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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: BOLIVIA
AUGUST 6, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: BOLIVIA, A COUNTRY IN SOUTH AMERICA CELEBRATES ITS INDEPENDENCE DAY. IT WAS ON AUGUST 6, 1825, AFTER SIMÓN BOLÍVAR AND ANTONIO JOSÉ DE SUCRE'S DECISIVE VICTORY FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM SPAIN IN 1824 AT THE BATTLE OF AYACUCHO, THAT THE TERRITORY WE KNOW TODAY AS BOLIVIA FORMALLY SEPARATED FROM PERÚ AND BECAME AN INDEPENDENT STATE. THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS PROCLAIMED IN A CITY WHICH TODAY BEARS ANTONIO JOSÉ DE SUCRE'S NAME, SUCRE, BOLIVIA'S CONSTITUTIONAL CAPITAL. ON THIS DAY WE CONGRATULATE OUR BOLIVIAN FRIENDS AND INVITE YOU TO DISCOVER ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST FASCINATING NATURAL SPOTS, THE SALAR DE UYUNI.



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THE MAGNIFICENT SALAR DE UYUNI IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST SALT FLAT WITH AN AREA OF 12,000 KM². IT IS LOCATED AT AN ALTITUDE OF 3,656 M (11,995FT) ABOVE SEA LEVEL IN THE ANDES MOUNTAINS OF SOUTHWEST BOLIVIA. THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THIS PLACE, ITS ENDLESS HORIZONS AND THE REFLECTION OF LIGHT ON ITS SURFACE ATTRACTS HUNDREDS OF VISITORS EACH YEAR, MAKING IT ONE OF THE MOST VISITED PLACES IN BOLIVIA.

THE SURFACE IS A SOURCE OF SALT FROM WHICH 25,000 TONS ARE EXTRACTED EACH YEAR. THE CRUST ALSO COVERS A POOL OF BRINE WHICH IS EXCEPTIONALLY RICH IN LITHIUM, MAKING THE SITE ONE OF THE BIGGEST SOURCES OF LITHIUM IN THE WORLD. MOREOVER IMPORTANT QUANTITIES OF POTASSIUM, BORON AND MAGNESIUM ARE ALSO FOUND IN THE SALAR.

NOW WITNESS THE MAGIC OF THIS PLACE. THIS AND MUCH MORE AWAIT YOU IN BOLIVIA.

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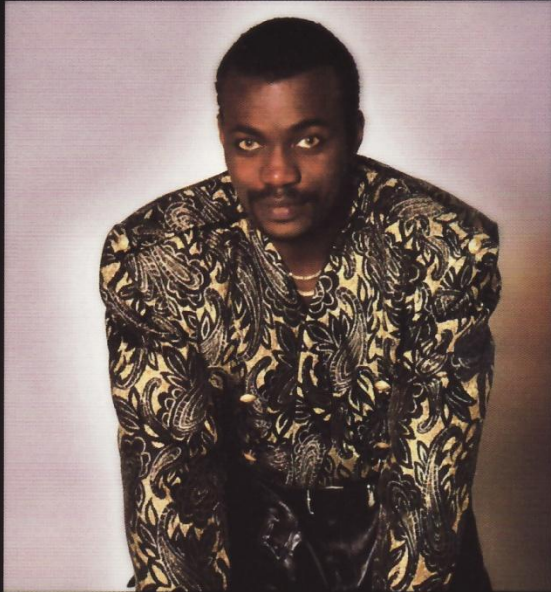


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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: CÔTE D'IVOIRE
AUGUST 7, 2012

WEDOO MUSIC PRESENTS ORIGINAL MASTERS

MEIWAY



200% Zoblazo

DESTINATION OF THE DAY: CÔTE D'IVOIRE (ENGLISH: IVORY COAST) IS A COUNTRY IN WEST AFRICA. TODAY, AUGUST 7, CÔTE D'IVOIRE CELEBRATES ITS NATIONAL DAY, A DATE THAT MARKS THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE COUNTRY FROM FRANCE IN 1960. HAPPY NATIONAL DAY TO OUR IVORIAN FRIENDS! ON THIS DAY MUNDUSLINGUA INVITES YOU TO LEARN ABOUT ZOBLAZO, A POPULAR MUSIC STYLE FROM CÔTE D'IVOIRE, AND LISTEN TO THE MOST FAMOUS OF ITS EXPONENTS, FREDDY MEIWAY.

ZOBLAZO IS A MUSIC STYLE AND DANCE THAT DEVELOPED IN THE CITY OF ABIDJAN, CÔTE D'IVOIRE DURING THE 1990S. ZOBLAZO MUSIC IS A MIXTURE OF TRADITIONAL RHYTHMS FROM SOUTHERN CÔTE D'IVOIRE WHICH USES MODERN INSTRUMENTATION SUCH AS SYNTHESIZERS AND ELECTRONIC



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PERCUSSION. OFTEN DANCED TO WITH A WHITE HANDKERCHIEF, ZOBLAZO IS CHARACTERIZED FOR ITS TUNES FULL OF HOPE AND ENJOYMENT OF LIFE.

FREDDY MEIWAY, THE PIONEER OF ZOBLAZO MUSIC, HAS RELEASED A SERIES OF ZOBLAZO RECORDS FROM AS SOON AS 1989. MEIWAY IS KNOWN FOR HAVING INTEGRATED SEVERAL FOLK RHYTHMS FROM BOTH GHANA AND CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND POPULARIZING THE MIX EVER AFTER. ENJOY NOW ZOBLAZO BY FREDDY MEIWAY, THE BEST EXPONENT OF THIS STYLE.

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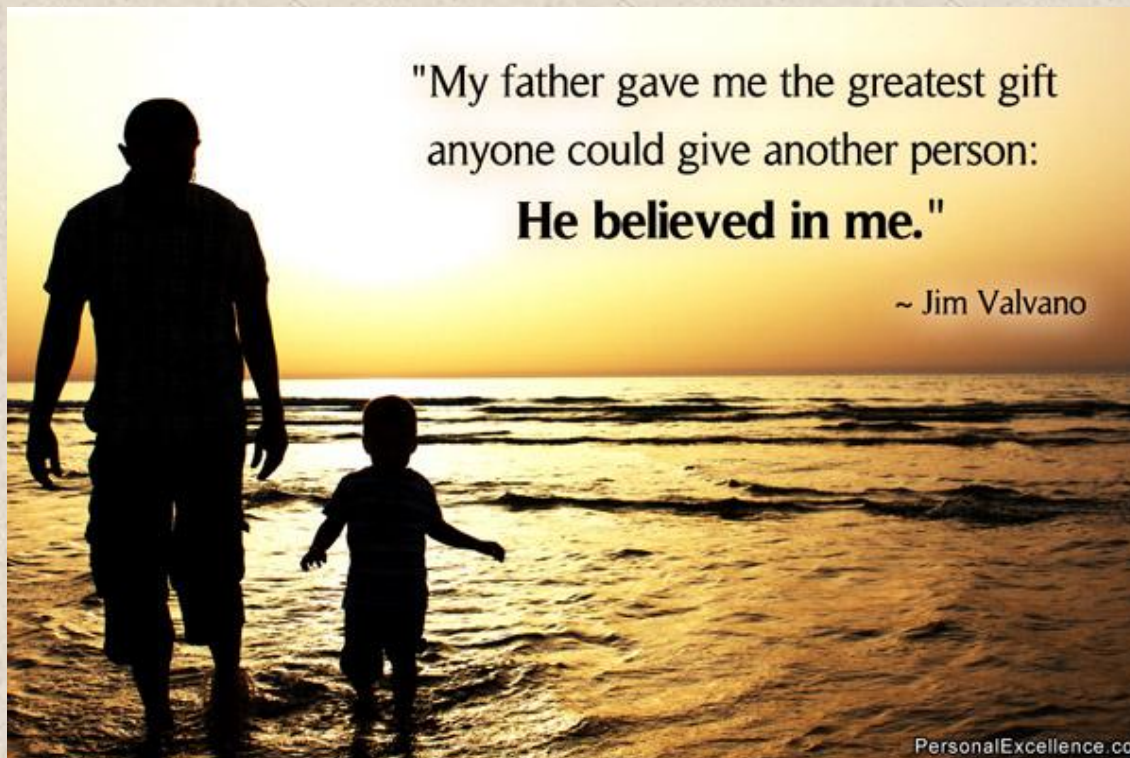
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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: TAIWAN

AUGUST 8, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: TAIWAN CELEBRATES TODAY FATHER'S DAY OR Bā Bā DAY (爸爸節). THIS DAY IS CELEBRATED ON THE 8TH BECAUSE THE NUMBER EIGHT IS PRONOUNCED "Bā," VERY SIMILAR TO THE WORD "Bā" (爸) WHICH MEANS FATHER. TODAY MUNDUSLINGUA INVITES YOU TO TAKE A TOUR WITH US ON TAIWAN AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS BEAUTIFUL TRADITION.

ON THIS DAY THE CHILDREN GIVE TO THEIR FATHERS FLOWERS TO CONGRATULATE THEM, SHOW THEIR RESPECT AND ADMIRATION. MOST PEOPLE MAKE A SPECIAL BREAKFAST FOR THEIR FATHERS, PLAN A FAMILY ACTIVITY LIKE GOING SOMEWHERE FOR A VISIT, AND FINISH THE DAY WITH A FAMILY DINNER IN A RESTAURANT OR AT HOME. TAIWANESE LOVE TO SHARE THIS DAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES. WE INVITE YOU TO LEARN HOW TO CONGRATULATE YOUR OWN FATHER IN MANDARIN TOO!

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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: SOUTH AFRICA
AUGUST 9, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: SOUTH AFRICA IS CELEBRATING TODAY ITS NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY.

IN 1956 A GROUP OF 20,000 SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN MARCHED IN PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA TO DEMAND A CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICAN LAW THAT REQUIRED THE "PEOPLE OF COLOR" TO CARRY A "PASS" EVERYWHERE THEY GO UNDER THE APARTHEID REGIME (1948-1994). THIS PASS RESTRICTED EVEN MORE THE FREEDOM AND LIBERTIES OF BLACK PEOPLE BECAUSE IN CASE THEY DID NOT CARRY IT AT ALL TIMES OR REFUSED TO SHOW IT TO ANY WHITE PERSON, THEY WERE ARRESTED.

THE WOMEN TOGETHER COLLECTED MORE THAN 100,000 SIGNATURES IN A PETITION WRITTEN TO PRIME MINISTER J.G. STRIJDOM TO CHANGE THE PASS LAW. THIS WAS AN OUTSTANDING ACT OF COURAGE FROM THE PART OF SIMPLE WOMEN WHO WERE FIGHTING FOR THEIR RIGHTS TO BE CONSIDERED EQUAL TO WHITE PEOPLE, MAKING THIS WAY AN IMPORTANT



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STEP TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA'S RIGHTS OF EQUALITY. ON THIS DAY, WE COMMEMORATE AND HONOR THESE GREAT WOMEN WHO LED A REVOLUTION TOWARDS GAINING THEIR RIGHTS.

IN 1994, AUGUST 9 WAS DECLARED "WOMEN'S DAY" TO EXALT THE COURAGE PRESENT IN THE HEARTS OF ALL THESE BRAVE WOMEN. COME AND EXPLORE MORE ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA AND ITS CULTURE:

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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
AUGUST 10, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA CELEBRATED THEIR SUMMER FESTIVAL CARNIVAL ON THE 6TH AND 7TH OF AUGUST. WE WANTED TO MAKE A STOP AND SHOW YOU WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

ORIGINALLY A CELEBRATION OF EMANCIPATION, THE CARNIVAL IN ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA HAS BECOME ONE OF THE BEST IN THE CARIBBEAN. THIS BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATION IS WORTH EXPERIENCING ON YOUR OWN. FILLED WITH TYPICAL DANCES, COLORFUL DRESSES AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC, THE CARNIVAL CONSISTS OF TWO MAIN PARADES. THE FIRST ONE IS THE CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL PARADE WHERE CHILDREN OF ALL AGES DRESS IN COLORFUL OUTFITS AND DO MODERN AND TRADITIONAL CHOREOGRAPHIES. THEN THERE IS THE ADULT CARNIVAL WHERE YOU CAN SEE LOTS OF BEAUTIFUL DANCERS AND LISTEN TO GREAT MUSIC (CALYPSO AND ZOUK) PLAYED WITH STEEL DRUMS, A TRADITIONAL INSTRUMENT FROM THE ISLANDS.



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COME AND VISIT ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, A GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS SURROUNDED BY CRYSTAL BLUE WATERS AND 365 WHITE SANDY BEACHES! COME VISIT THE FRIGATE BIRD SANCTUARY IN BARBUDA, THE OBAMA MOUNTAIN, TASTE THE BLACK PINEAPPLE IN ANTIGUA, REST AND MEET THEIR FRIENDLY LOCAL PEOPLE!

WATCH NOW THE ANTIGUA CARNIVAL OPENING PARADE 2011:

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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: LAOS
AUGUST 13, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: LAO ISSARA (DAY OF THE FREE LAOS). THIS HOLIDAY WAS CREATED IN 1945 BY A NATIONALIST POLITICAL PARTY TO DECLARE THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE FROM FRANCE. UNTIL THAT TIME LAOS HAD BEEN A FRENCH COLONY. FROM 1975 ON THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN UNDER A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT THAT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO PRESERVE THE COUNTRY AS A JEWEL IN ASIA. NOWADAYS LAOS IS A GROWING COUNTRY IN THE TRAVEL BUSINESS, SPECIALIZING IN ADVENTURE AND ECO-TOURISM.

IN LAOS YOU CAN GO TREKKING IN THE JUNGLE OF THE SOUTH-EAST AREA OF LUANG PRABANG, KAYAK THROUGH THE GREAT RIVERS MEKONG, NAM KHAN OR THE NAM BACK, OR GO CLIMBING AT THE MOUNTAIN WALLS OF *EAGLE WALL* OR *GECKO WALL*, BOTH IN THE AREA OF LUANG PRABANG. ONE



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LAST ACTIVITY TO DO: VISIT A CENTER FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ELEPHANTS AND EVEN TRY RIDING ONE OF THESE BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS! DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE LAO ELEPHANT FESTIVAL IN FEBRUARY! LAOS IS DEFINITELY A GREAT TRAVEL DESTINATION IF YOU LIKE TO DISCOVER NEW CULTURES AND HAVE A SPORTY SPIRIT!

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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: INDONESIA
AUGUST 14, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: INDONESIA, CELEBRATES PRAMUKA DAY. THIS DAY HONORS THE NATIONAL SCOUTING ORGANIZATION OF INDONESIA. ON THIS DAY ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCOUTING GROUP GO OUT AND MARCH IN A PARADE. THE CELEBRATION OF THIS DAY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO UNITE ALL THE SMALLER GROUPS OF SCOUTS THAT OPERATE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

ON THIS DAY THE SCOUTS SOCIALIZE AND MEET THEIR FELLOW SCOUTS, EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES AND CREATE FRIENDSHIP BONDS. DURING THE DAY YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND DIFFERENT CEREMONIES AND WITNESS APPRECIATION FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION. MOREOVER THE SCOUTS USUALLY CHOOSE A SUBJECT TO CONCENTRATE ON AND CREATE AWARENESS OF. LAST YEAR WAS THE QUALITY OF AIR IN INDONESIA WHICH IS CONTINUOUSLY HAZARDED BY AGRICULTURAL FIRES. BY 2011, INDONESIA HAD 17,103,793 SCOUT MEMBERS, MAKING IT THE WORLD'S LARGEST SCOUT ASSOCIATION AND AN



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IMPORTANT PART OF THE INDONESIAN COMMUNITY. LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AT:

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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: INDIA

AUGUST 15, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: INDIA, CELEBRATES ITS INDEPENDENCE DAY. IN 1947 INDIA GAINED ITS FREEDOM FROM BRITAIN AND SINCE THEN THE INDIAN PEOPLE CELEBRATE THIS IMPORTANT DATE WITH MILITARY PARADES AND DEMONSTRATIONS, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND OTHER FESTIVITIES.

DURING THIS HOLIDAY, THE INDIAN FLAG IS HOISTED ON HOUSES AND OFFICES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. THIS IS DONE AS A SYMBOL OF PRIDE FOR THE CREATION OF THE COUNTRY AND SHOWS PATRIOTISM AND NATIONAL IDENTITY INDIFFERENT OF CASTE OR ECONOMIC STATUS. ON THIS DAY INDIANS TYPICALLY WATCH THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH AND A BIG FLAG IS RAISED IN THE EMBLEMATIC RED FORT IN DELHI.

IT IS ALSO USUAL FOR MANY INDIANS TO DRESS UP, DECORATE THEIR CARS AND PAINT THEIR FACES WITH THE COLORS OF THE INDIAN FLAG. ANOTHER TRADITION ON THIS DAY IS KITE FLYING. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE GO OUT AND FLY THEIR KITES HIGH UP IN THE SKY AS A SYMBOL OF INDIA'S FREEDOM.



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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: RUSSIA
AUGUST 22, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: AUGUST 22 MARKS A SPECIAL DATE IN RUSSIA. NATIONAL FLAG DAY, ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S MAIN STATE HOLIDAYS, COMMEMORATES THE EVENTS IN 1991 WHEN A TRICOLOR, RUSSIA'S CURRENT FLAG (WHITE-BLUE-RED), WAS RAISED OVER THE RUSSIAN SUPREME SOVIET BUILDING.

THE READER MUST REMEMBER THAT AT THE TIME THERE WAS GREAT STRESS IN THE REGION DUE TO THE REFORM PROGRAM THAT MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, THE LAST HEAD OF STATE OF THE SOVIET UNION, WAS IMPLEMENTING. LEADERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION, WHO DEEPLY OPPOSED THE REFORM, ATTEMPTED TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY BY STAGING A COUP (19-21 AUGUST 1991). AFTER THE COUP COLLAPSED IN TWO DAYS AND GORBACHEV RETURNED TO GOVERNMENT, THE CURRENT RUSSIAN FLAG WAS RAISED AS A SYMBOL OF THE RUSSIAN STATE. THE RUSSIAN WHITE-BLUE-RED FLAG REPLACED THE SOVIET FLAG WITH A HAMMER AND SICKLE AND IN 1994 BORIS YELTSIN,



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THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (OFFICIAL NAME OF NOWADAYS RUSSIA), ISSUED A DECREE TO DECLARE AUGUST 22 AS AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY.

VISIT TODAY RUSSIA'S GROUP ON THE CULTURAL NETWORK TO EXPLORE MAGIC CITIES AND PLACES, LEARN BASIC RUSSIAN, DISCOVER KIEVAN RUS AND MUCH MORE:

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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: SWAZILAND
AUGUST 23, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: SWAZILAND, A COUNTRY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, HOLDS ANNUALLY IN LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER AN EIGHT-DAY CEREMONY BY THE NAME OF UMHLANGA OR REED DANCE DUE TO THE TYPE OF TALL, GRASS-LIKE PLANTS THAT ARE USED DURING THE CEREMONY. DURING THIS TIME OF THE YEAR SWAZI UNMARRIED GIRLS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY COLLECT BUNDLES OF REED, DANCE AND SING TOGETHER AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE “NDLOVUKATI” OR THE QUEEN MOTHER.

MUNDUSLINGUA INVITES YOU TODAY ON A TRIP TO SWAZILAND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS TRADITIONAL SWAZI CEREMONY AND WHY IT IS CELEBRATED.

THE UMHLANGA OR REED DANCE DEVELOPED OUT OF AN OLD TRADITION WHERE YOUNG GIRLS GATHERED IN A LARGE GROUP. WHENEVER A GIRL



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BECAME PREGNANT OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE, THE FAMILY HAD TO PAY A FINE OF ONE COW TO THE LOCAL CHIEF. WHEN THE GIRLS REACHED AN AGE THAT WAS CONSIDERED PROPER FOR MARRIAGE, THEY WOULD ENGAGE IN LABOR SERVICE FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER, FEAST AND DANCE.

IN TODAY'S SWAZILAND THE REED DANCE PRESERVES MANY OF THESE PAST TRADITIONS. YOUNG, UNMARRIED GIRLS STILL GET TOGETHER, MEETING NOWADAYS AT THE QUEEN MOTHER'S LUDZIDZINI ROYAL VILLAGE. DURING THIS EIGHT-DAY EVENT THE GIRLS ENGAGE IN WORK TO HELP THE QUEEN MOTHER REPAIR THE WINDBREAKS AROUND THE TRADITIONAL HUTS AND JOIN THE PRINCESSES OF THE MONARCHY TAKE THEIR REED BUNDLES TO A PLACE WHERE THEY THROW THEM, SING AND DANCE IN UNISON. ON THE EIGHT DAY THE KING TYPICALLY COMMANDS THAT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CATTLE BE SLAUGHTERED FOR THE GIRLS. THE GIRLS THEN COLLECT THEIR PORTION OF MEAT AND FINALLY RETURN HOME.

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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: UKRAINE
AUGUST 24, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: UKRAINE OBSERVES TODAY ITS NATIONAL DAY, A DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE COUNTRY FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN 1991. HAPPY CELEBRATIONS TO OUR FRIENDS IN UKRAINE!

VISIT UKRAINE'S GROUP ON THE CULTURAL NETWORK TO LEARN ABOUT THIS DIVERSE AND EXCITING EUROPEAN COUNTRY. WE INVITE YOU TO HELP US PROMOTE YOUR COUNTRY TOO. PUBLISH INFORMATION INSIDE YOUR COUNTRY'S GROUP ON MUNDUSLINGUA WHILE ANSWERING A SIMPLE QUESTION: WHAT IS TYPICAL OF YOUR COUNTRY?



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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: MOLDOVA
AUGUST 27, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: MOLDOVA, CELEBRATES ITS INDEPENDENCE DAY FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN 1991. TODAY THE COUNTRY IS A PARLIAMENTARY REPUBLIC WITH A VERY RICH AND ANCIENT CULTURE THAT CAN BE TRACED DOWN TO THE PRINCIPALITY OF MOLDAVIA IN THE 14TH CENTURY, WHICH LATER BECAME PART OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

ON THIS DAY, THE MOLDOVANS BEGIN THEIR CELEBRATIONS BY LAYING FLOWERS AROUND THE STATUE OF PRINCE STEFAN THE GREAT, THE FOUNDER OF THE MOLDOVAN STATE. THEN THE PRIME MINISTER DELIVERS A SPEECH FOLLOWED BY A MILITARY PARADE. AT NIGHT FIREWORKS ARE LIT



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AND PEOPLE REUNITE IN THE MAIN SQUARE OF THEIR TOWNS TO WATCH LOCAL SINGERS, ARTIST AND OTHER PERFORMERS. PERHAPS ONE OF THE NICEST TRADITIONS ON THIS DAY IS TO SEE PEOPLE GATHER AND CIRCLE DANCE TO THEIR FOLK MUSIC. LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY:

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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: MACEDONIA
AUGUST 28, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: MACEDONIA. THIS LANDLOCKED COUNTRY IS LOCATED IN THE BALKAN PENINSULA, IN SOUTH EUROPE. THE COUNTRY IS KNOWN FOR ITS SCENIC MOUNTAINS AND BEAUTIFUL LAKES. LAKE OHRID IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE OLDEST LAKES AND BIOTOPES IN THE WORLD. ANOTHER WORTH VISITING LAKE IS LAKE MAVROVO. IT IS SITUATED IN MAVROVO NATIONAL PARK AND IS VISITED BY HUNDREDS OF TOURIST EVERY YEAR AS A COOL SWIMMING AND BOATING SPOT OVER SUMMER.

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE HALF-SUBMERGED CHURCH IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE. MOUNTAINS IN MACEDONIA RANGE IN A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ALTITUDES, HAVING QUITE A LOT ABOVE 2000M, MAKING IT PERFECT TO PRACTICE SPORTS SUCH AS ALPINISM, PARAGLIDING, CLIMBING, HIKING, CANOEING, SKIING IN WINTER, AND MORE. IF YOU LIKE ARCHEOLOGY, MACEDONIA IS YOUR PARADISE. DUE TO ITS OLD HISTORY AND PROXIMITY TO GREECE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIND ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES SUCH AS THE AQUEDUCT OF SKOPJE, THE RUINS OF THE ANCIENT ROMAN CITY OF SKUPI, THE ANTIQUE THEATER AND



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TREBENISTA'S GRAVES IN OHRID, THE RUINS OF THE CITY OF STOBI AND COCEV KAMEN (TSOTE'S STONE). COME AND DISCOVER WHAT OTHER THINGS THIS COUNTRY HAS TO OFFER:

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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: SLOVAKIA

AUGUST 29, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: SLOVAKIA CELEBRATES ITS NATIONAL UPRISING DAY, HONORING THE SLOVAK HEROES WHO COMMANDED IN 1944 AN UPRISING TO REPEL THE NAZI INVADERS. THIS IS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY WHERE FLOWER WREATHS ARE PLACED AT THE SLOVAK NATIONAL UPRISING MEMORIAL IN THE CITY OF BRATISLAVA. OTHER IMPORTANT CELEBRATIONS TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY OF BANSKÁ BYSTRICA, WHICH IS KNOWN FOR HAVING BEEN THE CENTER OF THE RESISTANCE.

THE REBELS, OUTNUMBERED BY THE GERMANS, FOUGHT AGAINST THE INVADING FORCES UNTIL OCTOBER 1944 WHEN THE NAZIS TOOK OVER BANSKÁ BYSTRICA AND CAPTURED AN IMPORTANT NUMBER OF REBELS AND LEADERS. ALTHOUGH THE REBELS WERE DEFEATED IN A FEW WEEKS, THE SLOVAK UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE MOVEMENT CONTINUED UNTIL 1945 WHEN THE COUNTRY WAS OCCUPIED BY THE SOVIET UNION. AT THE MUSEUM OF THE SLOVAK NATIONAL UPRISING (WWW.MUZEUMSNP.SK) YOU CAN VISIT AND LEARN ABOUT THIS CRITICAL TIME IN HISTORY.



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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: TURKEY
AUGUST 30, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: TURKEY CELEBRATES ITS VICTORY DAY! THIS NATIONAL HOLIDAY COMMEMORATES THE VICTORY OF THE TURKISH ARMY OVER THE GREEK ARMY AT THE BATTLE OF DUMLUPINAR, MARKING THE END OF THE TURKISH WAR OF INDEPENDENCE IN 1922. THIS IS A DAY WHERE TURKISH PEOPLE MANIFEST THEIR NATIONALISM AND PRIDE. AS YOU WALK ALONG THE STREETS, YOU WILL BE AMAZED TO SEE TURKISH FLAGS HANGING FROM WINDOWS AND BALCONIES. EVEN CARS CAN BE SEEN WITH FLAGS AS THEY DRIVE BY.



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LOCATED BETWEEN TWO CONTINENTS, TURKEY IS A COUNTRY FULL OF HISTORY AND CULTURE, READY TO BE EXPERIENCED. IT HAS BEEN THE CENTER OF MANY ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS, BEING HEIR TO BEAUTIFUL ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS. SURROUNDED BY THE AEGEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN SEA, THE COUNTRY OFFERS MORE THAN 8000KM OF CRYSTAL CLEAR WATERS. COME AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS HIDDEN PIECE OF PARADISE!

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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: KYRGYZSTAN
AUGUST 31, 2012



KYRGYZSTAN CELEBRATES ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN 1991. THE COUNTRY, SURROUNDED BY CHINA TO THE EAST, KAZAKHSTAN TO THE NORTH, UZBEKISTAN TO THE WEST AND TAJIKISTAN TO THE SOUTH, IS KNOWN AS THE “SWITZERLAND OF CENTRAL ASIA” DUE TO ITS FASCINATING SNOWY MOUNTAINS WHICH ARE IDEAL FOR PRACTICING SKI AND OTHER WINTER SPORTS.

KYRGYZSTAN HOSTS THE FASCINATING LAKE ISSYK KUL, THE WORLD’S SECOND LARGEST MOUNTAIN LAKE AFTER LAKE TITICACA IN PERU. OTHER GREAT TOURIST ATTRACTIONS ARE THE JAILOO, A HIGH SUMMER PASTURE WHERE YOU CAN HIKE OR GO ON A HORSEBACK RIDING ADVENTURE. IN ADDITION VISIT DIFFERENT PLACES USED IN THE 15TH CENTURY BY THE PEOPLE TRAVELING ALONG THE GREAT



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SILK WAY. DON'T FORGET TO VISIT ALSO THE TASH-RABAT COMPLEX, A SITE OF ANCIENT SETTLEMENTS FROM THE MIDDLE AGES WHICH IS VERY WELL PRESERVED LOCATED 60KM FROM THE VILLAGE OF AT-BASHI. TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT OTHER MARVELS AWAIT YOU IN THIS COUNTRY:

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