhou
 - Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo
 - Ancient City of Nesselbar
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- CHILE 1980**
 - Rapa Nui National Park
 - Churches of Chiloé
 - Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso
 - Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpetre Works
 - Sewell Mining Town
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- CROATIA 1992**
 - Old City of Dubrovnik
 - Historic 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
 - Star Grad Plain
- CUBA 1981**
 - Old Havana and its Fortifications
 - Trinidad and the Valley de los Ingenios
 - San Pedro de la Roca Castle, Santiago de Cuba
 - Desembarco de Granma National Park
 - Vinales Valley
 - Archaeological Landscape of the First Coffee Plantations in the South-East of Cuba
 - Alejandro de Humboldt National Park
 - Urban Historic Centre of Cienfuegos
 - Historic Centre of Camagüey
- CYPRUS 1975**
 - Paphos
 - Painted Churches in the Troodos Region
 - Choirokitia
- CZECH REPUBLIC 1993**
 - Historic Centre of Prague
 - Historic Centre of Český Krumlov
 - Historic Centre of Tábor
 - Pilgrimage Church of St John of Nepomuk at Zelená Hora
 - Kutná Hora: Historical Town Centre with the Church of St Barbara and the Cathedral of Our Lady of Sedlec
 - Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape
 - Holštejnsko Historical Village Reservation
 - Gardens and Castle at Kroměříž
 - Lomýšín Castle
 - Holy Trinity Column in Olomouc
 - Tugendhat Villa in Brno
 - Jewish Quarter and St Procopius' Basilica in Třebíč
- DEM. PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA 1998**
 - Complex of Koguryo Tombs
- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO 1974**
 - Virunga National Park
 - Garamba National Park
 - Kahuzi-Biega National Park
 - Salonga National Park
 - Okapi Wildlife Reserve
- CAPÉ VERDE 1988**
 - Cidade Velha, Historic Centre of Ribeira Grande
- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC 1980**
 - Manovo-Goda Sd Floris National Park
- DENMARK 1979**
 - Jelling Monuments, Runic Stones and Church
 - Roskilde Cathedral
 - Kronborg Castle

- GERMANY 1976**
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 - Würzburg Residence
 - Museuminsel (Museum Island), Berlin
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- INDONESIA 1989**
 - Borobudur Temple Compounds
 - Ulun Dū National Park
 - Komodo National Park
 - Prambanan Temple Compounds
 - Sangiran Early Man Site
 - Lorentz National Park
 - Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra
 - Cultural Landscape of Bali Province: the Subak System as a Manifestation of the Tri Hita Karana Philosophy
- IRAN (Islamic Republic of) 1975**
 - Tochga Zanbil
 - Shirnes and Temples of Nikko
 - Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu
 - Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range
 - Siliretko
 - Isma'ili Ghazni Silver Mine and its Cultural Landscape
 - Ogassawara Islands
 - Hirakuma — Temples, Gardens and Archaeological Sites Representing the Buddhist Pure Land
- ISRAEL 1999**
 - Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls
- JORDAN 1975**
 - Petra
 - Qusair Amra
 - Um er-Rasas (Kastrom Mefea')
 - Wadi Rum Protected Area
- KAZAKHSTAN 1994**
 - Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi
 - Petroglyphs within the Archaeological Landscape of Tamgaly
- SARYKAY — STEPPE AND LAKES OF NORTHERN KAZAKHSTAN**
- JORDAN 1975**
 - Petra
 - Qusair Amra
 - Um er-Rasas (Kastrom Mefea')
 - Wadi Rum Protected Area
- KENYA 1991**
 - Mount Kenya National Park / Natural Forest
 - Lake Turkana National Park
 - Lamu Old Town
 - Sacred Mijikenda Kaya Forests
 - Kenyja Lake System in the Great Rift Valley
 - Fort Jesus, Mombasa
- KIRIBATI 2000**
 - Phoenix Islands Protected Area
- KUWAIT 2002**
- KYRGYZSTAN 1995**
 - Sulaiman-Too Sacred Mountain
- LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC 1987**
 - Town of Luang Prabang
 - Vat Phou and Associated Ancient Settlements within the Champasak Cultural Landscape
- LATVIA 1995**
 - Historic Centre of Riga
- LEBANON 1983**
 - Anjar
 - Baalbek
 - Byblos
 - Tyre
 - Ouadi Qadisha (the Holy Valley) and the Forest of the Cedars of God (Horsh Ar-Zeitun)
- LESOTHO 2003**
- LIBERIA 2002**
- LIBYA 1978**
 - Archaeological Site of Leptis Magna
 - Archaeological Site of Sabratha
 - Archaeological Site of Cyrene
 - Rock-Art Sites of Tadrart Acacus
 - Old Town of Ghadames
- LITHUANIA 1992**
 - Widula Historic Centre
 - Kemavė Archaeological Site (Cultural Reserve of Kemavė)
- LUXEMBOURG 1983**
 - City of Luxembourg: Its Old Quarters and Fortifications
- MADAGASCAR 1983**
 - Tsingy de Bemaraha Strict Nature Reserve
 - Royal Hill of Ambohimanga
 - Rainforests of the Akañana
- MALAWI 1982**
 - Lake Malawi National Park
 - Chongoni Rock-Art Area
- MALAYSIA 1988**
 - Kinabalu Park
 - Gunung Mulu National Park
 - Melaka and George Town, Historic Cities of the Straits of Malacca
 - Archaeological Heritage of the Langgong Valley
- MALDIVES 1986**
- MALI 1977**
 - Old Town of Djenné
 - Timbuktu
 - Cliff of Bandagara (Land of the Dogons)
 - Tomb of Askia
- MALTA 1978**
 - Hal Saflieni Hypogeum
 - City of Valletta
 - Megalithic Temples of Malta
- MARSHALL ISLANDS 2002**
 - Bikini Atoll Nuclear Test Site
- MAURITANIA 1981**
 - Banc d'Arguin National Park
 - Elks Caves
 - Lo Moine Cultural Landscape
- MAURITIUS 1995**
 - Asipovadi Ghat
 - Le Moine Cultural Landscape
- MEXICO 1984**
 - Sian Ka'an
 - Pre-Hispanic City and National Park of Palenque
 - Historic Centre of Mexico City and Xochimilco
 - Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan
 - Historic Centre of Oaxaca and Archaeological Site of Monte Albán
 - Historic Centre of Puebla
 - Historic Town of Guanajuato and Adjacent Mines
 - Pre-Hispanic City of Chichen-Itza
 - Historic Centre of Morelia
 - El Tajín, Pre-Hispanic City
 - White Sanctuary of El Yucatan
 - Historic Centre of Zacatecas
 - Rock Paintings of the Sierra de San Francisco
 - Earliest 16th-Century Monasteries on the Slopes of Popocatepetl
 - Historic Centre of Veracruz
 - Pre-Hispanic Town of Umal
 - Historic Monuments Zone of Querétaro
 - Hospicio Cabañas, Guadalajara
 - Historic Centre of Pátzcuaro, Casa Grandes
 - Historic Monuments Zone of Tlaxcala
 - Arch