

Country	Renowned Places of Interest	Brief Description	Rating
CHINA	Id Kah Mosque, Xinjiang	Built early Qing Dynasty about 1 hectare.	A
	Qingjing Mosque, Fujian, Quanzhou.	Built in 1009, oldest mosque known as Al-Ashab.	B
	Nanguan Mosque, Ningxia.	Built in 1915, 22m tall, typical design.	A
	Najiahu Mosque, Ningxia.	Built in 1524, 2-hectare, 1,102 sq.m hall.	B
EGYPT	Alabaster Mosque.	An ancient mosque in walled old Cairo.	B
HONG KONG	Shelley Street Mosque, Hong Kong.	Built 1915, with green & white minaret.	A
	Kowloon Mosque, Kowloon Park.	3-storey mosque with dome & 4 minarets.	B
INDIA	Jama Mosque, Agra, New Delhi	The eastern mystique at its best.	B
INDONESIA	Grand Mosque, Banda Aceh City.	Built in 1566 by Sultan Maulana.	A
	Istiqlal Mosque, Jakarta.	Largest national mosque.	B
JORDAN	Sakhrah Mosque, South Madaba.	Magnificent dome, 10 km from Jordan Valley.	B
MALAYSIA	National Mosque, Kuala Lumpur.	Built 1965, umbrella shaped dome with 18-star.	B
	Masjid Sultan Salahuddin, Selangor.	Largest mosque in South East Asia.	A
	Ubudiah Mosque, Kuala Kangsar, Perak.	Magnificent golden dome & minarets, built 1917.	A
	Jamek Mosque, Kuala Lumpur.	Built 1909 on timber, rebuilt early 1960. Capital	
		oldest mosque sited between north & east rivers.	A
PHILIPPINES	Quiapo's Muslim Mosque, Manila.	Built 1940, Muslims spiritual & cultural centre.	B
SINGAPORE	Sultan Mosque, North Bridge Road.	Built 1820, rebuilt 1928, largest mosque.	A
SOUTH AFRICA	Jamai Mosque, Cape Town.	Cape Town's oldest mosque, built in 1850.	B
THAILAND	Pattani, Yala & Narathiwat, Hat Yai.	Modern mosques in Southern Thailand.	B
TURKEY	Green Mosque, Bursa.	Unique mosque of its kind.	B
	Sultanahmet Mosque, Istanbul.	Known as Blue Mosque built with beautiful tiles.	B

EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON MOSQUES:

Islam dated back 600 AC with about 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide, mainly in South East Asia, prominently in Indonesia, Malaysia, India, China and Middle East.

There are hundreds of mosques throughout the world of which the most prominent mosques are as stated above. Many muslims perform their Hajj pilgrimage at Mecca, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, which is called "Umrah and Ziarah" in Islamic language. Muslims observe one-month's fasting yearly during Ramadan.

Rating of mosques is rather general, based on their historical background, popularity amongst travellers, unique building structures and above all, the overall number of prominent mosques within the Country Profile.

