

Discover Over 240 Amazing Places to Add to Your Bucket List

A new book from DK offers an in-depth exploration of the most incredible natural wonders on Earth, from South America's Amazon River to Asia's Himalayas and Australia's Ninety Mile Beach

Natural Wonders of the World published by DK, in association with the Smithsonian Institution

From the Rocky Mountains to the Great Barrier Reef and everything in between, *Natural Wonders of the World* from DK takes a continent-by-continent journey around Earth's most beautiful, spectacular, and captivating landscapes.

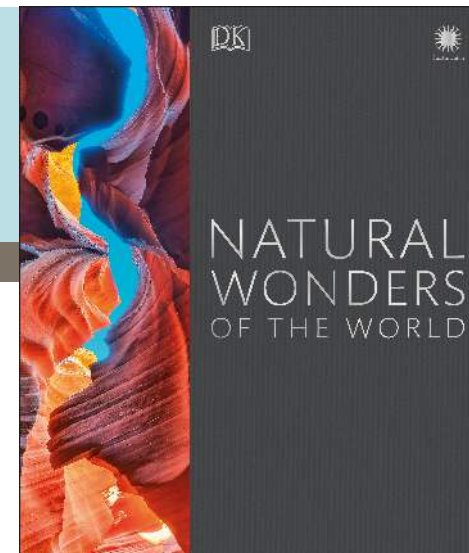
Produced in association with the Smithsonian Institution, *Natural Wonders of the World* offers an in-depth look at Earth's greatest natural treasures, from the spectacular granite domes of Yosemite to the reefs of the Bahama Banks and the ice sheets of the Antarctic. The book combines breathtaking landscape photography with 3D terrain models and other explanatory artworks to reveal the geology—and sometimes physics, chemistry, botany, and zoology—behind different features.

More than 240 of Earth's natural wonders are covered in detail and a further 230 are described in the directory. Readers will recognize iconic adventure locales such as Torres del Paine, Antelope Canyon, and The Great Blue Hole, and will learn about new places, including:

- An underground cavern in Mexico that contains some of the most enormous natural crystals ever discovered
- A partially hollow glacier close to the Alaskan city of Juneau, best known for its extraordinary blue ice caves
- The largest salt flat on Earth, the legacy of a huge prehistoric South American lake
- A famous Icelandic geyser, which erupts roughly every eight minutes
- A centuries-old Belgian woodland, where one species of wildflower produces a seasonal transformation
- A desert of chalk, shaped by wind-driven sand into an eerie landscape of stone monoliths

Natural Wonders of the World doesn't just focus on geological wonders—the key plants and animals that inhabit these remarkable environments are included, and the world's most important forests and grasslands are given their own entries. Readers can see Earth's most active and dangerous volcanoes without taking any risks, and learn how a supercell storm forms. The book will also take readers to places where access is severely limited—only a few people each year are given permission to explore the Hang Son Doong cave system in Vietnam but you will see what it is like to stand in its vast interior.

A truly unrivalled exploration of Earth's most amazing places, *Natural Wonders of the World* will make readers realize there is so much more to discover.



BOOK DETAILS

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Key Locations:

- **NORTH AMERICA:** El Capitan and Half Dome, Crater Lake, Ship Rock, Devil's Tower, The Cave of Crystals, Popocatepetl, The Black Rapids Glacier, The Great Lakes, The Grand Canyon, Thor's Well, The Great Basin Desert
- **CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA:** Masaya Volcano, The Quelccaya Ice Cap, Caño Cristales, The Great Blue Hole, Cape Horn, The Monteverde Cloud Forest, The Andean Yungas, The Amazon Rainforest, The Atacama Desert
- **EUROPE:** The Scottish Highlands, Strokkur Geyser, The Massif Central, The Dolomites, Mount Etna, Vatnajökull, The Monaco Glacier, The Biebrza Marshes, Slovak Karst Caves, The Cliffs of Dover, Kola Peninsula Tundra
- **AFRICA:** The Atlas Mountains, The Drakensberg, The Nile, Lake Malawi, Los Gigantes Cliffs, Madagascan Rain Forest, The Sudanian Savannas, The Namib Desert
- **ASIA:** The Zagros Mountains, The Himalayas, The Karakoram Range, Zhangye Danxia, Mount Fuji, The Ob-Irtysh, The Sundarbans, Hang Son Doong, Ha Long Bay, Andaman Sea Reefs, Siberian Tundra, The Gobi Desert
- **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND:** Tongariro Volcanic Park, Waitomo Caves, The Great Barrier Reef, Shark Bay, The Twelve Apostles, The Pinnacles
- **ANTARCTICA:** The Transantarctic Mountains, The Ross Ice Shelf, The McMurdo Dry Valleys
- **THE OCEANS:** The Seychelles, The Great Chagos Bank, The Maldives, The Mariana Trench
- **TOPICS:** The formation of a river canyon, building a mountain chain, inside a stratovolcano, the structure of a barrier reef, the formation of a volcanic island chain, and many more

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