European Landmarks

Europe is one of the seven continents. The other six are North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Australasia and Antarctica. Some of the countries in Europe are the United Kingdom, France, Holland and Greece. Throughout Europe, you can find a variety of famous landmarks that bring millions of tourists to the continent every year. Here are three famous human landmarks.

Terrific Tower

The Eiffel Tower can be found in Paris, France, and was completed on 31st March 1889. It took just over two years to build. Until 1930, it was the tallest building in the world, being 324 metres tall. This is the same as an 81-storey building! Seven million tourists visit every year, making it the most-visited paid monument in the world. There is even a smaller copy of the tower in Las Vegas, USA.
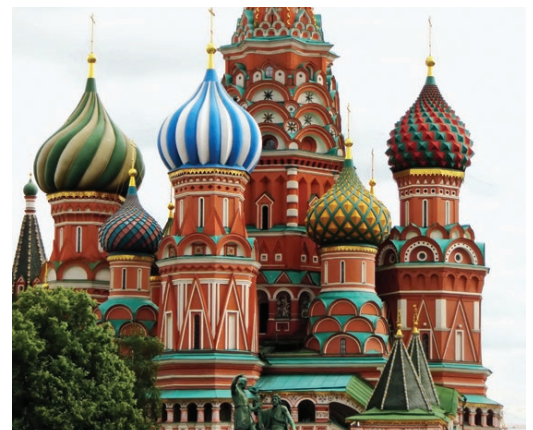
Mysterious Stones

The mysterious Stonehenge can be found in the English countryside in Wiltshire. People believe that the stones were erected around 5,000 years ago, but nobody is certain why. It is also a mystery of how the enormous stones got there, with many believing that the stones were brought to Wiltshire from over 200 miles away. How was this achieved without trucks or cars? The mystery of the stones brings almost a million visitors every year, with its busiest day on 21st June for the Summer Solstice.

Colourful Cathedral

St. Basil's Cathedral can be found in Moscow, Russia and is shaped like flames, though many of the towers look like colourful ice cream cones. St. Basil's is the only cathedral of its kind; no others before or after have looked like that, which is why so many people flock to the famous landmark every year. It was built from 1555-61. This cathedral's cool design and colours are often mistaken for the Kremlin, the home of the Russian president.

Glossary

Monument - A statue or building to remember an important person or time.

Landmark - An object that is well known and easily remembered.

Continent - A group of countries.

Storey - A level in a building, such as ground floor, first floor, etc.

Erect - To put something together or build.