

# Vatican Hill

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**Vatican Hill** (in Latin, *Mons Vaticanus*) is the name given, long before the founding of Christianity, to one of the hills on the side of the Tiber opposite the traditional seven hills of Rome. It may have been the site of an Etruscan town called *Vaticum*.

The name "Vatican" has often been thought to derive from the Latin "vates", meaning "seer, soothsayer", though this is uncertain and it is also possible that "Vaticanus" comes from an unrelated Etruscan loan-word. [1] Indeed, the Vatican Hill was the home of the Vates long before pre-Christian Rome. Vaticanus, also known as Vagitanus, was an Etruscan god of prophecy, and his temple was built on the ancient site of Vaticanum (Vatican Hill). [2]

In the 1st century AD, the Vatican Hill was outside the city limits and so could feature a circus (the circus of Nero) and a cemetery. St. Peter's Basilica is built over this cemetery, the traditional site of St. Peter the Apostle's grave. There was another cemetery nearby, which was opened to the public on 10 October 2006 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Vatican Museums.<sup>[1]</sup>

The Vatican Hill is not one of the famous seven hills of Rome although it was included within the city limits of Rome during the reign of Pope Leo IV, who, between 848 and 852, expanded the city walls to protect St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican. Thus, Vatican Hill has been within the walls and city limits of Rome for over 1100 years. Until the Lateran Treaties in 1929 it was part of the Rione of Borgo.

Before the Avignon Papacy (1305–1378), the headquarters of the Holy See were located at the Lateran Palace. After the Avignon Papacy the church administration moved to Vatican Hill and the papal palace was (until 1871) the Quirinal Palace, upon the Quirinal Hill. Since 1929, part of the Vatican Hill is the site of the State of the Vatican City. However, the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, is not St. Peter's in the Vatican, but Basilica di San Giovanni in Laterano, which is extra-territorially linked, as indicated in the Lateran Pacts signed with the Italian state in 1929, with the Holy See.

## The Vatican Hill, a hill of Rome

<b>In Latin / Italian</b>	<i>MONS VATICANVS / colle Vaticano</i>
<b>Rione</b>	Borgo
<b>Buildings</b>	Circus of Nero
<b>Churches</b>	St Peter's Basilica



Tapestry featuring Vatican Hill (left), circa 1519



**17** And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

**2** With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

**3** So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

**4** And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

**5** And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

**6** And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

**7** And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

**8** The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

**9** And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

**10** And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

**11** And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

**12** And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.



12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.



**18** And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

**2** And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

**3** For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

**4** And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

**5** For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

**6** Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

**7** How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

**8** Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

**9** And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

**10** Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

**11** And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

**12** The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,



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13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;



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23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

# List of countries by imports

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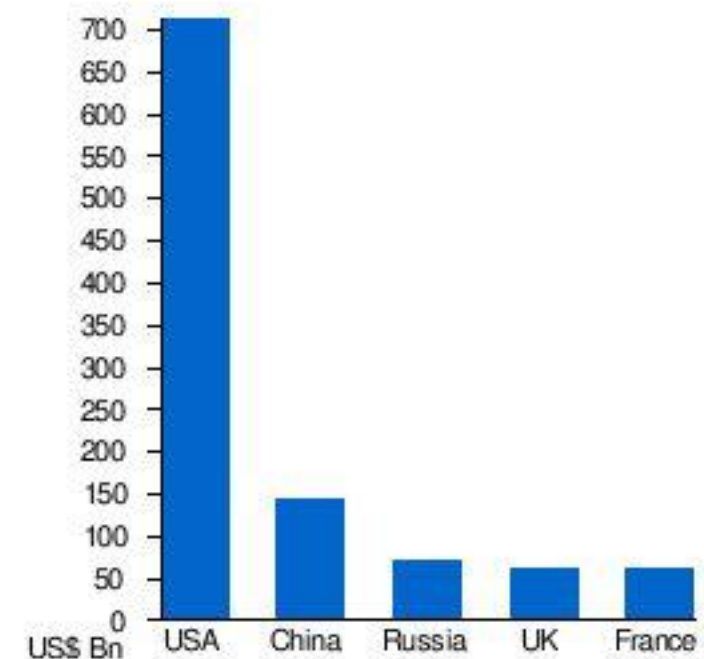
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Rank ↕	Country ↕	Spending (\$ Bn.) <sup>[1]</sup> ↕	% of GDP ↕	World Share (%) ↕	Spending (\$ Bn. PPP) <sup>[2]</sup> ↕
—	<b>World Total</b>	1,630	2.6	100	1562.3
1	 <b>United States</b>	711.0	4.7	41	711
2	 <b>China<sup>y</sup></b>	143.0	2.0	8.2	228
3	 <b>Russia<sup>y</sup></b>	71.9	3.9	4.1	93.7
4	 <b>United Kingdom</b>	62.7	2.6	3.6	57.5
5	 <b>France</b>	62.5	2.3	3.6	50.1
6	 <b>Japan</b>	59.3	1.0	3.4	44.7
7	 <b>Saudi Arabia<sup>z</sup></b>	48.2	8.7	2.8	58.8
8	 <b>India</b>	46.8	2.5	2.7	112
9	 <b>Germany<sup>y</sup></b>	46.7	1.3	2.7	40.4
10	 <b>Brazil</b>	35.4	1.5	2.0	33.8
11	 <b>Italy<sup>y</sup></b>	34.5	1.6	2.0	28.5
12	 <b>South Korea</b>	30.8	2.7	1.8	42.1
13	 <b>Australia</b>	26.7	1.8	1.5	16.6
14	 <b>Canada<sup>y</sup></b>	24.7	1.4	1.4	19.9
15	 <b>Turkey<sup>y</sup></b>	17.9	2.3	1.0	25.2



The world's top 5 military spenders in 2010.

Figures sourced from the SIPRI Yearbook 2011.



## Combat aircraft by country

Data from Center for Strategic and International Studies,<sup>[6][73]</sup> *Bharat Rakshak*<sup>[74]</sup> otherwise where noted.

Rank	Country	Fighters	Bombers	Attack
1	United States of America	3,043	171	1,185
2	Russian Federation	1,264	166	1,267
3	China	1,130	118	370
4	India	901	91	110
5	North Korea	899	60	211
6	South Korea	648	60	352
7	Pakistan	325	30	250
8	Israel	233	10	264
9	Egypt	644	25	
10	United Kingdom (Royal Air Force) <sup>[clarification needed]</sup>	345	50	209



## Personnel

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As of 30 September 2010, 1,430,895 people were on active duty<sup>[24]</sup> in the military, with an additional 848,000 people in the seven reserve components.<sup>[3]</sup> It is an all-volunteer military, but conscription through the [Selective Service System](#) can be enacted by the request of the President and the approval of Congress. All males aged 18 through 25 who are living in the U.S. are required to register with the Selective Service for a potential future draft.

The United States military is the [second largest in the world](#), after the People's Liberation Army of China, and has troops deployed around the globe.

# Global city





















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
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A **global city** (also called **world city** or sometimes **alpha city** or **world center**) is a *city* generally considered to be an important node in the global economic system. The concept comes from [geography](#) and [urban studies](#) and rests on the idea that [globalization](#) can be understood as largely created, facilitated, and enacted in strategic geographic locales, [according to a hierarchy of importance to the operation of the global system of finance and trade.](#)



Rank	Change	City	Rating
1	—	 New York City	6.35
2	—	 London	5.79
3	▲ 1	 Paris	5.48
4	▼ 1	 Tokyo	4.99
5	—	 Hong Kong	4.56
6	▲ 1	 Los Angeles	3.94
7	▼ 1	 Chicago	3.66
8	▲ 2	 Seoul	3.41
9	▲ 2	 Brussels	3.33
10	▲ 3	 Washington, D.C.	3.22
11	▼ 3	 Singapore	3.20
12	▼ 3	 Sydney	3.13
13	▲ 5	 Vienna	3.11
14	▲ 1	 Beijing	3.05
15	▲ 4	 Boston	2.94
16	▼ 2	 Toronto	2.92
17	▼ 5	 San Francisco	2.89
18	▼ 1	 Madrid	2.80
19	▲ 6	 Moscow	2.77
20	▼ 4	 Berlin	2.76
21	—	 Shanghai	2.73
22	—	 Buenos Aires	2.71
23	▼ 3	 Frankfurt	2.69
24	▲ 2	 Barcelona	2.59
25	▼ 1	 Zurich	2.53

Rank	Change	City	Rating
26	▲ 3	 Amsterdam	2.45
27	▼ 4	 Stockholm	2.43
28	—	 Rome	2.36
29	▼ 2	 Dubai	2.32
30	▲ 1	 Montreal	2.32
31	▲ 2	 Munich	2.31
32	NA	 Melbourne	2.25
33	▲ 2	 São Paulo	2.19
34	▼ 4	 Mexico City	2.18
35	▼ 3	 Geneva	2.13
36	▼ 2	 Miami	2.13
37	▲ 4	 Istanbul	2.10
38	—	 Houston	2.08
39	▲ 1	 Atlanta	2.06
40	▼ 1	 Taipei	2.05
41	▲ 1	 Milan	2.01
42	▼ 5	 Copenhagen	1.99
43	▼ 7	 Bangkok	1.93
44	—	 Dublin	1.82
45	▲ 1	 Mumbai	1.79
46	▲ 4	 Tel Aviv	1.69
47	—	 Osaka	1.57
48	▼ 3	 New Delhi	1.55
49	▼ 1	 Kuala Lumpur	1.49
50	▼ 7	 Cairo	1.49

Rank	Change	City	Rating
51	—	 Manila	1.49
52	—	 Johannesburg	1.48
53	▼ 4	 Rio de Janeiro	1.31
54	▼ 1	 Jakarta	1.30
55	▼ 1	 Bogota	1.17
56	—	 Nairobi	0.98
57	▼ 2	 Caracas	0.89
58	—	 Bangalore	0.85
59	—	 Lagos	0.84
60	▼ 3	 Guangzhou	0.82
61	—	 Ho Chi Minh City	0.72
62	▼ 2	 Karachi	0.66
63	▲ 1	 Dhaka	0.65
64	▼ 1	 Kolkata	0.63
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66	▼ 1	 Chongqing	0.25



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# NEW YORK CITY

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*This article is about the city. For other uses, see [New York City \(disambiguation\)](#).*

**New York** is the most populous city in the United States of America<sup>[11]</sup> and the center of the **New York Metropolitan Area**, one of the most populous metropolitan areas in the world.<sup>[12][13][14]</sup> The city is referred to as **New York City** or **The City of New York**<sup>[15]</sup> to distinguish it from the **State of New York**, of which it is a part.<sup>[16]</sup> A global power city,<sup>[17]</sup> New York exerts a significant impact upon commerce, finance, media, art, fashion, research, technology, education, and entertainment. The home of the United Nations Headquarters,<sup>[18]</sup> New York is an important center for international diplomacy<sup>[19]</sup> and has been described as the cultural capital of the world.<sup>[20]</sup>

Located on one of the world's largest natural harbors,<sup>[21]</sup> New York City consists of five boroughs, each of which comprises a state county.<sup>[22]</sup> The five boroughs—The Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island—were consolidated into a single city in 1898.<sup>[23][24]</sup> With a Census-estimated 2011 population of 8,244,910<sup>[25]</sup> distributed over a land area of just 305 square miles (790 km<sup>2</sup>),<sup>[26][27][28]</sup> New York is the most densely populated major city in the United States.<sup>[29]</sup> As many as 800 languages are spoken in New York, making it the most linguistically diverse city in the world.<sup>[30]</sup> The New York City Metropolitan Area's population is the United States' largest, with 18.9 million people distributed over 6,720 square miles (17,400 km<sup>2</sup>),<sup>[31][32]</sup> and is also part of the most populous combined statistical area in the United States, containing 22.1 million people as of the 2010 Census.<sup>[33]</sup>

New York traces its roots to its 1624 founding as a trading post by colonists of the Dutch Republic, and was named *New Amsterdam* in 1626.<sup>[34]</sup> The city and its surroundings came under English control in 1664<sup>[35][36]</sup> and were renamed *New York* after King Charles II of England granted the lands to his brother, the Duke of York.<sup>[37][38]</sup> New York served as the capital of the United States from 1785 until 1790.<sup>[39]</sup> It has been the country's largest city since 1790.<sup>[40]</sup> The Statue of Liberty greeted millions of immigrants as they came to America by ship in the late 19th and early 20th centuries<sup>[41]</sup> and is a globally recognized symbol of the United States and its democracy.<sup>[42]</sup>

Many districts and landmarks in New York City have become well known to its approximately 50 million annual visitors.<sup>[43][44][45]</sup> Times Square, iconified as "The Crossroads of the World",<sup>[46][47][48][49][50]</sup> is the brightly illuminated hub of the Broadway theater district,<sup>[51]</sup> one of the world's busiest pedestrian intersections,<sup>[52][53]</sup> and a major center of the world's entertainment industry.<sup>[54]</sup> The city hosts many world renowned bridges, skyscrapers,<sup>[55]</sup> and parks. New York City's financial district, anchored by Wall Street in Lower Manhattan, functions as the financial capital of the world<sup>[56]</sup> and is home to the New York Stock Exchange, the world's largest stock exchange by total market capitalization of its listed companies.<sup>[57]</sup> Manhattan's real estate market is among the most expensive in the world.<sup>[58]</sup> Manhattan's Chinatown incorporates the highest concentration of Chinese people in the Western Hemisphere.<sup>[59][60][61][62]</sup> Providing continuous 24/7 service,<sup>[63]</sup> the New York City Subway is one of the most extensive rapid transit systems in the world. Numerous colleges and universities are located in New York,<sup>[64]</sup> including Columbia University, New York University, and Rockefeller University, which are ranked among the top 50 in the world.<sup>[65]</sup>

## New York

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### The City of New York



Clockwise from top: Midtown Manhattan, the United Nations Headquarters, the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge, Central Park, Times Square, and the Unisphere in Queens



Flag



Seal





## THE NEW COLOSSUS.

NOT LIKE THE BRAZEN GIANT OF GREEK FAME,  
WITH CONQUERING LIMBS ASTRIDE FROM LAND TO LAND;  
HERE AT OUR SEA-WASHED, SUNSET GATES SHALL STAND  
A MIGHTY WOMAN WITH A TORCH, WHOSE FLAME  
IS THE IMPRISONED LIGHTNING, AND HER NAME  
MOTHER OF EXILES, FROM HER BEACON-HAND  
GLOWS WORLD-WIDE WELCOME; HER MILD EYES COMMAND  
THE AIR-BRIDGED HARBOR THAT TWIN CITIES FRAME.  
"KEEP ANCIENT LANDS, YOUR STORIED POMP!"

CRIES SHE

WITH SILENT LIPS. "GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR  
POOR,

YOUR HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE,  
THE WRETCHED REFUSE OF YOUR TEEMING SHORE,  
SEND THESE, THE HOMELESS, TEMPEST-TOST TO ME,  
I LIFT MY LAMP BESIDE THE GOLDEN DOOR!"

THIS TABLET, WITH HER SONNET TO THE BARTHOLDI STATUE  
OF LIBERTY ENGRAVED UPON IT, IS PLACED UPON THESE WALLS  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**EMMA LAZARUS**

BORN IN NEW YORK CITY, JULY 22<sup>d</sup>. 1849  
DIED NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>. 1887.



## Symbols on the Statue of Liberty

**What does the torch represent?** The torch is a symbol of enlightenment. The Statue's official name represents its most important symbol, "Liberty Enlightening the World."

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**What is written on the Statue's tablet?** The tablet in the Statue's left hand has the date of American Independence: July 4, 1776. The date is written in Roman numerals and reads July IV MDCCLXXVI.

**What does the Statue wear on her head?** The Statue of Liberty wears a crown, or diadem.

**What are the spikes on the crown?** Many believe the seven spikes are rays of light representing the seven seas and seven continents of the world.

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## Bab·y·lon<sup>1</sup> (bāb'ə-lən, -lŏn')

The capital of ancient Babylonia in Mesopotamia on the Euphrates River. Established as capital c. 1750 B.C. and rebuilt in regal splendor by Nebuchadnezzar II after its destruction (c. 689 B.C.) by the Assyrians, Babylon was the site of the Hanging Gardens, one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

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## Bab·y·lon<sup>2</sup> (bāb'ə-lən, -lŏn')

*n.*

1. A city or place of great luxury, sensuality, and often vice and corruption.
2. A place of captivity or exile.



NOTHING IS FOR NOTHING