

# Famous Landmarks

**Eiffel Tower**- Paris, France  
Built by Gustav Eiffel- 1889  
300 meters tall-3 floors  
Tallest structure until 1930  
Most visited landmark in world  
Capital: Paris



**Empire State Building**: NYC  
Skyscraper -103 floors  
From 1931-1970 world's  
tallest building  
Capital: Washington, D.C.



**Big Ben**: clock  
London, England  
Largest 4 sided clock  
Symbol of the UK



**Sydney Opera House**  
Sydney, Australia-  
One of most loved buildings in the world  
Performing arts center  
Supposed to represent a sail boat  
Capital: Canberra



**Leaning Tower of Pisa**  
Pisa, Italy  
Bell tower-55 meters tall  
Leans because built soft ground  
Repaired recently so it won't fall over.



**Brandenburg Gate**- grand entrance to city  
Berlin, Germany- built 1730  
Modeled after Acropolis gateway  
Became a symbol of peace and unity after  
German re-unification 1990  
Capital: Berlin



**Taj Mahal**: Agra, India  
Built of white marble  
Tomb built by emperor  
In memory of 3<sup>rd</sup> wife  
Capital: New Delhi



**Great Pyramids of Giza**  
Cairo, Egypt- tallest building until 1311  
Only one of Seven Wonders of the  
World to still exist  
Tombs for pharaohs-2560 BC  
Capital: Cairo



**Stonehenge**  
2000 BC started  
Wiltshire, England  
Prehistoric/ring of stones  
Place of worship/burial ground



**Great Wall of China**  
200 BC : Protects borders  
Fortification  
Longest man made structure  
Capital: Beijing



**Angkor Wat**- - means city temple  
sanctuary- 1150 AD completed  
Located in Cambodia  
Pictured on flag  
Largest religious monument in world  
Capital: Phnom Penh



**Parthenon**- temple for goddess Athena  
Athens, Greece  
Completed 438 BC- made of white  
marble  
Intact until 5<sup>th</sup> century AD  
Capital- Athens



**Coliseum**- completed 80 AD  
Rome, Italy  
Largest Roman amphitheater  
Seated 45 to 50,000  
Gladiators fought here  
Capital: Rome



**Machu Picchu**- ancient Incan fortress  
or royal estate  
Built 1450 AD/2400 meters above sea  
level- built for Incan emperor  
Made of dry stone walls  
Capital: Lima



**The Kremlin**- largest fortress in Europe  
Moscow, Russia  
5 palaces + 4 cathedrals  
President lives here  
Symbol of Russian government  
Capital: Moscow



**The White House**- 132 rooms  
Washington, D.C. USA  
Built in 1800  
Home + office of American presidents  
Capital: Washington, D.C.



**Notre Dame**- most famous Gothic  
Church- 2 towers  
One of most beautiful cathedrals  
Paris, France  
Started 1163-finished 200 years later  
Capital: Paris



**Petronas Towers**- world's tallest twin  
buildings- 452 meters tall  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
There's a sky bridge  
between the towers  
Capital: Kuala Lumpur



**Christ the Redeemer**- 38 meters tall  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
One of 7 modern wonders of the world  
Completed 1931  
One of biggest statues in the world  
Capital of Brazil- Brasilia



**Sagrada Familia**- Roman Catholic Church  
Barcelona, Spain  
Designed by Antoni Gaudi  
Started 1882 will be finished 2028  
Most unusual Gothic and  
Art nouveau church  
Capital: Madrid



**Burj Khalifa**- 828 meters tall  
2 X taller than Empire State Building  
Dubai, UAE  
12,000 people built it  
Tallest building in the world  
Capital: Abu Dhabi

