The city that was lost and rediscovered

What UNESCO World Heritage Sites do you know of?

Vocabulary

1. carved 2. legends 3. tombs 4. disguised 5. thriving 6. architecture 7. rediscovered

True Story

Petra, an ancient city in Jordan, was lost to the Western world for centuries. Hidden among the mountains, only the local people knew of its existence.

This all changed in 1812 when Johann Ludwig Burckhardt, a Swiss explorer, _____ Petra. He had heard _____ of a lost city and _____ himself as an Arab to explore the region. Burckhardt's discovery amazed the world. Petra was a city _____ directly into red cliffs, complete with _____, temples, and an advanced water system - signs of a once _____ civilization.

Today, Petra is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and attracts tourists from all over the world, eager to see its beautiful rock-cut _____ and to learn about its fascinating history.

Quiz

1. What is Petra?
2. What did Burckhardt disguise himself as?
3. What kind of structures were carved into the cliffs of Petra?

True or False

1. Petra was lost to the Western world for decades. True | False
2. Petra was a city painted directly onto red cliffs. True | False
3. Petra attracts tourists from all over the world. True | False

Conversation

A: Can you believe we're here in Petra?
B: It's amazing! It looks better than in the pictures.
A: Look at these buildings carved into the cliffs.
B: And the tombs and temples, just like in the film!
A: Which film was that?
B: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade!

Discussion

1. Have you ever visited a UNESCO World Heritage Site?
2. Would you like to explore a lost city like Petra? Why or why not?
3. Have you seen the Indiana Jones films? Did you like them?

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