

## **World Heritage in Danger**

The List of World Heritage in Danger is made to create awareness about the cultural sites that are in a bad condition. This bad condition exists of threatened characteristics, that make the sites unique. The sites on this list need to be protected and this needs to happen now! Conflict and war, earthquakes and other natural disasters, pollution, poaching and too much tourists cause major problems to the sites. The dangers can vary from imminent of potential threats, but both are bad for the value of the sites.

In 1972 several countries drew up The World Heritage in Danger List. This list contains cultural heritage sites that are under the greatest threats. Sites can be in imminent danger if the site:

- Has broken materials
- Has broken structures and/or ornaments
- Has broken architecture
- Has loss of natural space
- Is losing the historical value

The sites can be in potential danger, if the site:

- Loses protection of the state
- Isn't being taken after
- Will disappear because of projects
- Will disappear because of town planning
- Can become a battleground in armed conflict
- Is threatened by the climate