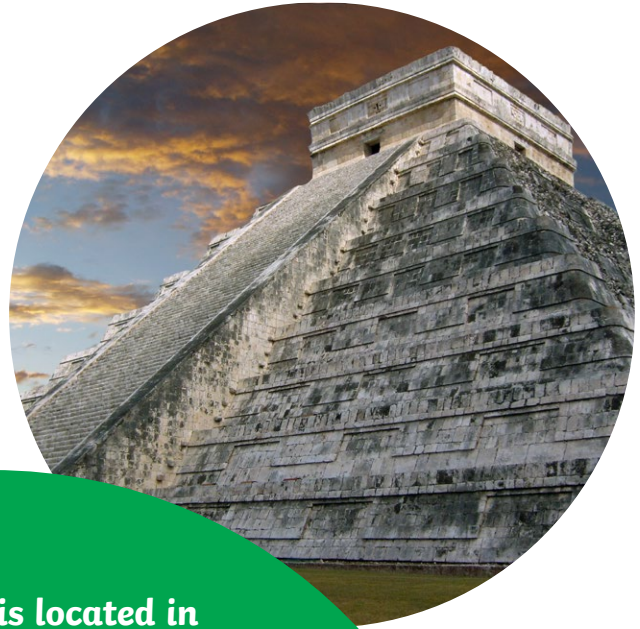
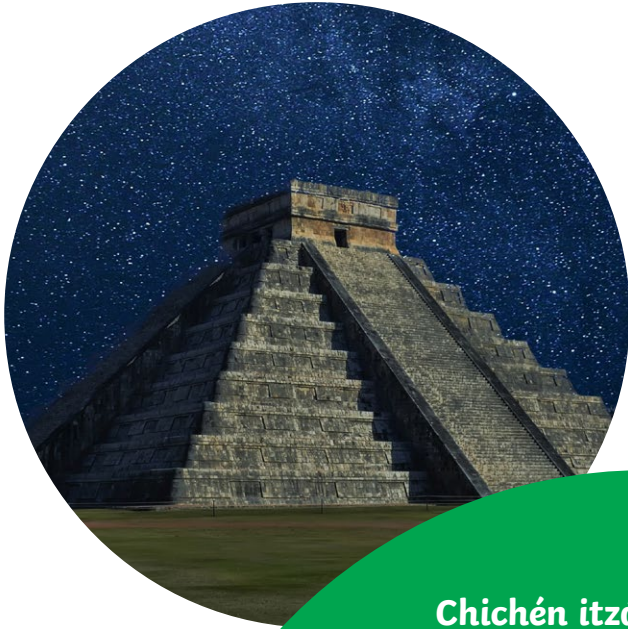


# Seven Wonders of the World

## Chichén Itzá, Mexico



**Chichén itzá is located in Yucatán, Mexico.**

**It was built sometime between AD 750 and AD 900. At the centre is the Temple of Kukulcan (the Mayan feathered serpent god).**

**The pyramid is 24 metres high and has 365 steps, one for each day of the year.**

**Twice a year, the pyramid casts strange shadows that look like feathered snakes crawling down the sides.**

**There are other ruins at Chichén Itzá, such as the ball court where the losing team would be sacrificed to the gods.**



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## Christ the Redeemer, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



**A 30-metre-tall statue of Jesus Christ.**

**The statue stands on top of the Corcovado Mountain overlooking Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.**

**Construction started in 1922 and was completed in 1931. 1.8 million tourists visit the statue each year.**

**The stones used to build the statue came from Sweden.**



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## Machu Picchu, The Andes, Peru



**Machu Picchu is a ruined historical settlement, built by the Incas in 1450.**

**It was built 2430 metres high up in the Andes Mountains.**

**It is made of stone, which was shaped perfectly so that mortar (a cement like substance) was not needed.**

**It was abandoned in 1572 after the Incas were conquered by the Spanish.**

**Only local people knew about Machu Picchu until 1911, when a historian re-discovered it and told the world about its wonders.**



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## Petra, Jordan



It is not certain when Petra was built, but it was capital of the Nabatean Empire from the 1st century BC.

It is a city carved out of the rocks.

Petra features in many films, including 'Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade'.

Petra is also known as the 'rose-red city' because of the colour of the rocks.

It has a spectacular example of a working water system in the middle of a desert.

Approximately 800,000 tourists visit Petra every year.



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## Taj Mahal, India



**In 1632, Emperor Shah Jahan ordered the Taj Mahal to be built in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. It was completed in 1653.**

**The Taj Mahal is a mausoleum: a building that contains burial chambers.**

**It is made from white marble and is 171 metres tall.**

**Over 20,000 men and 1,000 elephants worked to build the Taj Mahal.**

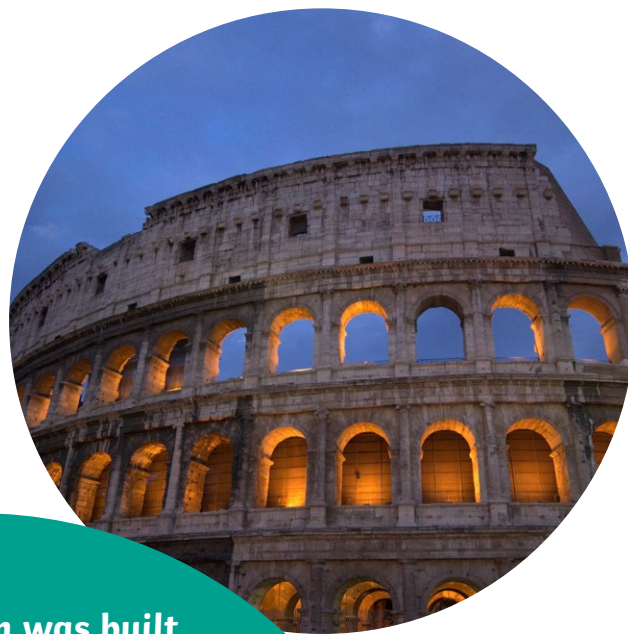
**Each year, it attracts 8 million visitors.**



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# Seven Wonders of the World

## The Colosseum, Rome, Italy



**The Colosseum was built between AD 72 and AD 80 in the centre of ancient Rome.**

**It is the largest amphitheatre ever built; it is 189 metres long, 156 metres wide and 50 metres high. It has 80 entrances and could seat 50,000 people.**

**The Colosseum was used for theatre and sports events, gladiator contests and public executions.**

**Approximately 4.2 million visitors go to see the Colosseum every year.**



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# Seven Wonders of the World

## The Great Wall of China



The Great Wall is made up of lots of smaller sections which were connected together over a long period of time.

The Great Wall stretches for 13,170 miles across northern China.

Originally, it was a way to defend China's northern border and protect trade.

The top of the wall is wide enough for people, animals and carts to travel along it.

The towers acted as watch towers and living space for soldiers.

Approximately 10 million tourists visit the Great Wall every year.



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