

Where in the World Is Mrs. Waffenschmidt? # 27

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Read the paragraph below. In that paragraph, everybody's favorite adventurer, Mrs. Waffenschmidt, offers clues about the place she is visiting today. Use those clues to help you figure out where in the world Mrs. Waffenschmidt is. Write your answer on the line at the bottom of the page.



Kalimera. That's how you might say "good morning" in the country I am visiting today. I have just climbed up a hill called the "Acropolis" to get to this famous site -- which has stood on this hill for almost 2,500 years. Built between 447 B.C. and 432 B.C., this temple was built to honor the goddess Athena, the mythical founder of this city. Forty-six huge columns surround this rectangular site that at one time held a 40-foot-tall statue of Athena. The statue was made of gold and ivory. Even though this temple is old -- no, ancient! -- it is not age that has caused the most damage to it. My tour guide tells me that around 300 B.C. a leader removed the gold from the statue and used it to pay his army. In the 1600s, the building was used to store gunpowder. Hmmm, can you guess what happened? **BANG!** The gunpowder exploded and damaged the entire center of the structure. Automobile exhaust, acid rain, and pollution from nearby factories are also causing damage to the famous site. One of my friends on this tour is from Nashville, Tennessee. She tells me that you can visit a full-size replica of this place in Nashville.

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

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