

**The 7 New Wonders of the World**



With nearly 100 million votes via text and internet, the seven new wonders of the world were named at Lisbon, Portugal. The new list consists of Brazil’s Statue of Christ Redeemer, Peru’s Machu Picchu, Mexico’s Chichen Itza Pyramid, The Great Wall of China, Jordan’s Petra, Rome’s The Colloseum, and India’s Taj Mahal.



Hosted by actor Ben Kingsley and actress Hillary Swank, the event was well attended by celebrities like singer/actress Jennifer Lopez, and astronaut Neil Armstrong. The event was broadcasted in more than 170 countries worldwide with an estimated 1.6 billion viewers.



The voting started in January and ended last July 6 at midnight. The contest was spearheaded by a private Swiss Foundation led by Swiss filmmaker and museum curator Bernard Weber.

The shortlist included the Angkor Wat temples in Cambodia, the Alhambra in Granada, the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, the Kiyomizu Temple in Japan, the Kremlin and Red Square in Moscow, the Neuschwanstein Castle in Southern Germany, the Statue of Liberty of New York, the Opera House in Sydney, and the ancient city of Timbuktu in Mali.



Source: The Philippine Star, and Manila Bulletin.

**Old Wonders**

- \* The Great Pyramids – Egypt
- \* The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
- \* The Statue of Zeus at Olympia
- \* The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus in Asia Minor
- \* The Colossus of Rhodes
- \* The Pharos of Alexandria
- \* The Mausoleum of Halicarnassus

**New Wonders**

- \* Statue of Christ Redeemer – Brazil
- \* Incan ruins in Machu Picchu – Peru
- \* Ancient Mayan City of Chichen Itza Pyramid – Mexico
- \* The Great Wall of China – China
- \* Ruins of Petra – Jordan
- \* The Colloseum – Rome
- \* Taj Mahal – India

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