**Al-Masjid Al-Haram | The Biggest Mosque on The World**

The mosque that stands majestically in the city of Mecca is the largest mosque in the world. Standing on an area of ​​598,657 m2. Grand Mosque can accommodate more than 900,000 pilgrims from around the world. The mosque was built in 638 AD when the reign of Umar bin Khattab is regarded as the holiest shrine for Muslims because in it there is the Ka'ba Qibla direction throughout the Muslim world as well as the main purpose of worship Hajj.

**Al-Masjid an-Nabawi** ([Arabic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_language): المسجد النبوي‎, [lit.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Literal_translation) 'The Prophetic Mosque'), known in English as **The Prophet's Mosque**, and also known as **Al Haram**, **Al Haram Al Madani** and **Al Haram Al Nabawi** by locals, is a [mosque](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mosque) built by the [Islamic prophet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prophets_and_messengers_in_Islam) [Muhammad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muhammad) in the city of [Medina](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medina) in the [Al Madinah Province](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madinah_Province) of [Saudi Arabia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudi_Arabia). It was the second mosque built by Muhammad in Medina, after [Masjid Quba'a](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masjid_Qub%C4%81%E2%80%99), and is now one of the [largest mosques in the world](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_large_mosques). It is the [second holiest site in Islam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holiest_sites_in_Islam), after the [*Masjid al-Haram*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Mosque_of_Mecca) in [Mecca](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mecca).[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Masjid_an-Nabawi#cite_note-2) It is generally open regardless of date or time, and has only been closed to visitors once in modern times, as Ramadan approached during the 2020 [COVID-19 pandemic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic_in_Saudi_Arabia).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Masjid_an-Nabawi#cite_note-3)

**Al-Aqsa Mosque** ([Arabic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_language): ٱلْمَسْجِد ٱلْأَقْصَىٰ‎, [romanized](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romanization_of_Arabic" \o "Romanization of Arabic): *al-Masjid al-ʾAqṣā*, IPA: [[ʔælˈmæsdʒɪd ælˈʔɑqsˤɑ]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/Arabic) ([About this sound](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:ArAqsaMosque.ogg)[listen](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/f/fa/ArAqsaMosque.ogg)), "the Farthest Mosque"), located in the [Old City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_City_(Jerusalem)) of [Jerusalem](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerusalem), is the [third holiest site](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holiest_sites_in_Islam) in [Islam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam). The mosque was built on top of the [Temple Mount](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temple_Mount), known as the Al Aqsa Compound or Haram esh-Sharif in Islam. [Muslims](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim) believe that [Muhammad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muhammad_in_Islam) was transported from the [Great Mosque of Mecca](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Mosque_of_Mecca) to al-Aqsa during the [Night Journey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isra_and_Mi%27raj). [Islamic tradition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hadith) holds that Muhammad led prayers towards this site until the 16th or 17th month after [his migration from Mecca to Medina](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hegira), when [Allah](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/God_in_Islam) directed him to turn towards the [Kaaba](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaaba) in [Mecca](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mecca).[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Aqsa_Mosque#cite_note-17th-2)

The **United Arab Emirates** (**UAE**; [Arabic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic): الإمارات العربية المتحدة *al-ʾImārāt al-ʿArabīyah al-Muttaḥidah*), sometimes simply called the **Emirates** ([Arabic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic): الإمارات *al-ʾImārāt*), is a country in [Western Asia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Asia) located at the eastern end of the [Arabian Peninsula](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabian_Peninsula). It borders [Oman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oman) and [Saudi Arabia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudi_Arabia), and has maritime borders in the [Persian Gulf](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persian_Gulf) with [Qatar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar) and [Iran](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iran).

The UAE is an [elective monarchy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elective_monarchy#United_Arab_Emirates) formed from a [federation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_monarchy) of [seven emirates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emirates_of_the_United_Arab_Emirates), consisting of [Abu Dhabi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emirate_of_Abu_Dhabi) (which serves as the capital), [Ajman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emirate_of_Ajman), [Dubai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emirate_of_Dubai), [Fujairah](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emirate_of_Fujairah), [Ras Al Khaimah](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emirate_of_Ras_Al_Khaimah), [Sharjah](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emirate_of_Sharjah) and [Umm Al Quwain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Umm_Al_Quwain).[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates#cite_note-10) Each emirate is governed by a [Sheikh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sheikh) and, together, they form the [Federal Supreme Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Supreme_Council); one of them serves as [President of the United Arab Emirates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_the_United_Arab_Emirates).[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates#cite_note-:1-11) In 2013, the UAE's population was 9.2 million, of which 1.4 million were [Emirati citizens](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emirati_nationality_law) and 7.8 million were [expatriates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Expatriates_in_the_United_Arab_Emirates);[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates#cite_note-natur-12)[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates#cite_note-13)[[14]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates#cite_note-14) the estimated population in 2020 was 9.89 million.[[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates#cite_note-15)

**Malaysia** ([/məˈleɪziə, -ʒə/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/English) ([About this sound](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:En-us-Malaysia.ogg)[listen](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/eb/En-us-Malaysia.ogg)) *[mə-LAY-zee-ə, -⁠zhə](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Pronunciation_respelling_key" \o "Help:Pronunciation respelling key)*; Malay: [[məlejsiə]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/Malay)) is a country in [Southeast Asia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southeast_Asia). The [federal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federation) [constitutional monarchy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitutional_monarchy) consists of [thirteen states and three federal territories](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/States_and_federal_territories_of_Malaysia), separated by the [South China Sea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_China_Sea) into two regions, [Peninsular Malaysia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peninsular_Malaysia) and [Borneo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borneo)'s [East Malaysia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Malaysia). Peninsular Malaysia shares a land and maritime [border](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malaysia%E2%80%93Thailand_border) with [Thailand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thailand) and maritime borders with [Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore), [Vietnam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam), and [Indonesia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indonesia). East Malaysia shares land and maritime borders with [Brunei](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brunei) and Indonesia and a maritime border with the [Philippines](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippines) and Vietnam. [Kuala Lumpur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuala_Lumpur) is the national capital and largest city while [Putrajaya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Putrajaya) is the seat of the federal government. With a population of over 32 million, Malaysia is the world's [43rd-most populous country](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_population). The southernmost point of continental [Eurasia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eurasia) is in [Tanjung Piai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tanjung_Piai" \o "Tanjung Piai). In the [tropics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropics), Malaysia is one of 17 [megadiverse countries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Megadiverse_countries), home to a number of [endemic species](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wildlife_of_Malaysia).

The **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**, commonly known as the **United Kingdom** (**UK**) or **Britain**,[[note 10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom#cite_note-24) is a [sovereign country](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sovereign_state) in north-western Europe, off the north-­western coast of the European mainland.[[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom#cite_note-25) The United Kingdom includes the island of [Great Britain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Britain), the north-­eastern part of the island of [Ireland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ireland), and [many smaller islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_islands_of_the_United_Kingdom) within the [British Isles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Isles).[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom#cite_note-26) Northern Ireland shares [a land border](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Ireland%E2%80%93United_Kingdom_border) with the [Republic of Ireland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Ireland). Otherwise, the United Kingdom is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, with the [North Sea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Sea) to the east, the [English Channel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Channel) to the south and the [Celtic Sea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Celtic_Sea) to the south-west, giving it the [12th-longest coastline in the world](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_length_of_coastline). The [Irish Sea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish_Sea) separates Great Britain and Ireland. The total area of the United Kingdom is 94,000 square miles (240,000 km2).

**Spain** (Spanish: *España*, [[esˈpaɲa]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/Spanish) ([About this sound](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Es-Espa%C3%B1a.ogg)[listen](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/64/Es-Espa%C3%B1a.ogg))), formally the **Kingdom of Spain**[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain#cite_note-auto-20) (Spanish: *Reino de España*),[[a]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain#cite_note-a-2)[[b]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain#cite_note-b-3) is a country in [Southwestern Europe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southwestern_Europe) with some pockets of territory across the [Strait of Gibraltar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strait_of_Gibraltar) and the [Atlantic Ocean](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_Ocean).[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain#cite_note-auto-20) Its continental European territory is situated on the [Iberian Peninsula](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iberian_Peninsula). Its territory also includes two [archipelagos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archipelago): the [Canary Islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canary_Islands) off the coast of [North Africa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Africa), and the [Balearic Islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balearic_Islands) in the [Mediterranean Sea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mediterranean_Sea). The African [exclaves](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exclave) of [Ceuta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ceuta), [Melilla](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melilla), and [Peñón de Vélez de la Gomera](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pe%C3%B1%C3%B3n_de_V%C3%A9lez_de_la_Gomera" \o "Peñón de Vélez de la Gomera)[[14]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain#cite_note-21) make Spain the only European country to have a physical border with an African country ([Morocco](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morocco)).[[h]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain#cite_note-22) [Several small islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plazas_de_soberan%C3%ADa) in the [Alboran Sea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alboran_Sea" \o "Alboran Sea) are also part of Spanish territory. [The country's mainland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peninsular_Spain) is bordered to the south and east by the Mediterranean Sea; to the north and northeast by [France](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France), [Andorra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andorra), and the [Bay of Biscay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bay_of_Biscay); and to the west and northwest by [Portugal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portugal) and the Atlantic Ocean respectively.

**Qatar** ([/ˈkætɑːr/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/English),[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-10) [/ˈkɑːtɑːr/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/English) ([About this sound](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:En-us-Qatar.ogg)[listen](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/29/En-us-Qatar.ogg)), [/ˈkɑːtər/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/English) or [/kəˈtɑːr/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/English) ([About this sound](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:En-us-Qatar-2.ogg)[listen](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/09/En-us-Qatar-2.ogg));[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-11) [Arabic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_language): قطر‎ *Qaṭar* [[ˈqatˤar]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/Arabic); local vernacular pronunciation: [[ˈɡɪtˤɑr]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/Arabic)),[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-EoI-12)[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-13) officially the **State of Qatar** ([Arabic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_language): دولة قطر‎ *Dawlat Qaṭar*), is a country located in [Western Asia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Asia), occupying the small [Qatar Peninsula](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar_Peninsula) on the northeastern coast of the [Arabian Peninsula](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabian_Peninsula).[[14]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-BBC9Sep05-14)[[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-USState2011-15)[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-16)[[17]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-ftManage-17)[[18]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-ciaw-18) Its sole land [border](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar%E2%80%93Saudi_Arabia_border) is with neighbouring [Gulf Cooperation Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulf_Cooperation_Council) (GCC) monarchy [Saudi Arabia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudi_Arabia) to the south, with the rest of its territory surrounded by the [Persian Gulf](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persian_Gulf). The [Gulf of Bahrain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulf_of_Bahrain), an inlet of the Persian Gulf, separates Qatar from nearby [Bahrain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahrain).

In early 2017, Qatar's total population was 2.6 million: 313,000 Qatari citizens and 2.3 million [expatriates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Expatriates).[[19]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-pop-19) [Islam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam) is the [official religion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Official_religion) of Qatar.[[20]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-20) In terms of [income](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Per_capita_income), the country has the third-highest [GDP (PPP) per capita](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_GDP_(PPP)_per_capita) in the world,[[21]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-21) and the sixth-highest [GNI per capita (Atlas method)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_GNI_(nominal)_per_capita).[[22]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-22) Qatar is classified by the UN as a country of very high human development, having the third-highest [HDI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_Development_Index) in the [Arab world](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_world) after [United Arab Emirates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates) and [Saudi Arabia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudi_Arabia).[[23]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-23) Qatar is a [World Bank high-income economy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-income_economy), backed by the world's third-largest [natural gas reserves](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_natural_gas_proven_reserves) and oil reserves.[[24]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar#cite_note-24)

**China**, officially the **People's Republic of China** (**PRC**), is a country in [East Asia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Asia). It is the [world's most populous country](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_and_dependencies_by_population), with a population of around 1.4 billion.[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China#cite_note-govPPL-17) Covering approximately 9.6 million square kilometers (3.7 million mi2), it is the world's [third or fourth-largest](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_and_dependencies_by_area) country by area.[[k]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China#cite_note-28) The country is officially divided into 23 [provinces](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Provinces_of_China),[[l]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China#cite_note-29)[[18]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China#cite_note-30) five [autonomous regions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autonomous_regions_of_China), four [direct-controlled municipalities](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Direct-administered_municipalities_of_China) ([Beijing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beijing), [Tianjin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tianjin), [Shanghai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shanghai), and [Chongqing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chongqing)), and two [special administrative regions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special_administrative_regions_of_China) of [Hong Kong](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong) and [Macau](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macau).