

Country	Renowned Places of Interest	Brief Description	Rating
AUSTRALIA	St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.	Prominent building along Kings Cross.	B
	St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Sydney.	Beautiful church in Sydney Square.	A
CANADA	Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal.	A grand church in the city.	A
CHINA	Penha Church, Macau.	Built 14th century under Portugal colony.	B
	Virgin Mary Cathedral, Shenzhen.	Unique modern catholic church in China.	B
	Saint Sophia Church, Harbin	Largest Orthodox Church in Far East.	B
EGYPT	Al-Muallapa Church.	Oldest Christian church of worship here.	B
FRANCE	Sacre Coeur Basilica, Paris.	A great sacred cathedral.	A
GERMANY	Cologne Dom Cathedral, Cologne.	Magnificent cathedral built 1248-1880.	A
	St. Peter's Cathedral, Danube.	Germany's Gothic cathedral landmark.	B
HAWAII	Kawaiahao Church, Honolulu.	Built in 1842, services in Hawaiian and English.	A
HONG KONG	Catholic Church, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon.	Built in 1841 during colonial times.	B
INDIA	Church of St. Francis Xavier, Velha Goa.	Church chapel and Tomb of St. Francis Xavier.	B
	Velha Goa Cathedral.	Beautiful ornamental decorations with 4	B
		chapels and 6 altars.	
ITALY	St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.	World's largest church in the Holy City.	A
	Gothic Cathedral Milan.	World's largest gothic church, built in 1809.	A
JAPAN	Oura Cathedral, Nagasaki.	Oldest wooden church, built in 1864.	B
MALAYSIA	St. John's Cathedral , Kuala Lumpur.	Built 1883, oldest and largest catholic church.	B
MEXICO	Metropolitan Cathedral, Mexico City.	A 300-year old church.	A
MYANMAR	Holy Trinity Cathedral, Yangon City.	Built World War II, in honour of Allied soldiers	B
NETHERLANDS	Cologne Cathedral, Cologne.	13th century cathedral.	A
NEW ZEALAND	Church of Christ, Russell.	Oldest church in New Zealand.	B
PERU	The Cathedral, Lima.	16th-19th century, built during colonial times.	A
PHILIPPINES	San Sebastian Church, Manila.	Built in 1891 of Belgian structure & gothic spires.	A

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RUSSIA	St. Basil's Cathedral, Red Square, Moscow.	Unique-shape of dome and colourful church.	A
	St. Sophia's Cathedral, Novgorod.	An old church built during 11th century.	B
	St. Isaac's Cathedral, St. Petersburg.	A church built with gilded dome.	B
	Christ of Savior Cathedral	15th century church which was rebuilt.	B
SINGAPORE	St. Andrew's Cathedral, Coleman St.	Built 1861, houses many historic memorials.	B
	Armenian Church, Hill Street.	Built 1835, nation's oldest church.	A
SOUTH AFRICA	The Groote Kerk, Cape Town.	One of the oldest churches in South Africa	B
		with wooden pulpit.	
	St. John Anglican Church, Cape Town.	Oldest Anglican church here.	B
SOUTH KOREA	Anglican Church, Chung-gu, Seoul.	Mainly protestant churches found in Seoul.	B
SWITZERLAND	Temple St. Vincent.	Gothic style church dated back 15th century.	B
TAIWAN	The Holy Rosary Church, Kaohsiung.	Founded in 1859 by Father Fernando Sainz.	B
THAILAND	Calvary Baptish Church, Bangkok.	An international church and family fellowship.	B
	Christ Church, Bangkok.	Anglican and Episcopalian Church.	B
UNITED KINGDOM	Llandaff Cathedral, near Cardiff City.	12-13th century church.	B
	Kings College Cathedral, Cambridge.	Magnificent church of famous university.	A
USA	St. Sophia Greek Cathedral, Los Angeles.	Built with a profusion of stained glass.	A
VIETNAM	Santa Maria Cathedral, Ho Chi Minh City.	Also known as Notre-Dame.	B

EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON CHURCH:

Christianity with over 2 billions worldwide of different denominations, the major churches include majority Catholic, Anglican, Protestant and Methodist and so on. However, notwithstanding the diverse denominations, most Christians follow the teaching of the Holy Bible and Jesus Christ. Catholic churches form the greatest significant number of followers in the world and St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, is in the Vatican City and the Pope is regarded the leader of christianity.

Basilica of St. Peter with its magnificent square of Piazza Bernini was opened in 1667, consisting of 284 columns and 88 pillars, surmounted by 140 statues of Saints. In the centre towers, an obelisk of 82.5 feet height and two fountains complete the harmony of this unique square. From the viewpoint of Christianity faith, Rome is regarded as the capital of the world.

Churches of different denominations have their own unique building structures, order of service and organisation. Rating of churches is based on the historical background, unique building structures and above all, the significant number of prominent churches within the Country Profile.

