

WORLD HERITAGE 2016–2017



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Culture
and National
Heritage of the
Republic of Poland

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Polish National Commission for UNESCO
KRAKOW
Krakow, the capital of Poland's Riverland, centre of Polish life from the 14th to the 18th century. The royal Wawel Castle still stands as a museum on a hill above the city, welcoming visitors to its Gothic cathedrals, synagogues, and museums. In the Old Town, the Cloth Hall is a medieval market hall where locals and tourists pause on the hour to listen to a bugle call from the tower of St. Mary's Basilica—a song played as the city's anthem for centuries.

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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 Earth 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 go beyond national boundaries and to be of importance for future generations.

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

Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, at its General Conference, Paris, 16 November 1972.

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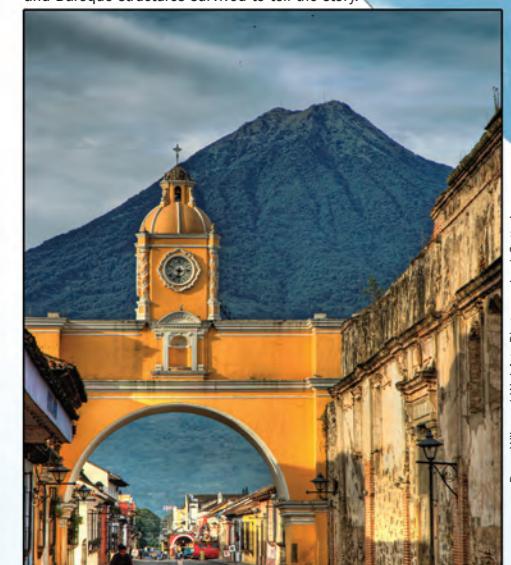
... parts of the cultural or natural heritage are of outstanding interest and therefore need to be preserved as part of the world heritage of humankind as a whole.

[with] the magnitude and gravity of the new dangers threatening... [the world's heritage], it is incumbent on the international community as a whole to participate in the protection of the cultural and natural heritage of outstanding universal value...

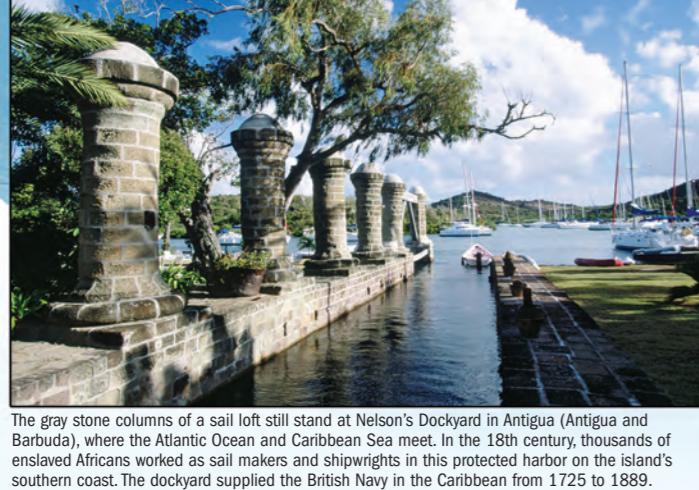
An Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the Cultural and Natural Heritage of Outstanding Universal Value, called "the World Heritage Committee," is... established within UNESCO.

... the Committee shall establish... under the title of "World Heritage List," a list of the properties forming part of the cultural heritage and natural heritage... which it considers as having outstanding universal value...

Agu Volcano looms above the elegant stucco arch of Santa Catalina convent in Antigua, Guatemala. Originally called Santiago, the city was Spanish colonial capital of Central America during the 18th century, until earthquakes devastated the area in 1773. French and Baroque structures survived to tell the story.



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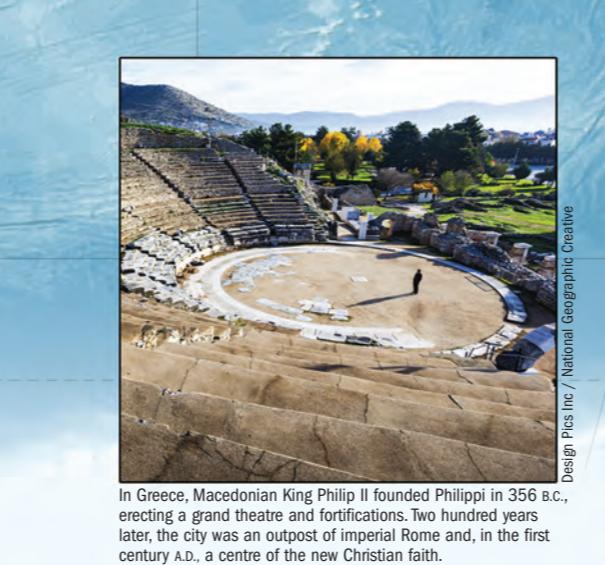
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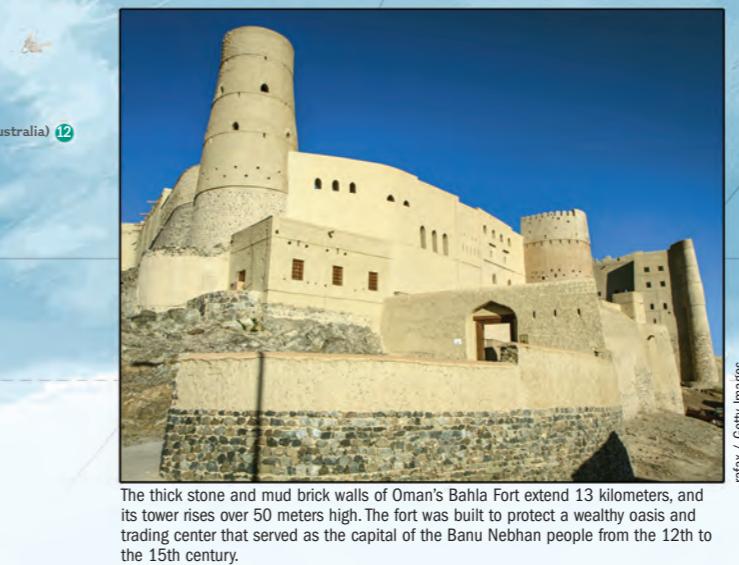
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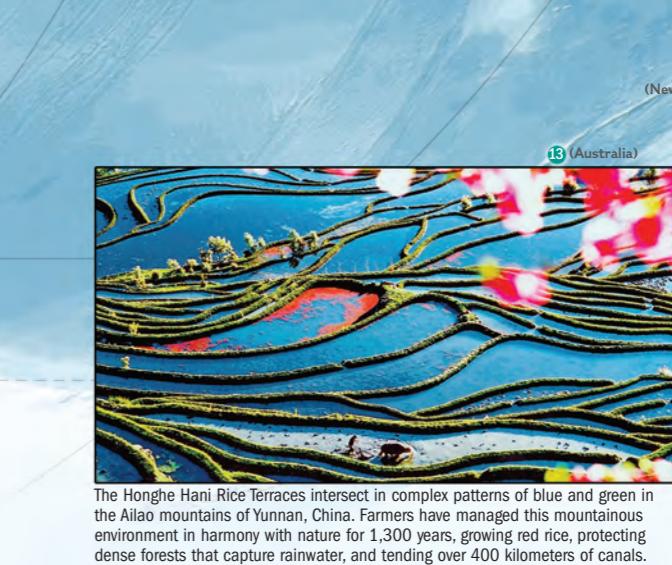
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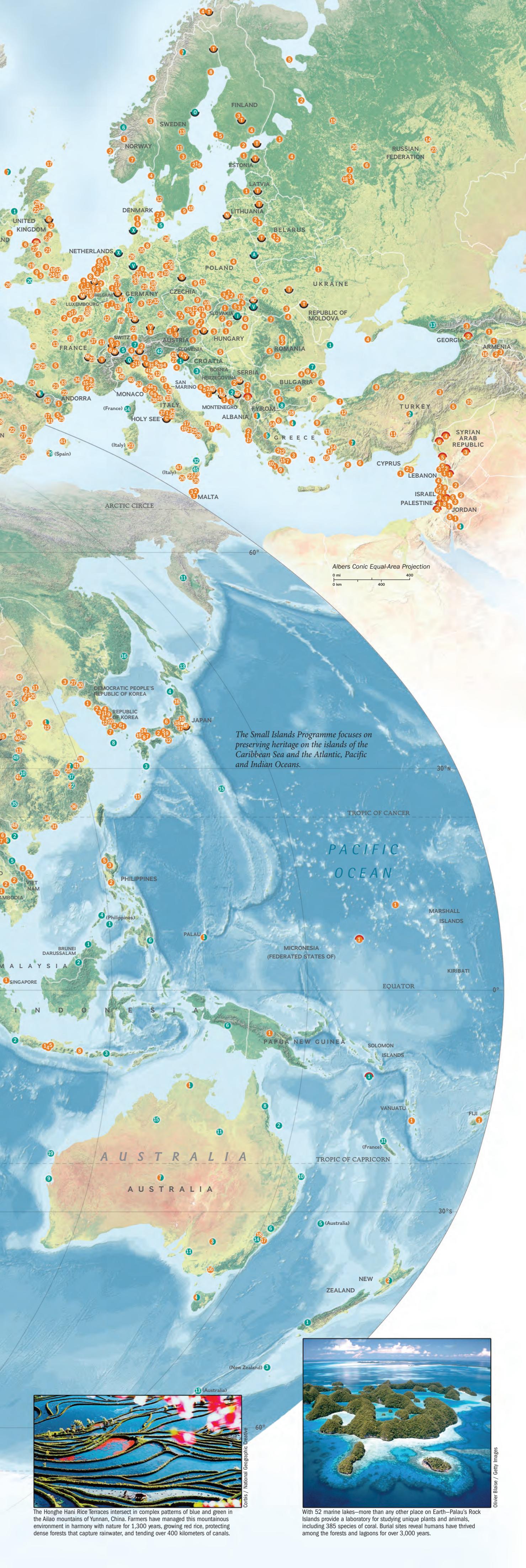
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From the vast plains of the Serengeti to historic cities such as Vienna, Lima and Kyoto; from the prehistoric rock art on the Iberian Peninsula to the Statue of Liberty; from the Kasbah of Algiers to the Imperial Palace in Beijing — all of these places,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

Key

- Cultural property
 - Natural property
 - Mixed property (cultural and natural)
 - Transnational property
 - Property currently inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger
- See country index on back side of map for site listings.
Number indicates site order by year of inscription
Letters are assigned to transnational properties in the order of their inscription on the List.
Only States Parties to the World Heritage Convention can vote on the List.
United Nations (UN) country boundaries shown as of October 2016.
<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.



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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, 192 countries have ratified the treaty, and at present 1052 properties are inscribed on the List — 814 of which are cultural, 203 natural and 35 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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- Natural property
- Mixed property (cultural and natural)
- Transnational property (thirty-four properties are nominated and managed by more than one State Party)
- Property in danger

1979 Year in which the 192 States Parties adhered to the World Heritage Convention

A variety of dangers due to natural causes or human intervention threaten the integrity of World Heritage. As many as 55 properties (noted on the list) are thus entitled to particular attention and emergency conservation action.

AFGHANISTAN 1979
Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam

Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamyan Valley

ALBANIA 1989

Butrint, Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokaster

ALGERIA 1974

Qala'at Beni Hammad

Tassili-n'Ajjer

M'Zab Valley

Djémila

Tipasa

Timgad

Kasbah of Algiers

ANDORRA 1997

Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley

ANGOLA 1991

Luanda Naval Dockyard and Related Archaeological Sites

ARGENTINA 1979

Los Glaciares National Park

Iguazu National Park

Península Valdés

Cueva de las Manos, Rio Pinturas

Ischigualasto, Talampaya Natural Parks

Jesús María Block and Estanques of Córdoba

Quedas de Huamachuco

Quebradas de los Guaraníes

Qhapaq Nan, Andean Road System

The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier, an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement

BELIZE 1990

Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System

BENIN 1982

Royal Palaces of Abomey

BHUTAN 2001

Bhutan

BOLIVIA (Plurinational State of) 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 Kempff Mercado National Park

Chiquito National System

Red Basque Whaling Station

Mistaken Point

Klunzinger-St Elias / Glacier Bay / Volcanic Iborros

Waterton Glacier International Peace Park

Manoav-Gounda St Floris National Park

Sangha Trinational

CHAD 1999

Lakes of Ounianga

Ennedi Massif: Natural and Cultural Landscape

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO 1974

Virunga National Park

Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso

Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltworks

Sewell Mining Town

Qhapaq Nan, Andean Road System

The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier, an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement

BRAZIL 1977

Historic Town of Ouro Preto

Historic Centre of the Town of Olinda

Church of Salvador de Bahia

Santuário do Bonfim Jesus de Congonhas

Monastery of Gehrard and the Upper Aaz Valley

AUSTRALIA 1974

Kakadu National Park

Great Barrier Reef

Willandra Lakes Region

Tasmanian Wilderness

Lord Howe Island Group

Gondwana Rainforests of Australia

Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

Wet Tropics of Queensland

ETHIOPIA 1979

Rock-Hewn Churches, Lalibela, Ethiopia

Shark Bay, Western Australia

Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Riverleigh / Naracoorte)

Heard and McDonald Islands

Macquarie Island

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park

Purnululu National Park

Rocky Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens

Sydney Opera House

Australian Convict Sites

Lord Howe Island Group

Prehistoric Pit Dwellings around the Alps

AZERBAIJAN 1993

Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower

Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape

Hallstatt-Dachstein Salzkammergut Cultural Landscape

Seemingly Railway

City of Graz - Historic Centre and Schloss Eggenberg

Wachau Cultural Landscape

Historic Centre of Vilnius

Ferto / Neusiedlsee Cultural Landscape

Prehistoric Pit Dwellings around the Alps

CAKROVAN 1993

Historical Monuments of Salzburg

Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn

Historic Monuments of St. Gallen

Historic Monuments of the Grisons

Historic Monuments of the Tyrol

Historic Monuments of Vorarlberg

Historic Monuments of the Salzburg

Historic Monuments of the Styria

Historic Monuments of the Carinthia

Historic Monuments of the Burgenland

Historic Monuments of the Lower Austria

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COLOMBIA 1983

Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid Region

FRANCE 1979

Historic Centre of Poitiers

Historic Centre of Troyes

Zuiderzee

Historic Centre of Paris

Historic Centre of Chartres

Historic Centre of Reims

Historic Centre of Bourges

Historic Centre of Amiens

Historic Centre of Nantes

Historic Centre of Rouen

Historic Centre of Strasbourg