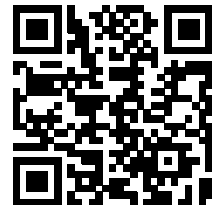


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Exploring Stonehenge



In the heart of _____, England, lies an ancient and mysterious structure known as Stonehenge. This prehistoric _____ consists of a ring of standing stones, each around 13 feet high, 7 feet wide, and weighing approximately 25 tons.

_____ believe Stonehenge was built in several stages, with the earliest _____ dating back to about 3000 BC. The site is believed to have served as

a burial ground initially, as evidenced by the human _____ found buried in the ground around the monument. Over the centuries, _____ has intrigued

historians and archaeologists alike, with many theories about its purpose. Some suggest it was a _____ for worshipping ancient earth deities, while others believe it was an

astronomical _____, used to mark the solstices and equinoxes. The alignment of the stones with the sunrise of the _____ solstice supports

this theory. Another interesting aspect of Stonehenge is the mystery of how these massive _____ were transported and erected. Most of the stones, known as sarsens,

are believed to have been brought from Marlborough _____, a distance of about 20 miles. The smaller bluestones are thought to have been transported from the Preseli

Hills in _____, over 150 miles away. This feat would have required immense effort and coordination, indicating the significant _____ of Stonehenge to

the people who built it. Despite its fame, Stonehenge is not the only ancient stone circle in _____, but it is the most iconic and well-preserved. Today, it attracts

tourists from all around the world, who come to marvel at this _____ of ancient Britain's history and culture. Its true purpose remains a subject of

_____ and wonder, making it an enduring mystery of human achievement.

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