

Where in the World Is Mrs. Waffenschmidt? # 35



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I look tiny compared to one of the four gigantic statues that stand guard at the entrance to this very old temple. Built more than 3,000 years ago by a king, the statues rise to a height of about 65 feet. They were cut from sandstone cliffs found along a famous river in Africa. Actually, there are two temples at this site. I am standing beside the largest one, called the Great Temple. In 1964, when more water was needed for this desert nation, a man-made lake -- Lake Nasser -- was created nearby. That lake threatened this beautiful site so workers cut the statues into pieces and then reassembled them on higher ground about 200 feet above their original locations. I love doing jigsaw puzzles, but that must have been a very difficult puzzle to complete! The job of saving those two temples was done in the 1960s and cost \$36 million. If you look closely at the temples' statues, you can still see some of the cuts in the blocks; but most of the joints have been filled so it looks like the statues have always stood here.

Can you name the place I am visiting? Where in the world is this place found?

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