

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. It was completed on 31st March 1889 and took two years, two months and five days to build. Since then, it has had many renovations and has even had a temporary garden and an ice rink. Until 1930, it was the tallest building in the world, being 324 metres tall.

Seven million tourists visit every year, making it the most-visited paid monument in the world. There are even smaller copies of the tower in Las Vegas, USA and Prague, Czech Republic.



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 sure why. Many historians believe it was once a burial ground.

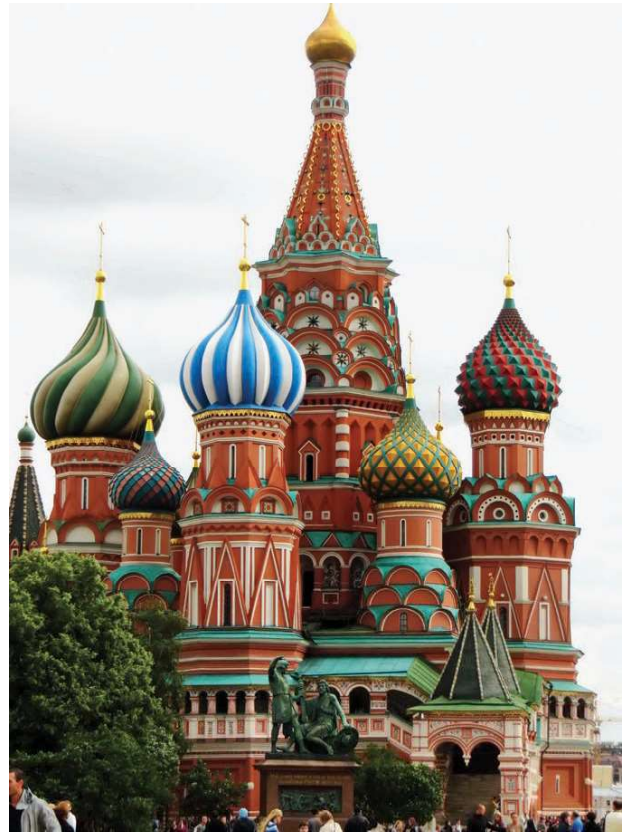
How the stones got there is still a mystery to this day. Many believe that the smaller bluestones were brought to Wiltshire from the Preseli Hills, in Wales - over 200 miles away. Without modern technology, and with the blue stones weighing up to 4 tons, how were the builders able to move them so far?

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. It was ordered to be built by Ivan the Terrible to celebrate his victory over the Kazan Khanate. It was built from 1555-61. Known for its bright colours and distinct shaped domes, St. Basil's is the only cathedral of its kind; which is why so many people flock to the famous landmark every year. Inside is just as colourful – it has nine rooms inside, all decorated differently and dedicated to different saints. The cathedral's design and colours are often mistaken for the Kremlin, the home of the Russian president.



Glossary

Continent - A group of countries.

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

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

Erect - To put something together or build.

