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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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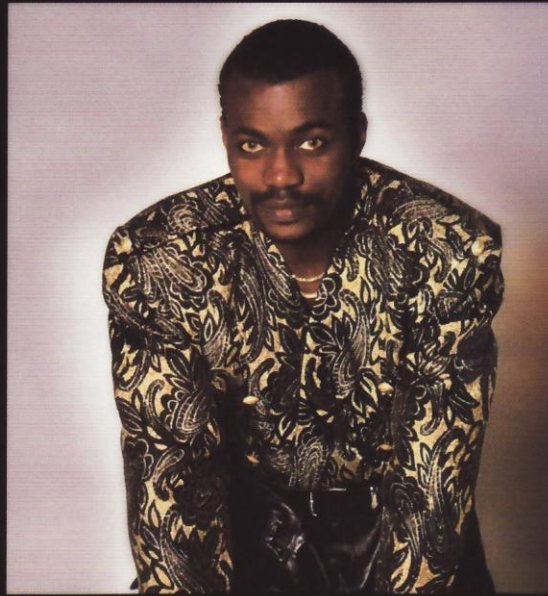


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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: CÔTE D'IVOIRE
AUGUST 7, 2012

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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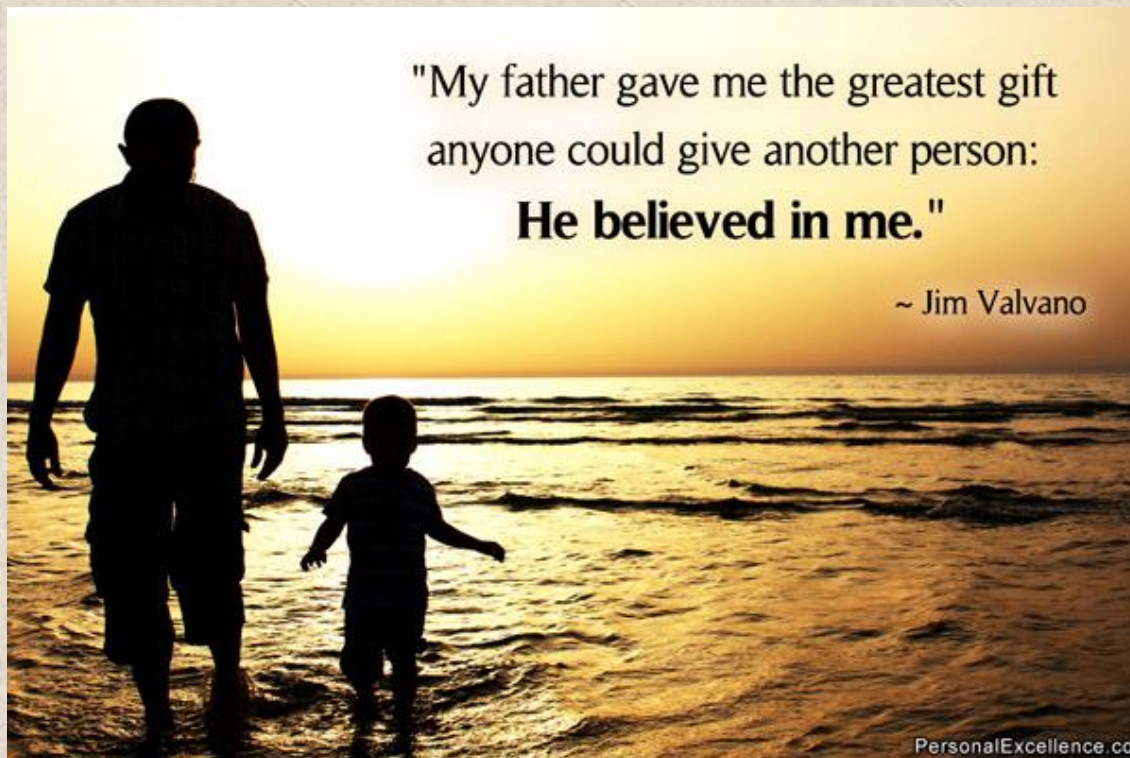
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DESTINATION OF THE DAY: TAIWAN

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 FATHER'S 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" EXALTING 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 DANCE 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 FOR 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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