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WEEK III – JULY 2012





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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



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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: VYROČIE 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: SPIŠSKÝ 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



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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.

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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. [REGISTER NOW](#) ON THE FIRST CULTURAL NETWORK:

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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.



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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.



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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:

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