

UK World Heritage Sites Quiz



There are 32 UK World Heritage Sites across England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and British Overseas Territories.

Test your World Heritage knowledge with our 15 multiple choice questions.

You can discover more about World Heritage on the World Heritage UK website (www.worldheritageuk.org) and on the UNESCO World Heritage Centre website (www.whc.unesco.org).

1. Opened in 1890 with the world's longest span (541m), I marked a milestone in bridge design. I still carry rail traffic today.

Forth Bridge

Severn Bridge

Britannia Bridge

2. My mountainous landscape was shaped by glaciers and agricultural land use. In the 18th century I inspired poets and artists. I was a key location in the early preservation movement.

Peak District

English Lake District

Cairngorms

3. A natural World Heritage Site, I cross two counties and you can trace my history back millions of years. I am a key place for fossil hunters and earth scientists.

South Downs

White Cliffs of Dover

Dorset and East Devon 'Jurassic' Coast

4. I am world famous in the history and art of gardens. For two and a half centuries I have been contributing to the study of plant diversity and botany.

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Eden Project

Royal Horticultural Society Garden Wisley

5. My heyday was in the Industrial Revolution when I produced iron and coal to ship around the world from South Wales ports. You can see the elements of my industrial past today including mines, quarries and workers' homes.

Coalfields of the Black Country

Blaenavon Industrial Landscape

Collieries of County Durham

6. A natural wonder, I am of huge geological importance. My black basalt columns are very distinctive. I am owned and managed by the National Trust.

Fingal's Cave

Giant's Causeway

St Michael's Mount Causeway

7. I was one of the British Empire's major trading centres in the 18th and 19th century. My large buildings and dock features were often the last parts of Britain people saw as they emigrated to America.

Belfast Harbour

Port of London

Liverpool Maritime Mercantile City

8. My iconic features are world famous, and my landscape demonstrates 2,000 years of Neolithic and Bronze Age burial and building practices.

Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites

Preseli Hills

Grimes Graves

9. The cotton industry boomed here in the 18th century. I am an area of invention and industrial history. Modern factory technology originated here where water powered my spinning mills.

Soho Manufactory

Quarry Bank Mill

Derwent Valley Mills

10. Although I have evidence of over 2,000 years of human occupation my islands have been uninhabited since 1930. I have some of Europe's highest cliffs and large colonies of rare and endangered birds.

Orkney Islands

Isles of Scilly

St Kilda

11. I'm a little further away in the Overseas Territories. My archaeological and paleontological investigations have uncovered evidence of Neanderthal occupation spanning more than 100,000 years.

Georgetown, Ascension Island

Lafonia, Falkland Islands

Gorham's Cave Complex, Gibraltar

12. My landscape altered dramatically in the 18th and 19th centuries due to the mining of copper and tin, which was exported to all corners of the world. My mines, engine houses, ports, canals and railways are the legacy of this industry.

Swansea's Tawe Valley

Mining Landscape of Cornwall and West Devon

Coniston Copper Mines

13. I am the UK's newest inscription on the World Heritage list. I am one of the world's leading radio astronomy observatories. Still operational today, the developments that have taken place here have advanced our understanding of the universe.

Goonhilly Earth Station

Royal Observatory

Jodrell Bank Observatory

14. William the Conqueror built my earliest tower in 1066. I have been a fortress and Royal palace ever since. I have quite a grisly past - quite a few prisoners have lost their lives on my Green.

Tower of London

Kensington Palace

Cardiff Castle

15. Founded by the Romans, who exploited my natural hot waters, I was a favourite meeting place for high society in Georgian England. My 18th century architecture is world-renowned and visited by millions each year.

Harrogate

City of Bath

Brighton

The answers are below....

Answers

1. Forth Bridge, Scotland
2. The English Lake District, North West England
3. Dorset and East Devon Coast, South West England
4. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London
5. Blaenavon Industrial Landscape, South Wales
6. Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland
7. Liverpool – Maritime Mercantile City, North West England
8. Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites, Wiltshire, England
9. Derwent Valley Mills, Derbyshire, England
10. St Kilda, Hebrides, Scotland
11. Gorham's Cave Complex, Gibraltar
12. Mining Landscape of Cornwall and West Devon, South West England
13. Jodrell Bank, Cheshire, North West England
14. Tower of London, London
15. City of Bath, South West England

Congratulations if you got a high score!