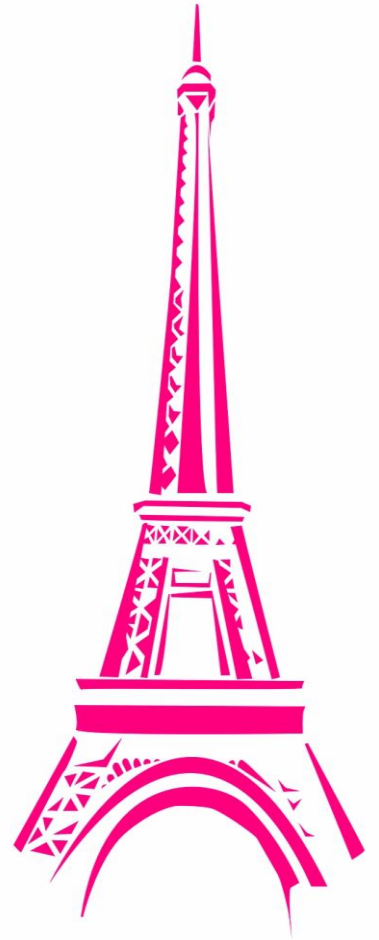


France and Jamaica

— Culture in a new light



Traditional Foods in France



- Baguette Sandwich - consist of freshly baked bread , cheese , tomato , mustard , and cornichons (Sweet French pickles)
- Oysters - typically served raw , and prepared during the holidays (like Christmas and New Years
- Cassoulet- this dish is famous for its diversity . It consist of white beans, duck legs and different types of pork
- Basque-Style Chicken - This dish can be made of duck or chicken. It consist of Bayonne ham, peppers , tomatoes and Espelette pepper .

Typical French Dances

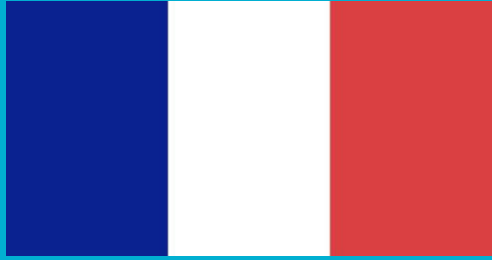


- ❑ The Gavotte - its origin brews from the region of Brittany. The dancers usually dance in lines or circles . It's a fun fast paced dance with a hop to it .
- ❑ The Tourdion - The dance became most popular in the 1400s and 1500s. Participants wear medieval clothing to show respect to its origins. It's a fast paced rhythm , and dancers hop on both feet
- ❑ The Bal-musette - this modern dance became popular in Paris in the 1880's. It's played on the accordion and is played in lower class neighborhoods. You would find people dancing to this music in cafes and other social gatherings

The City of Lights - Religion



Less than half of the French population belongs to the Roman Catholic Church. France is known for being one of the principal catholic countries. But Catholic religion is being challenged due to the growing Muslim population. Church attendance in France is actually the lowest in the world . Less than 10 percent actually participant in weekly mass. Religion is seen as taboo subject in school settings . They avoid conversation consisting of religion and worship.



Language

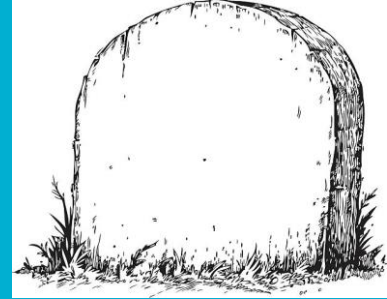
French has been the official language of France since 1992. The regional languages of France are divided into 5 language family subgroups: Vasconic, Italo-Dalmatian, Gallo-Romance, Germanic, and Celtic.

Taboos in French Culture



- Conversation that jumps into your whereabouts and livelihood is viewed as disrespectful . They prefer to speak on topics like culture , art and food .
- To speak on your financial status is considered poor etiquette and bad taste
- To ask individuals about their political status , unless it's brought up is considered rude .
- The common okay symbol used by Americans , is perceived to mean zero or worthless ,
- People that are close don't handshake, they must kiss each other on the cheek
- Red carnations mean badwill , so they shouldn't be given as a present

Culture Shock



- I was surprised to learn that people can marry dead people in France . It requires permission from the president and it originated in the 1950s . Posthumous marriage started when a Danc...e of a dam worker was killed . She asked the president to let the marriage proceed despite, her late Danc...e's death .
- More than 75 percent of english slang consist of the word French. The word French is often associated with sex and intimacy .

French superstitions

- Never seat 13 guest at a dinner table - brings bad luck on to the hostess
- Lighting more than 2 cigarettes with one match is said to cause bad luck
- Leaving your baguette upside down is said to curse individuals with poverty and hunger
- Making eye contact during toast is important to the French , it's said to bring bad luck to the participants if handled improperly
- Wearing new clothes on a Friday causes bad luck

French Celebrations

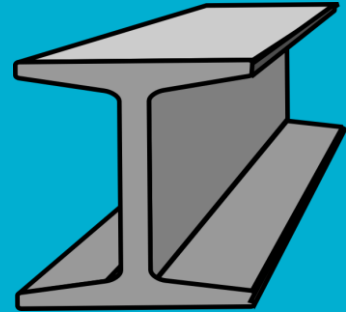
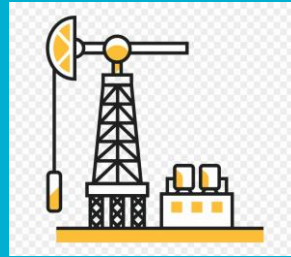


Bastille Day - This holiday is celebrated on July 14th . It's special because it represents the day French citizens started to take back their rights . French citizens united and broke the prisoners out the Bastille Jail . The only offense they committed was not agreeing with the King and Queen . This is recognized as the beginning of the French Revolution. Also King Louis XVI and the Queen, Maria Antoinette was arrested and the Republic was proclaimed a few months afterwards .

French Exports - Worth 567.1 billion dollars

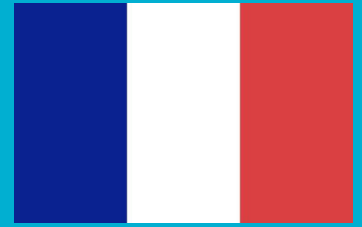
French exports consist of

- Transportation equipment
- Aircraft
- Plastics
- Chemicals
- Iron
- Steel
- Petroleum



Second to Germany, France is the second largest exporter and importer in Europe

What the does this flag mean ???



The red represents the Saint Denis . This color also stands for bravery and the blood of the French

Blue represents Saint Martin , as well liberty and justice

White - this color stands for the republic and monarchy / white stands for peace and honesty

The design - Represents the alliance between the monarch and the people .



Traditional foods in Jamaica

- Ackee and saltfish
- Callaloo
- Jerk chicken
- Festival
- Oxtails
- Curry goat



The food we tried together



Jamaican Taboo

Despite considered acceptable and in fact, legal in some parts of the world, prostitution is still a taboo in Jamaica. So too is homosexuality, although there is a greater acceptance and understanding.

Women smoking is also a taboo. Most Jamaica frown, and in some cases, totally hate the idea.

Obeah or witchcraft is also a taboo, even to the person who goes to the obeah man

Effeminate men, and those who wear earrings, are also a taboo to Jamaicans despite an acceptance in some quarters. The same is true for tatoos.

Abortion is also a big taboo in Jamaica. I can recall at least two relatively recent Jamaican dancehall songs now that openly criticize or demonize it.

Primary Language and Dialect

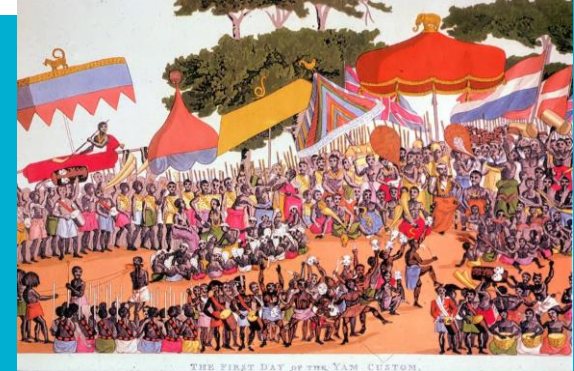


English and patois English are spoken.

Jamaican Patois, known locally as Patois (Patwa or Patwah) and called Jamaican Creole by linguists, is an English-based creole language with West African influences (a majority of loan words of Akan origin) spoken primarily in Jamaica and among the Jamaican diaspora; it is spoken by the majority of Jamaicans

Traditional customs

- Revivalism ceremonies
- Nine night ritual
- obeah
- Kumina dances



Traditional Dance and Music

Bruckins

Bruckins, as a member of the creolised group of traditional dances, reveals a unique mixture of African and European influences. The Bruckins party is a stately, dipping-gliding dance typified by the “thrust and recovery” action of the hip and leg. It was performed in the past mainly to celebrate the anniversary of Emancipation from slavery on the 1st of August, 1838.

Burru

This particular form of dance is a fertility masquerade found in Lionel Town and Hayes (Clarendon). It has familiar features to the Jonkunnu. The dance shows strong fertility elements as evidenced in the deliberate rotating action of the hip while bending through the knees accompanied by breaks of intermittent small jumps.

The music of Jamaica includes Jamaican folk music and many popular genres, such as mento, ska, rocksteady, reggae, dub music, dancehall, reggae fusion and related styles. Reggae is especially popular through the international fame of Bob Marley.



Diversity in Population



ETHNIC GROUPS: Jamaicans are 90.9 percent black, 1.3 percent East Indian, 0.2 percent white, 0.2 percent Chinese, 7.3 percent mixed ethnicities, and 0.1 percent other ethnicities.

RELIGIONS: 61.3 percent of Jamaicans are Protestant, 21.2 percent Church of God, 8.8 percent Baptist, 5.5 percent Anglican, 9 percent Seventh-Day Adventist, 7.6 percent Pentecostal, 2.7 percent Methodist, 2.7 percent United Church, 1.1 percent Brethren, 1.6 percent Jehovah's Witness, 1.1 percent Moravian, 4 percent Roman Catholic, and 34.7 percent other religions, including some spiritual cults

Primary Exports And Crops

Alumina, bauxite, sugar, bananas, and rum Sugarcane, bananas, coffee, citrus, potatoes, vegetables, poultry, goats, and milk



The Flags Meaning



The sun shineth, the land is green and the people are strong and creative” is the **symbolism** of the colours of the **flag**. Black depicts the strength and creativity of the people; Gold, the natural beauty of the sunlight and the wealth of the country; and Green signifies hope and agricultural resources.

1. The original inhabitants of Jamaica cultivated corn and yams. Today, Jamaica is famous for cultivating sugar cane, bananas, and mangoes, none of which are indigenous.

2. Jamaica produces Blue Mountain Coffee, a highly sought-after and expensive coffee that is popular across the globe. It is one of the rarest coffees in the world.

3. In 1988, Jamaica was the first tropical country to send a bobsledding team to the Winter Olympics (Bobsledding – a winter sport in which teams of two or four teammates make timed runs down narrow, twisting, banked, iced tracks in a gravity-powered sled. The timed runs are combined to calculate the final score.)

4. Jamaica is home to over 200 species of exotic orchid, 73 of which are indigenous.

5. With 3 winners and 3 runners-up in the Miss World competitions, Jamaica truly does boast some of the most beautiful women in the world.

6. In 1994, Jamaica was the first Caribbean country to launch a website – www.jamaicatravel.com

7. Jamaican, [Kool Herc](#), is responsible for starting rap and hip-hop music.

The mournful howling of a dog at night means that someone will die soon.

If a house is swarmed by ants it means that someone will die.

To prevent misfortune, a person who is building a house must kill a fowl (chicken) and pour its blood along with white rum on the ground at the four corners of the building.

The number 13 is bad luck.

If a bug drops dead in front of someone, it means that some misfortune will happen to that person.

If someone is eating and a bit falls from his or her mouth, it is believed that a dead relative knocked it out for himself.