

MYSTERY: EASTER ISLAND

For many _____ people's minds have been occupied with the mystery of Easter Island, a remote piece of _____ soil far away in the Pacific Ocean.



But our planet hosts thousands of such lonely _____. What is so particular about this one? The mystery is concealed not on the island itself? But the _____ stone statues covering it.

Who created the world-famous _____ stone heads?

Did they serve any specific _____?

Where did their creators arrive from and where did they _____?

What do we know about the island itself?

Rapanui which is the name given to Easter Island by its first _____ is the territory of Chile and is situated in the southern pacific ocean. And it is so far that you can easily consider it one of the most _____ places on the world's map. It lies 1,200 miles away from Pitcairn which is its closest neighbor. Chile itself is

2,300 miles away to the _____. The only transport that can take you there is a plane.



If you want to get to this _____ point you will need to spend five hours on board flying from Santiago Chile to Easter Island.

The area of the island is just 63 square miles. And this _____ territory is home to 887 huge stone statues.

Here are some interesting facts you might not know about them.

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The statues _____ the name Moai, they started to be carved at some point between the 13th and 15th centuries. Rapanui statues are easily _____. Thanks to the peculiar faces. They have long noses, wide chins, _____ ears, heavy brows and deeply-set eyes. It is quite curious that the nostrils curl in the way fishhooks do.

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Firstly, people thought that the statues were made up only by their heads. But _____, it turned out that there are full bodies that are attached to that. It was discovered during excavations in May 2012. The bodies were just hidden _____.

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In fact, the statues are very tall. The biggest one is 33 feet tall and _____ 90 us tons. But that's not the record. One statue unearthed on the island was _____. But according to scientific calculations it had to reach 70 feet in height and weigh about 297 US tons.



Still the heads of the statues _____ from the first sight make up $\frac{3}{8}$ of each statue size. As for the arms, they were carved against the bodies resting in different _____.

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Most statues, 834 out of 887, were carved from the material called tuff, which is in fact compressed volcanic _____. Curiously, all the statues except one group face _____, it means their backs are turned to the ocean.