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DESTINATIONS

WEEK 1 – JULY 2012





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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: CURAÇAO

JULY 2, 2012



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.



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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

JULY 3, 2012



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



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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

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE



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.

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CAPE VERDE: [HTTP://BIT.LY/LYD9YH](http://bit.ly/lyd9yh)

VENEZUELA: [HTTP://BIT.LY/N9J60E](http://bit.ly/n9j60e)



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

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



COMOROS AND MALAWI

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.

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