

Imposing Stone Sentinels stand guard on Rapa Nui, a (1) _____ island that anchors the (2) _____ point of the Polynesian Triangle in the South Pacific. You (3) _____ know it as Easter Island.

About 42% of the island is Rapa Nui National Park a world Heritage property established in (4) _____ to preserve the natural and cultural wonders of this Chilean territory. This Polynesian outposts blossomed in isolation developing a distinct architectural and (5) _____. Moai the enormous heads that dot the landscape are the lasting Legacy of this ancient Society.

The effort to construct these monuments and move them around the island (6) _____ considerable but no one knows exactly why the Rapa Nui people undertook such a task.

The hundreds of Moai standing on Easter Island today were (7) _____ by (8) _____, anthropologists and archaeologists in the 20th century.

To get the best view of the Moai trek to Rano Raraku where the volcanic rock used in their construction was quarried. Of the (9) _____ remaining statues on the island, roughly 400 are strewn in and around the volcanic crater, while most people visit Rapa Nui to explore its (10) _____ history, the island is also home to some excellent diving, (11) _____ and enticing beaches.

It's miraculous that Polynesian people ever reached Rapa Nui in the first place, getting there today is much (12) _____ but the island is still very far afield. Long flights service Rapa Nui from Chile and Tahiti.