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**JULY 2012** 





### DESTINATION OF THE DAY: CURAÇÃO



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: CURAÇAO, AN ISLAND IN THE SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN SEA CELEBRATES FLAG DAY, A HOLIDAY FOR CREATING A PATRIOTIC ATMOSPHERE ON THE ISLAND. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES AND A WIDE VARIETY OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE ON THIS SPECIAL DAY FOR CURAÇAOANS. AS JULY'S FIRST DESTINATION, MUNDUSLINGUA TRAVELS TO THE FASCINATING ISLAND OF CURAÇAO AND INTRODUCES YOU TO ITS MANY WONDERS.

CURAÇAO IS A SMALL ISLAND IN THE SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN SEA, LOCATED JUST 40 MILES OFF THE COAST OF VENEZUELA. ARUBA AND BONAIRE, ITS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS, ARE LOCATED RESPECTIVELY TO THE WEST AND EAST OF THE ISLAND.

DUE TO ITS INFLUENCE BY DUTCH SETTLERS, CURAÇAO HAS BEEN CALLED A SMALL PIECE OF NORTHERN EUROPE WITH WILLEMSTAD, ITS CAPITAL CITY, COMPARED TO AMSTERDAM. THE ISLAND IS A UNIQUE BLEND OF CULTURES, ARCHITECTURAL STYLES AND FOOD AS A DIRECT RESULT OF ITS MULTIETHNIC SOCIETY.



BEFORE EUROPEAN ARRIVAL IN 1499, CURAÇAO WAS INHABITED ONLY BY ARAWAK AMERINDIANS (INDIGENOUS PEOPLE). FROM THE 1500S ON, THE ISLAND STARTED TO WELCOME PEOPLE FROM AFRICA AS WELL AS REGIONS OF LATIN AMERICA, ASIA AND EUROPE. THIS MAKES OF CURAÇAO A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY WITH SOME 55 ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS.

CURAÇAO IS KNOWN FOR ITS CRYSTAL CLEAR BEACHES WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY THE SUNSHINE AND HAVE ONE OF THE MOST RELAXING HOLIDAYS. FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY A LITTLE MORE ACTION, WATER SPORTS OF ANY KIND ARE ALSO WIDELY AVAILABLE. IN THE EVENING YOU MIGHT AS WELL ENJOY THE NIGHT AND GO DANCING. BEACHES LIKE "MAMBO BEACH" ARE THE CENTER OF CURAÇAO'S NIGHTLIFE WITH RESTAURANTS, CAFÉS, LIVE MUSIC AND MORE.

ALL IN ALL, CURAÇAO IS A PLACE FOR THE SENSES WHERE YOU CAN TASTE THE LOCAL CUISINE, SEE THE ISLAND'S NATURE AND ITS VARIOUS LANDSCAPES, LISTEN TO THE ROARING SOUND OF THE SEA, SMELL TROPICAL FLOWERS AND GET A TOUCH OF THE EXCITING CARIBBEAN.

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### DESTINATION OF THE DAY: COLOMBIA



DISCOVERY OF THE DAY: COLOMBIA, A COUNTRY IN SOUTH AMERICA, IS KNOWN FOR ITS HIGH BIODIVERSITY. THE FLORA OF COLOMBIA ALONE IS UNARGUABLY ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ASPECTS OF THE COUNTRY. MORE THAN 130.000 DIFFERENT PLANT SPECIES HAVE BEEN RECORDED MAKING COLOMBIA THE COUNTRY WITH THE HIGHEST DENSITY OF PLANT SPECIES PER AREA UNIT. JOIN MUNDUSLINGUA ON TODAY'S INTRODUCTION TO THE RICH FLORA OF COLOMBIA. YOU WILL SEE NATURE'S FULL RANGE OF FORMS AND COLORS IN A SERIES OF BRILLIANT PICTURES.

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## DESTINATION OF THE DAY: UNITED STATES JULY 4, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: THE UNITED STATES CELEBRATES ON JULY 4 THE ADOPTION OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, A DOCUMENT SIGNED BY FIFTY-SIX MEN IN 1776 WHICH WOULD BRING FREEDOM TO ALL AMERICANS. MUNDUSLINGUA WISHES OUR AMERICANS FRIENDS VERY JOYFUL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS AND INVITES EVERYONE ELSE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT DAY IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

IN 1776 A GROUP OF MEN MET IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, A CONVENTION WHERE THE DELEGATES OF THE THIRTEEN COLONIES, THE COLONIES ON THE ATLANTIC COAST OF NORTH AMERICA, GATHERED TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT SITUATION.

DURING THIS MEETING THE THIRTEEN COLONIES, WHICH HAD REVOLTED IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION A YEAR BEFORE IN 1775, DEBATED AND REVISED A DOCUMENT THAT WOULD GRANT INDEPENDENCE FROM GREAT



BRITAIN TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. ALTHOUGH THE LEGAL SEPARATION FROM GREAT BRITAIN WAS DONE ON JULY 2, THE THIRTEEN COLONIES ONLY APPROVED THE DOCUMENT ON JULY 4.

THE FOUNDERS OF AMERICA MADE THIS WAY THE FIRST GREAT STEP INTO THEIR INDEPENDENCE. HOWEVER AFTER JULY 4 THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE WAS JUST ABOUT TO START. YEARS OF WAR WERE TO COME UNTIL OCTOBER 19, 1781, THE DAY WHEN THE SIEGE OF YORKTOWN CAME TO ITS END AND GENERAL LORD CORNWALLIS, COMMANDER OF THE BRITISH ARMY, SURRENDERED TO THE AMERICAN AND FRENCH ARMIES THAT FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE. THIS LAST EVENT IS REGARDED AS THE GUARANTEE OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE EVEN THOUGH THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE FORMALLY ENDED IN 1783.

MUNDUSLINGUA WISHES HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS TO ALL AMERICANS AROUND THE WORLD.

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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: ALGERIA, CAPE VERDE AND VENEZUELA
JULY 5, 2012





ALGERIA, CAPE VERDE AND VENEZUELA

DESTINATION OF THE DAY: THREE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD OBSERVE ON JULY 5 THEIR INDEPENDENCE DAY. BY CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER WE FIRST FIND VENEZUELA'S "CINCO DE JULIO" HOLIDAY, VENEZUELA'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FROM SPAIN IN 1811. SECONDLY, WE FIND ALGERIA'S INDEPENDENCE FROM FRANCE IN 1962 MARKING THE END OF THE ALGERIAN WAR (1954-1962). FINALLY WE ENCOUNTER THE INDEPENDENCE OF CAPE VERDE (AN ISLAND NATION IN THE CENTRAL ATLANTIC OCEAN CLOSE TO THE COAST OF WESTERN AFRICA) FROM PORTUGAL IN 1975.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY TO OUR FRIENDS IN ALGERIA, CAPE VERDE AND VENEZUELA. WE INVITE YOU TO DISCOVER TODAY THESE FASCINATING COUNTRIES ON MUNDUSLINGUA.

ALGERIA: <u>HTTP://BIT.LY/PAC6MM</u>
CAPE VERDE: <u>HTTP://BIT.LY/LYD9YH</u>
VENEZUELA: <u>HTTP://BIT.LY/N9J60E</u>



### DESTINATION OF THE DAY: COMOROS AND MALAWI JULY 6, 2012



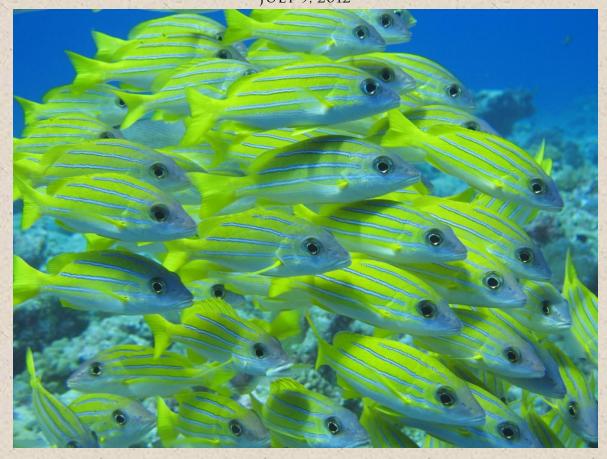
DESTINATION OF THE DAY: THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY ENDS WITH TWO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD THAT ALSO CELEBRATE THEIR INDEPENDENCE DAY. ORDERED BY DATE OF INDEPENDENCE, WE FIND ON JULY 6 THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1964 AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNION OF THE COMOROS FROM FRANCE IN 1975.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY TO ALL MALAWIANS AND COMORIANS. JOIN MUNDUSLINGUA ON TODAY'S TRIP TO DISCOVER THESE MAGNIFICENT COUNTRIES.

COMOROS: <u>HTTP://BIT.LY/RKRDK4</u> MALAWI: <u>HTTP://BIT.LY/LRLSAA</u>



## DESTINATION OF THE DAY: PALAU JULY 9, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: TODAY, JULY 9, IS THE CONSTITUTION DAY OF PALAU, A DAY TO HONOR THE RATIFICATION OF PALAU'S FUNDAMENTAL GOVERNING PRINCIPLES. IT WAS ON THIS DAY IN 1981, THAT PALAU APPROVED ITS CONSTITUTION AND FORMALLY BECAME THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU, ONE OF THE WORLD'S YOUNGEST NATIONS.

MUNDUSLINGUA WISHES ALL PALAUANS A VERY JOYFUL CONSTITUTION DAY AND INVITES EVERYONE TO JOIN TODAY'S TRIP TO THIS INCREDIBLE ISLAND COUNTRY.



PALAU IS AN ARCHIPELAGO IN THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN. LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF THE PHILIPPINES, PALAU CONSISTS OF OVER 300 ISLANDS. WITH A HIGH DIVERSITY OF MARINE SPECIES COMPARED TO MANY OTHER AREAS OF SIMILAR SIZE ON THE PLANET, PALAU IS HOME TO A WIDE RANGE OF CORAL AND SEA CUCUMBER SPECIES, FISH SPECIES AND EXQUISITE REEFS. DUE TO THIS OUTSTANDING VARIETY OF LIFE, PALAU IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP SCUBA DIVING SITES.

PALAU IS ALSO A COUNTRY RICH IN CULTURE AND TRADITIONS WITH MUSIC BEING ONE OF THE MOST NOTICEABLE ASPECTS OF PALAUAN CULTURE. ALTHOUGH PALAUAN MUSIC HAS ITS ROOTS IN MICRONESIA (A SUBREGION OF OCEANIA), INFLUENCES FROM THE UNITED STATES, WESTERN EUROPEAN MUSIC AND JAPAN CAN ALSO BE FOUND. TRADITIONAL DANCES ARE HIGHLY DEVELOPED AND ARE PERFORMED BY VILLAGE GROUPS. WOMEN DANCES ARE SLOW, FORMAL AND ELEGANT WHILE MEN DANCES TYPICALLY INCLUDE WAR STANCES AND STICK DANCES. TRADITIONAL DANCES CAN ALSO INCLUDE COLORFUL CHANTS AND CLAPPING AS YOU WILL SEE IN THE FOLLOWING VIDEO.

WELCOME TO PALAU, A TASTE OF PARADISE.

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### DESTINATION OF THE DAY: THE BAHAMAS JULY 10, 2012



THE BAHAMAS ARE A COUNTRY IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN CONSISTING OF MORE THAN 3,000 ISLANDS, CAYS AND ISLETS. IT IS A POPULAR TOURIST DESTINATION WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF HOTELS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES. WHETHER YOU LIKE A LARGE ISLAND WITH MANY HOTELS AND ACTIVITIES OR YOU PREFER A SMALLER ONE WITH ONLY A FEW ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES, THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS SUIT THE NEEDS OF EVERY KIND OF PERSON.

IN ADDITION BAHAMIAN CULTURE IS RICH AND DIVERSE. ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL EVENTS OF THE BAHAMAS IS THE JUNKANOO



FESTIVAL, THE NATIONAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL OF THE BAHAMAS. IT IS CELEBRATED DURING CHRISTMAS TIME WITH TWO PARADES, ONE ON CHRISTMAS AND THE OTHER DURING NEW YEAR'S EVE. THE EVENT, ONE THAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE SOUL OF THE BAHAMIAN PEOPLE, IS A BIG PARTY FULL OF MUSIC, COSTUMES AND DANCE.

THIS AND MUCH MORE AWAIT YOU IN THE BAHAMAS.

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### DESTINATION OF THE DAY: RUSSIA JULY 11, 2012



ACTIVITY OF THE DAY: TODAY WE MAKE A SMALL PAUSE TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE RUSSIAN PANCAKES. LEARN HOW RUSSIAN PANCAKES DIFFER FROM AMERICAN ONES AND HOW RUSSIANS NORMALLY EAT THEM. PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRY THIS NEW RECIPE FOR A MEAL WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

MAKING RUSSIAN PANCAKES. TYPICAL RUSSIAN PANCAKES, KNOWN IN RUSSIA AS "BLINY" (RUSSIAN: Блины), ARE THIN AND VERY MUCH LIKE FRENCH CRÊPES. HOWEVER BLINY ARE EVEN THINNER. IT IS SAID THAT YOU CAN READ A NEWSPAPER THROUGH A GOOD BLIN. DISCOVER RUSSIAN BLINY AND DELIGHT EVERYONE AT YOUR TABLE WITH THIS NEW RECIPE. HTTP://www.munduslingua.com/chat/index.php/profile groups public?profile Russia



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## DESTINATION OF THE DAY: KIRIBATI AND SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE JULY 12, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: TWO COUNTRIES CELEBRATE ON JULY 12 THEIR INDEPENDENCE DAY. ORDERED BY YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE WE FIRST FIND THE INDEPENDENCE FROM PORTUGAL IN 1975 OF SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE, A PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING ISLAND NATION LOCATED OFF THE WESTERN COAST OF CENTRAL AFRICA. SECONDLY WE FIND THE INDEPENDENCE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1979 OF THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI, AN ISLAND NATION LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN. WE WISH VERY HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS TO OUR FRIENDS IN KIRIBATI AND SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE.

IN ADDITION, MUNDUSLINGUA THE CULTURAL NETWORK INVITES YOU TO LEARN ABOUT THESE TWO ISLAND NATIONS, THEIR RICH CULTURE AND THEIR AMAZING PLACES FOR RELAXATION.

KIRIBATI: <u>HTTP://BIT.LY/PQSKO8</u>

SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE: <u>HTTP://BIT.LY/NMEMDG</u>



## DESTINATION OF THE DAY: MONTENEGRO JULY 13, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: MONTENEGRO, A COUNTRY LOCATED SOUTH OF THE ADRIATIC SEA IN SOUTHERN EUROPE, COMMEMORATES ON JULY 13 STATEHOOD DAY (MONTENEGRIN: DAN DR AVNOSTI). THIS HOLIDAY REMEMBERS TWO SEPARATE EVENTS IN HISTORY. FROM ONE SIDE WE FIND THE RECOGNITION OF MONTENEGRO AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE IN 1878 AT THE CONGRESS OF BERLIN, A MEETING BY THE GREAT POWERS OF EUROPE OF THE TIME AND WHOSE AIM WAS TO REORGANIZE THE COUNTRIES OF THE BALKANS. FROM THE OTHER SIDE, WE FIND ON THE SAME DAY THE UPRISING IN 1941 OF THE MONTENEGRIN PEOPLE AGAINST THE NAZI OCCUPIERS.



ON THE OCCASION OF STATEHOOD DAY, MUNDUSLINGUA TAKES YOU ON A TRIP TO MONTENEGRO TO EXPLORE SOME OF THE MOST INTERESTING PLACES TO VISIT IN THE COUNTRY.

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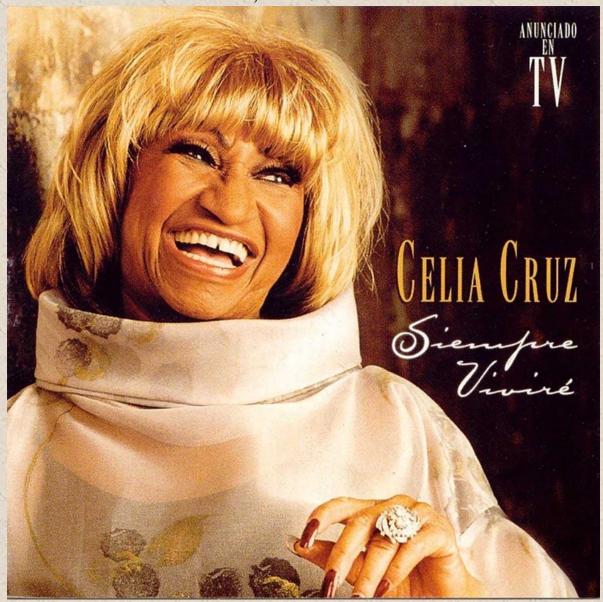
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### DESTINATION OF THE DAY: CUBA JULY 16, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: MUNDUSLINGUA STARTS THIS NEW WEEK WITH A VISIT TO THE ISLAND OF THE SON CUBANO TO REMEMBER THE GREAT CELIA CRUZ, ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SALSA PERFORMERS OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY. ALTHOUGH CELIA PASSED AWAY ON 16 JULY 2003, HER MUSIC CONTINUES TO INFLUENCE THE LIVES OF BOTH YOUNG AND OLDER



PEOPLE AND RECALLS THAT SHE IS INDISPUTABLY THE MOST RENOWNED AND INFLUENTIAL FEMALE FIGURE IN THE HISTORY OF CUBAN MUSIC. LEARN ABOUT THE LIFE, CAREER AND MUSIC OF CELIA CRUZ ON TODAY'S VISIT TO CUBA.

CELIA CRUZ WAS BORN IN HAVANA, CUBA ON 21 OCTOBER 1925. SHE WAS A CUBAN-AMERICAN SINGER AND ACTRESS WHO STARTED HER CAREER IN CUBA AND DEVELOPED IT AFTERWARDS IN THE UNITED STATES AFTER THE CUBAN REVOLUTION IN 1959. SHE NEVERMORE RETURNED TO CUBA.

CELIA STARTED HER CAREER IN 1950 WITH A RENOWNED CUBAN ORCHESTRA BY THE NAME OF "SONORA MATANCERA." DURING THE FOLLOWING 15 YEARS SHE TOURED ALL OVER LATIN AMERICA WITH THE ORCHESTRA AND GRADUALLY BECAME FAMOUS THROUGHOUT THE SPANISH-SPEAKING WORLD.

IN THE 1970S CELIA JOINED A GROUP NAMED THE FANIA ALL-STARS WITH WHICH SHE MADE GREAT SUCCESS AND TOURED AROUND THE WORLD. HER SUCCESS WOULD NEVER LEAVE HER AFTERWARDS AND SHE WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE CONCERTS UNTIL THE LAST YEARS OF HER LIFE. CELIA CRUZ DIED OF BRAIN CANCER AT HER HOUSE IN FORT LEE, NEW JERSEY ON JULY 16, 2003. SHE WAS 77 YEARS OLD.

CELIA WAS THE MOST FAMOUS LATIN-AMERICAN SINGER IN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY. SHE WAS AWARDED MANY PRIZES DURING HER CAREER FROM WHICH WE FIND GOLD AND PLATINUM RECORDS, THREE GRAMMY AWARDS, FOUR LATIN GRAMMY AWARDS AND ANOTHER NUMBER OF PRIZES FROM WORLDWIDE INSTITUTIONS. MOREOVER SHE APPEARED IN ABOUT 10 DIFFERENT MOVIES.

WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER CELIA FOR HER CONTAGIOUS HAPPINESS AND SMILE, HER MUSIC, HER PHILOSOPHY OF FACING PROBLEMS IN LIFE WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND HER UNFORGETTABLE CATCHPHRASE "¡AZÚCAR!" (SPANISH FOR "SUGAR"), A SYMBOL OF HER VIEW OF LIFE AS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD ENJOY AS WELL AS HER PRIDE OF BEING CUBAN.

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### DESTINATION OF THE DAY: SLOVAKIA JULY 17, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: SLOVAKIA, A COUNTRY LOCATED IN CENTRAL EUROPE COMMEMORATES ON JULY 17 THE ANNIVERSARY OF ITS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (SLOVAK: VYROCIE DEKLARÁCIE O ZVRCHOVANOSTI SR). IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE ORIGIN OF THIS DAY WE MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND THAT SLOVAKIA USED TO BE PART OF A LARGER STATE BY THE NAME OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE FALL OF COMMUNIST RULE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1989 WAS FOLLOWED BY THE COUNTRY'S DISSOLUTION INTO TWO SUCCESSOR STATES, THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA. AND IT WAS ON JULY 17, 1992 THAT SLOVAKIA, LED BY PRIME MINISTER VLADIMÍR MECIAR, DECLARED ITSELF A SOVEREIGN STATE.

ON THIS DAY MUNDUSLINGUA INVITES YOU TO SLOVAKIA TO DISCOVER ONE OF THE LARGEST MEDIEVAL CASTLE COMPOUNDS IN CENTRAL EUROPE, THE GREAT SPIŠ CASTLE.

SPIŠ CASTLE (SLOVAK: SPIŠSK HRAD) IS LOCATED TO THE EAST OF THE TOWN OF SPIŠSKÉ PODHRADIE IN NORTH-EASTERN SLOVAKIA. IT IS A NATIONAL CULTURAL MONUMENT WHICH MAKES PART OF THE LARGEST CASTLE COMPOUNDS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THE CASTLE DERIVES ITS NAME



FROM THE SPIŠ REGION, THE HISTORICAL TERRITORY IN THE NORTH OF SLOVAKIA. IT WAS INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES IN 1993.

THE CASTLE HAS A LONG HISTORY WHICH DATES BACK TO ITS CONSTRUCTION IN THE 12TH CENTURY. IT WAS FIRST OWNED BY THE KINGS OF HUNGARY AND THEN PASSED TO OTHER NOBLE FAMILIES. SINCE 1945 IT IS OWNED BY THE SLOVAK STATE.

NOWADAYS THE CASTLE HOSTS A MUSEUM WHICH DOCUMENTS ITS HISTORY AND DISPLAYS AN IMPORTANT NUMBER OF MEDIEVAL OBJECTS AND WEAPONS. MOREOVER YOU CAN ENJOY THE LANDSCAPE FROM THE HILL ON WHICH THE CASTLE SITS. ALL IN ALL, SPIŠ CASTLE OFFERS ONE OF THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES IN SLOVAKIA TO HAVE ON THE SAME DAY A LESSON IN SLOVAK HISTORY, A PLEASANT WALK AROUND THE CASTLE COMPLEX AND ENJOY THE VIEW OF SLOVAKIA'S BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE. NOW TOUR AROUND THE CASTLE AND ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL PLACE. HTTP://www.munduslingua.com/chat/index.php/profile groups public?profile Slovakia

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### ACTIVITY OF THE DAY: RUSSIAN FOR BEGINNERS JULY 18, 2012



RUSSIA'S GROUP ON MUNDUSLINGUA OFFERS A VIDEO FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN INTRODUCTION TO THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE. LEARN BASIC WORDS AND PHRASES AS YOU PRACTICE THE PRONUNCIATION WITH A NATIVE SPEAKER.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO UPLOAD VIDEO LANGUAGE LESSONS TO YOUR COUNTRY'S GROUP ON MUNDUSLINGUA SO THAT OTHER PEOPLE CAN ALSO LEARN YOUR LANGUAGE. <u>REGISTER NOW</u> ON THE FIRST CULTURAL NETWORK:

HTTP://WWW.MUNDUSLINGUA.COM/CHAT/INDEX.PHP/PROFILE\_GROUPS\_PUBLIC?PROFILE\_RUSSIA

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### ACTIVITY OF THE DAY: SURVIVAL SPANISH VOCABULARY JULY 19, 2012



ACTIVITY OF THE DAY: MUNDUSLINGUA HAS RELEASED ITS FIRST SURVIVAL VOCABULARY. THIS LIST OF USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES TEACHES YOU THE BASICS OF SPANISH SO THAT YOU CAN BARGAIN AND EVEN ORDER DRINKS IN A BAR WHENEVER YOU VISIT A SPANISH-SPEAKING COUNTRY.

WE INVITE YOU TO HELP US TRANSLATE THIS VOCABULARY INTO YOUR LANGUAGE SO THAT WE CAN ADD IT TO YOUR COUNTRY'S GROUP ON MUNDUSLINGUA. THIS WAY WE CAN ALL CONTRIBUTE TO HAVING A VOCABULARY AT HAND FOR EVERY LANGUAGE IN THE WORLD. FOR THIS YOU WOULD SIMPLY VISIT ON MUNDUSLINGUA THE COUNTRY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AND FIND ITS SURVIVAL VOCABULARY.



FIND THE VOCABULARY INSIDE SPAIN'S GROUP ON MUNDUSLINGUA:

<u>HTTP://WWW.MUNDUSLINGUA.COM/CHAT/INDEX.PHP/PROFILE GROUPS PUBLIC?PROFILE SPAIN</u>

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### DESTINATION OF THE DAY: COLOMBIA JULY 20, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: COLOMBIA COMMEMORATES ON JULY 20 ITS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. A DAY OF PRIDE FOR ALL COLOMBIANS, JULY 20 REMEMBERS THE DAY IN 1810 WHEN THE PEOPLE OF SANTA FE, NOWADAYS BOGOTÁ, THE CAPITAL OF COLOMBIA, MADE AN OUTCRY FOR INDEPENDENCE. THIS INCIDENT WAS ORIGINATED AFTER A SEEMINGLY SLIGHT DISPUTE BETWEEN THE SPANISH MERCHANT JOSÉ GONZÁLEZ LLORENTE AND A CREOLE, A PERSON WHOSE ANCESTORS WERE AMONG THE FIRST EUROPEANS TO SETTLE IN COLOMBIAN TERRITORY, WHO WENT TO ASK PERMISSION TO BORROW FROM LLORENTE A FLOWER POT FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION. AFTER LLORENTE DENIED LENDING THE FLOWER POT, THE EVENT WAS USED AS A PRETEXT TO BEGIN AN UPRISING AGAINST THE SPANISH VICEROY. THE UPRISING LED TO THE CREATION OF THE FIRST JUNTA FORMED BY LOCALS AND DECLARING INDEPENDENCE FROM SPAIN.



COME AND VISIT TODAY COLOMBIA'S GROUP ON MUNDUSLINGUA TO LEARN ABOUT THIS MAGNIFICENT COUNTRY AND STROLL ALONG THE STREETS OF A COLONIAL JEWEL: VILLA DE LEYVA:

HTTP://WWW.MUNDUSLINGUA.COM/CHAT/INDEX.PHP/PROFILE GROUPS PUBLIC?PROFILE COLOMBIA

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### ARTIST OF THE DAY: RAÚL HURTADO JULY 23, 2012



MUNDUSRADIO, THE RADIO STATION BY MUNDUSLINGUA.COM IS PROUD TO BEGIN THIS NEW WEEK WITH THE PROMOTION OF ARTISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

WE INTRODUCE YOU IN THE FOLLOWING RADIO PROGRAM TO THE MUSIC OF RAUL HURTADO, A YOUNG COLOMBIAN COMPOSER WHOSE MUSIC IS DIVERSE AND EMOTIONAL. YOU WILL LISTEN TO 3 OF HIS WORKS PLUS 1 DJ MIX OF POPULAR HOUSE MUSIC THEMES. THE FIRST SONG, "CHORINHO" (PORTUGUESE FOR "LITTLE CRY" OR "LITTLE LAMENT") IS A SONG INSPIRED BY THE BRAZILIAN MUSIC STYLE CHORÓ. SECOND YOU WILL LISTEN TO A QUARTET IN A FLAT MINOR FOR VIOLIN, CELLO, CLARINET AND PIANO. THIRD AN ELECTRONIC MUSIC THEME BY THE NAME OF "A HUNGARIAN LULLABY," AND FINALLY A FINE DJ MIX. ENJOY:

HTTP://WWW.MUNDUSLINGUA.COM/MUNDUSRADIO/RAUL HURTADO.MP3

REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN ALSO PROMOTE YOUR MUSIC ON MUNDUSRADIO. IT'S FREE. LISTEN TO MUNDUSRADIO BY USING THE "MUNDUSPLAYER," AN APPLICATION ON MUNDUSLINGUA, THE CULTURAL NETWORK, TO TUNE RADIOS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND THAT YOU CAN FIND IN THE LEFT COLUMN ON YOUR MUNDUSLINGUA PROFILE. REGISTER ON MUNDUSLINGUA.COM AND LISTEN TO ARTISTS AND BANDS WHOSE MUSIC NO OTHER RADIO STATION IS PROBABLY PLAYING.



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### BAND OF THE DAY: MUSTARD LATINO JULY 24, 2012



BAND OF THE DAY: TODAY MUNDUSLINGUA IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MUSTARD LATINO. MUSTARD LATINO PLAYS A COMBINATION OF SALSA AND LATIN JAZZ THEMES FROM A VARIETY OF FAMOUS COMPOSERS. BASED IN LONDON, UK, THE BAND IS A MULTICULTURAL BLEND WITH MEMBERS FROM COLOMBIA, ENGLAND, ITALY, SPAIN AND VENEZUELA. THEIR INTENSE VARIETY OF RHYTHMS CREATES AN EXTRAORDINARY ATMOSPHERE ON AND OFF THE DANCE FLOOR. ENJOY TODAY THE BEST OF SALSA AND LATIN JAZZ WITH MUSTARD LATINO. YOU CAN CONTACT MUSTARD LATINO AT WWW.MUSTARDLATINO.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

IN THIS PROGRAM YOU WILL MEET TIBERIO, ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF MUSTARD LATINO, WHO WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO THREE SONGS PERFORMED BY THE BAND. FIRST YOU WILL LISTEN TO "SALSA," A SONG BY THE COLOMBIAN COMPOSER YURI BUENAVENTURA. SECOND TIBERIO INTRODUCES US TO PONCHO SÁNCHEZ'S "BIEN SABROSO" AND HE FINISHES



WITH AN AMERICAN COMPOSER, TITO PUENTE, AND HIS SONG "ODE TO CACHAO."

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### DESTINATION OF THE DAY: TUNISIA JULY 25, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: TUNISIA CELEBRATES ON JULY 25 THE PROCLAMATION OF THE TUNISIAN REPUBLIC. IT WAS ON THIS DAY, ONE YEAR AFTER TUNISIA'S INDEPENDENCE FROM FRANCE IN 1956, THAT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ABOLISHED THE MONARCHY AND PROCLAIMED THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA WITH HABIB BOURGUIBA (ARABIC: بورفينة هـ بـ بـب) AS ITS FIRST PRESIDENT.

ON THIS DAY MUNDUSLINGUA TRAVELS TO TUNIS, THE CAPITAL OF TUNISIA TO EXPLORE THE BEAUTIFUL MEDINA OF TUNIS, ONE OF THE FIRST ARABOMUSLIM TOWNS OF THE MAGHREB (698 A.D.).

THE MEDINA OF TUNIS IS A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE AND RENOWNED TOURIST ATTRACTION IN TUNISIA. CONSIDERED ONE OF THE



GREATEST AND WEALTHIEST CITIES IN THE ARAB WORLD DURING THE DYNASTIES OF THE ALMOHADS AND HAFSIDS (12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Century), the medina of tunis is a testimony of tunisia's rich past.

THIS SITE DISPLAYS ALL THE FEATURES OF AN ARABO-MUSLIM CITY WITH ITS EXQUISITE CENTRAL MEDINA FROM THE 8<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AND SUBURBS TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH FROM THE 13<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY. THE AREA COMPRISES SOME 700 HISTORIC MONUMENTS FROM WHICH WE FIND THE ZITOUNA MOSQUE (OLDEST MOSQUE IN TUNIS), THE KASBAH MOSQUE (13<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY), THE YOUSSEF DEY MOSQUE (17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY), BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED GATES, FAMOUS MARKETPLACES (SOUQS), THE DAR EL-BEY PALACE AND MORE.

WELCOME TO TUNISIA AND ITS MANY WONDERS.

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### DESTINATION OF THE DAY: LIBERIA AND THE MALDIVES JULY 26, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: LIBERIA AND THE MALDIVES CELEBRATE TODAY THEIR INDEPENDENCE DAY. ORDERED BY YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE, WE FIRST FIND THE INDEPENDENCE OF LIBERIA FROM THE UNITED STATES IN 1847 AND THEN THE INDEPENDENCE OF MALDIVES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1965. MUNDUSLINGUA CONGRATULATES BOTH LIBERIANS AND MALDIVIANS ON THIS SPECIAL DAY AND INVITES EVERYONE TO EXPLORE THESE BEAUTIFUL COUNTRIES ON THE CULTURAL NETWORK.

**ACCESS TO COUNTRIES:** 

LIBERIA: <u>HTTP://BIT.LY/OFACZB</u>
MALDIVES: <u>HTTP://BIT.LY/NVDY2D</u>



## DESTINATION OF THE DAY: PUERTO RICO JULY 27, 2012



DESTINATION OF THE DAY: PUERTO RICO, THE ISLAND OF ENCHANTMENT, REMEMBERS TODAY THE BIRTHDAY OF DR. JOSÉ CELSO BARBOSA, A PROMINENT POLITICAL FIGURE IN THE HISTORY OF PUERTO RICO. DR. BARBOSA IS KNOWN FOR HAVING BEEN THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE AN EXAMPLE OF CONSTANT STRUGGLE FOR THE DIGNITY AND EQUALITY OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS, A PIONEER OF COOPERATION BETWEEN PEOPLE, AN OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR AND DOCTOR, AND A BRILLIANT LEGISLATOR. ON DR. BARBOSA'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY MUNDUSLINGUA INVITES YOU TO A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE OF PUERTO RICO, THE MAGNIFICENT FORT SAN FELIPE DEL MORRO.

"CASTILLO SAN FELIPE DEL MORRO ALSO KNOWN AS FORT SAN FELIPE DEL Morro or Morro Castle, is a 16th-century citadel located in san Juan, Puerto Rico.

THE CASTLE LIES ON THE NORTHWESTERN-MOST POINT OF THE ISLET OF SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. NAMED IN HONOR OF KING PHILIP II OF SPAIN, THE FORTIFICATION, ALSO REFERRED TO AS 'EL MORRO' OR 'PROMONTORY' (A LONG NARROW AREA OF HIGH LAND THAT GOES OUT INTO THE SEA), WAS DESIGNED TO GUARD THE ENTRANCE TO THE SAN JUAN BAY, AND DEFEND THE CITY OF OLD SAN JUAN FROM SEABORNE ENEMIES. IN 1983, DURING THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, THE CASTILLO WAS DECLARED A WORLD HERITAGE SITE BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH



THE SAN JUAN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE. OVER TWO MILLION VISITORS A YEAR EXPLORE THE WINDSWEPT RAMPARTS AND PASSAGEWAYS MAKING THE CASTILLO ONE OF PUERTO RICO S MAIN VISITOR ATTRACTIONS. FACING THE STRUCTURE, ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE BAY, A SMALLER FORTIFICATION KNOWN AS EL CAÑUELO COMPLEMENTED THE CASTILLO S DEFENSE OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE BAY." – FROM WIKIPEDIA ARTICLE

WELCOME TO PUERTO RICO AND ONE OF ITS COUNTLESS WONDERS.

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