



## ABOUT THE WORLD MONUMENTS WATCH

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Launched in 1996 and issued every two years, the World Monuments Watch is the flagship advocacy program of World Monuments Fund. The Watch calls international attention to cultural heritage around the world that is at risk from the forces of nature and the impact of social, political, and economic change. From archaeological sites to modern architecture, cultural landscapes to historic urban centers, the Watch identifies places of significance in need of timely action. The 2012 World Monuments Watch continues this tradition with the inclusion of 67 sites from 41 countries and territories.

In its sixteen-year history, the Watch has served as a beacon, not only for treasured places but for society as well. As an open process, the Watch receives nominations directly from individuals, organizations, and governments on the ground. More than 500 advocates in over 80 countries engaged in the preparation and endorsement of nominations to the 2012 Watch, raising local issues to inform an international dialogue.

More than ever, this ninth cycle of the Watch underscores the important dynamic between communities and their collective heritage. The 2012 Watch includes many sites from urban, densely populated areas, which highlight the growing need to balance heritage preservation with the demand to serve contemporary social, economic, and environmental

priorities. The 2012 Watch continues to highlight the need to protect the heritage of the recent past, as well as the challenges faced by archaeological sites that increasingly need improved management and visitor plans. The 2012 Watch is an opportunity to discover many places that are jewels hiding in plain sight or found in remote areas that may be enjoyed by only small numbers of local residents and adventurous travelers. Just saving sites from destruction or decay is not enough. Conservation means working to integrate heritage into the fabric of society and reconnecting people and places in new and innovative ways.

The 2012 World Monument Watch encourages everyone to do the same. Do your part to make the past part of a better future by supporting activities at 2012 Watch sites, joining local advocacy efforts, or just passing on the message. For more information, visit [www.wmf.org/watch](http://www.wmf.org/watch).





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- ARGENTINA**  
 Casa sobre el Arroyo, Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires Province  
 City of La Plata, Buenos Aires Province  
 Pucará de Tilcara, Quebrada de Humahuaca, Jujuy Province
- BELIZE**  
 Historic Architecture of Belize City
- BENIN**  
 Akaba Idéna, Kétou, Plateau Department
- BHUTAN**  
 Wangduechhoeling Palace, Jakar, Bumthang District
- BOLIVIA**  
 El Fuerte de Samaipata, Santa Cruz Department
- BRAZIL**  
 Historic Center of Salvador de Bahia
- BURKINA FASO**  
 Cour Royale de Tiébébé, Centre-Sud Region
- CAYMAN ISLANDS**  
 Mind's Eye, George Town, Grand Cayman
- CHINA**  
 Archaeological Site of the Palace of Nanyue Kingdom, Guangzhou  
 Tiantai An, Wangqu, Shanxi Province
- COLOMBIA**  
 Historic Center of Santa Cruz de Mompox, Bolívar Department  
 Paeces Chapels of Tierradentro, Cauca Department
- CUBA**  
 Parish Church of San Juan Bautista de los Remedios, Villa Clara Province
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**  
 Parish Church of San Dionisio, Higüey, La Altagracia Province
- GHANA**  
 Asante Traditional Buildings, near Kumasi, Ashanti Region
- GREECE**  
 First Cemetery of Athens
- GUATEMALA**  
 Archaeological Park and Ruins of Quiriguá, Izabal Department  
 El Zotz, Petén Department
- HAITI**  
 Gingerbread Neighborhood, Port-au-Prince  
 Jacmel Historic District  
 Palace of Sans Souci, Milot
- INDIA**  
 Bagh-i-Hafiz Rakhna, Sirhind-Fategarh, Punjab  
 Balaji Ghat, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh  
 Historic Havelis of Bikaner, Rajasthan  
 Royal Opera House, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- INDONESIA**  
 Desa Lingga, Karo Regency, North Sumatra
- JAPAN**  
 Denchu Hirakushi House and Atelier, Taitō, Tokyo  
 East Japan Earthquake Heritage Sites, Tōhoku and Kantō Regions  
 Kyoto Machiya Townhouses
- JORDAN**  
 Abila, Quweilbeh, Irbid Governorate
- KAZAKHSTAN**  
 Necropolises of Nomads in Mangystau Province
- MACEDONIA**  
 Stobi, Gradsko
- MADAGASCAR**  
 Royal Hill of Ambohimanga, Antananarivo Province
- MEXICO**  
 Colonial Bridge of Tequixtepec, San Miguel Tequixtepec, Oaxaca  
 Ruta de la Amistad, Mexico City
- NETHERLANDS**  
 Beth Haim Portuguese Jewish Cemetery, Ouderkerk aan de Amstel, North Holland
- NEW ZEALAND**  
 Canterbury Provincial Government Buildings, Christchurch
- PALESTINIAN TERRITORY**  
 Tell Umm el-'Amr (Saint Hilarion Monastery), Nuseirat, Gaza Strip
- PANAMA**  
 Way On Cemetery, Panama City
- PERU**  
 Alameda de los Descalzos and Paseo de Aguas, Rímac, Lima  
 Lines and Geoglyphs of Nasca, Ica Region  
 Quinta de Presa, Rímac, Lima
- POLAND**  
 St. Paraskewa Church, Radruż, Subcarpathian Voivodeship
- PORTUGAL**  
 Jardim Botânico de Lisboa, Lisboa
- SAINT HELENA, ASCENSION, AND TRISTAN DA CUNHA**  
 Saint Helena
- SPAIN**  
 Barrio del Cabanyal-Canyamelar, Valencia  
 Berrocal de Trujillo
- TUNISIA**  
 Old Town of Testour, Béja Governorate
- TURKEY**  
 Haydarpaşa Railway Station, Istanbul  
 Oshki, Çamlıyamaç, Erzurum Province  
 Rum Orphanage, Büyükkada, Princes' Islands, Istanbul
- TURKMENISTAN**  
 Ulug Depe, near Dushak, Ahal Province
- UNITED KINGDOM**  
 British Brutalism, Birmingham, London, and Preston  
 Newstead Abbey, Ravenshead, Nottinghamshire  
 Quarr Abbey, Ryde, Isle of Wight  
 Ruins of the Former Cathedral Church of St. Michael, Coventry, West Midlands
- UNITED STATES**  
 510 Fifth Avenue, New York City  
 Charleston Historic District, South Carolina  
 Manitoga, Garrison, New York  
 New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting and Sculpture, New York City  
 Orange County Government Center, Goshen, New York  
 Walpi Village, Navajo County, Arizona
- VIET NAM**  
 Fishing Villages of Hả Long Bay, Quảng Ninh Province
- YEMEN**  
 Mosque and Hammam al-Mudhaffar, Ta'izz
- ZIMBABWE**  
 Nalatale Ruins, near Gweru, Matabeleland North