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Arg	Argentina
Bol	Bolivia
Bra	Brazil
Chi	Chile
Col	Colombia
Ecu	Ecuador
FG	French Guiana
Guy	Guyana
Par	Paraguay
Per	Peru
Sur	Suriname
Uru	Uruguay
Ven	Venezuela

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- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Ruin
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

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- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing
- Snorkeling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
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- Windsurfing
- Other Activity

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- Sleeping
- Camping

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- Eating

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- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

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- Entertainment

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- Shopping

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- Capital (State/Province)
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- Regional/Suburb
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- Mudflat
- Park/Forest
- Sight (Building)
- Sportsground
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