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WEEK III – AUGUST 2012





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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 A LITTLE 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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