

# NORTH AMERICA

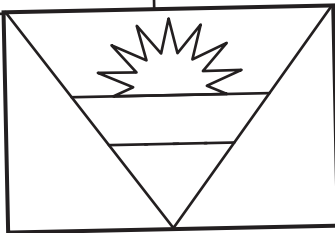
## Antigua and Barbuda

**Capital:**

St. John's

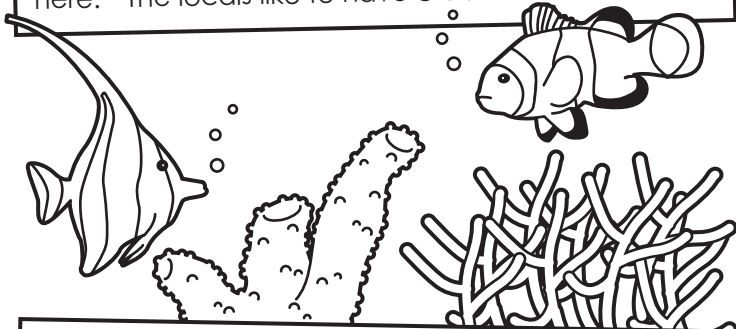
**Official Language:**

English



**Cool Facts:**

Antigua and Barbuda's favorite sport is Cricket and some of the most famous Cricket players were born here.<sup>1</sup> The locals like to have crab races.<sup>2</sup>



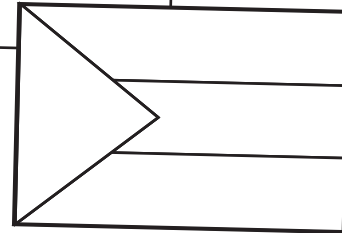
## The Bahamas

**Capital:**

Nassau

**Official Language:**

English



**Cool Facts:**

In the Bahamas there is a beach with pink sand.<sup>13</sup> This country has the world's deepest blue hole in the ocean and one of the world's longest underwater caves.<sup>14</sup> Paradise Island is a popular place to get married.<sup>15</sup>

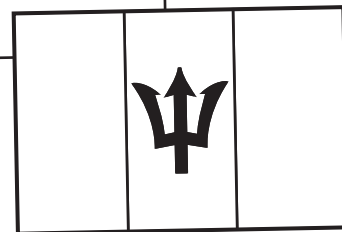
## Barbados

**Capital:**

Bridgetown

**Official Language:**

English



**Cool Facts:**

Barbados means the "Bearded Ones"<sup>3</sup> and has also been called the "Land of the Flying Fish," because of the many flying fish found here.<sup>4</sup>

## Belize

**Capital:**

Belmopan

**Official Language:**

English



**Cool Facts:**

Belize is world famous for its scuba diving, it has one of the largest barrier reefs in the world,<sup>16</sup> is a great place to see whale sharks and it has the world's largest blue hole.<sup>17</sup>

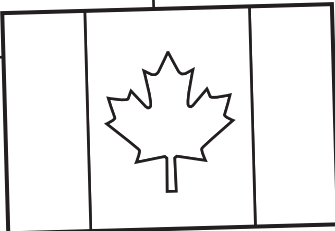
## Canada

**Capital:**

Ottawa

**Official Languages:**

English and French



**Cool Facts:**

Canada is the second largest country in the world and has more than half of the world's lakes.<sup>5</sup> The Bay of Fundy is considered to have the world's highest tides.<sup>6</sup> Canada has the longest coastline in the world<sup>7</sup> and the longest border between countries.<sup>8</sup> The snowmobile was invented in Canada.<sup>9</sup> It has the highest number of doughnut shops, compared to people living here,<sup>10</sup> and it produces the most maple syrup in the world. About 75% of all maple syrup is made here.<sup>11</sup> Each year Canada holds the world's largest international fireworks competition.<sup>12</sup>

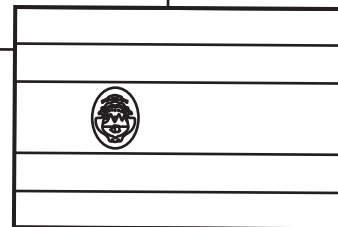
## Costa Rica

**Capital:**

San Jose

**Official Language:**

Spanish



**Cool Facts:**

Costa Rica has many volcanoes, a wide variety of plants and animals and the highest percentage of protected nature areas.<sup>18</sup>

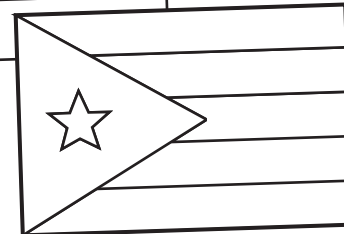
## Cuba

**Capital:**

Havana

**Official Language:**

Spanish



**Cool Facts:**

Cuba has famous colorful cities, many other famous historical sites<sup>19</sup> and its music is world famous.<sup>20</sup> It is a top Caribbean destination.<sup>35</sup>

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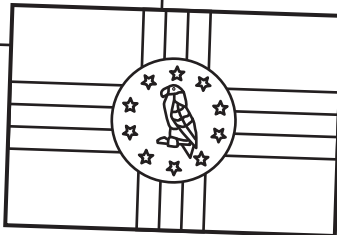
## Dominica

**Capital:**

Roseau

**Official Language:**

English



**Cool Facts:**

Dominica has the world's second largest hot spring and the Sisserou Parrot is only found here and is shown on the flag.<sup>21</sup>

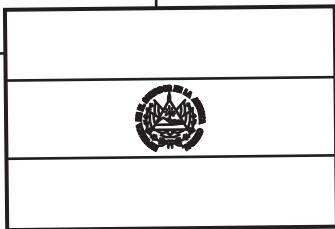
## El Salvador

**Capital:**

San Salvador

**Official Language:**

Spanish



**Cool Facts:**

El Salvador's beaches are famous for surfing and is the only country in North America without a Caribbean coast.<sup>22</sup> The Ruta de Las Flores is a beautiful road lined with wildflowers.<sup>23</sup>

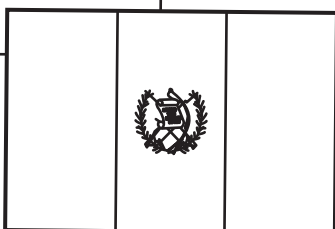
## Guatemala

**Capital:**

Guatemala City

**Official Language:**

Spanish



**Cool Facts:**

Guatemala has many Mayan ruins, rich forest environments and the beautiful Atitlan lake.<sup>24</sup> Antigua, in Guatemala, is a well preserved and famous old Spanish city.<sup>25</sup>

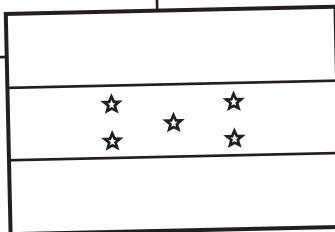
## Honduras

**Capital:**

Tegucigalpa

**Official Language:**

Spanish



**Cool Facts:**

Scuba diving and the Copan Mayan ruins are popular tourist attractions.<sup>26</sup> In Yoro, Honduras, once or twice a year, during large rain storms, fish will rain down from the sky.<sup>27</sup>

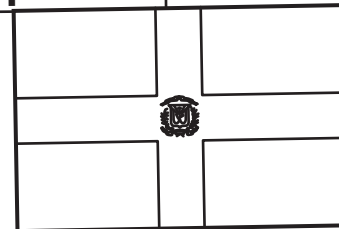
## Dominican Republic

**Capital:**

Santo Domingo

**Official Language:**

Spanish



**Cool Facts:**

Dominican Republic was the most visited Caribbean island in 2014.<sup>35</sup> It has an old history and has the highest mountain in the Caribbean islands.<sup>28</sup> The famous prehistoric Amber Museum is a popular attraction.<sup>29</sup> The merengue music, from here, is one of the most popular types of Latin music.<sup>30</sup>

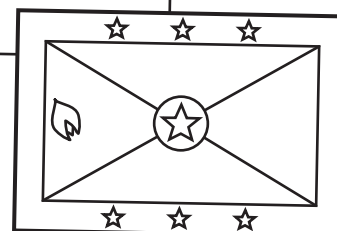
## Grenada

**Capital:**

St. George's

**Official Language:**

English



**Cool Facts:**

Grenada is known as the "Island of Spice" because of the variety of spices grown here. It is the second largest producer of nutmeg in the world<sup>31</sup> and the island has the smell of nutmeg.<sup>32</sup>

## Haiti

**Capital:**

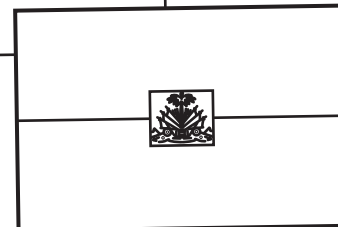
Port-au-Prince

**Official Languages:**

Haitian Creole French and French

**Cool Facts:**

Haiti has many rugged mountains and the city Laradee is a very popular cruise ship destination.<sup>33</sup> Haiti's money was named after the gourd plant.<sup>34</sup>



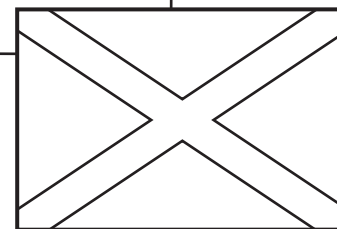
## Jamaica

**Capital:**

Kingston

**Official Language:**

English



**Cool Fact:**

Jamaica is one of the top tourist destinations in the Caribbean,<sup>35</sup> because of its beautiful scenery, resorts, diving and its interesting culture.<sup>36</sup> Usain Bolt, from Jamaica, is the world's fastest running man.<sup>37</sup> Reggae music began in Jamaica.<sup>38</sup>

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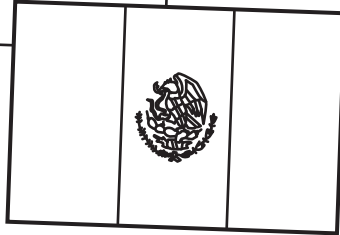
## Mexico

**Capital:**

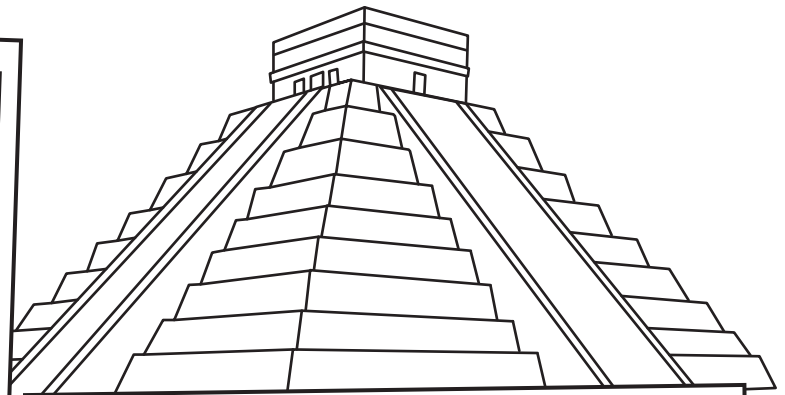
Mexico City

**Official Language:**

None

**Cool Fact:**

Mexico's history includes many ancient civilizations and the country is full of famous ancient buildings. Mexico set up the first printing press in the Americas and has the world's largest bullfighting ring.<sup>44</sup> Mexico City has one of the largest populations in the world.<sup>45</sup> It was built over an ancient Aztec city that was on a island, in a lake and the city is now sinking.<sup>46</sup> Chocolate came from Mexico.<sup>47</sup> It has what is considered the smallest volcano in the world, and has a staircase going inside it.<sup>48</sup> In 1943, the Paricutin volcano rose quickly out of a cornfield and is the only volcano that scientists observed its complete life cycle, from birth to extinction.<sup>49</sup>



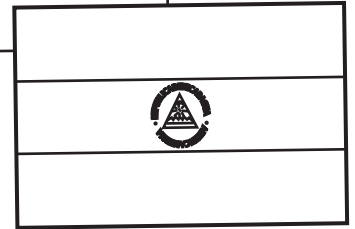
## Nicaragua

**Capital:**

Managua

**Official Language:**

Spanish

**Cool Fact:**

Granada, in Nicaragua, is the oldest city in Central America that was founded by Europeans.<sup>39</sup> The biggest lake in Central America is Lake Nicaragua. It is also the only freshwater lake with ocean animals living in it, like sharks and swordfish.<sup>40</sup>

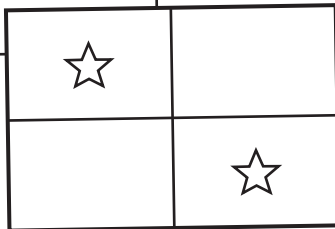
## Panama

**Capital:**

Panama City

**Official Language:**

Spanish

**Cool Fact:**

Panama has a great variety of plants and animals and is famous for bird watching and fishing.<sup>50</sup> The Panama Canal was built by the U.S.A. to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and is considered to be one of the biggest and most difficult building projects in history. Over 25,000 people died while building the canal.<sup>51</sup>

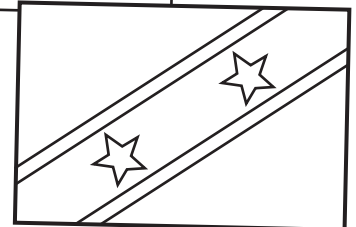
## Saint Kitts and Nevis

**Capital:**

Basseterre

**Official Language:**

English

**Cool Fact:**

This country is made up of two small islands, with very lush vegetation and only one lake, which is a salt pond.<sup>41</sup> The island of Saint Kitts is mostly made of volcanic rock<sup>42</sup> and the island of Nevis has a landscape that is dominated by the Nevis volcano.<sup>43</sup>

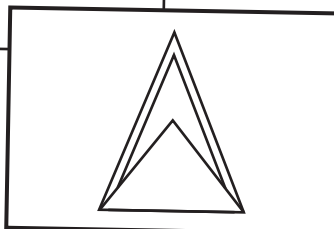
## Saint Lucia

**Capital:**

Castries

**Official Language:**

English

**Cool Facts:**

Saint Lucia is a single island and is a famous vacation spot, with beautiful beaches, lush rainforests and its many luxury resorts.<sup>52</sup> Sulphur Springs is one of the only volcano craters that has a road that cars can drive through it on. The crater has many hot springs and bubbling mud pits.<sup>53</sup>

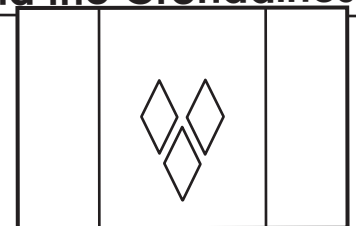
## Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

**Capital:**

Kingstown

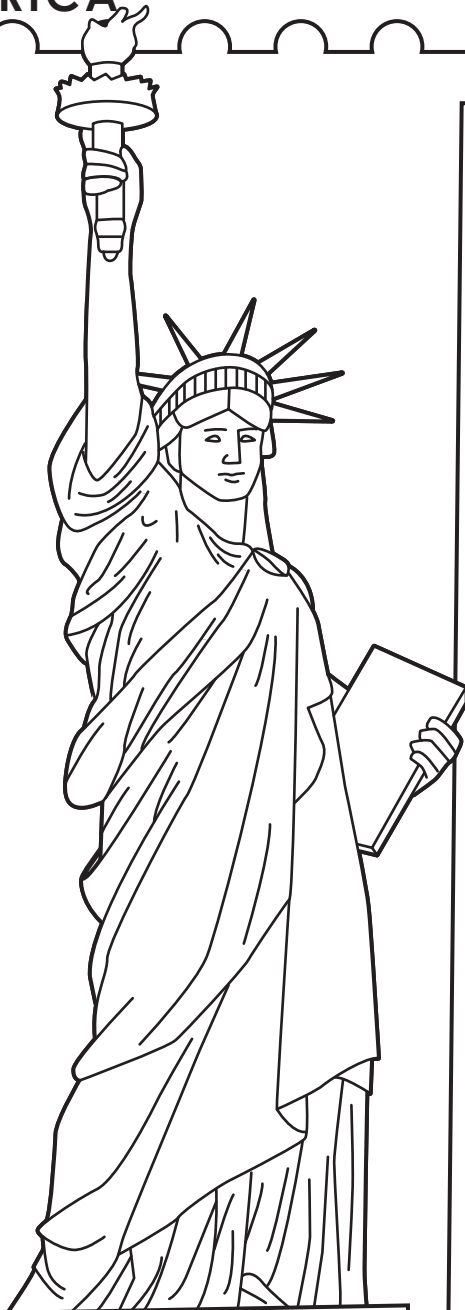
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**Cool Facts:**

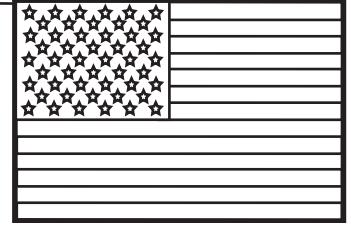
This country is made up of 32 islands, many of which are tiny low islands.<sup>54</sup> It is a popular tourist and world famous yacht destination.<sup>55</sup> Kingstown is known as the "City of Arches," since it has over 400 arches.<sup>56</sup>

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## United States of America

**Capital:**  
Washington, D.C.  
**Official Language:**  
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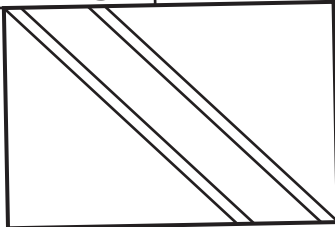


### Cool Facts:

U.S.A. has many of the world's top universities.<sup>62</sup> Many of the most famous inventors were born here, like Thomas Edison and Benjamin Franklin.<sup>63</sup> In 1903, in North Carolina, the Wright brothers flew the first airplane. It was able to stay in the air for 12 seconds.<sup>64</sup> In 1969, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to land on the moon. They were on the moon for just over 21 hours.<sup>65</sup> The Statue of Liberty was built in France, then shipped to and assembled in New York.<sup>66</sup> The first modern skyscraper, the Home Insurance Building, was built in Chicago. The Empire State Building was the tallest building in the world for 40 years.<sup>67</sup> The Golden Gate Bridge is one of the world's most famous bridges and it was the longest bridge in the world when it was built.<sup>68</sup> Yellowstone is considered the world's first national park.<sup>69</sup> The Sequoia National Park has the world's largest and oldest trees.<sup>70</sup> The Grand Canyon is one of the largest canyon's in the world and is considered one of the natural wonders of the world.<sup>71</sup> The Appalachian Mountains have some of the oldest mountains in the world.<sup>72</sup> U.S.A. has the world's most powerful military<sup>73</sup> and is considered to have the world's largest economy.<sup>74</sup> Many famous types of music started in the U.S.A., like rock, country, jazz and blues. Some of the top selling musicians of all time were born here, like Elvis, "The King of Rock and Roll," who sold more than any other individual artist in history.<sup>75</sup> Dr. Seuss was born here and wrote *Green Eggs and Ham* because of a bet, made by his publisher, that he couldn't write a book using only 50 different words. The book ended up with exactly 50 different words.<sup>76</sup> *Snow White* was the first animated movie that was in color<sup>77</sup> and Disneyland Parks are the most visited parks in the world.<sup>78</sup> Many popular sports have been invented in the U.S.A., like Football, Basketball, Volleyball<sup>79</sup> and Snowboarding.<sup>80</sup> The U.S.A. has won more Olympic medals than any other country.<sup>81</sup> Mauna Kea, in Hawaii, measured from its underwater base to its peak, is taller than Mount Everest and it is a dormant volcano, which means it could still erupt.<sup>82</sup> The U.S.A. has almost every type of climate<sup>83</sup> and has by far the most tornadoes<sup>84</sup> and airports in the world.<sup>85</sup>

## Trinidad and Tobago

**Capital:**  
Port of Spain  
**Official Language:**  
English



### Cool Facts:

This country is known for its music and the Limbo began here.<sup>57</sup> Goat racing began in this country and is a popular sport here.<sup>58</sup> Pitch Lake has the largest natural deposit of asphalt in the world<sup>59</sup> and the Trinidad Moruga Scorpion is one of the hottest peppers in the world.<sup>60</sup> It is over 200 times hotter than a Jalapeno Pepper.<sup>61</sup>

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