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A harbour is a place where ships can seek shelter. The concept of ‘shelter’ has to include anchorages, landing places on beaches, and ports including structures such as access channels, breakwaters, jetties, landing stages, quays, warehouses for storing commodities and equipment, shipsheds and slipways. Shelters of interest for this catalogue include all places which may have been used by seafarers sailing over long distances. This means that villae maritimae are of interest, but shelters for the likes of local fishermen, who may have landed their boats on the beach in front of their homes, are of less interest. In another limitation, only maritime harbours and some river ports that could be reached by deep sea ships are considered.

The project is based on a study of existing documentation. The result is a list of nearly **6000 ancient ports** based on the writings of around **100 ancient authors** and **hundreds of modern authors**, incl. the Barrington Atlas. The considered area spans from Iceland to Sri Lanka. This list includes around 90 Neolithic places, 40 Etruscan ports, 120 Minoan ports, 190 Mycenaean ports and 340 Phoenician ports and many Greek and Roman ports. Around 200 “potential ancient harbours” from a nautical point of view, have been added, based on nautical guides/pilots used by modern sailors.

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