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The New Seven Wonders of the World, How They Made It to the Big List and All That You Need to Know About Them by [Austin Brian](#)

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The listing of the world's wonders have always been in limelight, with every country putting its best foot forward to claim it to the wonder list of the world. Hence an initiative was started in the year of 2001 to list out the important and the most significant new seven wonders from different parts of the world, choosing from a big list of around 200 existing monuments and heritage sites. There was a poll conducted and the foundation was set up for this cause which was based in Zurich, Switzerland. The winners that made it to the big list were announced after six years in the year 2007. The general people were asked to vote and the foundation claims that it has received votes mostly through online voting or by telephonic means. There even was some rage associated with this online vote casting. While some countries criticized this process and declared it bias, other countries promoted their monuments with great pomp and display. Viewing the entire selection process of the new seven wonders, one can be assured of the justice done to all the monuments and certainly the process was unbiased as it was based totally on public opinion.

The list of the new wonders:

The shortlisted new Seven Wonders of the World and all that you need to know about them is given below:

1. Taj Mahal- This epitome of love called often as the queen of all the palaces is a marble white palace, constructed by Shah Jehan in the loving memory of his lovely wife Mumtaz Mahal in Agra, India.
2. Chichen Itza- Located in Yucatan, Mexico; it was constructed by the civilization of Maya. It was a huge pre-Columbian town and is the most famous archaeological site.
3. The statue of Christ, the Redeemer- This statue of the holy Christ is located in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Made up of soapstone, it is considered as one of the tallest statue of Christ in the world.
4. Colosseum- Situated in Rome, Italy; Colosseum is designed as an elliptical amphitheater built in the days of Roman era.
5. Great China Wall- This series of long fortifications in China made of wood, brick, stone and tamped earth is also a marvel in its own.
6. Machu Picchu- Another pre-Columbian era site, thousands of feet above the sea level is located in South American state of Peru.
7. Petra- Located in Jordan, this marvel and wonder is popular for its cut rock architecture and conduit water system.

Importance:

The importance of these sites is extremely high. They are archaeologically very significant and carefully preserved sites all over the world. The monuments in the new seven wonders list, if belongs to your country, is a reason of definite pride for you!

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