

World Heritage Quiz

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1. How old is Stonehenge?

- a) 2,000 years old
- b) 16,600 years old
- c) 5,020 years old
- d) 300 years old

2. Which city is the Taj Mahal in?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Agra
- c) Delhi
- d) Jaipur

3. How high are the Dolomites?

- a) 3,343 metres
- b) 1,160 metres
- c) 7,670 metres
- d) 8,400 metres

4. What American state is Yosemite in?

- a) Washington
- b) Ohio
- c) New Mexico
- d) California

5. Which UK Prime Minister was born at Blenheim Palace?

- a) Boris Johnson
- b) Sir Winston Churchill
- c) Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington
- d) Robert Walpole

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6. Which country is the Borobudur Temple in?

- a) Indonesia
- b) India
- c) Thailand
- d) China

7. True or false? The Vatican City is its own country?

- a) True
- b) False

8. Which of these World Heritage Sites is not one of the 7 Wonders of the World?

- a) Great Wall of China
- b) Petra
- c) Great Barrier Reef
- d) Christ the Redeemer

9. In what UK city is this cathedral in?



- a) Durham
- b) Bristol
- c) Liverpool
- d) Canterbury

10. In which British overseas territory is Gorham's Cave?

- a) British Virgin Islands
- b) Falklands
- c) St Helena
- d) Gibraltar

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Answers:

1. c) 5,020 years old

Stonehenge may have been a burial ground at the start of its history, though it is not clear if that was the site's primary purpose. Did you know that the monument's stones possess unusual acoustic properties – when struck they produce a loud clanging sound?

2. b) Agra

India's most iconic mausoleum, the Taj Mahal in India was built by 22,000 laborers, painters, stonecutters, embroidery artists and took around 20 years to complete. The materials that were used to build Taj Mahal were transported to the construction site by 1,000 elephants.

3. a) 3,343 metres

Since the Dolomites straddle the border between Austria and Italy, they were the location of some of the most ferocious battles of World War I. Even now, the mountains are gouged with tunnels and remnants of the war.

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4. d) California

Yosemite National Park is best known for its waterfalls, towering granite monoliths, deep valleys and ancient giant sequoias. Did you know, the park's granite rock formations glow like fire at sunset? Sunlight plays amazing tricks at Yosemite - illuminating El Capitan and Half Dome in brilliant reds and oranges.

5. b) Sir Winston Churchill

Considered by many to be 'the real Downton Abbey', Blenheim was built in the early 18th century as a gift to John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, from Queen Anne in thanks for his victory at the battle of Blenheim on 13 August 1704.

6. a) Indonesia

Borobudur is the world's largest Buddhist temple, located in central Java and built in the 9th century during the reign of the Syailendra dynasty.

7. a) True

Did you know, Vatican City is the smallest country in the world? Vatican City is governed as an absolute monarchy and mints its own euros, prints its own stamps, issues passports, operates media outlets and has its own flag and anthem.

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8. c) Great Barrier Reef

The iconic Great Barrier Reef is one of Australia's most impressive natural landmarks - it is the largest living thing on Earth and is visible from outer space! Did you know, there are 600 types of hard and soft coral and 10% of the world's total fish species can be found just within the Great Barrier Reef?

9. a) Durham

Standing at one inch higher than the Pope's, Durham Cathedral's Cathedra (Bishop's throne) is the highest throne in Christendom. Did you know that Durham Cathedral famously appeared as a filming location for the blockbuster Harry Potter film series?

10. d) Gibraltar

Gorham's Cave is a sea cave which has formed in Jurassic limestone, and which contains archaeological deposits that provide evidence of Neanderthal and early modern human occupation of Gibraltar.