

The Greatest Places

Europe

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Tower of Pisa



Tower of Pisa,
Pisa, Italy

Where is it?

Tower of Pisa,
Pisa, Italy



The Tower of Pisa leans due to soft ground around the foundation at the base of the tower. Construction of the tower began in 1173 and was completed in 1373...the “tilt” was evident during construction.



Stonehenge



Stonehenge, England, UK



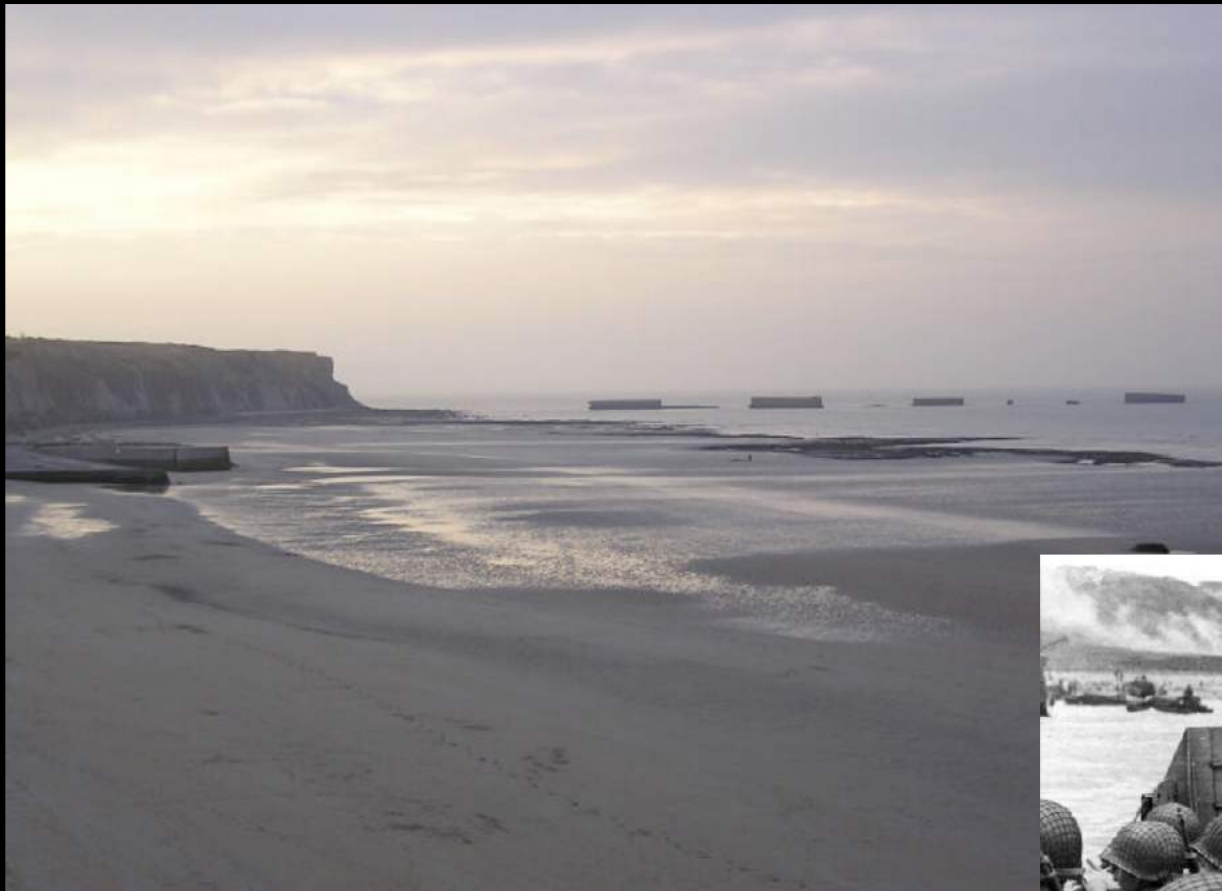
Where is it?

Stonehenge,
England, UK



The history of Stonehenge is a BIG mystery...we do know that it is a sacred site to “Druids” ...Druidry is a modern religion that worships peace, harmony, and respect of nature.





Normandy Beach





Normandy Beach,
France



Where is it?

Normandy Beach,
France



D-Day: June 6th, 1944

Major turning point of
WWII...160,000 Allied troops,
5,000 Ships, and 13,000 Aircraft
converged on the beaches of
France on this day...major step to
defeat Hitler!





Fjords of...



Fjords of...Norway

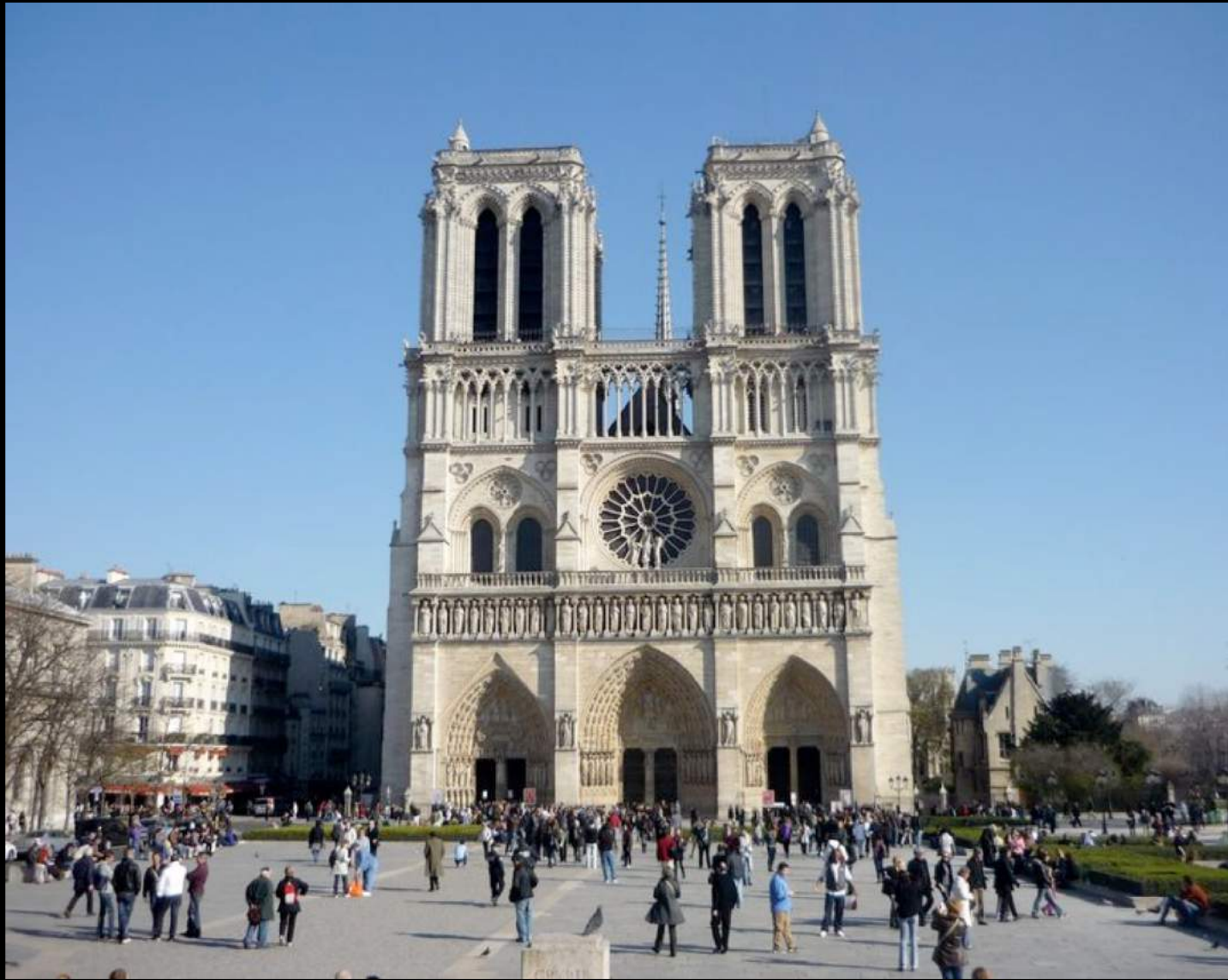
Where is it?



Fjords of...Norway

Norway is home to about 1,190 fjords, which are situated along the west coast.





Notre Dame



Notre Dame, Paris, France

Where is it?

Notre Dame,
Paris, France



Notre Dame de Paris is the official name, which translates in French to “Our Lady of Paris” ...the cathedral is considered to be THE BEST example of Gothic Architecture in the world.





Parthenon



Parthenon, Athens, Greece

Where is it?

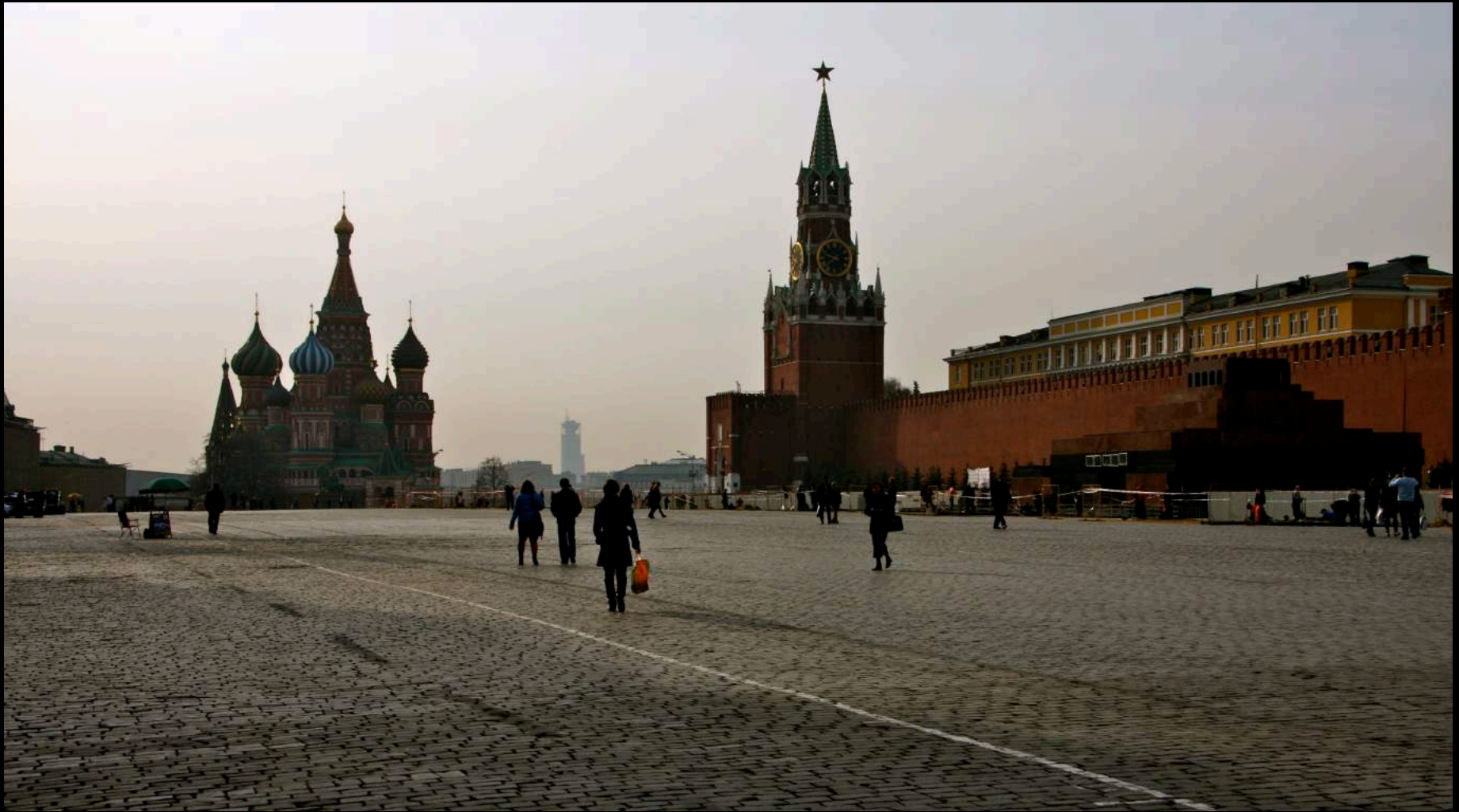
Parthenon,
Athens, Greece



The Parthenon is considered the most important surviving building of Ancient Greece...structure was dedicated to the madden goddess Athena & construction was completed in 438 BC.

Note: Athena was the goddess of wisdom, courage, inspiration, civilization, law and justice, just warfare, mathematics, strength, strategy, the arts, crafts, and skill (Basically everything...the Martha Stewart of the Gods)





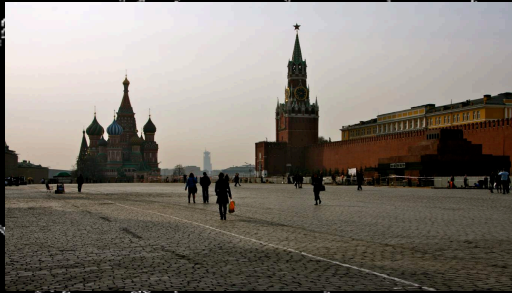
Red Square



Red Square, Moscow, Russia

Where is it?

Red Square,
Moscow, Russia



Red Square has been the centerpiece of Russian culture that dates back to the 14th century. Highlights in the square include the Kremlin, St. Basil's Cathedral, Lenin's Tomb, and now famous GUM Department Store.





Big Ben



Big Ben,
London, UK

Where is it?

Big Ben,
London, UK



As of September 12, 2012 the name “Big Ben” was changed to “Elizabeth Tower” to honor Queen Elizabeth.





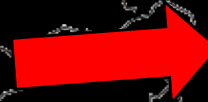
Coliseum



Coliseum, Rome, Italy

Where is it?

Coliseum, Rome, Italy



Completed in 80 AD...the Coliseum was an 87,000 seat "Stadium" to view gladiators combating, the hunting and killing of animals, prisoners being mauled by animals, and other gory "entertainment" for the ancient Romans.





Buckingham Palace



Buckingham Palace, London, UK

Where is it?



Buckingham Palace, London, UK

Buckingham Palace is the official residence of the Queen of England. The Palace has 775 rooms, which includes 52 Royal bedrooms, 188 staff bedrooms, 92 offices, and 78 bathrooms.





Blarney Castle



Blarney Castle,
Cork, Ireland

Where is it?

Blarney Castle,
Cork, Ireland



Blarney Castle is home to the famous “Blarney Stone” ...an iconic symbol of Ireland & known to bring “LUCK” to anyone who kisses the stone.



Eiffel Tower



Eiffel Tower, Paris, France



Where is it?

Eiffel Tower,
Paris, France



The Eifel Tower, built in 1889, is 1,050 feet tall & was THE tallest man-made structure on earth for 41 years before being surpassed by the Chrysler Building in New York.





St. Peters Square



St. Peters Square, Vatican City

Where is it?

St. Peters Square,
Vatican City



Going to visit the Vatican...when asking for directions remember to ask for directions to “Piazza San Pietro”...the way the locals refer to this place!





Matterhorn



Matterhorn, Switzerland

Where is it?



Matterhorn, Switzerland

“Matterhorn” is a German word derived from Matte (Meadow) and Horn (Peak). The Italians refer to it as “Cervino” and the French refer to it as “Cervin”...both derived from the Latin words cervus and inus meaning “Place of Deer”.





Venice



Venice, Italy

Where is it?

Venice, Italy



Think twice about swimming in Venice...there are NO sewer system in the city of Venice, which means household waste flows into the canals and is washed out in the Ocean twice a day with the tide.





Neuschwanstein



Neuschwanstein, Germany

Where is it?



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Neuschwanstein castle was built for ONE person...King Ludwig II...FYI he only ended up spending 11 nights in the castle!





Louvre

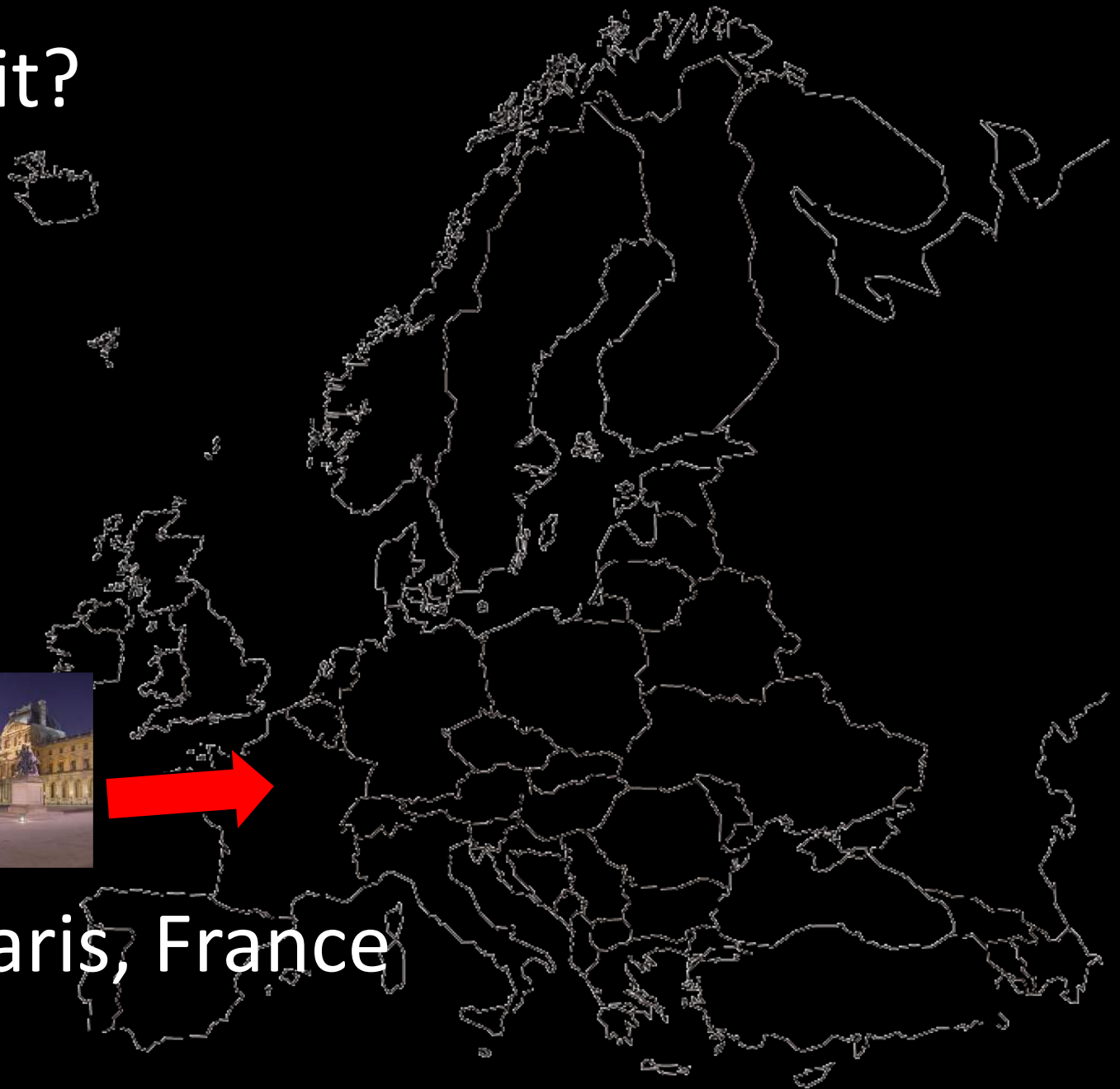


Louvre, Paris, France

Where is it?



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The Louvre in Paris was originally built in the 1400's as a fortress to protect against a possible attack from Scandinavian Vikings to the North. Not until 1793 did it become a fine art museum.