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**MARCH 15 IS DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION OF SITES
TO 2012 WORLD MONUMENTS WATCH**

List of endangered sites to be announced fall 2011

The deadline for nominating a cultural-heritage site to the 2012 World Monuments Watch is **March 15, 2011**. World Monuments Fund's biennial Watch list of endangered sites sounds an urgent call to action on behalf of sites at risk across the globe. Since the Watch was launched in 1996, hundreds of sites—from the famous and familiar to the unexpected and remote—have been saved or removed from danger, thanks to intervention inspired by Watch listing.

The Watch is WMF's flagship advocacy program and an emblem of its commitment to inspiring heritage stewardship, forging partnerships, and advancing conservation. Since 1996, some 637 sites in more than 85 countries and territories, facing threats ranging from war to pollution, natural disasters, vandalism, and simple neglect, have been included on eight Watch lists. WMF raises funds to support the program and the conservation efforts it inspires from private donors, foundations, and corporations, and nearly half of the sites listed thus far have received financial assistance, totaling more than \$60 million. These funds, along with the momentum created by Watch listing, have led in turn to an additional \$150 million in assistance from other sources.

Anyone—from governments, NGOs, and conservation professionals to site caretakers and concerned individuals—can nominate a site to the Watch list. Selection of sites for the list is made by an independent panel of experts convened by WMF and is based on their significance, the urgency of the threats they face, the viability of both advocacy efforts and conservation solutions, and the capacity of site conservation to advance the heritage field at large.

Previous Watch lists have included widely known landmarks, including the Taj Mahal, the Great Wall of China, the archaeological sites of Pompeii and Teotihuacan, and Luxor's Valley of the Kings, as well as less well-known places, such as the Larabanga Mosque, in

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Ghana; the National Art Schools in Cuba; Taos Pueblo, in New Mexico; and the Desert Castles of ancient Khorezm, in Uzbekistan. Some of the sites on the 2010 Watch, including Miami Marine Stadium; the historic center of Buenos Aires; the gingerbread houses of Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Ujumbe Palace, in the Comoros; and the *machiya* townhouses of Kyoto, have used their Watch listing to garner media and public attention, and, in some cases, raise significant amounts of money, that saved them from further deterioration or destruction.

How to Nominate a Site to the 2012 Watch

Those interested in submitting a nomination to the 2012 Watch should review the complete [Watch Guidelines](#), also available in [Spanish](#), [French](#), [Italian](#), [Chinese](#), and [Arabic](#). To nominate a site to the 2012 Watch, [please click here](#).

The deadline for 2012 nominations is March 15, 2011. The sites selected for the 2012 World Monuments Watch will be announced in New York City in the fall of 2011.

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