MEXICO CITY CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRALS & CHURCHES
EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS

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SEVILLE CATHEDRAL SPAIN
Since it was set up in 1973, the Heritage Group has visited, photographed and recorded details of many cathedrals, churches and chapels throughout the United Kingdom with the emphasis on their Victorian and Edwardian engineering services, mainly boilers, stoves and radiators, but including some examples of ventilation and gas lighting. Starting in 2020, the Group has produced three booklets on cathedrals and churches while our Heritage Group website, set up in 2002, gives details of the historical engineering equipment discovered in over seventy ecclesiastical buildings, ranging from London's St. Paul's Cathedral to small Chapels in Wales.

Members of the Heritage Group have also visited Cathedrals across Europe and some in the United States. Now long retired, I thought it might encourage future Heritage travellers to visit some of the religious buildings which I have visited and which are shown in the photographs in this modest booklet.

**CATHEDRALS AND CHURCHES BY COUNTRY**


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REIMS CATHEDRAL FRANCE

Constructed 1211-1345, twin towers 266 ft high.
Famous for its intricate stained glass windows.
Construction began 1163, major restoration 1864. Twin towers 226 ft high.
Very badly damaged by fire 2019. Awaiting restoration to original condition.
SACRE-COEUR PARIS FRANCE

Constructed 1875-1914.
Building size: Length 279 ft, width 115 ft, height 272 ft.
WORMS CATHEDRAL GERMANY

Built 1130-1181, has four spires.
WORMS CATHEDRAL GERMANY

Renovated 1886-1935.
ST. MARK’S VENICE ITALY

Built 978-1092. Campanile (Bell Tower 323 ft) front right 1514, rebuilt 1912 after collapsing.
Famous for its location and the five domes topping 141 ft. Next to the Doge’s Palace.
MILAN CATHEDRAL ITALY

Built 1386-1965, 520 x 302 x 354 ft high. Largest in Italy (St. Peter's is in Vatican City)
Possibly the most decorated church in the world with 135 spires, 3400 statues, 700 figures.
Built 1290-1591, the three-gable design is famous for its eye-catching golden frontage.
Groundbreaking 1290, completed 1591. The interior one of the most beautiful in Italy.
Built 1436, having largest brick dome ever constructed, employing a double-shell design.
The cathedral measures: Length 502 ft, width 300 ft, height 376 ft.
The breath-taking view from the roof overlooking the colonnades and Egyptian obelisk.
Built in 1626, the cathedral is one of the largest in the world: 720 x 490 x 448 ft high.
PISA CATHEDRAL ITALY

Built 1092. Adjacent buildings: The round Baptistery, the "Leaning Tower," the 1257 Hospital.
The interior with its two-colour marble pillars and arches.
SEVILLE CATHEDRAL SPAIN

Built 1528, measures 443 x 330 x 138 ft high (Spire height 344 ft).
SEVILLE CATHEDRAL SPAIN

At completion it replaced Santa Sophia as the largest cathedral, a title it had held for 1000 years.
Construction began in 1226, completed 1493.
The cathedral measures 390 x 194 x 146 ft high.
SANTA SOPHIA ISTANBUL TURKEY

Built c.360-537. Originally Byzantine Christian, a mosque since 1453.
SANTA SOPHIA ISTANBUL TURKEY

Building measures 269 x 240 x 180 ft high. Praised for its remarkable daylighting.
DUBROVNIK MONASTERY CROATIA

13th century Franciscan Friary, known for its attractive Cloister Garden.
Church 4th century, tower later, with famous 28 ft tall statue of Gregory (1929) by Mestrovic.
Consecrated 1656, but not completed until 1813.
Length 420 ft, width 194 ft, height 220 ft.
The church was built 1751-1758.
A partial view of the ornamental interior.
A brick cylinder set in a shallow moat with stunning reflected daylighting from the water.
On MIT campus, 40 ft diameter, 30 ft high; architect Eero Saarinen: full-height metal sculpture.
ST. JOHN’S CATHEDRAL NEW YORK

Taking a column to site 1904.

Largest Cathedral in the World with the 40 ft high Peace Fountain.
Building started 1892, but still not finished.
Religion founded in Middle East 1840s, this only Baha'i temple in the USA, is outside Chicago.
BAHA’I TEMPLE WILMETTE USA

Started 1920, dedicated 1953. Known as "Temple of Light and Unity."
SANTA BARBARA MISSION CALIFORNIA

Built 1820 for the Franciscan Order. Repaired after earthquake damage 1925.
Now a California Historical Landmark.
REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

An oversize book, with a selection of over seventy religious buildings across the world.  
Translated from the German, with 472 pages, covers cathedrals and churches in Europe.  
Illustrations and information has also been taken from many internet websites.

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