



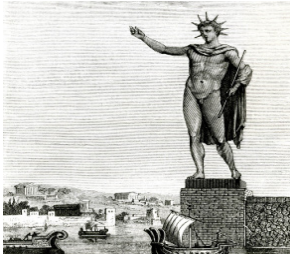
The Wondrous Seven

Ancient Seven Wonders of the World



Artemis Temple, Greece

It is a temple dedicated to the goddess Artemis. It was built in the 6th century B.C. and is located in Ephesus.



Colossus of Rhodes, Greece

This is a statue of the Greek sun god Helios, erected in the city of Rhodes, in 280 B.C. It was built to thank the gods for the victory over a long siege for the city.



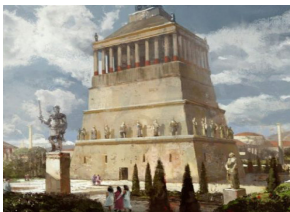
Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Iraq

It is the garden which adorned the capital of the Neo-Babylonian Empire, built by its greatest king Nebuchadnezzar II (605-562 B.C.)



Lighthouse of Alexandria, Egypt

It was built during the reign of Ptolemy I Soter. It was constructed in 280 B.C. and had the highest quality of architectural design.



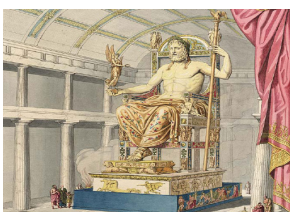
Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, Turkey

It was built as a tomb for Mausolus, the ruler of Caria 350 B.C. The mausoleum was built between 353 and 350 B.C.



The Great Pyramid of Giza, Egypt

The pyramid is the oldest and largest of the three pyramids in Giza. It was constructed in 2580-2560 B.C., and is built of limestone and granite.



Statue of Zeus at Olympia, Greece

The statue was constructed by the Greek sculptor Phidias, around 435 B.C. It was made of ivory and gold.

New Wonders of the World



Chichen Itza, Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico

The genius of the Mayan culture can be seen in the splendid ruins of Chichen Itza. It was built between 800 A.D. and 1200 A.D.



Christ the Redeemer Statue, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

This statue was started in 1926 and completed in 1931. It is a 130-foot reinforced concrete and soapstone statue and cost approximately \$250,000.00 to build. It is placed on the top of Corcovado Mountain.



Machu Picchu, Peru

This is an Incan city perched between 2 Andean peaks. It was built in the mid 1400s. The site remained unknown until 1911, when it was discovered by archaeologist Hiram Bingham.



Petra, Jordan

Declared a World Heritage Site in 1985. It was built in the 4th century B.C. It has intricate tunnels and water chambers, which helped create a pseudo-oasis. It also has a 4,000 seat amphitheater and monastery.



Roman Colosseum, Rome, Italy

It was built between 70 A.D. and 80 A.D. and was in use for some 500 years. It sat nearly 50,000 spectators, who gathered to watch the gladiatorial events.



Taj Mahal, Agra, India

A mausoleum commissioned for the wife of Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. It was built between 1632 and 1648, and is the most perfect specimen of Muslim art in Indian.



The Great Wall of China

Built between 220 B.C. and 1644 A.D. It is actually a succession of multiple walls, spanning approximately 4,000 miles, making it the world's longest man made structure.

Seven Sacred Mountains of the World



Ayers Rock - Aluru, Australia - Laws

Ayers Rock is believed by the Aborigines that the supernatural heroes of the Dreamtime dwell there, ceaselessly echoing events from the primordial past. The laws and rituals from ancient times are supposedly etched within the stones.



Mount Athos, Greece - Faith

Mount Athos is considered to be the place of ancient powers and inspiration. Today, it is inhabited by monks and hermits who live in the humbling awareness of their total dependence on the grace of God.



Mount Shasta, United States - Healing

Mount Shasta is believed to hold the strongest power of Earth Spirits. To this day, the mountain is used for purification and healing rituals. As well, it is said that Lemurians, called Telosians, who survived the floods, live within the mountain.



Popocatepetl, Mexico - Nourishment

Popocatepetl was revered for being as a source of water and fertility. To this day, it is rich with volcanic soil and is extremely fertile. It constantly fed the people and supplied water, so it is considered one with Mother.



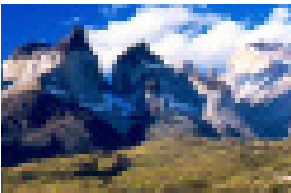
Ten Peaks, Canada - Visions

The Ten Peaks are known for vision quests. It is believed that when the higher one goes, greater and more powerful visions are produced. There are many sweat lodges created by the Indians for this purpose.



The Grand Tetons, United States - Spiritual Awakening

The Grand Tetons are believed to be the home for many Ascended Masters. It is known for helping people become more spiritually aware and awakened. The buffalo, who are considered sacred, roam freely there.



Towers of Paine, Patagonia - Warriorship

The Towers of Paine were used as a place of ancient worship. It is believed that the fossilized remains of ancestral warriors, who frequented there in order to deal with evil, are embedded in the towers.

Seven Most Beautiful Places to Visit



Amazon Forest, South America

The Amazon Forest is the world's largest tropical rainforest, famed for its biodiversity. It contains 40,000 plant species, 3000 freshwater fish species, and more than 370 types of reptiles. It covers 6.7 million square kilometers and is home to 2 million indigenous peoples. It extends from Brazil, Colombia, Peru, and other south American Countries.



Angkor Wat, Cambodia

Angkor Wat is a temple complex in Cambodia. It is the largest religious monument in the world. It was founded in the 12th century and covers over 402 acres. It has 5 lotus-like towers rising 65 meters into the sky. This site was once the largest pre-industrial city in the world. The layout of Angkor Wat mirrors the Hindu cosmos and is one large mandala.



Easter Island, Chile

Easter Island is a remote volcanic island and is famed for being an archaeological site. It includes nearly 900 monumental statues called Moai, created by inhabitants during the 13th century. The Moai are carved human figures with oversize heads, often resting on massive stone pedestals. Their existence is a marvel of human ingenuity, and their meaning is a source of some mystery.



Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Galapagos Islands is a volcanic archipelago in the Pacific Ocean. Its isolated terrain shelters a diversity of plant and animal species, many found nowhere else. It is a world unto itself, forged of lava and isolated for thousands of years. The islands are known for their famously fearless wildlife. It is considered a source of inspiration for Darwin's theory of evolution.



Grand Canyon, United States

Grand Canyon is a natural formation, revealing millions of years of geological history in cross-section. The canyon averages 10 miles across, 6,000 feet deep, and 277 miles long. There is a huge unconformity. There are 250 million year old rock layers that lie directly against 1.2 billion year old rock layers. The mystery is that no one knows what happened to the millions of years of missing layers.



Ha Long Bay, Vietnam

Ha Long Bay is known for its emerald waters and thousands of towering limestone islands topped by rainforests. It is 600 square miles, which includes approximately 2,000 islets. It contains so much natural beauty, with ancient floating villages, secluded islands, and an amazing system of natural caves and grottoes. Presently, it is considered one of the new seven wonders of the world.



The Great Barrier Reef, Australia

The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system, composed of over 2900 individual reefs. It covers 900 islands, stretching for over 2,300 kilometers, over an area of 344,4000 kilometers. It is the largest living thing on Earth and is visible from other space. There are over 600 types of hard and soft corals and are said to be 500,000 years old.

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