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AUSTRALIA	Summerland, Phillip Island, Victoria.	Fairy penguins coming home in the evening.	A
	Dandenong, Victoria.	View koalas on the treetop.	B
	Australian Wildlife Park, Sydney.	Inspect display of hand-feed kangaroos.	B
	Sydney Tower, within city.	1000 feet tallest structure in Australia.	B
	Sydney Opera House, Circular Quay.	Huge concert hall located in scenic harbour.	A
	Great Barrier Reef	Crystal waters with sea life and corals.	A
CANADA	Stanley Park, Vancouver.	World's tallest Totem Poles, aquarium, flora.	A
	Vancouver Trade & Convention Centre, B.C.	Modern unique design hotel, Convention Centre.	B
	Butchart Gardens, Victoria, British Columbia.	25-acre of floral and arboreal splendor.	B
	Niagara Falls, Toronto.	Magnificent view of best waterfalls.	A
	Botanical Garden, Montreal.	180-acre of 30,000 plants and 10 outdoor sites.	B
	Bay of Fundy, Nova Scotia.	World's natural wonder.	A
CHINA	Yuanminyuan, Beijing.	Known as "Garden of Gardens".	B
	Stone Forest, Kunming, Yunnan.	350 sq. km. about 100' height limestones.	A
	Potala Palace, Lhasa, Tibet	Built 1,300 years ago, known as holy land.	B
	Window of the World, Shenzhen.	Miniatures of past and present China.	A
	Yulong Snow Mountain, Lijiang, Yunnan.	5596 meters above sea level, snow mountain river	A
	Baishui Terrace River, Lijiang, Yunnan	Spectacular karst terrain white river .waterfall	A
	Huangguoshu Waterfall, Zhenning, Guizhou.	Asian largest fall, 74m tall and 81m wide.	B
EGYPT	Temple Complex of Karnak, Luxor.	World's largest Hypostyle Hall, 70' columns tall.	A
	Citadel, Cairo.	Breathtaking view of whole city.	B
	Suez Canal & High Dam, Aswan.	World's man-made wonders.	A
FRANCE	The Eiffel Tower, Paris.	300m tall unique structure, bird-eye view of Paris.	A
	Chateau de Chenonceau, Cognac.	16th century edifices with superb tapestries.	A
	Arc de Triomphe, Paris.	Renowned landmark with 12 avenues and arch.	A
	Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris.	Old gothic architectures with majestic façade.	A
	Seine River Cruise, Paris.	Spectacular sights of the banks of River Seine.	B
	Mon-Saint-Michael, Normandy	World's man-made wonder.	A
GERMANY	Rhine River, Rhineland.	Vineyards, half-timbered towns by riverside.	B
	Rhine Falls, Swiss Border.	Visit the thundering waterfall.	A
	Rothenburg Town.	A well preserved medieval town.	B
	King Ludwig's castle, Neuschwanstein.	A fanciful castle, a tourists' attraction.	B
	Pilatus Alps, Kriens.	7,000 ft, steepest rack railway lines.	B
	Black Forest, Baden.	A unique forest countryside and cuckoo clocks.	A
GREECE	Monasteries of Meteora, Thermopoli.	Incredibly perched on rocky pinnacles.	B

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HAWAII(USA)	Paradise Park, Manoa Valley.	Exotic 15-acre park, flamingos, cockatoos.	A
HONG KONG	Tsing Ma Bridge, Chek Lap Kok, Hong Kong.	Now world's longest suspension bridge, 2.2 kms.	A
(CHINA)	Ocean Park, within city.	Largest oceanarium, performance by dolphins.	B
	Disneyland	Asian largest Disneyland, opened 2005	
INDIA	Manali (Himachal Pradesh).	Ideal trekking & sunbathing mountain streams.	B
	Kaziranga Wildlife Sanctuary.	Wide range of wildlife, rhino, buffalo, deer.	B
	Kulu and Manali.	Gateway to Himalayas, streams and trekking.	B
INDONESIA	Bogor Botanical Gardens, Jakarta.	Variety of cultivated orchids and beautiful flora.	B
	Krakatoa Island.	World's natural wonder.	A
	Lake Toba, North Sumatra.	1707 sq. km., crater lake.	A
	Ancol Dreamland, Jakarta.	137 hectares of theme park, recreation & sports.	B
ITALY	Navona Square, Rome.	Beautiful baroque square of Rome, Fountain of	B
		Four Rivers, Bernini's masterpiece.	
	Accademia, Florence.	Michelangelo's original Statute of David.	B
	Tivoli Fountains.	Cathedral with multi-colour water fountains.	A
	St. Francis' Assisi, Assisi.	Attractive hilltop resort town.	B
	Venice.	The sinking romantic city.	A
	Trentino Alto-Adigo.	Beautiful greenery countryside.	B
	Spanish Steps, Rome.	Professional artists at work on beautiful scenery.	B
JAPAN	Arashiyama, Kyoto & Nara.	Mountain and river working in perfect harmony.	B
	Mount Fuji.	A natural wonder of Japan.	A
	Akiyoshi Cave, Beppu.	Largest stalactite and stalagmite cave in Japan.	B
	Bay Bridge, Yokohama.	Spectacular suspension bridge.	A
JORDAN	Citadel Hill, Roman Temple of Hercules.	Magnificent of old Roman amphitheatre.	A
	Wadi Rum, Northwest of Aqaba.	Filming "Lawrence of Arabia, famous for	B
		its sand-carved cliffs and wadis or valleys.	
	Jordan Valley, Syrian border to Aqaba.	Scenes of dark rich earth and Dead Sea.	B
	Desert Castles, Eastern Jordan.	East of Amman, desert Castles during Roman era,	B
		now a monastery.	
MALAYSIA	Mulu Cave, Miri, Sarawak.	World's largest cave, bats flying out of cave.	A
	Putrajaya, Selangor	Modern Government Admin. Complex	B
	Lenggong Valley, Perak	Icy-cool waterfall, lake, pre-history site	B
	Genting Highlands (Casino).	Casinos, holiday resorts, winter climate.	A
	Sunway Lagoon.	Theme park, resorts within city.	B
	Kuala Lumpur Twin Towers.	Now world's tallest buildings.	A

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MEXICO	Chapultepec Park, Mexico City.	2,100-acre haven of greenery, lakes and gardens,	B
		in the city back to the Aztec rule.	
	Guadalajara City.	1542 heritage, city of parks, fountains,	A
		monuments and rose lined boulevards.	
	National Palace, main city square.	Former residence of colonial viceroys.	B
	Paricutin Volcano.	World's natural wonder.	A
	Coyoacan, San Angel, Mexico City.	Hot spots for museums, galleries & shopping.	B
MYANMAR	Shwedagon Pagoda.	Best tourists' attractions and largest temple.	A
NEPAL	Nagarkot.	Best view of Himalayas.	A
	Pokhara Valley, West Nepal.	Delightful farming area, lake, Annapurna range.	B
	Terai Lowlands, South of Kathmandu.	Chitwan National Park, unique Tiger Tops	B
		game lodge.	
	Mount Everest, Kathmandu.	29,000 feet, about 100 miles from Kathmandu.	A
NETHERLANDS	Zaanse Schans Museum Village, Amsterdam.	18th century, 700 windmills of Dutch culture.	B
	Schans Museum Village, Amsterdam.	Famous windmills, Dutch cheese & clogmakers.	B
NEW ZEALAND	Mount Eden, Auckland.	Enjoy view of city from the summit of this extinct	B
		volcano cone.	
	Lake Matheson, South Island.	View the Southern Alps, pure nature and lakes.	A
	Milford Sound, South Island.	Scenic place and sheer cliff, view seals, penguins.	B
	Pohutu Geyser, Whakarewarewa Reserve.	Unique champagne pool and natural wonder.	A
	"Hole in the Rock", Cape Brett.	Unique rock formation at Bay of Islands.	A
	Rotorua, North Island.	Roaring geysers, boiling mud pools, spring kiwi.	B
	Paparoa National Park, West Coast.	Scenic view pancake rocks, caves & gorges.	B
	Mt. Ngaurhoe, Tongariro National Park.	Good view of icy mountain.	B
PERU	Paracas National Reserve.	Geological formations, a wonderland to	B
		birdwatchers and lovers of marine life.	
PHILIPPINES	Hidden Valley Springs, South Manila.	Waterfall and crater of an extinct volcano.	B
	Tagaytay, Manila.	Amazing sight, a volcano within a lake of	B
		another volcano.	
	Rizal Park, Manila.	Beautiful garden park amidst the city.	B
	Subic Bay.	Formerly an US Navy Base.	B
RUSSIA	Red Square, Moscow.	Renowned public place.	A
	Vyborg, near Russian border.	Fortress with stretches of beautiful forest.	B
SINGAPORE	Har Par Villa (Tiger Balms Gardens).	Chinese mythological theme park in the world.	A

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SINGAPORE	Jurong Birds Park, Jurong.	20-hectare 7000 exotic birds, man-made waterfall.	A
	Changi International Airport.	Most modern airport in the world.	A
SOUTH AFRICA	National Zoological Gardens, Pretoria.	Over 140 mammals and 320 kind species,	A
		aquarium and reptiles.	
	The Wonder Cave, Kromdraai.	2 billions year old cave, South African landmark.	B
	Lone Creek Falls, Sabie.	Beautiful, high waterfall.	B
	Cango Caves, Western Cape.	Among the world's great natural wonders.	B
	Coast of Whales, St. Helena Bay.	Courting and mating of whales - June/November.	B
	Kruger National Park, Mpumalanga.	Wilderness experience of varied wildlife.	A
	Table Mountain, Cape Town.	Unique National landmark.	A
	Sun City, Cape Town.	Popular unique tourists' resorts.	A
SOUTH KOREA	Chongbang Falls, Cheju City.	23 m tall waterfall to sea with pristine beach.	B
	Olympic Park, Lotteworld.	Olympic Velodrome, lake and fountain.	A
	Manjunggul Cave.	Largest lava-tube cave.	B
SWITZERLAND	Chateau de Chillon, Montreux-Vevey.	One of the most beautiful castles in Europe.	A
	Lake Lugano, Lugano town.	Surrounded by small villages, palm trees and	B
		picturesque gardens.	
	Rheinfall bei.	Beautiful sight of waterfalls.	A
	Luzern, Rigi.	Scenic town and vineyards.	A
TAIWAN	Yangmingshan National Park, Taipei.	Waterfalls, lakes, terraced paddies, volcanic	
		craters and hot springs.	A
	Northeast Coast National Scenic Area Keelung.	Landscapes and enchanting seashores.	B
	Window on China, Southern Taipei.	Captures miniature 90 best known landmarks	B
		of Taiwan and China.	
	Wulai, 20 miles South Taipei.	Aboriginal village, waterfall.	B
	Taroko Gorge, Hualien.	Beautiful, narrow ravine, granite, pagodas and	A
		temple.	
THAILAND	Grand Palace, Sanam Luang.	Spectacular architecture palace built in 1782.	B
	Elephant Trekking, Chiang Mai.	Elephants used for logging.	B
	Floating Market, Bangkok.	Boat-vendors selling daily fruits and vegetables.	B
	Wat Phra Kaeo, Bangkok.	Royal chapel and Emerald Buddha sacred image.	A
TURKEY	Cappadocia, Ankara.	Unique volcanic landscapes & fairy-chimneys.	B
	Goreme, Cappadocia.	Rock-carved churches with ancient frescoes.	B
	Kaymakli, Cappadocia.	Underground city.	B
	Pamukkale, Denizli.	Calcareous hot-spring, world's natural wonder.	A
	Zelve Valleys and Uchisar, Cappadocia.	Dramatic scenery, riddled with caves.	B

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TURKEY	Topkapi Palace, Istanbul.	Amongst world's biggest emeralds & diamonds.	B
UNITED	Big Ben, London, Parliament.	London's famous clock.	A
KINGDOM	Buckingham Palace, London.	Royal parade, change of busby hats guards.	A
	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, Wales.	Scenic walking paths, wildlife & cormorants.	B
	Trafalgar Square, London.	Feed pigeons, sit by the fountains.	B
	Cardiff Castle, Cardiff, Wales.	Beautifully renovated castle in mid-19th century.	B
	Tower Bridge, London.	Famous London landmark.	B
	Channel Tunnel (England/France)	World's longest underground tunnel.	A
	Georgian City of Bath.	Cruising on famous Thames & city tour.	B
USA	Disneyland, Los Angeles.	Theme park known as "Happiest Place on Earth"	A
	Sea World, San Diego.	World's largest marine life park.	A
	San Diego Zoo, San Diego.	760 species of animal, 100-acre tropical area.	B
	Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco.	World-renowned architectural landmark.	A
	Niagara Falls, New York.	World's wonder and honeymooners' paradise.	A
	Hoover Dam & Gateway Arch, St. Louis.	Man-made world's wonders.	A
	Hollywood and Universal Studios, Los Angeles.	Movie-making world.	A
	Sears skyscrapers, Chicago.	World's tallest buildings located.	A
	Empire State Building, New York.	World's unique specialised building.	A
	Grand Canyon, Arizona.	World spectacular natural wonder.	A
VIETNAM	Ha Long Bay, Hanoi.	Cruise passing through massive islands.	B
	"The Cave" in Quang Ninh.	Hole in the cave at the seaside.	B
	Cuchi Tunnels, Ho Chi Minh City.	Vietnam War - 200 Kms underground tunnels.	A
	Hoa Lu and Ninh Binh.	Ancient temples built on limestone mountains.	B

NOTES ON SCENIC BEAUTY:

In view of the wide spectrum of scenic beauty ranging from natural scenery to man-made scenery coupled with massive worldwide sightseeing places, the author can only include those well-known tourists' places within the context of the respective Country Profile. Scenic beauty to be read in conjunction with Historical Places as a whole. For further information under this topic, please refer to the Editorial Comments on Scenic Beauty.

World scenic wonders comprise of world natural wonders and man-made wonders. World natural wonders include Grand Canyon (USA), Stone Forest (China), Niagara Falls (USA/Canada), Great Barrier Reef (Australia), Krakatoa Island (Indonesia), Mount Everest (Nepal), Bay of Fundy (Canada), Mount Fuji (Japan), Paricutin (Mexico), Angel Falls (Venezuela), Iguassu Falls (Brazil/Argentina), Victoria Falls (Zambia/Zimbabwe) and others.

