

Around the World with Folk Dance



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INDIANA CHILDREN'S
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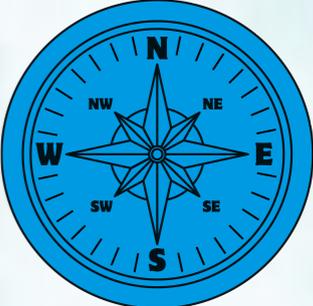
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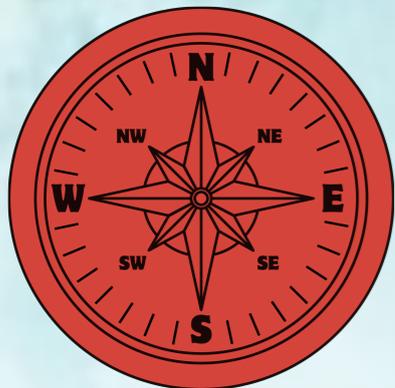
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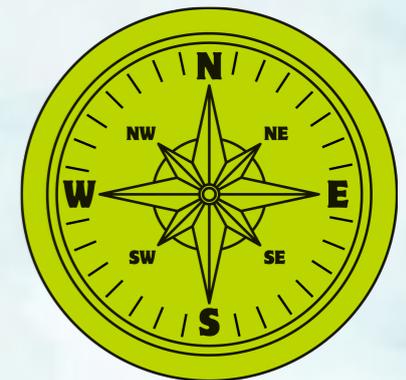
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Scotland

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United States of America

1. America is home to the largest air force.

2. The first astronaut to go to the moon was American.

3. Alaska is the largest American state, but California has the most people.



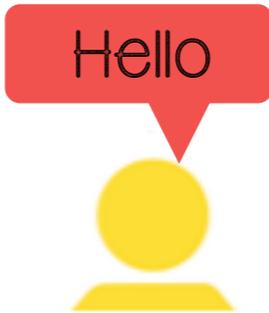
The bison is America's biggest native land animal and can weigh up to 2,000 lbs.



America's national bird, the Bald Eagle, can dive for prey at speeds of 100 mph.



Currency: US Dollar



Featured Dances: Virginia Reel; Grand Colonel Mixer, Montego Bay; Bela Kawe, Iko Iko



Mexico

Featured Dance: Los Machetes



1. The most popular sport in Mexico is football (soccer).

2. Stone tools have been found in Mexico that suggest the existence of humans there around 23000 years ago.

3. Mexican food is known for its range of flavors and spices. Popular dishes include tacos, burritos and enchiladas.



The very strange-looking axolotl, found in the rivers and lakes of Central Mexico is in critical danger of extinction.

The xoloitzcuintli is a hairless domestic dog breed that is iconic to Mexico.



Currency: Mexican Peso



Mariachi Music



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Bolivia

Featured Dance: Chillili:



1. The most popular sport in Bolivia is soccer.

2. There are over 33 indigenous languages spoken in Bolivia.

3. Zebras (or rather people dressed as zebras) wander the streets of La Paz helping children cross the road safely and educating drivers and pedestrians about road safety.



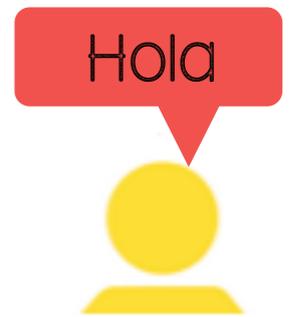

Llamas can grow up to 6 feet tall and can live to be about 20 years old.



The Andean flamingo is the rarest flamingo species in the world.



Currency: Boliviano





South Africa

Featured Dance: Pata Pata



1. South Africa has 3 capitols.

2. South Africa has the largest economy out of all the 54 African states.

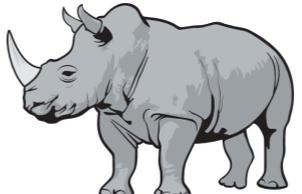
3. Along with English, Zulu, and Afrikaanas, South Africa has 8 official languages!



Lions are the only social cats. This means they are the only cats to form groups, which are called "prides".

Pretoria

Johannesburg



Rhinos can live to be 35-40 years old.

Bloemfontein

Cape Town

Port Elizabeth



Currency: South African Rand



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Russia

Featured Dance: Troika:



1. Russia is the largest country in the world, it spans 9 different time zones!

2. Russia launched Sputnik, the first satellite that successfully made it to space.

3. Russia shares borders with 14 other countries (the most in the world)!




The European polecat is infamous for its foul stench.



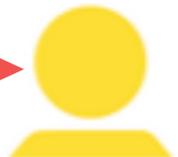
The leaping squid, found off the coast of Russia, can leap out of the water and "fly" for many meters.



Currency: Russian ruble



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China

Featured Dance: Chinese Ribbon Dance

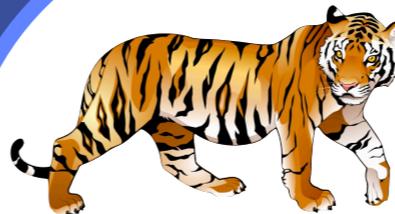
1. The People's Republic of China has more people living there than any other country!

2. China experiences typhoons each year, and also sees a mass of other forces of nature.

3. The border between Nepal and China is marked by the peak of Mt. Everest.



The giant panda, one of the most adored native Chinese animals, is now an endangered species.



Siberian tigers are China's top predators.



Beijing

Shanghai

Guangzhou

Hong Kong

Mt. Everest



Currency: Chinese Yuan Renminbi

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Israel

1. Israel has 2 official languages: Hebrew and Arabic.

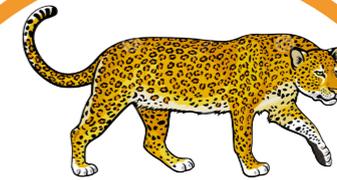
2. Traditional Jewish people take off Shabbat, or a day of rest, which begins on Friday at sundown and continues through Saturday evening. Stores are closed and work isn't permitted on Shabbat.

3. When Jewish boys reach 13 years old, they have a large celebration called a bar mitzvah after which they are allowed to make their own religious decisions. Girls celebrate their own version of this rite of passage called bat mitzvah when they are 12.

Featured Dance: Tzena Tzena:



Fire Salamanders are often kept as household pets and supposedly have a vanilla scent.



The smallest of all leopards, the Arabian Leopard has been critically endangered since 2006.



Currency: Israeli shekel

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Romania

Featured Dance: De Strigat



1. Calea Victoriei was the first road built in Bucharest and initially called The Wooden Road. Why? Because it was paved with tree trunks and planks.

2. The first ever perfect 10 awarded in the Olympic Games went to Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci for her performance on the uneven bars in Montreal, Canada in 1976.

3. The Romanian language is 1,700 years old.




The sounds a Eurasian Lynx makes are very low and often not heard, and their presence in an area can go unnoticed for years!




The Dalmatian pelican is the most massive member of the pelican family.



Currency: Romanian leu



Bună





Greece

Featured Dance: Lerikos:



1. The mainland has rugged mountains, forests, and lakes, but the country is well known for the thousands of islands dotting the blue Aegean Sea to the east, the Mediterranean Sea to the south, and the Ionian Sea to the west.

2. Family life is a very important part of life in Greece. Children often live with their parents even after they get married.

3. Olive trees have been cultivated in Greece for over 6,000 years. Every village has its own olive groves.



A loggerhead turtle female generally nests every two to three years.



To move up and down, seahorses adjust the volume of air in their swim bladders, which is an air pocket inside their bodies.



Currency: Euro

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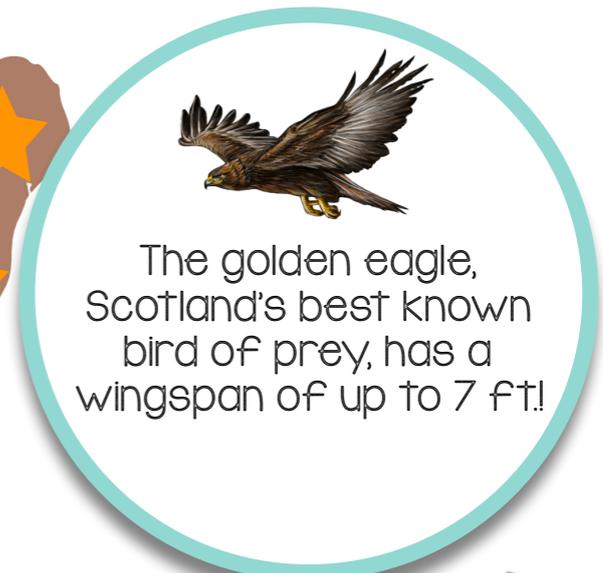




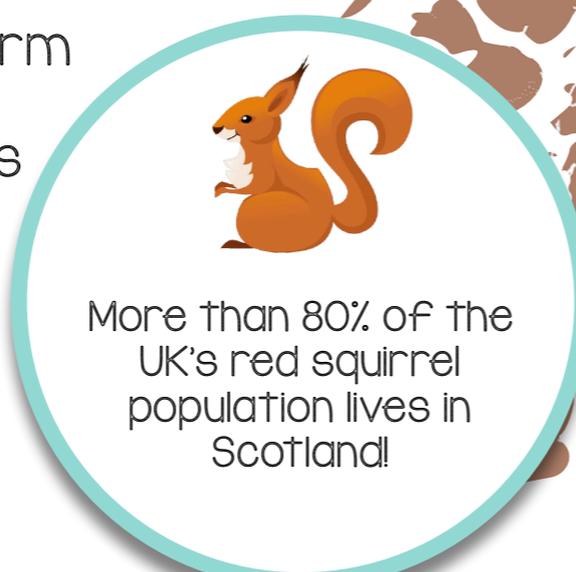
Scotland

Featured Dance: The Military Two Step

1. Although it looks small, Scotland includes over 700 islands!
2. Scotland played England in the first international game of football (soccer), and the result was a draw 0-0!
3. The tallest mountain in Scotland is called Ben Nevis. The name came from the Scottish Gaelic term "Beinn Nibheis" meaning "malicious mountain"!



The golden eagle, Scotland's best known bird of prey, has a wingspan of up to 7 ft!!



More than 80% of the UK's red squirrel population lives in Scotland!



Currency: GBP Pound (£)

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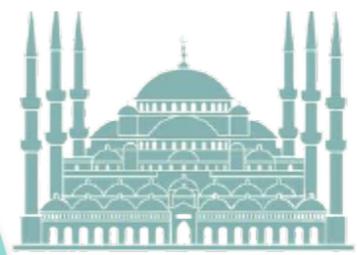
Turkey

Featured Dance: Kalenin Dibinde

1. Turkey has more mosques per capita than any other country.
2. Turkey's largest city, Istanbul is the world's only city that is built on two continents.
3. Turkey was amongst some of the first countries to give women the right to vote. (Before America and most European countries)



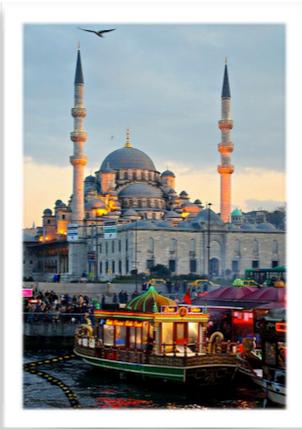
Despite the appearance of camels at holiday resorts, there is no desert in Turkey and no native camels.



Ankara



The Turkish horned viper snake has spikelike scales that poke upward near their eyes.



Currency: Turkish Lira

Merhaba