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Culture

EASTER IN ITALY

Easter is a christian celebration that remembers Jesus resurracton. In Italy people live this day such as an happy and funny day in order to stay with their relatives. On the holy friday, worshippers usually do a procession called Via Crucis to remind the Jesus death. On Sunday breakfast people usually have a big one with sweet bread, boiled eggs, salami and chocolate eggs. At lunch , italian people eat a tipical dish called "coratella", that is lamb s offal . It is very tasty and it is suit with fried artichokes.

After lunch, the families with their little children do the eggs hunting.

It is a really nice game to do in your family. So Italian people really love this celebration.

15th of March

On the 15th of March we are having a „festival“, where we celebrate the liberty fight against the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy. On this day the students need to wear their nice dresses, the boys have to wear a shirt and tie, the girls have to wear sailor blouses and skirts. Every single Hungarian men and women wear some sort of textile medal called „kokárda“. This day is about celebrating concerts and role-plays ,in the schools you can hear speeches about people in the past who were brave enough to give sound to their opinijon, either in a friendly or agressive way.



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Weather

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Spotlight
A short article about today's weather

DID YOU KNOW?
Al'Aziziyah in Libya has the highest recorded temperature on earth at a sweltering 58°C on the 13th Sept, 1922.

WEATHER

WEATHER IN LITHUANIA

This week Hungarians, Italians, Spanish, Croatians and Turkish are visiting Lithuania.

We asked one person from every country to say what they think about weather in Lithuania.

Croatians say that Lithuania's weather is much colder than in Croatia in autumn and it's is very windy and very cloudy.

Turkish say that Lithuania's weather is colder than in Turkey.

Spanish say that weather in Lithuania is very cold.

Hungarians say that Lithuania's weather is very windy and cold and they have the same weather only in winter.

Italians say that weather in Lithuania is too cold also very windy and not very sunny, but they say it's good because we have snow which is very beautiful thing.

In conclusion we want to say that everyone thinks that weather in Lithuania is too cold.

THE SEASONS

There are four seasons in the world. And they are different in the same time.

In the Europe now is autumn and now in Australia is summer.

Also some countries like India have the rainy season and countries like Africa have the dry season.

The weather in autumn is usually rainy and very windy. Also weather in autumn is more cloudy than sunny.

The winter is the coldest season of the year. Some countries even have snow.

The summer is the hottest season of the year. For example summer in Africa

SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT WEATHER

1. Clear Moon, Frost Soon

The idea behind this bit of lore was that if you could see the moon, you would expect frost in the morning. The [Farmer's Almanac](#) says this one is true when the weather is cold enough because without cloud cover to help Earth's surface retain heat, the ground is more likely to lose that heat.

2. Cows Lying Down, Weather on the Way

It's fairly unusual to pass a field of cows and see them all lying down, and folks in farm communities often say that this rare sight is a sign of rain. Are they just trying to stay dry? Or are they feeling symptoms brought on by pressure changes? The Farmer's Almanac refutes this one, suggesting that cows lying down are most likely resting, not preparing for rain.

3. Count the Cricket Chirps, Tell the Temperature

The notion that animals can sense weather extends beyond cows. Crickets are numerous in summertime and much quieter in winter, leading to this notion. But there is actually more truth behind this than you might think! The Farmer's Almanac even [provides a formula](#) to calculate the temperature yourself, next time you hear a cricket.



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Music

Singular Turkish Music

The **music of Turkey** includes mainly Turkic elements. Turkey is a country on the northeastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea, and is a crossroad of cultures from across Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, the Caucasus and South and Central Asia. With the assimilation of immigrants from various regions the diversity of musical genres and musical instrumentation expanded. Turkey has also seen documented folk music and recorded popular music produced in the ethnic styles of Greek, Armenian, Albanian, Polish, Azeri and Jewish communities, among others. Many Turkish cities and towns have vibrant local music scenes which, in turn, support a number of regional musical styles. With the support of Aksu, the resurging popularity of pop music gave rise to several international Turkish pop stars such as Tarkan and Sertab Erener



The Emotional Spanish Music

The **music of Spain** has a long history and has played an important role in the development of Western music and has greatly influenced Latin American music. Spanish music is often associated with traditional styles such as and classical guitar. While these forms of music are common, there are many different traditional musical and dance styles across the regions. For example, music from the north-west regions is heavily reliant on bagpipes, the jota is widespread in the centre and north of the country, and flamenco originated in the south. The breadth of musical innovation can be seen in composers like Tomás Luis de Victoria, styles like the zarzuela of Spanish opera, the ballet of Manuel de Falla, and the classical guitar music of Francisco Tárrega.



Beautiful Music of Croatia

The **music of Croatia** has two major influences: Central European, present in central and northern parts of the country including Slavonia, and Mediterranean, present in coastal regions of Dalmatia and Istria. The most popular music genres are pop and folk music. The folk music is associated with Klapa (a capella singing sung by the group of men) the pop music unites popular with traditional. It's not as meaningful as the folk music since it's produced for entertainment. The most popular croatian pop singer is Severina. Beside Severina, there are some also popular music artists like Jelena Rozga, Nina Badric and Marko Perkovic Thompson



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Food

Potato Börek/Patatesli Börek

Ingredients

2 sheets of yufka or filo pastry equivalent

Filling:

4 small potatoes, boiled

3 eggs

½ cup olive oil

250g/9oz white cheese/beyaz peynir/feta cheese, crumbled

½ cup chopped flatleaf parsley

black pepper

1 tbsp nigella seeds/çörek otu



Cepelinai

Dumpling Mixture:

8 large Idaho potatoes, peeled and finely grated

2 large Idaho potatoes, peeled, boiled and riced

1 medium onion, peeled and finely grated

1 teaspoon salt, more or less to taste

Meat Mixture:

1 pound ground pork or 1/3 pound pork, 1/3 pound beef,

1/3 pound veal

1 medium onion, peeled and finely chopped

1 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper



Pasticada

Ingredients

1/2 to 3/4 cup cooking oil

3 1/2 pounds beef round

1/4 pound smoked bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

salt and pepper to taste

1 pound soup vegetables chopped (carrots, celery, parsley root, parsnips)

2 tablespoons chopped rosemary

1 bay leaf

15 to 20 peppercorns

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1 cup white wine

1 cup beef stock

1/2 cup pitted and halved olives

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Sports

Olympic games

The Olympic games was very successful for all countries according to Erasmus+ especially for Italy because they had the most medals. They had 28 medals in total. Spain was the second best country to achieve 17 medals in total. Hungary had 15 medals, Croatia had 10 medals, Turkey had 8 and Lithuania had only 4.



Famous athletes

In Lithuania the most famous athlete is Arvydas Sabonis. He is a basketball player who later joined the NBA and was selected in the hall of fame.

In Italy one of the most famous athletes is Tania Cagnotto. She is a diver who won a gold medal in a single competition and she earned a bronze medal in synchronised diving.

In Spain one of the most famous tennis players is Rafael Nadal. He is ranked number 6 in the world. Nadal has won 14 Grand Slam singles titles, the 2008 Olympic gold medal in singles, 28 titles in ATP World Tour Masters 1000 events, and 17 ATP World Tour 500 tournaments (a record tied with Roger Federer).

National sports

In Italy, Hungary, Spain, Turkey, Croatia the national sport is football but in Lithuania the national sport is basketball.

The country who wins the most championships it's Italy because Italy won four titles in football. Lithuania has only won one gold medal in basketball in 2003 in Stockholm.

National clubs. In Italy one of the most famous teams is Roma. In Spain the most famous clubs are Real Madrid and Barcelona. In Lithuania the most famous club is Kauno Zalgiris. In Turkey the most famous club is Istanbul Fenerbahce. Hungary the most famous club is Ferencváros.

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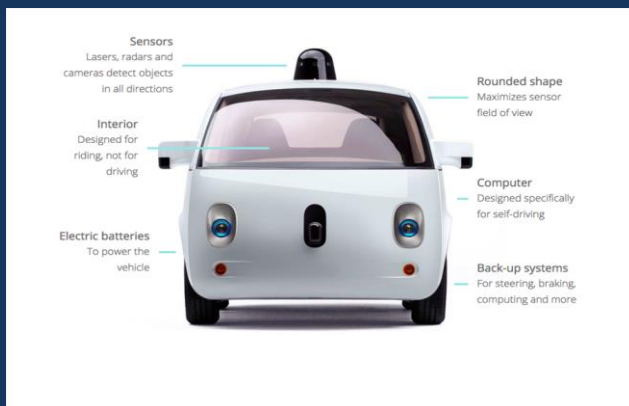
New technologies

Self-driving cars

Self-driving cars use their sensors and software to sense objects like pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles and more, and are designed to safely drive around them. Like any driver, a self-driving car needs to constantly answer these questions:

- ❖ Where am I?
- ❖ What should I do?
- ❖ What will happen next?
- ❖ What's around me?

They've been around for ages, but now we have on-the-road testing and the beginnings of a legislative framework for the cars, they could soon be an everyday reality. Google has announced it's teaming up with Ford to build self-driving vehicles, hinting at large-scale commercial production in the near future.



Solar panel phone screens

With many new technologies, several sets of researchers are currently working to make transparent solar panels better and cheaper, which means that next year could be the year consumers finally get hold of them. Once on the market, they could invisibly collect solar power on phone and computer screens, and even on windows.

SMART TRANSLATOR

Messaging and voice call service Skype recently released a live translation tool, Japan is trialling a live translation megaphone to use during the 2020 Olympics, and Google's Translate app translates street signs and real-time conversations. It looks like technology may finally be breaking down the final barrier in worldwide communication. A translator is a computer program that performs the translation of a program written in a given programming language into a functionally equivalent program in a different computer language, without losing the functional or logical structure of the original code.

