

FUN FACTS

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE FASCINATING COUNTRY FACTS?

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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.



GREENLAND

Greenland has a population of roughly 56,000, about 17,000 of whom live in the capital Nuuk. The sun does not set from May 25th to July 25th. On the Arctic Circle the midnight sun only lasts for about half an hour but the further North you get, the longer it lasts. June 21 (the longest day of the year), is a national holiday. July is the only month when Greenland's temperature reaches above freezing.



VENEZUELA

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



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!



SLOVENIA

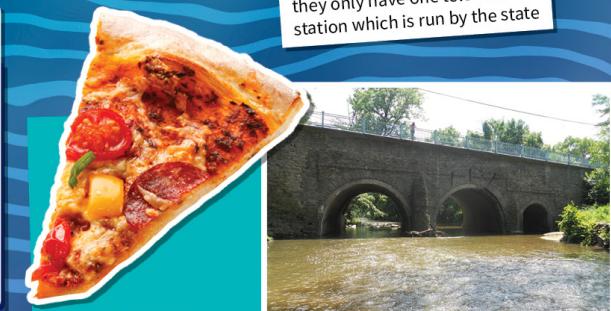
Bees are big in this former Yugoslavian republic. Of the 2 million residents of Slovenia about 90,000 are beekeepers. That's 1 out of every 20 people.



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



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.