



# Leisure and Tourism

## AQA GCSE Unit 1



# Visitor attractions and activities

- **Natural attractions**: physical features such as waterfalls, mountains and valleys that attract visitors
- **Historic sites**: places such as ancient monuments and old buildings that have become attractions for visitors
- **Theme parks**: large attractions including rides that are spread over a large site
- **Major sports/entertainment venues**: nationally important sports or entertainment facilities such as stadia, arenas and theatres
- **Built attractions**: facilities such as museums, and galleries that have been specifically built to attract visitors

# Visitor attractions and activities

Type of attraction	UK	Overseas
Natural Attractions	Giants Causeway, Northern Ireland, UK	Niagara Falls, Canada & USA border
Historic Sites	Windsor Castle, UK	Colosseum, Rome, Italy
Theme Parks	Thorpe Park, UK	6 Flags, Texas
Major Sports / Entertainment Venues	Wembley Stadium, London	Fenway Park, Boston, USA
Built Attractions	British Museum, London, UK	Museum of Modern Art, New York City, USA

# Natural Attraction UK:

## Giants Causeway

- ❑ Located in Northern Ireland on the Atlantic Ocean. It is a 33 mile stretch of coastline.
- ❑ It has a wild landscape positioned in front of dramatic cliffs
- ❑ Basalt columns
- ❑ For centuries the Giant's Causeway has inspired artists, stirred scientific debate and captured the imagination of all who see it.
- ❑ Hike along the cliff-top trail or climb the shepherd's steps, get an audio guide to go with your walk
- ❑ Award winning visitors centre has exhibition about the landscape, café, retail zone and souvenir shop
- ❑ Entry = £10.50 for adults, £5.25 children
- ❑ Local train station is Coleraine then Ulsterbus Service 172





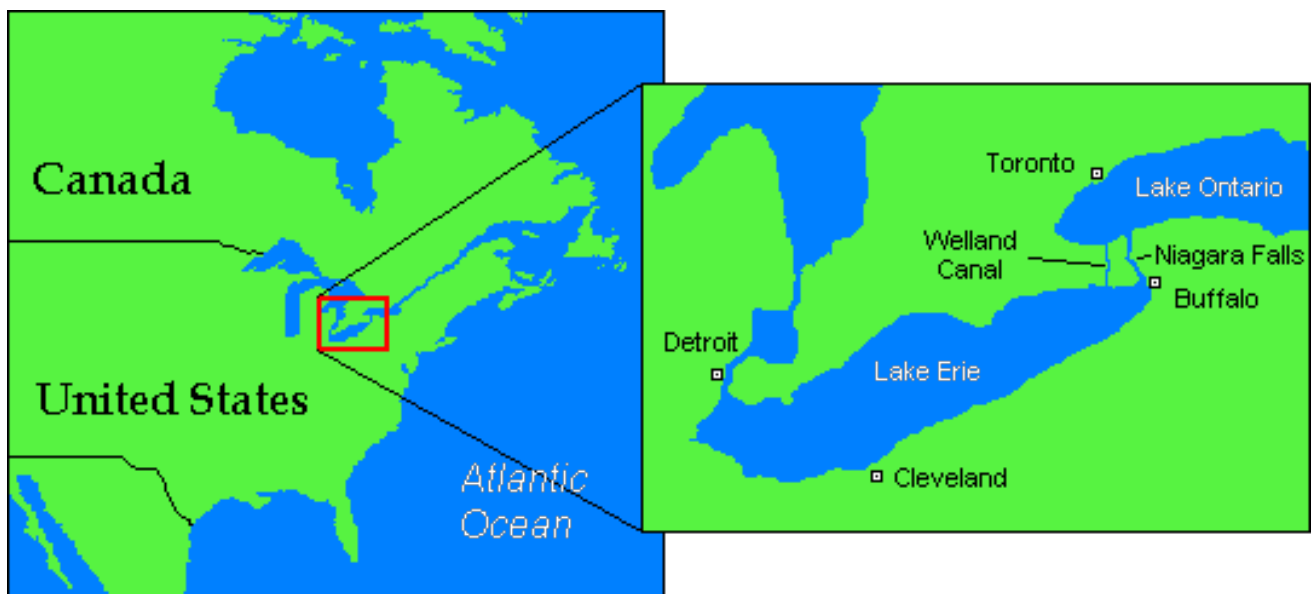
# Natural Attraction UK: Giants Causeway



# Natural Attraction

## Abroad: Niagara Falls

- ☐ Niagara Falls is the collective name for 3 waterfalls that straddle the international border between Canada and the United States of America. More specifically between the province of Ontario and New York state.
- ☐ The individual names for the three falls are: Horseshoe Falls, American Falls and Bridal Veil Falls.
- ☐ The waterfalls are located on the Niagara river.
- ☐ The vertical drop is 50 metres.
- ☐ The falls have lights displays until midnight to attract tourists in the evenings as well as day time.
- ☐ About 28 million tourists visit Niagara Falls a year.
- ☐ You can do a boat cruise called the 'Maid of the Mist'
- ☐ There are lots of nice gardens near by the falls on the Canadian side but also a lot of hotels and casinos. It is in a built up town area.





# Natural Attraction Abroad: Niagara Falls



# Historic Site UK: Windsor Castle

- Located in South East England in the County of Berkshire
- Home to British Kings and Queens for over 1000 years.
- 13 acres of land
- It is the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world and is where the Queen spends most her weekends
- You can see where Henry the 8<sup>th</sup> and Charles the 1<sup>st</sup> are buried in St Georges Chapel.
- You can see the largest dolls house in the world.





# Historic Site UK: Windsor Castle



# Historic Site Abroad:

## Colosseum Rome

- Located in the city centre of Rome, Northern Italy, Europe
- Also known as the Flavian Amphitheatre
- Oval shaped amphitheatre built of concrete and stone
- Largest amphitheatre ever built
- Historically the amphitheatre could hold between 50,000 and 80,000 spectators
- It was used for gladiatorial contests, public spectacles, animal hunts, executions, re-enactments of famous battles and dramas
- It is partially ruined because of damage from an earthquake and stone-robbers but is still an iconic symbol of the Roman Empire and one of the most popular tourist attractions in Italy.
- Over 4 million tourists a year visit the Colosseum, making it the worlds 39<sup>th</sup> most popular tourist destination





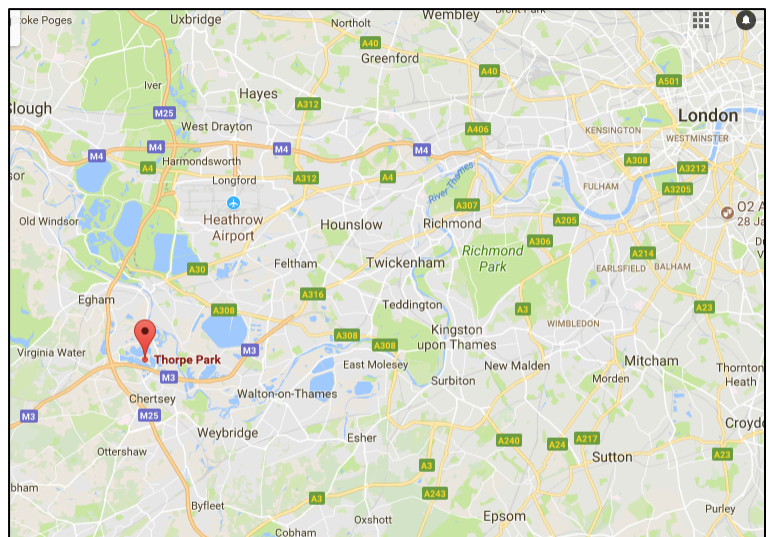
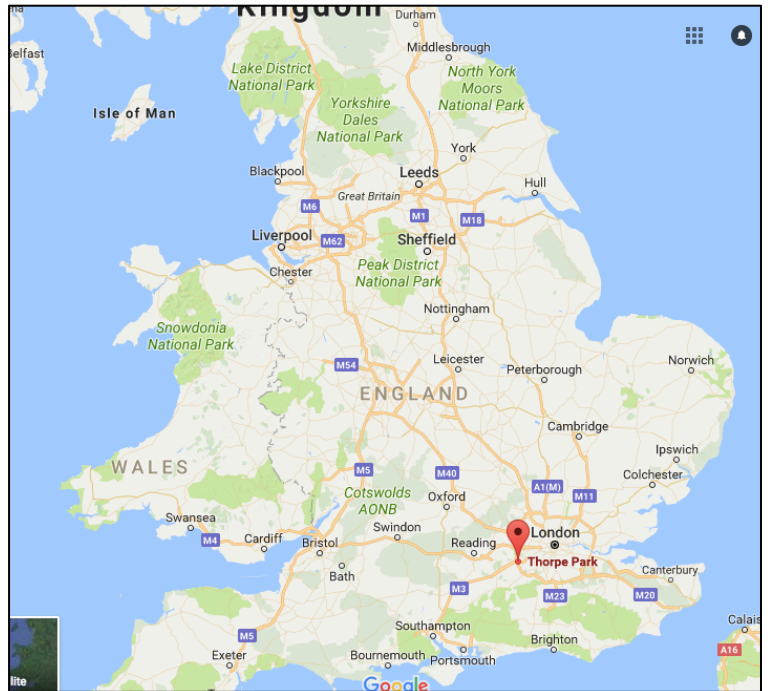
# Historic Site Abroad: Colosseum Rome





# Theme Parks UK: Thorpe Park

- “Island like no other” = slogan
- Thorpe Park is located in South East England close to Heathrow Airport
- Over 30 rides
- 5 of the UK’s top Roller Coasters
- Stay over at the Jawesome Shark Hotel
- Derren Brown’s Ghost Train Rise of the Demon
- Owned by Merlin Entertainments
- Opened in 1979
- It is built on an island so has lots of water based rides



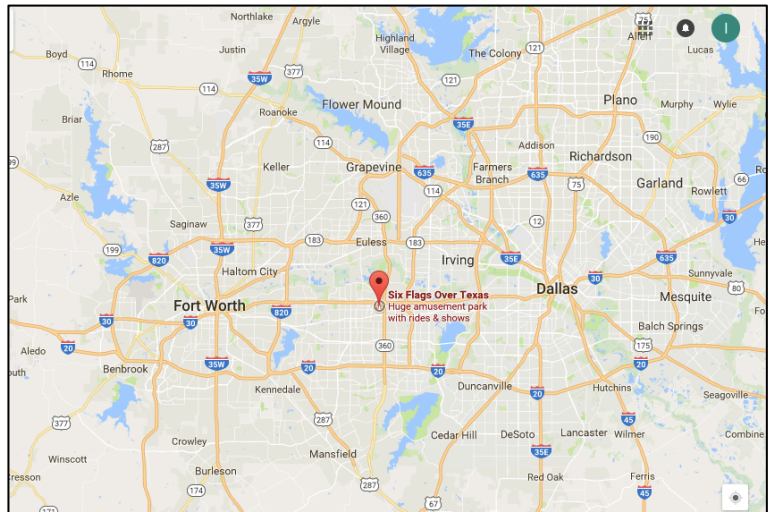
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# Theme Parks Abroad: 6 Flags

- Located in Arlington, Texas, USA
- The thrill capital of Texas
- Home to more than 100 rides
- 13 world class roller coasters
- 212 acres
- First 6 flags theme park
- Opened 1961
- Managed by Six Flags Entertainment Corporation
- Name refers to the 6 nations that have governed Texas: Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, USA and Confederate State of America.



# Theme Parks Abroad: 6 Flags Over Texas



# Major sports and entertainment venue: UK Wembley Stadium

- Located in North West London, South East, England
- Seats 90,000 people.
- Used for sports and music concerts where the pitch is covered by specially designed protective panels to create extra space for 25,000 people
- It's iconic sliding roof covers every seat in the stadium, making it the largest fully covered stadium in the world
- The stadium as we know it today opened in 2007

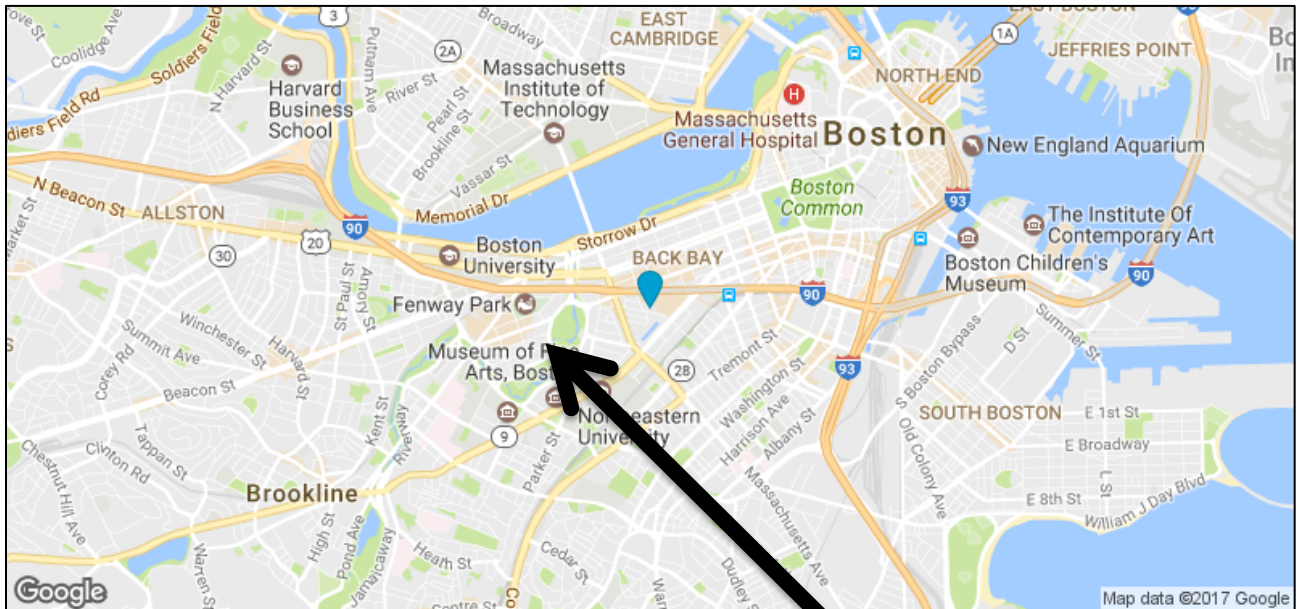




# Major sports and entertainment venue: UK Wembley Stadium



# Major sports and entertainment venue abroad: Fenway Park



- Located in Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- Since 1912 it has been home to the Boston Red Sox the
- It is the oldest baseball park in Major League Baseball
- It has hosted the World Series ten times
- It is small for a sports venue and holds less 37,000 people.





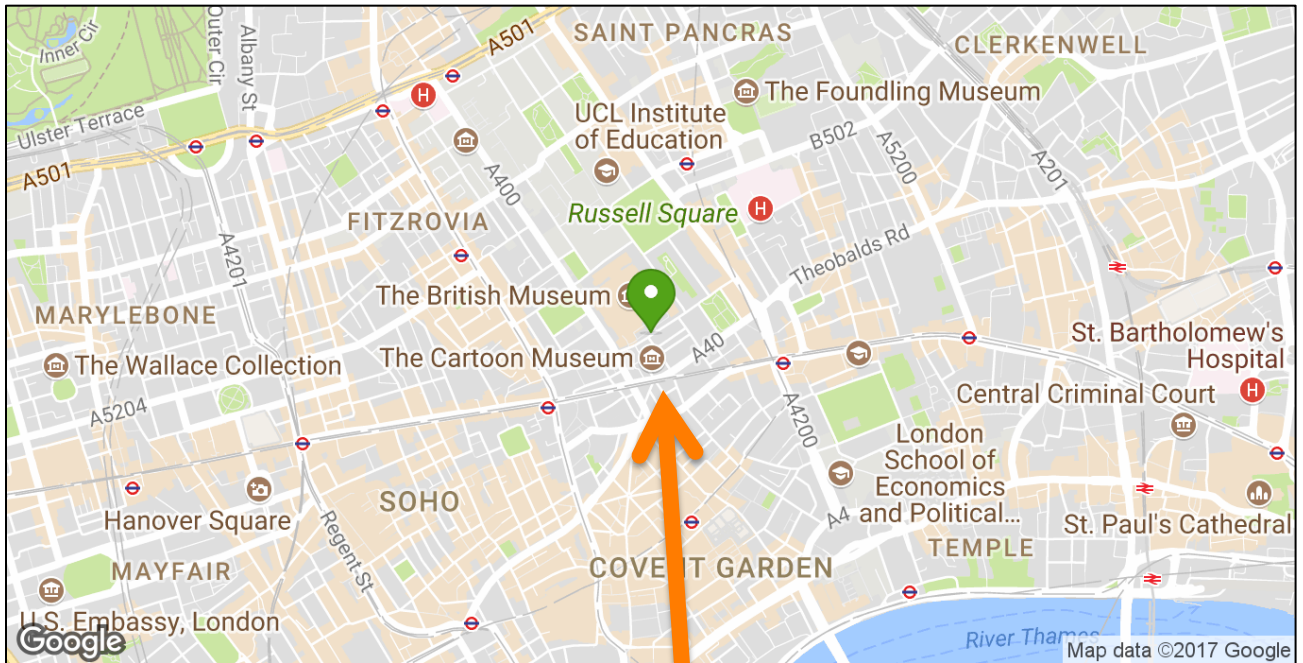
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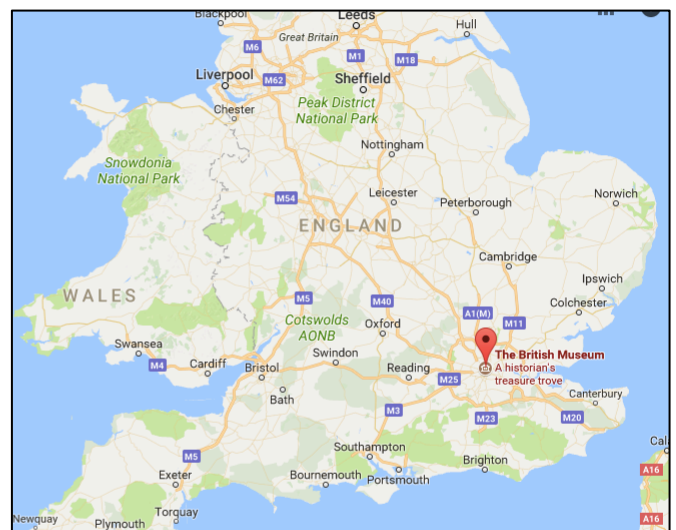
# Built Attractions: UK

## British Museum



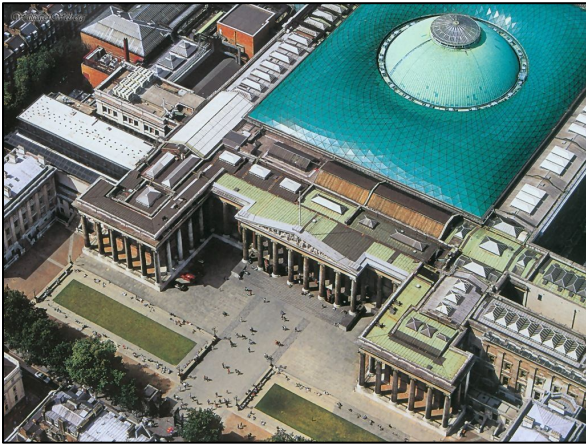
- Located in Bloomsbury London
- Collection of human history, art and culture
- The permanent collection has 8 million works and is among the largest and most comprehensive in existence
- Works come from all over the world.
- Opened 1753, much is free to visit
- Home to the biggest Egyptian collection including tombs and mummies.

The British  
Museum



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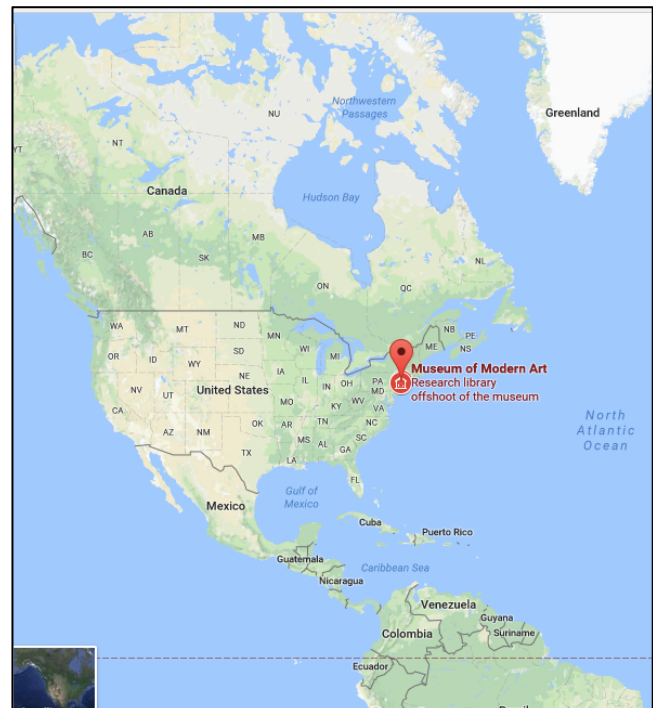
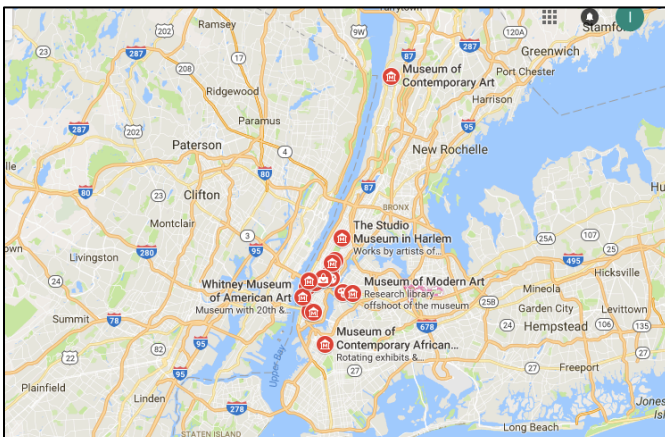




# Built Attractions: Museum of Modern Art New York

- Located in Midtown Manhattan in New York City on 53<sup>rd</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Shortened to MoMA
- MoMA is one of the largest and most influential museums of modern art in the world
- Works of drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, prints, illustrated books, film and electronic media
- MoMA library includes 300,000 books
- Opened on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1928
- 3.1 million visitors a year visit MoMA

# MoMA



# Built Attractions: Museum of Modern Art New York

