



Did You  
Know?

# GREECE

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Greece is home to up to 6,000  
islands and islets.


Greece has 18 Unesco World  
Heritage Sites.

No part of Greece is more than  
137km away from the sea.



There are 150,000 English words  
derived from Greek, e.g. economy,  
academy, school, poem,  
philosophy and more...

Athens has the most theatrical  
stages in the world, beating out  
London's West End and New York's  
Broadway.



# DID YOU KNOW?

## ARMENIA

The Armenian alphabet is one of the 3 most advanced in the world.

The 1st church in the world was built in Armenia (Echmiadzin Cathedral)

Chess is a vital part of Armenian culture and it is a compulsory subject at schools.

Armenian bread, the Lavash, was inscribed on the List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Mount Ararat, where Noah's Arc landed, is a principal national Armenian symbol.



# Did you know?

## Cyprus

The oldest wine in the world (Commandaria) is made in Cyprus, dating back to 2000BC.



Cyprus is the 1st country in the world to put its map on its flag.

The entire city of Paphos is a Unesco World Heritage Site.

Cyprus officially has the cleanest beaches in Europe; 99,1% of its bathing waters are of excellent quality.

The world's oldest perfumes were found in Cyprus, dating back to the Bronze Age.

# DID YOU KNOW?

## BULGARIA

It is one of the oldest European countries, established in 681 AD

Plovdiv is Europe's oldest inhabited city.

The folk song "Islele Delyu Haydutin" was sent into space with US Voyager I.

The most famous dish in Bulgaria is called "banitsa"

Almost one third of Bulgaria is covered in forests.



# DID YOU KNOW?

## ALBANIA

Albania is home to more than 3,250 plants, that's around 30% of Europe's entire plant collection.

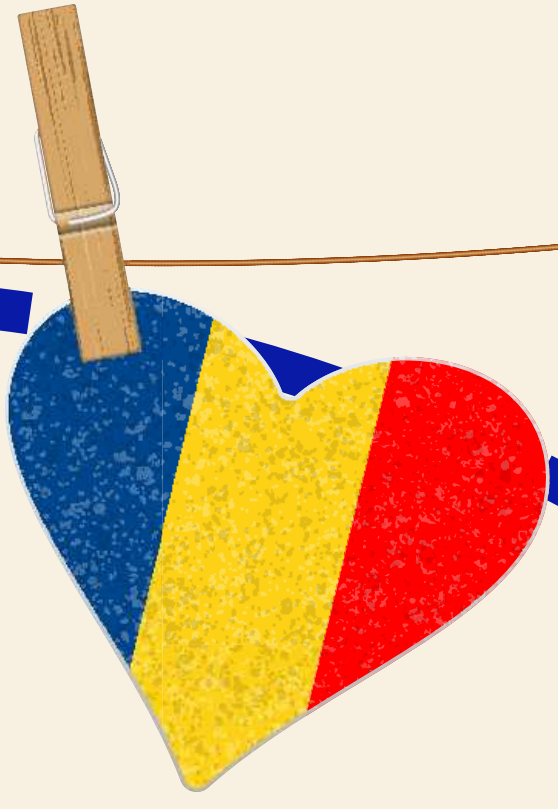
Nobel Prize winner Mother Theresa is a notable figure in Albania.

The Albanian word for "yes" is "po" and for "no" is "jo".

Albania has 300 sunny days a year, making it a popular tourist destination.

The music stars Dua Lipa and Rita Ora have Albanian origin.





The Palace of Parliament in Bucharest is the heaviest building in the world and the second largest administrative building (after the Pentagon).

Romanian poet Mihai Eminescu wrote the world's longest love poem (98 stanzas), a masterpiece of European Romantic Poetry.

The Danube Delta is Europe's best-preserved delta.

The earliest Homo Sapiens fossils, up to now, were discovered in 2002, in southwestern Romania, in the Caves of Bones.

Romanian Bran Castle was said to be the home castle of the legendary Count Dracula.

# Did you know? Romania



# SERBIA

## DID YOU KNOW?

NIKOLA TESLA, A PIONEER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WAS SERBIAN.

THE DERDAP GORGE IS EUROPE'S LARGEST GORGE.

CONSTANTINE THE GREAT WAS BORN IN THE SERBIAN CITY OF NIS.

THE WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE CHEESE IS SERBIAN: IT'S CALLED "PULE" AND COSTS 1,000€ PER KILO!

THE WORLD'S BEST TENNIS PLAYER, NOVAK DJOKOVIC, IS SERBIAN.



# DID YOU KNOW? RUSSIA

- RUSSIA IS THE LARGEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.
- THE FROZEN KINGDOM! PERMAFROST COVERS 66% OF RUSSIAN TERRITORY.
- THE FIRST PERSON IN SPACE WAS THE RUSSIAN COSMONAUT YURI GAGARIN.
- RUSSIA IS HOME TO A LOT OF WORLD FAMOUS AUTHORS: FYODOR DOSTOEVSKY, LEO TOLSTOY, ANTON CHEKHOV.



- ALSO HOME TO MANY OUTSTANDING COMPOSERS LIKE TCHAIKOVSKY, STRAVINSKY, SHOSTAKOVICH.