

The Seven New Wonders of the World

Chichén Itzá

The Maya city whose stepped pyramid of Kukulcán doubles as a calendar — its shadow forms a serpent at the equinoxes. Astronomy in stone.



MEXICO

Machu Picchu

An Inca citadel perched on a ridge 2,430 m up in the Andes, abandoned and reclaimed by cloud forest. Rediscovered by the world in 1911.



PERU

Colosseum

Rome's amphitheatre for fifty thousand spectators, opened in 80 AD. The largest ever built, and still the model for every stadium since.



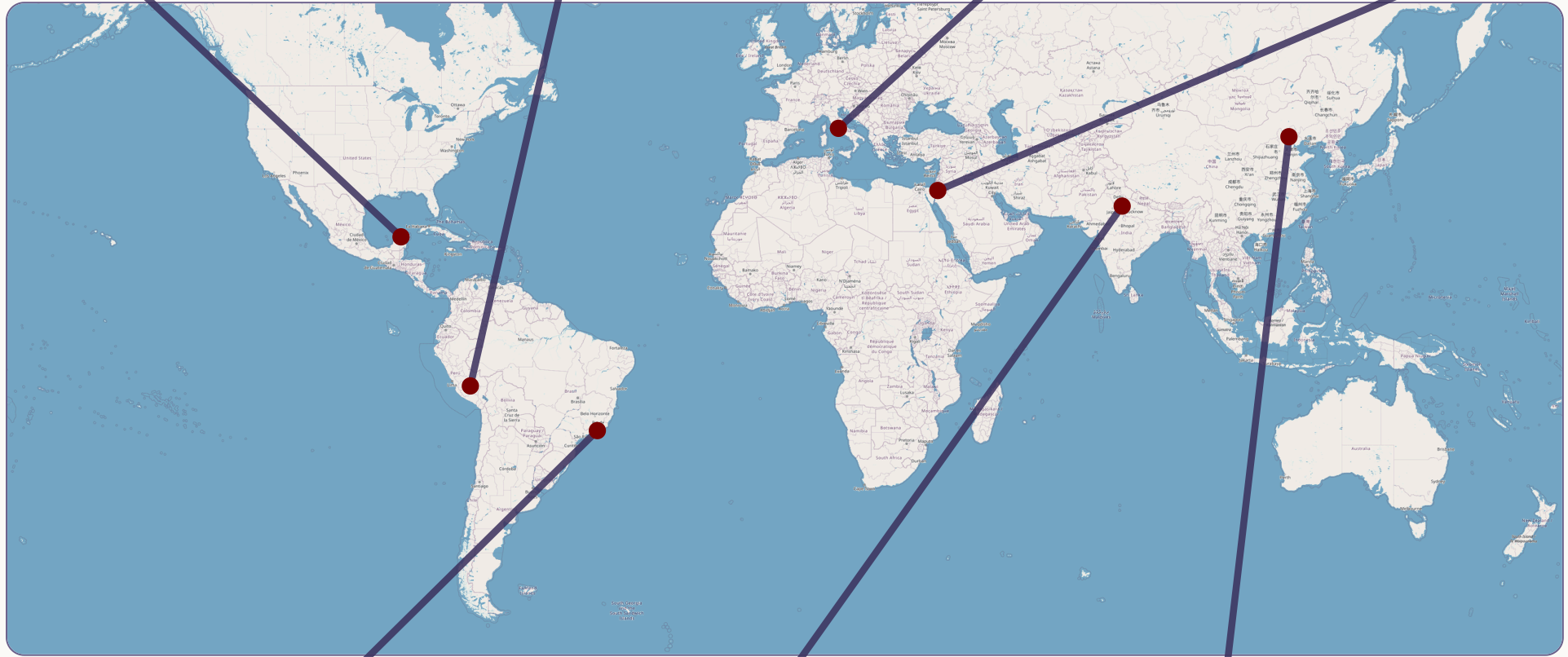
ITALY

Petra

A city carved into rose-red cliffs by the Nabataeans, hidden in a desert canyon. Its Treasury facade is one of the most recognisable faces of antiquity.



JORDAN



Christ the Redeemer

The 30-metre statue standing on Corcovado mountain above Rio de Janeiro, arms open over the bay. Art deco on a monumental scale.



BRAZIL

Taj Mahal

An emperor's marble tomb for his wife, built 1632–1653 on the Yamuna river. Symmetry, inlay work and gardens tuned to perfection.



INDIA

Great Wall of China

Thousands of kilometres of walls and watchtowers, built over two thousand years to guard an empire. The most ambitious defence project ever attempted.



CHINA