

FUN FACTS

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE FASCINATING COUNTRY FACTS?

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JAPAN

Japan has the worlds oldest business ever it is called the Nisiyama Onsen Keiunkan and it is a hotel that is 1,316 years old.

In Japan there are a lot of very unique and fun activities like:

In Japan's capital (tokyo) you can live out your fantasy of being in mario kart (or is that just my fantasy). You can get your very own mario kart and dress up like your favorite mario character and ride around the city of tokyo.

Another very popular japanese tradition is KARAOKE (which is japanese for empty orchestra) where you go up on what is usually a small stage and sing along to your favorite songs. Karaoke rooms are rented spaces where you can belt out your favorite tunes in privacy or in the company of friends.



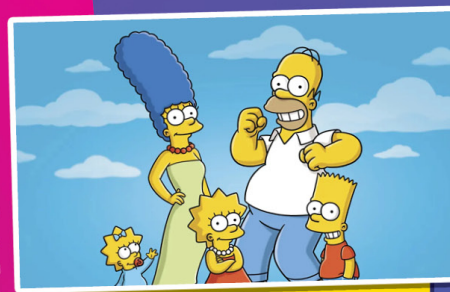
MARSHALL ISLANDS

This Pacific Ocean nation created the largest shark sanctuary in the world. By adding 772,000 square miles of space the Marshall Islands nearly doubled the amount of protected oceans for the sharks



THE VATICAN

The smallest country in the world is the Vatican, with less than half a square kilometer of land. The city-state is completely surrounded by Italy, but is its own separate nation.



VENEZUELA

Residents of this South American country cannot legally watch "The Simpsons" because their former president, Hugo Chavez, deemed it unsuitable for children.



SLOVENIA

Bees are big in this former Yugoslavian republic. Of the 2 million residents of Slovenia about 90,000 are beekeepers. That's 1 out of every 20 people.



THAILAND

In Thailand There's an annual festival that pays homage to its many monkeys. During what they call "The Monkey Buffet Festival" residents of Lopburi provide 4.5 tons of fruits, veggies and candy to the over 3,000 monkeys that live around the ancient temple of Phra Prang Sam Yot.

In the African country Chad they only have one television station which is run by the state

NIUE

In Niue, an island nation in the South Pacific, its coins feature Disney and "Star Wars" characters.

This tiny island may have a meager population of about 1,200 — but it's renowned for having Mickey Mouse on its money.

The South Pacific nation began producing quirky coins — featuring "Pokémon" characters, Disney Princesses and "Star Wars" personalities — in a bid to boost its economy and put the petite peninsula on the map.

The coins are legal tender on the Polynesian atoll, but around the world, they are being traded as collector's items.



ENGLAND

In England every year there is a cheese rolling competition where locals grab a wheel of cheese and roll it down a hill. Then everyone tries to chase their cheese to see if they can beat it to the bottom of the hill. They say that the cheese rolling competition started all the way back in 1826 and nowadays anyone can join in on the tradition. Injuries I hear you ask? Yes...plenty!



AMERICA

America is the most popular country but that does not mean the most populated as it is only the third most populated country on earth.

Americans in total eat enough pizza daily to cover over 100 acres if you total that up it's about 3 billion pizzas a year.

The oldest bridge in the United States is the Frankford Avenue Bridge in Philadelphia. The 73-foot stone bridge was erected in 1697, which makes it older than America itself

