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WEEK II – JULY 2012





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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.



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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



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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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PHOTO TITLE: JUNKANOO DANCER

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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.

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

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



KIRIBATI AND SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

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.

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SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE: [HTTP://BIT.LY/NMEMDG](http://bit.ly/nmemdg)



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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.



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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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