

THE MINES IN THE WORLD

Country	Mines	Website / Related link (e-mail)	Description	Languages
Belgium	Mine – Museum Blegny Mine	http://www.blegnymine.be/	By special programmes, one day programmes or by one day special mini trips tours for groups you will discover the coal mine, the washing and sorting equipment. You are able to open pages of mining in Blegny by visiting the mining museum, taking the road-train excursion or boat cruise on board.	FR NL EN DE ES IT
Bolivia	Minas of Cerro Rico de Potosí	http://www.embajadadebolivia.com.ar/turismo/deptos/crico.htm http://www.unesco.org/courier/2000_03/sp/dici/txt1.htm	"Sumaj Orcko", the Magnificent Hill, the centre, the vital nucleus of the existence of Potosí. At present, the greater mine Pailaviri and its interior can be visited. It is divided into 17 levels to which an elevator can carry us to 240 m of depth, accessible level to the public. The temperature in the interior of the mine can vary some 45° C between the outside and the lowest levels. About 70 m of height you will find yourself with the "Uncle", representation of the devil or horrendous deity owner of the mines, to whom tributes are done to remove the metal of their bowels. You cannot miss possibility to visit Pailaviri, the mine that works continuously since 1545 and is the oldest mine close to the city.	ES

Canada	Mines of Gold	http://pwnhc.learnnet.net.ca/nwtminingcentre/	The gold that lay beneath Yellowknife city streets remained a buried treasure for millions of years. Not even gold hungry prospectors of the Klondike gold rush could smell the wealth when they passed through this area in 1898 and earlier. A federal assay report that identified gold in one man's sample could not provoke a mining rush to the shores of Great Slave Lake. Come and discover this history of treasures by yourself!	EN
	Bell Island Mine	http://www.heritage.nf.ca/society/bellislandmines.html	Bell Island is the largest island in Conception Bay. Until the beginning of operations in Labrador, the Bell Island mine was the largest producer of iron ore in Canada, during its life it was the world's most extensive submarine iron mine. First settled in the mid-1700s, the island experienced a drastic change in its economy in the 1890s, when iron-ore mining was begun there. The mine site at Wabana in the north became its largest community. Nova Scotia Steel first operated the mine but ownership eventually passed to Dominion Steel Corp and finally to Hawker-Siddeley Canada.	EN
Colombia	Salt Mine of Nemocón	http://www.bogotaturismo.gov.co/noticias/mina_de_sal_de_nemocón.php	The Mine of Salt of Nemocón with more than 500 years of low history land is converted nowadays in one of the most beautiful experiences inside what Colombia can offer in tourist matter, a full world of culture, history and diversion, the most imposing construction to 80 meters of depth. Discover how since 1801 the man began to extract the salt to great scale, descending for tunnels with German doors that bear the mountain to arrive at the imposing camera of receipt with but of 8 meters of height, where the visitor will initiate the trip through this amazing construction that will carry to the camera of the mirrors of water in the Barbaric Holy tunnel, the ballroom and events, the waterfall of salt, the well of the desires, revive the mining tradition in the camera of the Chapel of Salt, be courted with the heart, a crystal of unique salt, travel through the city of the stalactites... Come to feel an unforgettable walk in the depths of the land.	ES EN

Check Republic	The Chrustenice Mine	http://www.chrustenicka-sachta.cz/ (under reconstruction)	On the time of the Chrustenice iron-ore mine exploitation on 1861 – 1965 it was the most important and the largest this kind facility in the area to the west of Prague. Reaching to a depth of 426 metres, i.e. 120 metres below sea level, the mine had 84 underground floors. Over the one hundred years of its existence, the mine produced almost eight million tonnes of ore. Opened recently not only to tourists but also scuba divers, the mine offers hundreds of metres of galleries featuring a wealth of unique exhibits. Moreover, the sightseeing tour of the mine includes the ride on a pit train.	CZ
	Michal Mine	spuo@ostrava.pamatky.cz	Several crucial sections of this mine are open to the general public in the form of a non-arranged display featuring the so-called last working day. The sightseeing tour includes the mine's department room, changing rooms with chain hooks, bathrooms, control room and engine hall with equipment dating from the early XX th century.	CZ
Ecuador	Mines of Gold (Portovelo, Bella Rica)	http://www.ecuaworld.com/ec/el_oro.htm	Old mines where Spanish conquerors anciently were extracting gold... Now you have a great opportunity to visit them in Portovelo, Ecuador.	ES
New Zealand	Arrowtown New Zealand Gold Mine	http://www.museumqueenstown.com/	In 1948 a humble museum was opened in the billiards room of Arrowtown's Ballarat Hotel focusing on the district's wealth of gold mining history. No, this is history of museum but you are invited to discover the history of gold mining, also enjoy the opportunity to purchase books, crafts and art works, while the archives and research facility is immensely popular with the casual family historian or serious researcher. The Special Exhibitions Gallery shows a changing selection of history or art based exhibitions.	EN

Pakistan	Salt Mine of Khewra	http://www.pmdc.gov.pk/khewra/resort.htm	<p>You are invited to discover Khewra Salt Mines that nearly 35.000 to 40.000 visitors, including college students, general public, and foreigners visit Salt Mines Khewra every year from 1872 when they were opened. Khewra Salt Mines has been developed with its own resources: inside the mine a beautiful mosque made of different shades of rock salt bricks has been constructed – hollow walls of salt bricks when lighted gives a beautiful look, a large chamber called “Assembly Hall” measuring more than 250 ft in height fascinates tourists. There are certain chambers filled in with saturated brine solution. These ponds when illuminated with fancy lights give splendid look. There is an area of transparent salt of light pink colour known as “Shish Mahal”. Different chambers are connected with salt bridges over water ponds and when illuminated with lights show marvellous reflection of different colours of salt. Electric train is available for you to have a joy ride up to main juncture inside the mines and guides will help to discover all beauties of this salt mine.</p>	EN
Poland	Salt Mine of Wieliczka	http://www.kopalnia.pl/home.php?action=&id_language=2&	<p>The Salt Mine Wieliczka is the oldest salt enterprise on Polish land dating back to the Middle Ages. For centuries it was the source of the country's wealth and the material foundation of its culture. In 1978 the mine was inscribed in UNESCO's First World List of Cultural and Natural Heritage. You are invited with over 1.000.000 tourists annually visit this underground route. Several hundreds of years of rock salt exploitation have shaped the spatial arrangement of its excavated structure. Lying on nine levels, concealed under the town, the mine reaches down to the depth of 327 metres. Subterranean Wieliczka consists of nearly 300 kilometres of corridors and almost 3,000 chambers. The tourist route accessible to visitors includes a 3,5 km section located from 64 to 135 metres below ground level. Magnificent chapels, captivating underground lakes, original tools and equipment, traces of mining works allow us to understand the human struggle against the elements, their work, their passion and their beliefs. The Wieliczka miners have left behind many salt carvings and murals.</p>	EN PL RU FR IT DE

Poland	The Gold Mine in Zloty Stok	www.kopalniazlota.pl	<p>The gold mine is located south of the town of Zloty Stok in Lower Silesia, in the north-western part of the Golden Mountains. The Underground Tourist Route "Gold Mine" allows you to access two adits and one shaft. One of the adits is the two-kilometre-long "Gertrude Adit" and its 500 metre long section is fully lit and safe. Small groups, with individual electric lamps and using a boat, may visit a deeper part of this adit that is closed off by a low dam and partly filled with water. After descending 23 metres of stairway, you enter a medieval corridor that leads to an underground 8 metre high waterfall - a major attraction of the mine. A short distance from the tourist route, one may also visit the very interesting and picturesque 192 metre long "Prince Adit". Visiting this place at the present time, one should remember that during the XVth and XVIth centuries, this mine produced 150 kg of gold yearly - some 8% of the entire European production of that metal and during almost 700 years of continuous exploitation, the gold mine of Zloty Stok produced a grand total of 16,000 kg of pure gold.</p> <p>The gold mine is not only a tourist attraction but also a site of continuing scientific investigation. Currently, geologists, biologists, biochemists, ecologists and zoologist are working far away from the tourist routes.</p>	PL
Portugal	Mine of Neves – Corvo	http://e-geo.ineti.pt/geociencias/edicoes_online/teses/mjb/mjb.htm	<p>The Crow Snow Mine the most important discovered mineral deposit in Portugal and, one of the most important graves of copper of the world. While visiting the mine, you should consider its important impact on the economy and chemical impact in the superficial environment of the area and in the region, where also six old exploitations are found. The special study was carried in order to characterize chemical elements circulating in this particular system where the existing equilibrium in the primary environment was broken by the extraction of the ore.</p>	PT

Portugal	Lousal Mine	http://www.cm-grandola.pt/PT/Concelho/Patrimonio/Paginas/MuseuMineiroLousal.aspx	The mine of the Lousal was explored between 1900 and 1988, now is the time of preservation and rehabilitation. The project with three scopes (culture, science and pedagogical) is carried and now the mine is open to public. Here you will find the history of mining, industrial archaeology, centre with all documentation and publications. Thus, if you want to open the doors of the universe of the mines, mining and miners, this is the right place.	PT
	Mines of Aljustrel	http://www.museualjustrel.com/MuMA.swf	You are welcome to discover the mines of Aljustrel, which is admitted as archaeological heritage not only in Portugal but also in abroad. The MuMA invites you to make a trip through time, across fixtures used by different cultures in different periods from past to present. It pretends to be a space for investigation, apprenticeship and innovation for everybody.	PT
	Mines of Panasqueira (Beralt Tin & Wolfram)	http://es.geocities.com/garciasaez_jj/panasqueira.html	Panasqueira is located approximately in the centre of Portugal in the province of Beira Baixa. It invites you to discover its famous mines with magnificent elevators of mines and impressive in installation of the mine. The mines were begun exploited in the end of XIX century and till now they are used. The mines of Panasqueira got the name of very rare rosy phosphate Panasqueirita that is very difficult to find.	ES
Spain				

Andalucía	Mines of Tinto River	http://www.revistaiberica.com/Rutas_y_destinos/anda/minas_riotinto.htm	Visiting the mines of Tinto River and its environment is double experience in one fantastic venture. On the one hand, the opportunity to travel through an extraordinary and unique landscape. And on the other hand, the reunion with the past of this town to recall its fight by snatches to the land its more prized treasures: gold, silver and copper. An excellent opportunity that the heirs of that portion of the history they offer us, converting the visit an unforgettable experience.	ES
Cataluña	Mine "Eugenia"	http://www.mnactec.cat/museum/museu_de_les_mines_de_bellmunt_del_priorat.es.htm	You are welcome to discover the Mine Eugenia which was the most important nucleus of the mines of the basin of the Priorat, by its dimensions – some 14 km of subterranean galleries to 620 m of depth – and by its extractive performance. The mining-metallurgical industrial complex was built between ends of the XIX th century and beginnings of the XX th century as complement of the activity of mining extraction.	ES
Cataluña	Mines of Cercs	http://www.diba.es/museus/mmcercs.htm	The mines of Cercs are part of mining colony of Saint Corneli up to 1.000m altitude where this village of miners is situated. The permanent exposition is located in 450 meters down in the mine of Saint Rome, which was exploited between 1861 and 1961, and in the building where miners lived. You are invited to see everything what monks that came there at the end of 1930 transformed into "Home of miner": school, library, café, cinema and much more.	CT
Castilla y La Mancha	Mines of Almadén	http://www.uclm.es/cr/eup-almaden/almaden/paseo.htm	It is estimated that Almadén has produced approximately a third of the mercury consumed by the humanity, having extracted of its mine some seven million and middle of flasks (a flask of mercury contains 34.5 kg of metal). Today you are welcome to see this mine which deposit was formed some 430 million years ago, when the quartzite in today's form were being placed under the sea in a continental shelf of little depth.	ES

Comunidad de Madrid	Mine of Cave of Silver	http://www.abc.es/hemeroteca/historico-27-06-2004/abc/Madrid/bustarviejo-recupera-su-mina-de-plata_9622268985150.html	<p>Although is not easy to arrive (you will need your foot and off-road vehicle) and neither easy to travel through its galleries (humidity, darkness, the wells and the slippery thing of the land requires a lot of precaution to walk for them), you should now in advance that is really worth to. Mine of Cave of Silver now is a barely perceptible hole for the profane one that enters in the depths of the Slope of the Silver, under the Rock of the Rooks. To tell the truth, you just must come and see it!</p>	ES
Extremadura	Mine "La Jayona"	http://personales.com/espana/badajoz/FuenteDelArco/lasminas2.htm http://www.alexur.net/Senderos/numero6/mina_jayona/mina_jayona.html	<p>Mines the Jayona is the zone, rich in veins of iron in limestone calciarium, supposed at the beginning of century were a place of marked economic interest for various hundreds of miners. Here you will find the numerous mining structures: wells, tunnels and galleries that contribute you a very peculiar landscape of forms limestone, colonized by a typical vegetation of Mediterranean ecosystem of wetlands and a fauna that will do the delights of all that that deign to visit this wonderful place.</p>	ES
Switzerland	Mine Käpfnach	http://www.bergwerk-kaepfnach.ch/	<p>The group seeks to increase the attractiveness of the mine and mining, to present to the public the drilling devices that were use particularly in this mine.</p>	DE

The United Kingdom	Levant Mine	http://freespace.virgin.net/levant.mine/	Levant is one of Cornwall's most famous mines and like many others in the county very little is recorded of its early history. Over the years the mine continued to get deeper and to go further under the Atlantic Ocean, reaching its deepest point the 350 fathom level by 1904. To get to and from their place of work the miners had to climb many hundreds of feet on the ladders. After conservation of the Pumping Engine House, Compressor House, Higher Bal Engine House, and several other buildings and structures now the mine is open to you! In the end of 2001 Levant is once again under the management of The National Trust. Also interesting documents, photos and history archives are provided for your interest.	EN
	Llywernog Silver-lead Mine	http://www.silverminetours.co.uk/	Llywernog is an authentic XVIII th century silver mine. A visit to Llywernog offers a fascinating insight into life nearly 200 years ago, when the mine employed over 60 people. Today, Llywernog is a fascinating and educational family adventure, and continues to be developed as a major all-weather attraction. The knowledgeable guides will be always on hand to answer your questions and identify your geological finds that make Llywernog an ideal venue for schools and group visits. "Miner Trail", self-guide footpath around the old workings linking the natural and man made features of the 7 acre site. What is more, you can take a tour underground and you will appear beyond the "earthquake zone" into the forgotten world.	EN
The United States of America	The Crystal Gold Mine	http://www.goldmine-idaho.com/	Here are invited to experience underground adventure in a real gold mine. Educational guided tours for the whole family. Do not forget a sweater or coat because the temperature inside is just approximately 9°C. Moreover, video and flash cameras can be used inside.	EN

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