

GEOGRAPHY TRIVIA QUESTIONS VI



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- 1> Chill and just be mellow. What most small and "most serene republic" would you find on the slopes of Mount Titano?
- 2> In 1995, what African country became the first member of the Commonwealth that was never part of Britain or any of its colonies, in whole or in part?
- 3> What country changed its name in 1984 from Upper Volta, named for its position on the Volta River, to something meaning "Land of Honest People"?
- 4> From 1928 to 2002, what was the official capital of the Republic of China?
- 5> Landlocked countries have no ocean borders. What is the world's largest landlocked country?
- 6> That Revolution thing ... well ... let's let bygones be bygones. Which US state has a British Union Jack on its flag?
- 7> Aside from Honolulu, what is the southernmost US state capital?
- 8> Located on the Chao Phraya River, what world capital is known locally as Krung Thep, meaning City of Angels?
- 9> In which city would you be if, after a morning surfing on Bondi Beach, you went shopping in a revived slum called the Rocks?
- 10> In the 1980s, what former Portuguese colony put an AK-47 on its flag?
- 11> In the 1960s, when London Bridge was "falling down", chainsaw magnate Robert McCulloch moved it. Where?
- 12> What country is more than 2,650 miles long (north to south), but on average only 110 miles wide (east to west)?
- 13> The largest island in the world is officially called Kalaallit Nunaat. What do the rest of us call it?

14> Until a violent civil war started in 1975, what sophisticated city was known as the Paris of the Middle East?

15> South Africa has three capitals, one legislative, one executive and one judicial. Which of these cities, the country's largest, is not one of those capitals?

- Johannesburg
- Cape Town
- Pretoria
- Bloemfontein

Answers:

1> San Marino - Like many tiny nations, a good chunk of its revenue comes from selling gaudy postage stamps to collectors around the world.

2> Mozambique - The second such country, Rwanda, was admitted in 2009, per the Edinburgh Criteria. It adopted English as an official language to smooth the transition.

3> Burkina Faso - Burkina Faso is drained by the Red, Black, and White tributaries of the Volta.

4> Nanjing - You call it Taiwan. Nanjing, aka Nanking, has been a Chinese capital off and on since 229 CE. Chiang Kai-Shek moved his capital there from Beijing.

5> Kazakhstan - It is the ninth largest country overall. If you define landlocked as no saltwater borders, though, the answer becomes Mongolia.

6> Hawaii - After George Vancouver visited Hawaii in 1793, the Hawaiians hoped to convince the British to adopt the island string.

7> Austin, Texas - It is 11 miles south of Tallahassee.

8> Bangkok - Ayutthaya was across the river on an island in the mouth of the Chao Phraya, and as such became a cosmopolitan centre trading with ships.

9> Sydney, Australia - The Rocks sits between the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge.

10> Mozambique - In 2005, Mozambique pushed to get a new flag that ditched the Kalashnikov assault rifle.

11> Lake Havasu City, Arizona - Supposedly, he thought he was buying the much more impressive Tower Bridge, with its upper-deck walkways.

12> Chile - It narrows to just 55 miles wide in the Choapa Province.

13> Greenland - Godthab was renamed Nuuk. Greenland got another step closer to independence in 2009.

14> Beirut - It was the site of a 1983 suicide bombing that killed 241 US Marines and other personnel.

15> Johannesburg - It is actually fairly close to Pretoria.

