

The Mosque

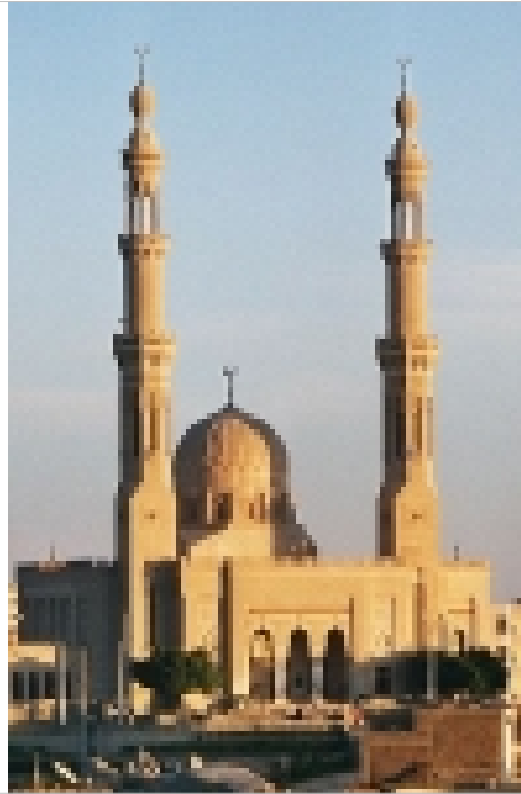


- Arabic Masjid, place for (bowing or kneeling) from which a *adan*, a call to prayer, is made.
- To English from the Spanish mezquita.

(Cunado19, 2005, PD)

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Minaret



- Minaret = a tall spire, traditionally used for call to prayer. This is the most distinctive feature of a mosque, although not all have them.

(Hajor, Aswan, 2002, GNU)



- Domes (qibah) are also common.

(Selimiye Mosque Dome, Jurdjo, 2005, CC-A)



- A Sufi mosque.

(Mouride sufi mosque, Touba, Senegal, 2006,
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Qibla - points to Mecca
Mihrab - place for leader
Minbar - pulpit

- Inside is the prayer hall, an open area with no furniture or chairs. Any decoration will be calligraphy from the Qur'ân.
- A *wudu*, place of washing, is provided.
- Qibla wall points to Mecca.
- Mihrab, a niche in the qibla, where there may be a Minbar, pulpit for the leader or sermons.

(Sultan Ahmed Mosque, Istanbul, 207, Babak Gholizadeh, CC-SA)

Istanbul



- Hagia Sophia (Holy Wisdom), later a mosque and now a museum.

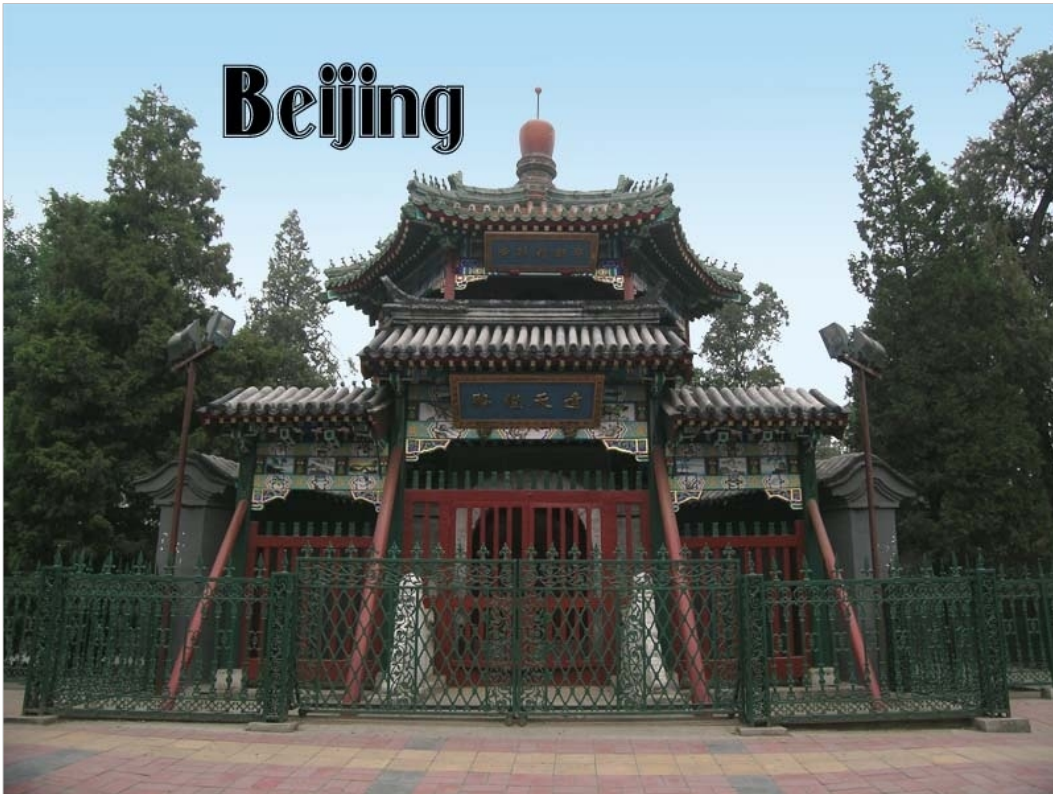
(Robert Raderschatt, 2004, GNU)

Samarkand, Russia



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(Ulugh Beg Madrasa, ca 1910 LoC)



- Niujie Mosque, Beijing (996, rebuilt 17 cent). This has a separate minaret.
(smartneddy, 2006, CC-SA)

Cordoba, Spain



- Cordoba, Spain, where there was a long tradition of Muslims, Jews, and Christians living together.

(Steven Dunlop, Mosque, Cordoba, Spain, 1996, GNU)

Timbuktu



- Timbuktu, use of local materials.

(Ka Tezник, CC-A).



- Bander Seri Begawan, Negara, Brunei.

(Daniel Weiss, 2002, GNU)

Islamabad, Pakistan



- Shah Faisal Masjid, Islamabad, Pakistan
(Wagas, CC-A).

Maldives



- Al Sultan Muhammad Thakurufanau Al Auzam Mosque, Malé, Maldives
(Fizan, 2006, PD)

Banda Aceh, Indonesia



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(islamcity, PD)



- Storefront mosque in London.

(Grenavitar, Jamia Masjid, East Ham, London, 2005, PD)

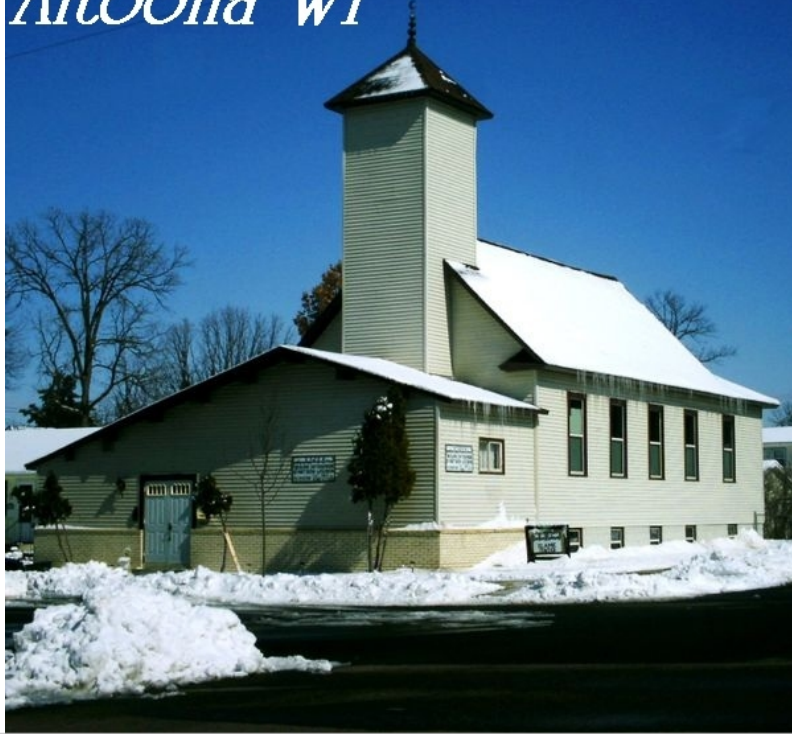
Abiquiu, New Mexico



- New Mexico

(US State Department)

Altoona WI



- Altoona WI, Islamic Society of Northern Wisconsin.

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