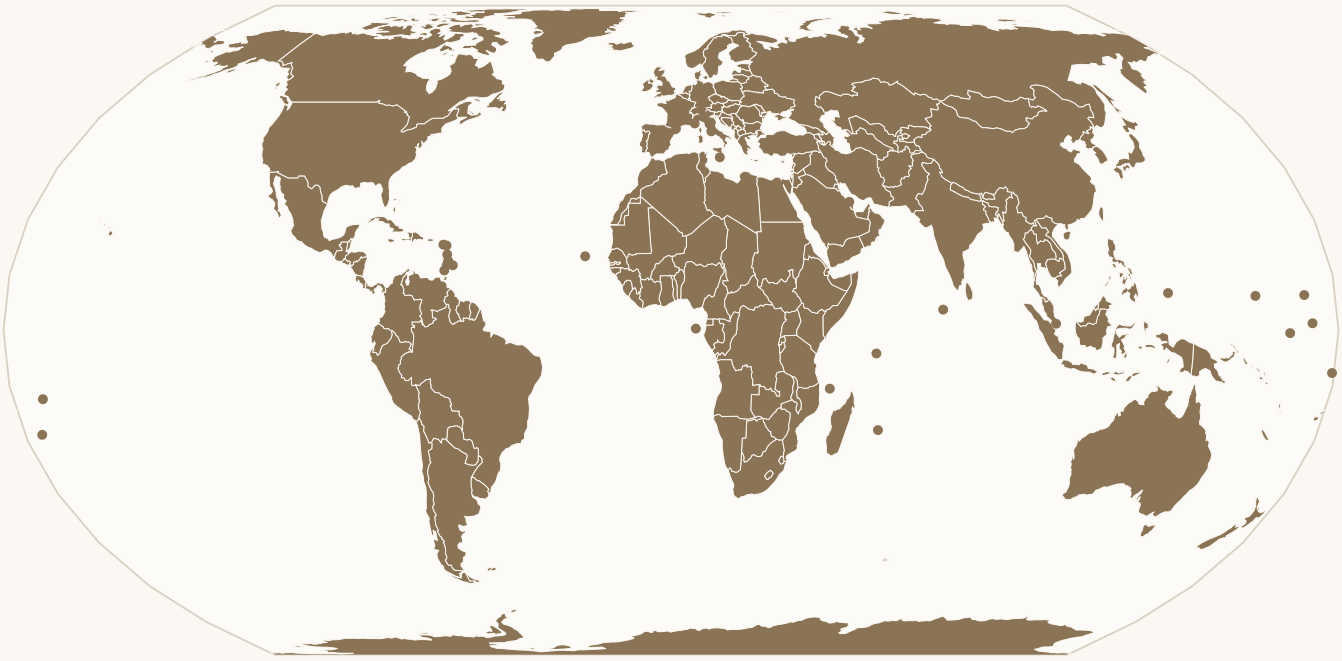
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2026 Founding Edition

203 places, each with a song of its own



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About this printing

This book presents the World Music Atlas — 2026 Founding Edition as it was frozen on 13 September 2026. The summary of what each song tells, and each place's capital and languages, were written for this book, from the songs themselves and from reference sources.

In line with the atlas's curatorial policy, which acknowledges errors in frozen content rather than silently rewriting it, three entries are completed here and noted: the description of Libya, which the edition holds at the end of the song's lyrics, is taken from there; Eswatini and Jamaica, which have no description in the edition, are given one; and the lines quoted from Jamaica's song, whose lyrics are missing from the edition, are taken from the song itself. The edition online is unchanged.

The songs and their full lyrics are not in this book. Each page carries a code that opens the place's page at openmusicatlas.org, where its song can be heard and its lyrics read.

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About the atlas

Open Music Atlas is a musical atlas in which places themselves are the subject of original music.

Most music maps show where an artist, a genre or a recording comes from. This one is different: each song is about the place it belongs to — its landscape, its history, its peoples, languages and culture — and is written in a musical style drawn from that place's own traditions.

The World Music Atlas

The World Music Atlas is the atlas's flagship collection. Its first edition, the 2026 Founding Edition, gives a song to 203 places: every member and observer state of the United Nations, and eight territories and other places. It is frozen, so it stays a faithful record of that first collection. Future editions are planned as new interpretations alongside it, never replacements.

How the songs were made

Every song began with what the place should teach: where it is, its capital, key moments in its history, its peoples, languages and culture. Lyrics were drafted with AI writing assistance, guided by that brief, and where a place needed particular care they were written and revised individually. The music was composed with Suno, an AI music system, in a style chosen for each place. Every song was then reviewed, and in some cases rewritten or regenerated, before it was published.

That makes the atlas a record of a particular moment: an early meeting of generative music, geographic information and human curation. The curation — what belongs, how each place is represented, what makes up an edition, and what is preserved — is the human work at its centre.

How to use this book

The places are grouped by continent, and each continent opens with a map and a list of its places. Every place has a page: where it is, its capital and languages, the title of its song, what the song tells, and two lines of its chorus. To hear a song and read its full lyrics, scan the code on its page with a phone's camera. An index of all 203 places is at the back.

A note on places

What inclusion means

Including a place in the atlas — and the way the atlas names, groups or maps it — is a curatorial and geographic decision made so that people can hear and learn about the world. It is not a statement about sovereignty, borders, diplomatic recognition or political status, and should not be read as one.

What the Founding Edition includes

The edition gives a song to 203 places: 195 countries — the member states of the United Nations and its two observer states — and eight further places with a distinct geography, people and culture of their own: Greenland, New Caledonia, Puerto Rico, Western Sahara, Kosovo, Taiwan, the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) and Antarctica. Where classification is itself contested, the atlas uses the neutral label "place" and makes no claim about status. Antarctica is included as a continent.

Names

Places are given the common English name most readers will recognise. Where a place is widely known by two names in a sovereignty dispute, both are given.

Disputed and partially recognised places

Songs for disputed places are about the land, its people and their culture. They take no side in a dispute, do not describe a place as belonging to any state, and do not dwell on conflict. Their pages carry a note that inclusion is not a statement about sovereignty. The atlas shows no national flags, since a flag for a disputed place would take a side.

The maps

The maps follow common atlas practice. Somaliland is shown as part of Somalia and Northern Cyprus as part of Cyprus. Places too small to be drawn at world scale appear as dots near their capital. A place's region follows the United Nations M49 geographic scheme and is for orientation only.

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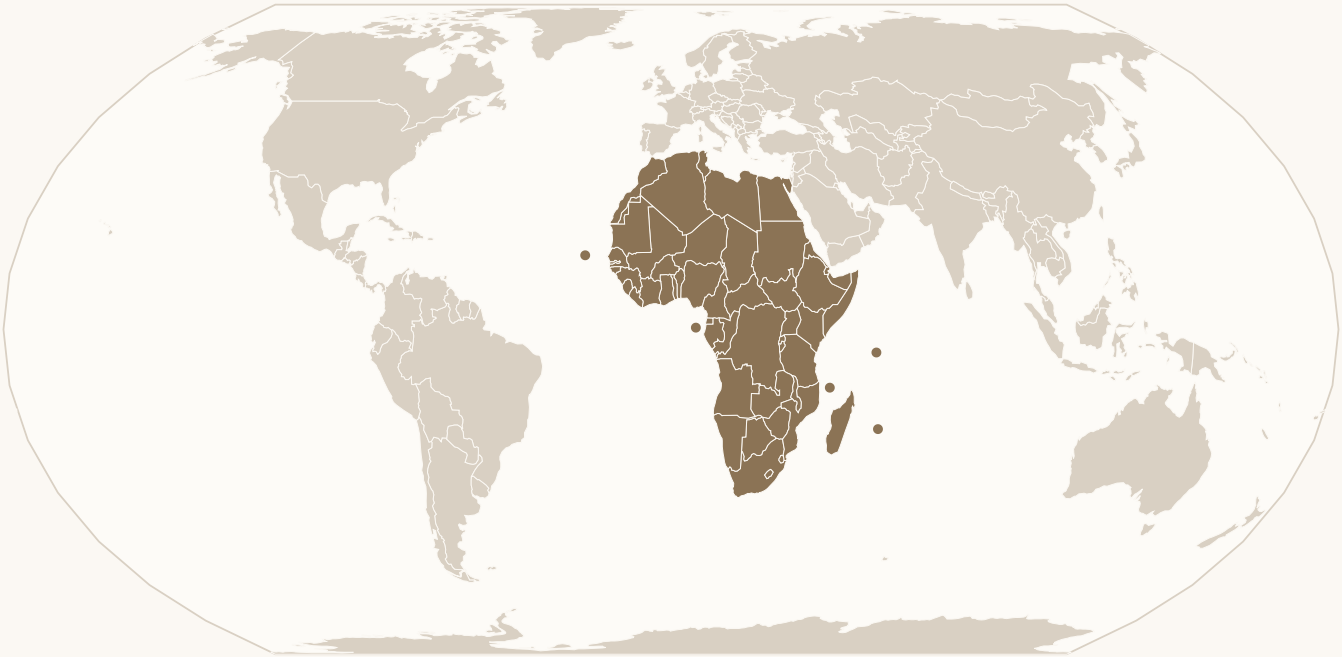
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Burundi

The Heartbeat of Burundi

CAPITAL
Gitega

LANGUAGES
Kirundi, French, English

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Burundi through music

Burundi's song is set among the hills and rivers of the Great Rift Valley, beside the shimmering water of Lake Tanganyika, from Bujumbura to Gitega. It celebrates a land of hills, the Hutu, Tutsi and Twa living side by side, and the drums that carry the voice of the ancestors. Its verses recall the legend of Ntare, the lion king, and the long road from German and Belgian rule to independence. It ends with the tastes and movements of daily life: isombe stew, banana wine and dancing that keeps time with the drums.

> *Burundi, oh land of grace*
> *Your people's spirit time can't erase*

Listen to the song and read its lyrics
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Comoros

Islands of the Moonlit Sea

CAPITAL
Moroni

LANGUAGES
Comorian, Arabic, French

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Comoros through music

The Comoros' song sails among volcanic islands in the Indian Ocean — Grande Comore, Mohéli and Anjouan — where Mount Karthala wears its cloud. It celebrates islands where cultures meet, and the Arabic, Swahili and French that are heard there, and traces a history from Shirazi traders and sultanates to the end of French rule and independence. Its chorus moves from the busy streets of Moroni to the sound of the sea, and its verses fill the air with ylang-ylang, vanilla and cloves, with fishing boats, dolphins and coral reefs.

> *Oh Comoros, islands of the moon*
> *Let your stories sing beneath the starry dune*

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Djibouti

Echoes of the Horn

CAPITAL
Djibouti

LANGUAGES
French, Arabic, Somali, Afar

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Djibouti through music

Djibouti's song stands where the Red Sea meets the Gulf of Aden, at the Horn of Africa, with its capital a busy port on the shore. It crosses arid plains and peaks, from the Grand Bara desert to the salt shore of Lake Assal, and honours the Afar and Somali peoples who share the land. It recalls the years as a French colony and the winning of independence, and celebrates the French, Arabic, Somali and Afar voices heard together. It closes with sunsets over the Bay of Tadjoura, lively markets and Afar dances in the sand.

> *Djibouti, oh Djibouti, heart of the Horn*
> *In your echoes, stories are born.*

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Eritrea

Eritrea's Echoes of the Red Sea

CAPITAL
Asmara

LANGUAGES
Tigrinya, Arabic, English

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Eritrea through music

Eritrea's song climbs from the shores of the Red Sea to the highlands, from the bay of Massawa to the streets of Asmara, with their dreams in art-deco and their Italian past. It celebrates a land of many cultures and tongues, from Tigrinya to Arabic, and a history woven through fields and seas. Its verses remember the long struggle for independence and celebrate the festivals, music and dance that carry the country's story, and its chorus sings of a land of the brave, united and strong, from the coast to the mountain crest.

> *Eritrea, land of the brave*
> *From the highlands to the Red Sea's wave.*

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Ethiopia

Under the Ethiopian Sun

CAPITAL
Addis Ababa

LANGUAGES
Amharic, Oromo, Tigrinya, Somali, Afar

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Ethiopia through music

Ethiopia's song is a journey through the heart of the Horn of Africa, from Addis Ababa to Lake Tana, where the Blue Nile begins, and the rushing waters of the Awash. It visits the stone heights of Axum and the rock-carved churches of Lalibela, and the Rift Valley where Lucy once walked, the cradle of humankind. It celebrates teff, injera and coffee, Amharic and Oromo voices, the victory at Adwa and Ethiopia's place in the Rastafari story, and its chorus asks the listener to feel the rhythm of the drum under the Ethiopian sun.

> *Feel the rhythm, hear the drum*
> *Under the Ethiopian sun.*

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Kenya

Under the Kenyan Sun

CAPITAL
Nairobi

LANGUAGES
Swahili, English

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Kenya through music

Kenya's song crosses a land of savannah, from the coast to the mountains — from the busy heart of Nairobi and the beaches of Mombasa to the Rift Valley, the Maasai Mara and the green highlands. It visits Lake Victoria, the flamingos of Lake Nakuru and the tea fields of Kericho. It celebrates Swahili melodies, benga music and the many languages of Kenya's peoples, and remembers a history of courage, from the Mau Mau struggle to independence and Nobel-winning work for human rights. Its chorus calls out a greeting, Jambo, to a nation united in its diversity.

> *Under the Kenyan sun, where freedom weaves its way*
> *A nation strong and true, bright and bold each day.*

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Madagascar

Mysteries of Madagascar

CAPITAL
Antananarivo

LANGUAGES
Malagasy, French

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Madagascar through music

Madagascar's song is a portrait of a great island in the Indian Ocean, of red earth, tall baobabs and lemurs, from the highlands of Antananarivo to beaches, rice fields and coral reefs. It hears the whispers of the ancestors and a blend of cultures and languages, and recalls the island's past as a kingdom of kings and queens before its independence. Its verses celebrate Malagasy traditions and lore, the taste of ravitoto and the sound of the kabosy, zebu horns and vanilla, and its chorus calls the island a land of mysteries and a world apart.

> *Madagascar, where the wild things grow*
> *Mysteries in every shadow, stories yet untold.*

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Malawi

Warm Heartbeat of Malawi

CAPITAL
Lilongwe

LANGUAGES
English, Chichewa

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Malawi through music

Malawi's song celebrates the warm heart of Africa, from the vast waters of Lake Malawi to the heights of Mount Mulanje, where eagles glide. It visits the capital, Lilongwe, and honours the warmth and unity of the people, singing together in Chichewa. Its verses trace a history from the Maravi peoples through the time of Nyasaland to the present, and fill the scene with nsima and fresh fish from the lake, maize fields under the sun, and the masked dancers of the gule wamkulu. Its chorus sings of a land where culture and kindness never part.

> *Malawi, the land of the warm heart*
> *Where culture and kindness never part.*

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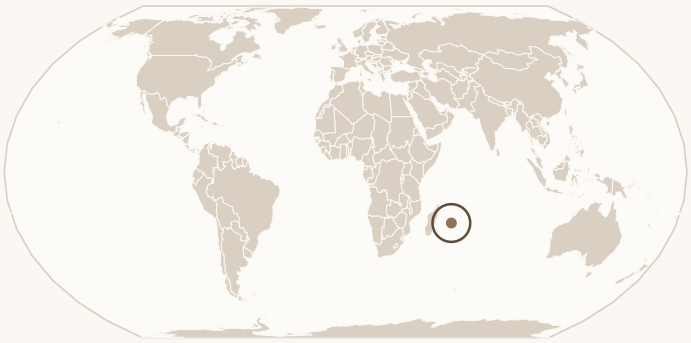
Mauritius

Mauritian Days and Nights

CAPITAL
Port Louis

LANGUAGES
English, French, Mauritian Creole

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Mauritius through music

Mauritius' song paints an island in the Indian Ocean, from the coast at Pointe d'Esny to the peak of Pieter Both, with forests, coral reefs and fields of sugar cane. It celebrates the busy streets of Port Louis and a rainbow of peoples from Africa, Asia and Europe, speaking Creole, French and English. It remembers those enslaved on the island and the indentured labourers who came from India, and independence in 1968. It recalls the lost dodo and giant tortoises, and ends among spices, samosas, dhal puri and curry, and the séga danced under island skies.

> *Oh, Mauritius, where cultures unite*
> *From Asia, Africa, in daylight and night.*

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Mozambique

Mozambique's Rhythmic Shore

CAPITAL
Maputo

LANGUAGES
Portuguese, Makhuwa, Sena and others

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Mozambique through music

Mozambique's song follows the long coast of the Indian Ocean, centred on Maputo, the capital, where tradition and modern life flow together. It celebrates a mosaic of voices — Portuguese echoes in the streets, and Makua, Sena and Swahili — and the great rivers, the Limpopo and the Zambezi. Its verses visit the sands of Bazaruto and the green of Gorongosa, savour cashews and shrimp, and dance to the call of marrabenta music. It recalls independence in 1975 and looks to the future of a land of rich and many cultures.

> *Mozambique, with your vibrant skies*
> *Where the Limpopo and Zambezi rise.*

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Rwanda

Heartbeats of a Thousand Hills

CAPITAL
Kigali

LANGUAGES
Kinyarwanda, English, French, Swahili

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Rwanda through music

Rwanda's song is set in a landlocked land of rolling hills and rising mountains, from the shores of Lake Kivu to the Nyungwe forest. It celebrates Kigali, the capital, as a city of peace, light and new ideas, and the Kinyarwanda, French and English heard together. Its verses honour the past, from the tears of the Genocide Memorial to the hope that has grown since, and its chorus sings of unity and strength. It ends with isombe and the drums of amagoma, and the gorillas of the misty Virunga mountains.

> *Rwanda, oh land of a thousand dreams*
> *Your hills sing stories, your rivers gleam.*

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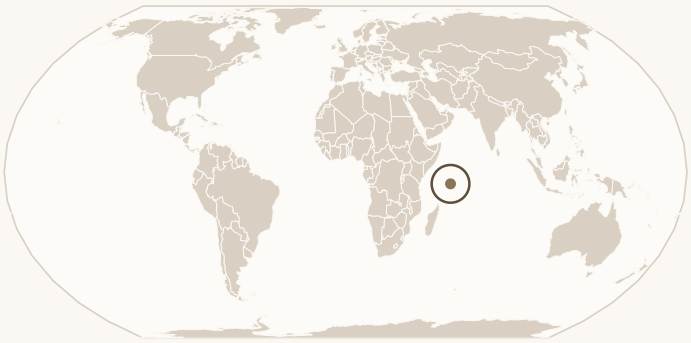
Seychelles

Whispers of the Seychellois Winds

CAPITAL
Victoria

LANGUAGES
Seychellois Creole, English, French

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Seychelles through music

The Seychelles' song is a portrait of islands in the Indian Ocean, from Mahé, where Victoria stands beneath granite peaks, to Silhouette, Praslin, La Digue and far Aldabra, with its giant tortoises. It celebrates a mosaic of Creole, English and French cultures, lush green forests and a paradise of plants and wildlife. Its verses fill the markets with spices and coconut and the table with fish curry, and recall independence in 1976, sung in Creole voices. It ends with the islands as a garden floating on the blue sea, where time moves gently.

> *Seychelles, oh Seychelles, where the azure meets the sand*
> *A symphony of waves and sun, in this enchanted land.*

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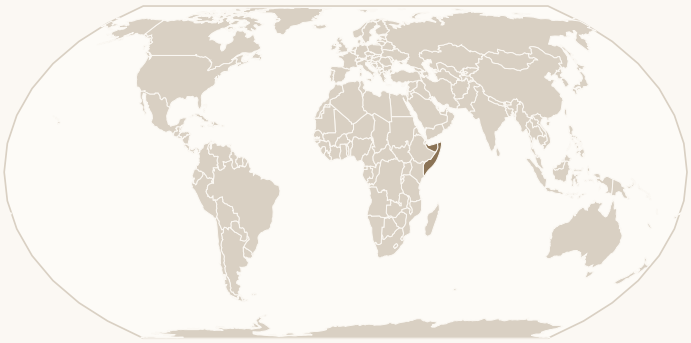
Somalia

Waves of Somalia

CAPITAL
Mogadishu

LANGUAGES
Somali, Arabic

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Somalia through music

Somalia's song stands on the Horn of Africa, between the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean, where Mogadishu rises with the dawn. It crosses deserts and plains where camels roam, and celebrates a land of poets and nomads, where African and Arab roots intertwine and Somali and Arabic are spoken. Its verses visit the busy markets of Hargeisa and the ancient city of Zeila, and dance to the rhythm of dhaanto. Its chorus honours a people whose spirit has stayed brave and bold through years of trial.

> *Oh, Somalia, land of waves and song*
> *Where the nomad's heart is ever strong.*

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South Sudan

Rivers of Resilience

CAPITAL
Juba

LANGUAGES
English, Juba Arabic, Dinka, Nuer and others

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover South Sudan through music

South Sudan's song follows the wide rivers of the Nile, from the highlands to the valleys, and celebrates Juba, its capital, at the heart of a young nation born in 2011. It honours a land of many peoples — with the voices of the Dinka, Nuer and Shilluk among them — and their dream of harmony. Its verses cross savannah and swamp where elephants roam, travel from Bor to Wau along the Nile, and share asida, ful and kisra, with dance and drum under the stars. It is a song of resilience and of a future built with care.

> *Oh, South Sudan, where rivers meet*
> *With every heart, a hopeful beat.*

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Tanzania

From Kilimanjaro to Zanzibar's Shores

CAPITAL
Dodoma

LANGUAGES
Swahili, English

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Tanzania through music

Tanzania's song runs from the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro, the Roof of Africa, to the shores of Zanzibar. It crosses the endless plains of the Serengeti, where wildebeest and lions roam, the Ngorongoro Crater and Arusha, gateway to the wild. It celebrates Dar es Salaam, where cultures meet in busy streets, the Indian Ocean and its long history of trade, and the dhows that sail it. Its verses carry Swahili words and Maasai chants under the baobab trees, and end in the fragrant spices of Zanzibar.

> *Tanzania, oh Tanzania*
> *Heart of Africa, you're a symphony.*

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Uganda

Pearl of Africa

CAPITAL
Kampala

LANGUAGES
English, Swahili, Luganda

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Uganda through music

Uganda's song celebrates the Pearl of Africa, where the Nile begins its journey, from the shores of Lake Victoria to the peaks of the Rwenzori mountains. It visits Kampala, the capital, on its seven hills, with boda bodas weaving through its lanes, and honours the heart of Buganda. Its verses bring Luganda, English and Swahili together, the gorillas of Bwindi and the lions of the golden savannah, and recall the shadow of Idi Amin's years before hope returned. It ends with matoke, the rolex and the warmth of Ugandan hospitality.

> *Pearl of Africa, shining bright*
> *Uganda, oh Uganda, land of light.*

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Zambia

Heartbeat of Zambia

CAPITAL
Lusaka

LANGUAGES
English, Bemba, Nyanja, Tonga, Lozi

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Zambia through music

Zambia's song follows the Zambezi, wild and long, from the thundering Victoria Falls to Lusaka, the busy capital. It celebrates a land of copper, of baobab trees and of unity, from the hills of Mwinilunga to Lake Tanganyika. Its verses hear the Bemba, Tonga and Lozi languages and songs, watch the wildlife of the Luangwa valley, and recall independence in 1964. It ends at the table, with maize and nshima, as a nation united shares its fate.

> *Zambia, oh Zambia, land of the free*
> *Your rivers and valleys sing to me*

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Zimbabwe

Rhythms of the Mighty Zambezi

CAPITAL
Harare

LANGUAGES
English, Shona, Ndebele and 13 others

REGION
Eastern Africa, Africa



Discover Zimbabwe through music

Zimbabwe's song begins where the Zambezi roars over the Victoria Falls and spreads across the plains to Harare, the capital, where cultures and history meet. It honours the ancient stone city of Great Zimbabwe and the Shona and Ndebele peoples, their songs and dances, and the mbira, whose notes tell tales of old. Its verses remember the struggles and triumphs of the past and the spirit of Mbuya Nehanda, and visit the wildlife of Hwange, the Eastern Highlands and the Matobo Hills.

> *Zimbabwe, land of ancient stones, and stories told so bold*
> *In your rhythm, we find home, in your warmth, our hearts unfold.*

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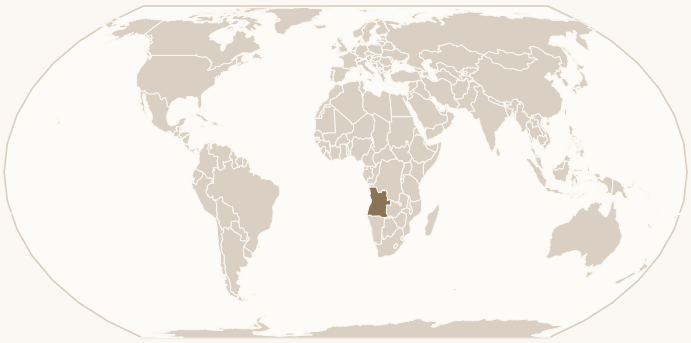
Angola

Echoes of Angola

CAPITAL
Luanda

LANGUAGES
Portuguese, Umbundu, Kimbundu, Kikongo

REGION
Middle Africa, Africa



Discover Angola through music

Angola's song spreads across a wide land of mountains, plains and rivers, from Luanda on the Atlantic shore to the countryside beyond. It honours the Bantu and Kongo heritage, the quilombos of the past and the resilience of the people. Its verses recall the scars of war and the cry of independence in 1975, and its chorus dances to kizomba rhythms beside the palanca, the giant sable antelope. It ends among savannahs in the evening light, cashews and cassava, and many languages and cultures joined in one anthem.

> *Oh Angola, rise and shine*
> *From the sands to the Palanca line*

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AFRICA · MIDDLE AFRICA

Cameroon

Echoes of Cameroon

CAPITAL
Yaoundé

LANGUAGES
French, English

REGION
Middle Africa, Africa



Discover Cameroon through music

Cameroon's song spans a land from mountain peaks to rainforest, from the Sahel in the north to the Atlantic coast. It celebrates Yaoundé, the capital, the markets of Douala, and a country of some 250 languages, united in its diversity. Its verses climb Mount Cameroon above Buea and honour peoples such as the Bamileke and Bamoun. It dances to makossa music and shares ndolé with fufu, and its chorus calls Cameroon a giant of Africa, rooted in tradition and in tune with the future.

> *Cameroon, oh Cameroon*
> *African giant, rolling hills in bloom.*

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AFRICA · MIDDLE AFRICA

Central African Republic

Heartbeat of Bangui

CAPITAL
Bangui

LANGUAGES
Sango, French

REGION
Middle Africa, Africa



Discover Central African Republic through music

The Central African Republic's song is set amid green and golden savannah in the heart of Africa, where rivers weave their way and elephant herds roam. It celebrates the many peoples and languages of the land, with Sango heard among the trees, and follows the gentle flow of the Ubangi to Bangui, the capital. Its verses remember the old kingdoms and the long quest for freedom, and its chorus asks the listener to dance to the heartbeat of the land. It ends with drums at dawn, the echo of the ancestors and a people standing together.

> *Oh Bangui, dance with me*
> *In the heartbeat of the Central land*

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AFRICA · MIDDLE AFRICA

Chad

Echoes of the Sahel

CAPITAL
N'Djamena

LANGUAGES
French, Arabic

REGION
Middle Africa, Africa



Discover Chad through music

Chad's song crosses the Sahel, from the banks of the Chari river to the heights of the Tibesti and the shores of Lake Chad. It celebrates N'Djamena, the capital by the river, where past and present meet, and a land of many peoples, joined by Arabic and French. Its verses recall the old empires of Kanem and Bornu and the dances of the Sara, and share sorghum fields, goat stew and millet. They follow nomads across the desert, and visit the rock art of the Ennedi and the waters of Lake Chad.

> *Echoes of the Sahel, in every heart and soul*
> *From the mountains to the desert, let our stories unfold.*

Listen to the song and read its lyrics
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AFRICA · MIDDLE AFRICA

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Congo's Heartbeat: River of Life

CAPITAL
Kinshasa

LANGUAGES
French, Lingala, Swahili, Kikongo, Tshiluba

REGION
Middle Africa, Africa



Discover Democratic Republic of the Congo through music

The Democratic Republic of the Congo's song follows the great Congo River through the heart of Africa, from the busy streets of Kinshasa to the mountains. It celebrates lush forests full of wildlife and more than 200 languages, with Lingala, French and Swahili heard in harmony. Its verses recall the Kingdom of Kongo, the wealth of copper and diamonds, the dark years under Leopold and the winning of independence. It ends in the dance of the rumba, the music of a culture that endures.

> *Congo, Congo, where the rivers run so deep*
> *Land of hope and history, where dreams and legends meet.*

Listen to the song and read its lyrics
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AFRICA · MIDDLE AFRICA

Equatorial Guinea

Echoes of the Rio Muni

CAPITAL
Malabo

LANGUAGES
Spanish, French, Portuguese

REGION
Middle Africa, Africa



Discover Equatorial Guinea through music

Equatorial Guinea's song moves between the mainland of Río Muni and the island of Bioko, where green jungles meet the ocean, and celebrates Malabo, the capital. It honours the Fang and Bubi peoples, and the Ndowe, Kombe and Annobonese, with Spanish and French telling of the country's history. Its verses recall the years of Spanish rule before independence, the cocoa fields and the oil that has changed the country, and its chorus asks the rhythm to flow, in the warmth of the tropics.

> *Echoes of the Rio Muni, let the rhythms flow*
> *Equatorial Guinea, where the heartbeats glow.*

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AFRICA · MIDDLE AFRICA

Gabon

Emerald Forests of Gabon

CAPITAL
Libreville

LANGUAGES
French, Fang

REGION
Middle Africa, Africa



Discover Gabon through music

Gabon's song is set in a land of green forests where the equator runs through, between the Atlantic coast and the mountains. It celebrates Libreville, the capital, the wide Ogooué river and the wildlife of Loango. Its verses listen to the drums of the Bwiti tradition and honour the forest peoples who keep its oldest knowledge, and recall independence in 1960 and the oil beneath the land. Its chorus sings of emerald forests and vibrant hearts, a story of nature and culture.

> *Oh, Gabon, emerald forests and vibrant hearts*
> *With every step, your beauty imparts.*

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AFRICA · MIDDLE AFRICA

Republic of the Congo

Heartbeat of the Congo River

CAPITAL
Brazzaville

LANGUAGES
French, Lingala, Kituba

REGION
Middle Africa, Africa



Discover Republic of the Congo through music

The Republic of the Congo's song follows the great Congo River through a land of forest, savannah and stream, to Brazzaville on its banks. It celebrates lively markets, the ngoma drum and many peoples, the Bantu and the forest peoples among them, living in harmony since independence in 1960. Its verses hear French spoken and Lingala held close in the heart, and share cassava and fish at the table. Its chorus sings of a land where rhythms unite, from the depths of the forest to the city lights, and its music, from rumba onward, reaches out to the world.

> *Oh, Congo, the land where rhythms unite*
> *From the depths of the jungle to the city lights.*

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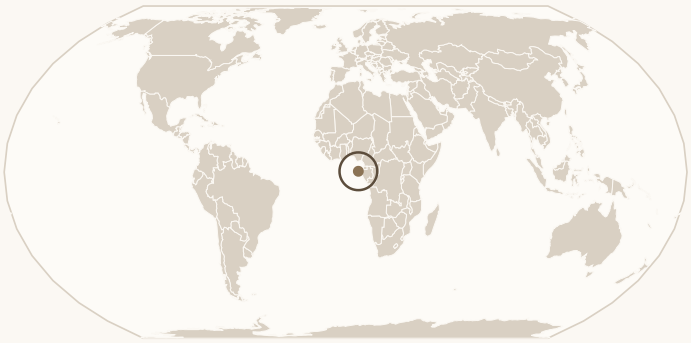
São Tomé and Príncipe

Islands of Cocoa and Charm

CAPITAL
São Tomé

LANGUAGES
Portuguese, Forro

REGION
Middle Africa, Africa



Discover São Tomé and Príncipe through music

São Tomé and Príncipe's song is set on islands in the Gulf of Guinea, where cocoa trees grow among lush rainforest. It recalls the islands' past under Portugal and the old cocoa plantations, the roças, and celebrates São Tomé, the capital, by the shore. Its verses honour a people of African and Creole heritage, telling their stories in Portuguese, and climb from the beach at Praia Jalé to the rock spire of Pico Cão Grande, through Obô National Park, where rare orchids grow, seabirds call and turtles come ashore. Its chorus calls them emerald islands of cocoa and dreams.

> *Oh, São Tomé and Príncipe*
> *Emerald islands in the sea.*

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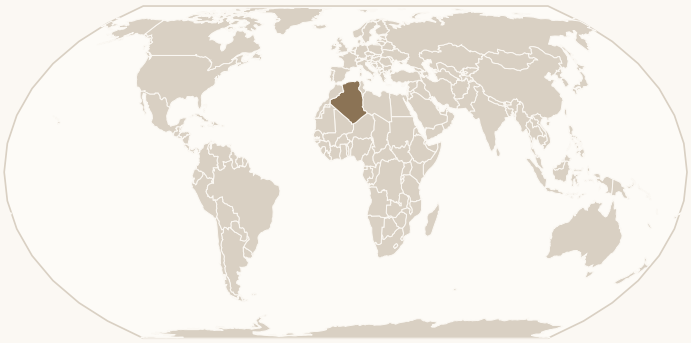
Algeria

Whispers of the Sahara Winds

CAPITAL
Algiers

LANGUAGES
Arabic, Tamazight

REGION
Northern Africa, Africa



Discover Algeria through music

Algeria's song spans a vast land from the Mediterranean shore to the sands of the Sahara, from the busy streets of Algiers to Oran by the sea and the Atlas Mountains. It celebrates minarets and the footsteps of empires, Berber and Arabic voices, and the green, fertile hills of Kabylia, heavy with olives and dates. Its verses wander the secret alleys of the Casbah, remember the struggle for independence and the heroes who won it, and look back to ancient Numidia. It ends to the sound of raï music, under the desert moon.

> *Feel the Sahara winds, whispers through the centuries*
> *Algeria, oh Algeria, dance with history's melodies.*

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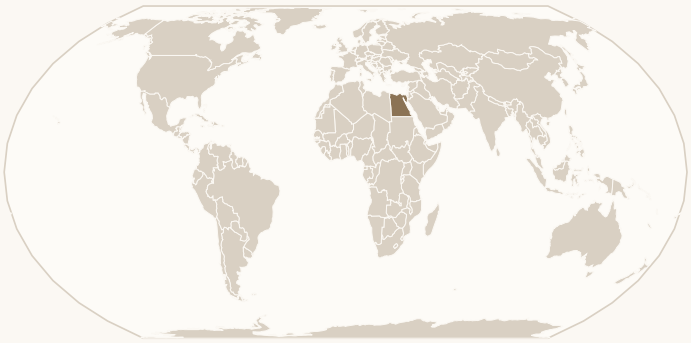
Egypt

Pyramids and Nile Dreams

CAPITAL
Cairo

LANGUAGES
Arabic

REGION
Northern Africa, Africa



Discover Egypt through music

Egypt's song walks through the cradle of civilisation along the green banks of the Nile, where Cairo rises and the ancient and the modern meet. It recalls the reigns of the pharaohs and the charm of Cleopatra, the grandeur of Giza and the heat of Luxor, and the harbour of Alexandria, welcoming ships from distant lands. Its verses hear Arabic in the streets and Coptic chants in sacred halls, and share koshari and ful. Its chorus follows the rhythm of the Nile, from the pyramids to the busy streets, where every heart carries a history.

> *Oh, Egypt, land of the eternal sun*
> *Hear the rhythm of the Nile as it runs*

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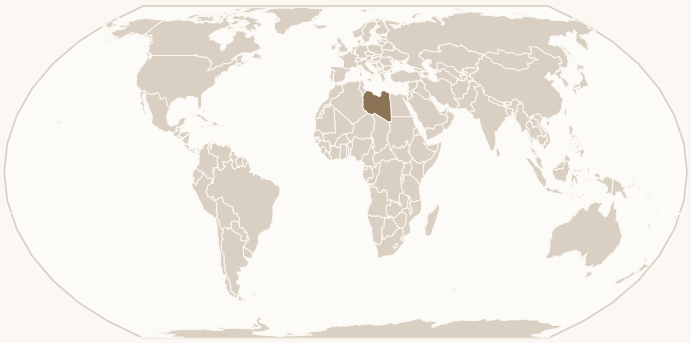
Libya

Echoes of the Libyan Sands

CAPITAL
Tripoli

LANGUAGES
Arabic, Tamazight

REGION
Northern Africa, Africa



Discover Libya through music

Libya's song travels from the Mediterranean shore to the golden dunes of the Sahara. It begins in Tripoli and looks back across the peoples who left their mark on the land — Phoenicians, Carthage, Rome and Byzantium — before celebrating the Berber and Arab heritage that lives on together today, in Arabic and in Tamazight. Its verses visit the streets of Benghazi, the old stone town of Ghadames, the palms of the Sebha oasis, the green mountains of Cyrene and the remote volcano of Waw an Namus, and they end at the table, with couscous and fragrant stews.

> *Oh Libya, land of ancient songs and dreams*
> *Your echoes in the desert, and your laughter by the streams.*

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AFRICA · NORTHERN AFRICA

Morocco

Mystical Sands of Morocco

CAPITAL
Rabat

LANGUAGES
Arabic, Tamazight, French

REGION
Northern Africa, Africa



Discover Morocco through music

Morocco's song is a journey through a land where the Sahara and the Atlas meet, from the ancient streets of Fes to the lively squares and colourful souks of Marrakesh, and the sea breeze of Casablanca. It climbs the green hills of the Rif, home to Berber stories, and visits Rabat, the capital. Its verses savour tagine and its spices and bring Arabic, French and Tamazight together in one mosaic of voices. Its chorus celebrates a kingdom of endless dunes and timeless light, from the Atlantic waves to the Rif.

> *Morocco, oh Morocco*
> *Land of endless dunes and timeless glow.*

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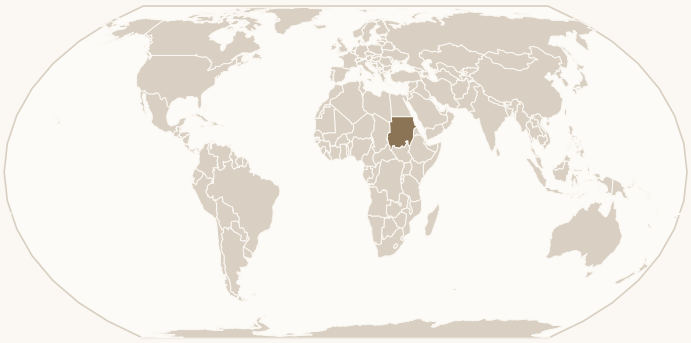
Sudan

Echoes of the Nile in Sudan

CAPITAL
Khartoum

LANGUAGES
Arabic, English

REGION
Northern Africa, Africa



Discover Sudan through music

Sudan's song follows the Nile through a vast land, from the Sahara to the Nubian mountains and the ancient pyramids. It visits Khartoum, where the Blue and White Niles meet, and recalls the kingdom of Meroë and its legacy in gold and stone. Its verses remember the struggle led by the Mahdi, and celebrate a place where Arabic and Nubian are spoken among many peoples. It shares kisra and ful, wedding dances and desert tunes, and its chorus sings of cultures blending side by side, through trials and triumphs, along the Nile.

> *Oh Sudan, land of the Nile*
> *Where cultures blend in endless style*

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AFRICA · NORTHERN AFRICA

Tunisia

Tunes of Tunisia

CAPITAL
Tunis

LANGUAGES
Arabic, French

REGION
Northern Africa, Africa



Discover Tunisia through music

Tunisia's song is set where the desert meets the Mediterranean, in a land of ancient stories. It recalls Carthage, which once stood proud by the sea, and celebrates Tunis, the capital, where Arabic and French are heard and old traditions meet modern life. Its verses visit the holy walls and minarets of Kairouan, Berber villages in the mountains, olive groves and tables of couscous. They travel from the busy souks of Sousse to the desert of Tozeur, and its chorus turns from Carthage's ruins to the glow of the medina.

> *Oh Tunisia, land of mystery*
> *Your sands and shores hold history.*

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AFRICA · NORTHERN AFRICA

Western Sahara

Sands by the Atlantic

LANGUAGES
Hassaniya Arabic, Spanish

REGION
Northern Africa, Africa



Discover Western Sahara through music

Western Sahara's song is set on the northwest edge of Africa, where the Sahara meets a long Atlantic coast. It crosses stony plains and golden dunes, from Laayoune by its riverbed to the blue lagoon at Dakhla, where fishing boats leave at dawn and kites ride the trade winds. It honours the Sahrawi people — the camel and the tent, the colours of the melhfa, poetry in Hassaniya — and the ritual of three glasses of tea, each with its own meaning. Its verses listen to desert guitars and the tbal drum, and visit the rare monk seals on the cliffs of Cap Blanc.

> *Western Sahara, sands by the Atlantic*
> *tidinit and ardin in the night*

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AFRICA · SOUTHERN AFRICA

Botswana

In the Heart of the Kalahari

CAPITAL
Gaborone

LANGUAGES
English, Setswana

REGION
Southern Africa, Africa



Discover Botswana through music

Botswana's song is set in a landlocked land of wide desert and starry skies, from the golden sands of the Kalahari to the waters of the Okavango and Gaborone, the capital. It celebrates gemsbok and elephants, the wonder of the Chobe and the stories of the Tsodilo Hills, where the San left their ancient rock paintings. Its verses recall the birth of a free nation, and the diamonds that brought it prosperity, sung in proud Tswana voices. Its chorus sings of rivers and wide lands, and of a peaceful country whose journey has only just begun.

> *Oh, Botswana, where the rivers flow*
> *In your vast lands, our spirits grow*

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AFRICA · SOUTHERN AFRICA

Eswatini

Heartbeat of the Swazi Kingdom

CAPITAL
Mbabane (administrative); Lobamba (royal and legislative)

LANGUAGES
Swati, English

REGION
Southern Africa, Africa



Discover Eswatini through music

Eswatini's song celebrates a small kingdom in Southern Africa, where mountains meet the plains, from the lowveld to the green Lubombo hills. It visits Mbabane, the capital, and honours the warmth of the Swazi people and the royal traditions of a kingdom that came through its colonial years, with Sibebe Rock watching over the land. Its verses celebrate the festivals of Umhlanga and Incwala, and woven baskets that tell stories, and its chorus calls Eswatini a land of wonders, where history and the future both belong.

> *Eswatini, land of wonders, hear our song*
> *Where history and future both belong.*

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AFRICA · SOUTHERN AFRICA

Lesotho

Echoes of the Kingdom in the Sky

CAPITAL
Maseru

LANGUAGES
Sesotho, English

REGION
Southern Africa, Africa



Discover Lesotho through music

Lesotho's song rises into the Kingdom in the Sky, a land of high mountains where the air is thin and rivers carve the valleys. It celebrates Maseru, the capital, and the snow that wraps the highlands in winter, when the Basotho wear their brightly coloured blankets against the cold. Its verses honour the Sesotho language and the stories it carries, recall independence in 1966, and follow shepherds and their cattle across the grasslands below the Maloti Mountains. It ends with Basotho music, accordion in hand, echoing from the peaks.

> *Lesotho, Kingdom in the Sky!*
> *Where the mountains touch the clouds so high.*

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AFRICA · SOUTHERN AFRICA

Namibia

Sands of Namibia: Spirit of the Desert

CAPITAL
Windhoek

LANGUAGES
English, Oshiwambo, Nama-Damara, Afrikaans and others

REGION
Southern Africa, Africa



Discover Namibia through music

Namibia's song is set where the desert meets the ocean, from the Kalahari to the Skeleton Coast and the ancient Namib, where the red dunes of Sossusvlei rise toward a cobalt sky. It visits the plains of Etosha and Windhoek, the capital, a meeting place of cultures, and honours the Herero, Himba and San among the country's many peoples and languages. Its verses remember the fight for independence and Sam Nujoma, father of the nation, and share the taste of biltong. Its chorus sings of a land of sand and stars, and a spirit that endures.

> *Namibia, oh land of sand and stars*
> *Your spirit resilient, no matter how far.*

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AFRICA · SOUTHERN AFRICA

South Africa

Rainbow Over the Savannah

CAPITAL

Pretoria (executive); Cape Town (legislative); Bloemfontein (judicial)

LANGUAGES

12 official languages, among them Zulu, Xhosa, Afrikaans and English

REGION

Southern Africa, Africa



Discover South Africa through music

South Africa's song travels from the Cape of Good Hope and the heights of Table Mountain through vineyards and along the coast, to elephants on the Kruger plains and the peaks of the Drakensberg. It celebrates a rainbow nation, from Johannesburg to the shores of Durban, and the many languages heard there — Zulu, Xhosa, English and Afrikaans among them. Its verses carry Nelson Mandela's dream, share biltong, bobotie and rooibos by the fire, and cheer for the country's football and rugby. Its chorus sings of unity in diversity, beneath the African sky.

> *South Africa, a rainbow nation*
> *Diverse voices, one sensation.*

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AFRICA · WESTERN AFRICA

Benin

From Dahomey to Benin's Harmony

CAPITAL
Porto-Novo (official); Cotonou (seat of government)

LANGUAGES
French, Fon, Yoruba

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Benin through music

Benin's song begins on the Gulf of Guinea, between busy Cotonou and Porto-Novo, the capital, and reaches north to the forests of the Atakora. It honours the Yoruba, Aja and Fon peoples, and remembers the Kingdom of Dahomey and its warriors, and Ouidah, a place of sacred history. Its verses meet the Zangbeto, guardians of the night in disguise, and hear the voices of the ancestors in the drums, with the vodun spirits dancing at twilight. It shares kuli-kuli, efo and palm oil, and celebrates artisans who weave stories with their hands.

> *Oh, Benin, land of kingdoms and dreams*
> *From Dahomey's throne to today's living streams.*

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AFRICA · WESTERN AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Echoes of Faso: Land of Honest Men

CAPITAL
Ouagadougou

LANGUAGES
Mooré, Dioula, Fulfulde, French

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Burkina Faso through music

Burkina Faso's song celebrates the Land of Honest Men, a land of high plateaus and wide savannah, from the Sahel to the forest's edge. It visits Ouagadougou, the capital, and honours a people who speak many languages, Mossi and Fulani among them. Its verses recall the ancient Mossi kingdoms and the spirit of Thomas Sankara, and listen to the balafon, the djembe and the kora. It shares tô and riz gras, festivals and dances, and its chorus asks the listener to remember the name of a land of dreams and resilience.

> *Burkina Faso, land of honest men*
> *A tapestry of cultures, a story without end*

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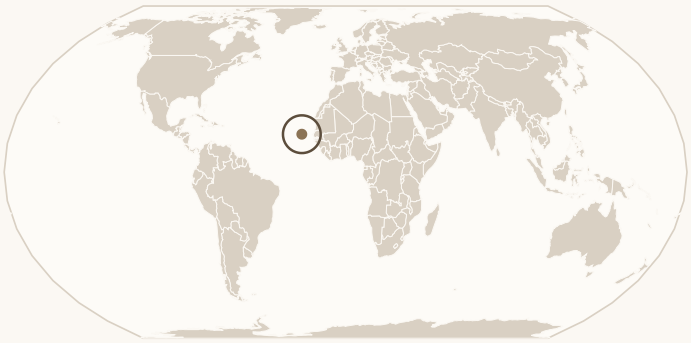
Cabo Verde

Echoes of Cabo Verde

CAPITAL
Praia

LANGUAGES
Portuguese, Cape Verdean Creole

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Cabo Verde through music

Cabo Verde's song dances among ten islands in the Atlantic, off the coast of West Africa, where volcanoes rise from calm seas. It visits Praia, on the island of Santiago, and celebrates a cradle of cultures, with Creole on every tongue and mornas sweetly sung. Its verses recall a history of sailors and Portuguese rule, independence in 1975, and the voice of Cesária Évora carried on the waves. It shares a bowl of cachupa and the beat of batuque, and its chorus sings of the islands' spirit living in their music.

> *Cabo Verde, land of the tides*
> *In your music, our spirit resides.*

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AFRICA · WESTERN AFRICA

Côte d'Ivoire

Ivory Coast Dreams

CAPITAL
Yamoussoukro (political); Abidjan (economic)

LANGUAGES
French, Baoulé, Dioula

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Côte d'Ivoire through music

Côte d'Ivoire's song is set on the Gulf of Guinea, among lush forests, rivers and savannah where elephants roam. It travels between Abidjan, a city pulsing with life, and Yamoussoukro, with its great basilica, and celebrates peoples such as the Akan, the Kru, the Baoulé and the Dan, whose cultures blend together. Its verses visit markets busy with cacao and the cocoa fields, and recall a time of trial and the search for peace, as unity grows again. Its chorus calls the country a land of dreams, singing its legacy from the savannah to the sea.

> *Côte d'Ivoire, oh land of dreams*
> *Where the Baoulé and Dan weave their themes.*

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AFRICA · WESTERN AFRICA

Ghana

Heartbeat of the Gold Coast

CAPITAL
Accra

LANGUAGES
English, Akan, Ewe, Ga

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Ghana through music

Ghana's song is set on the Gulf of Guinea, from the beaches to the savannah, with the mighty Volta river running through. It recalls the old Gold Coast and the Ashanti kingdom, with Kumasi its pride, and honours the castles of Cape Coast and Elmina as solemn keepers of history. It celebrates Accra, the bustling capital, and the Ewe, Akan and Ga peoples among many others. Its verses dance to highlife, carry the wisdom of Adinkra symbols in their cloth, and wear the red, gold and green of a land where hope survives.

> *Ghana, oh Ghana, land of dreams*
> *From the beaches to the cocoa streams.*

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AFRICA · WESTERN AFRICA

Guinea

Rhythms of the Land of Djoliba

CAPITAL
Conakry

LANGUAGES
French, Pular, Malinke, Susu

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Guinea through music

Guinea's song is set in a land where mighty rivers meet the sea, from the peaks of Mount Nimba to the Atlantic shore, through green and golden fields and ancient forests. It follows the Djoliba, the Niger, on its way and celebrates a mosaic of peoples. Its verses visit Conakry, the capital, where French and Susu echo through the markets, and follow Fulani herds and the rhythms of the Mandinka at home. Its chorus is driven by the djembe, the drum that gives the people strength as they rise together, one and all.

> *Oh, Guinea, land of Djoliba's song*
> *Where the djembe's rhythm makes us strong*

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AFRICA · WESTERN AFRICA

Guinea-Bissau

Rhythms of Bissau's Heart

CAPITAL
Bissau

LANGUAGES
Portuguese, Guinea-Bissau Creole

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Guinea-Bissau through music

Guinea-Bissau's song is set where the rivers flow to the sea, from the mouth of the Geba to the mangroves of the Bijagós Archipelago. It celebrates Bissau, the capital, where cultures blend, the cashew fields and the music of the markets, with Creole carrying stories from voice to voice. Its verses recall the dream of Amílcar Cabral and the road to independence, and share arroz de marisco and cassava and groundnut stew. It honours the Balanta, Fula and Mandinka peoples, living side by side, and its chorus asks the drums to sing the land's history.

> *Oh, Guinea-Bissau, land of the free*
> *With your vibrant tapestry*

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AFRICA · WESTERN AFRICA

Liberia

Echoes of the Lion Mountain

CAPITAL
Monrovia

LANGUAGES
English, Kpelle, Bassa

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Liberia through music

Liberia's song celebrates a land on the Atlantic coast of West Africa, from Monrovia, the capital, to green hills and forests. It recalls the country's founding by freed people seeking a new beginning, and its long-held independence. Its verses hear the Kru and Bassa languages alongside English, honour the Gola and Kissi peoples, and pass the Firestone plantations and busy markets. They share jollof rice and palm butter, and travel through the forests of Nimba and Bong, from Cape Mount to Lofa, and its chorus sings of courage through trials and triumphs.

> *Liberia, Liberia, hear your song*
> *Where the lion mountains stand so strong.*

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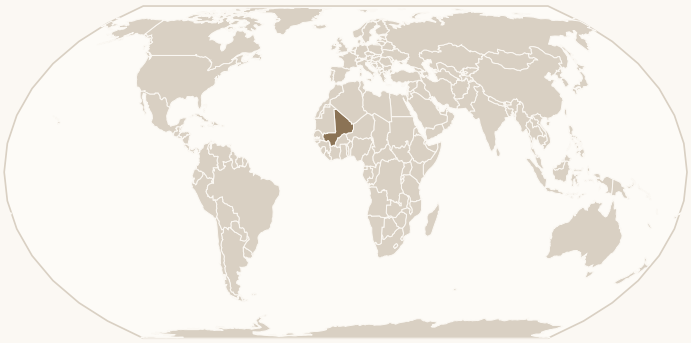
Mali

Echoes of the Djoliba, Heartbeat of Mali

CAPITAL
Bamako

LANGUAGES
Bambara and 12 other national languages; French

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Mali through music

Mali's song follows the Djoliba, the Niger, under Saharan skies, from Bamako to Timbuktu. It recalls the great empires and kings of Mali's past, and the wisdom of Timbuktu, where the desert winds blow. Its verses honour the griots who tell the country's stories, the gentle sound of Bambara, and the sunlit clay of the great mosque of Djenné. They listen to the ngoni and the balafon in Bamako's lively streets, and to the looms where cotton is woven, and its chorus calls the listener home to a land where cultures interlace.

> *Mali, land of unity and grace*
> *Where the Djoliba flows and cultures interlace.*

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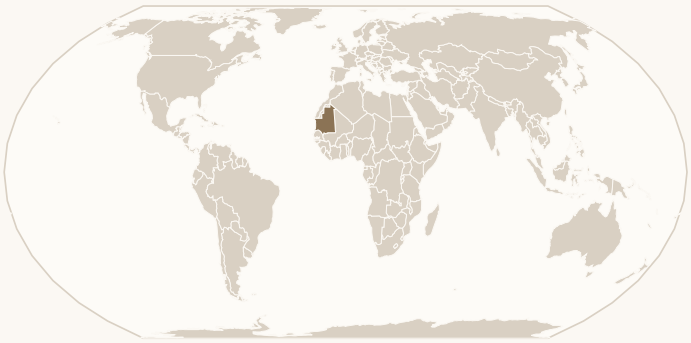
Mauritania

Mauritania's Desert Symphony

CAPITAL
Nouakchott

LANGUAGES
Arabic, Pulaar, Soninke, Wolof

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Mauritania through music

Mauritania's song is set where the Sahara meets the Atlantic, from the coast at Nouakchott, the capital, to the dunes where nomads wander. It follows the Senegal river and visits Chinguetti, a city of old knowledge and ancient libraries. Its verses celebrate Arabic, Pulaar and Hassaniya, many voices in one land, and watch falcons soar overhead. They ride the iron-ore trains across a sea of dust and listen to desert blues, and its chorus sings of a land of sun and sand where cultures meet.

> *Oh, Mauritania, land of the sun and sand*
> *Where cultures meet and hold hands*

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Niger

Land of Niamey, Heart of the Sahel

CAPITAL
Niamey

LANGUAGES
Hausa, Zarma, French and others

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Niger through music

Niger's song crosses a land that is four-fifths Sahara, where the great river bends through Niamey and pirogues glide, and the dark Aïr Mountains rise. It visits the Ténéré, a sea of sand rich in ancient fossils, and Agadez, with its mud minaret and Tuareg silver crosses, and follows salt caravans from Bilma. It honours the Hausa, Zarma, Tuareg, Fulani and Kanuri peoples, the gathering of herders at In-Gall for the Cure Salée and the Wodaabe dancers of the Gerewol. It ends with elephants in the W park, the last wild giraffes of West Africa, and the green of the rains.

> *Nee-zhair, heart of the Sahel*
> *guitar humming in the evening light*

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AFRICA · WESTERN AFRICA

Nigeria

Giant of Africa

CAPITAL
Abuja

LANGUAGES
English, Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Nigeria through music

Nigeria's song celebrates the Giant of Africa, from the Sahel in the north to the mangroves of the south, where the Niger and Benue meet at Lokoja. It visits Lagos, which never sleeps, and Abuja, beneath Zuma Rock, and honours a nation of many nations, with hundreds of languages, Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo among them. Its verses look back to Nok terracottas, the bronzes of Benin and the heads of Ife, to Kano and its Durbar horsemen, and to independence in 1960. It ends with Nollywood, Afrobeats, jollof and suya, and the sacred Osun grove.

> *Naija, Giant of Africa*
> *green and white, the eagles fly*

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Senegal

Rhythms of the Baobab Lands

CAPITAL
Dakar

LANGUAGES
French, Wolof

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Senegal through music

Senegal's song stands among tall baobabs, from the Atlantic shore to the beating heart of Dakar. It celebrates Wolof, Pulaar and Serer voices, and the spirit of teranga, the welcome Senegal is known for. Its verses listen to the island of Gorée and its memories, and to Saint-Louis, where the Senegal River recalls the colonial past. They share peanut and millet harvests, thiéboudienne and sweet bissap, and the gathering of the community at Tabaski. Its chorus dances to sabar drums, and mbalax carries the night along.

> *Senegal, oh Senegal, land of bright skies*
> *Echoes of sabar drums, where the spirit flies.*

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AFRICA · WESTERN AFRICA

Sierra Leone

Echoes of the Lion Mountains

CAPITAL
Freetown

LANGUAGES
English, Krio

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Sierra Leone through music

Sierra Leone's song is set where the Lion Mountains meet the sea, from the shores of Freetown to the diamond fields of Kono. It recalls the colonial past and the gold and diamonds beneath the land, and celebrates the Krio, Mende and Temne languages among many others. Its verses recall independence in 1961, and a people who came through war and the Ebola epidemic with their resilience intact. Its chorus sings of unity and strength, from the coast to the inland plains.

> *Sierra Leone, oh hear the song*
> *Of unity and strength, where we belong.*

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AFRICA · WESTERN AFRICA

The Gambia

Flow of the Gambia River

CAPITAL
Banjul

LANGUAGES
English, Mandinka, Wolof

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover The Gambia through music

The Gambia's song follows the Gambia River, from where it meets the Atlantic to the banks where fishermen cast their nets. It visits Banjul, the capital, where river and sea meet, and celebrates the dances of the Mandinka and Wolof. Its verses recall Kunta Kinteh Island and its history of resilience and freedom, played out to the strings of the kora. It shares jollof rice and domoda at sunset, and its chorus calls the country the Smiling Coast, a land of warmth and unity where the river sings.

> *Oh, Gambia, hear the river's song*
> *Flowing through hearts where we belong*

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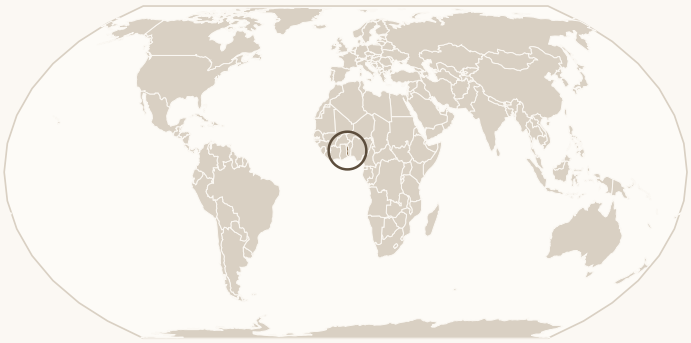
Togo

Togo's Tapestry of Traditions

CAPITAL
Lomé

LANGUAGES
French, Ewe, Kabiye

REGION
Western Africa, Africa



Discover Togo through music

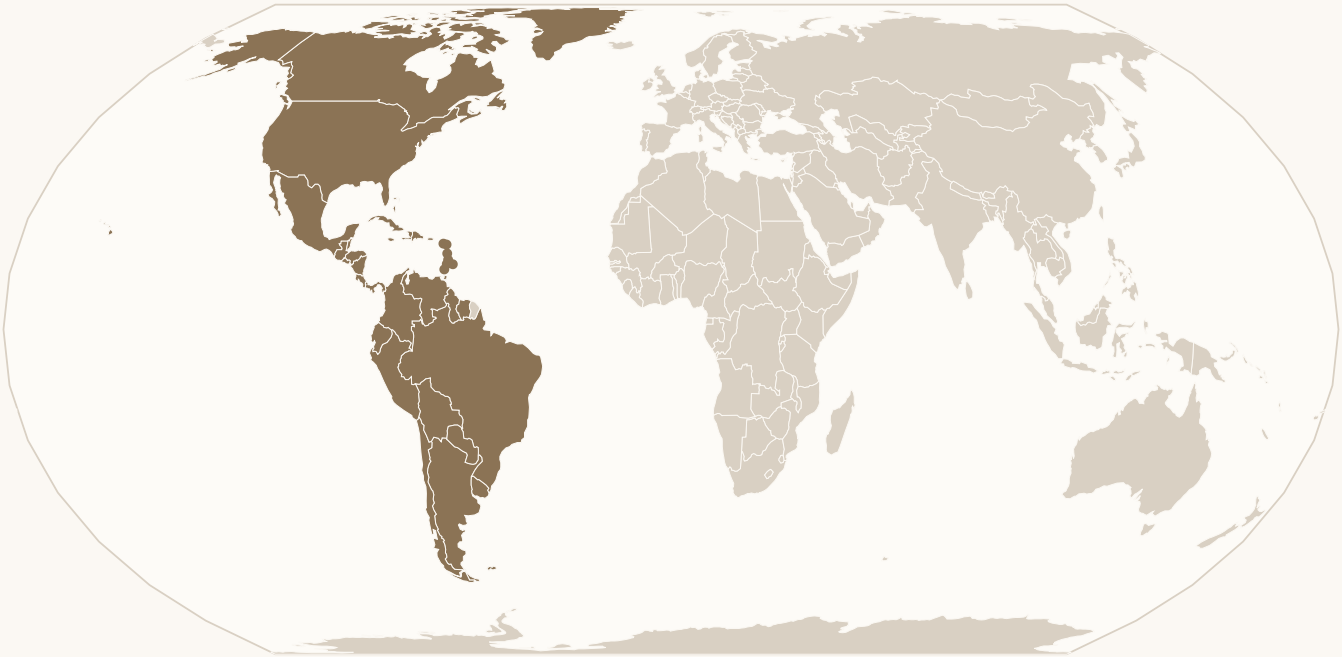
Togo's song travels from the savannahs of the north to the coast, between Ghana and Benin. It celebrates Lomé, the capital, where cultures blend, and the Ewe and Kabiye languages that greet the day. Its verses recall independence in 1960 and the history kept at Togoville, and celebrate the kpalongo drums, festivals and dances, and fufu and yam at the table. It ends in busy market streets, among artisans at work, in a land its chorus calls a tapestry of tradition.

> *Oh, Togo, land of unity and pride*
> *A tapestry of tradition and tides.*

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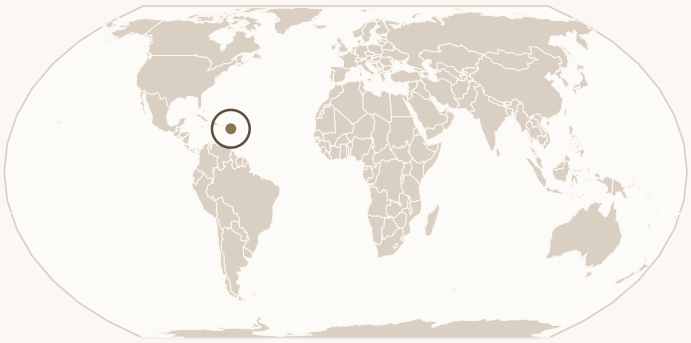
Antigua and Barbuda

Islands in the Sunlight

CAPITAL
St. John's

LANGUAGES
English

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover Antigua and Barbuda through music

Antigua and Barbuda's song greets two islands in the Caribbean sunlight, with emerald waters lapping at their shores. It moves from the busy streets of St. John's to the quiet retreats of Barbuda, and cheers the cricket at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium. Its verses recall the sugar cane fields of the past and the stories of freedom that followed, and celebrate a culture with strong African roots, sung in English. Its chorus moves to calypso and carnival, and the warm-hearted people of the islands.

> *Antigua, Barbuda, islands in the sunlight*
> *Warm hearted people, colors bright.*

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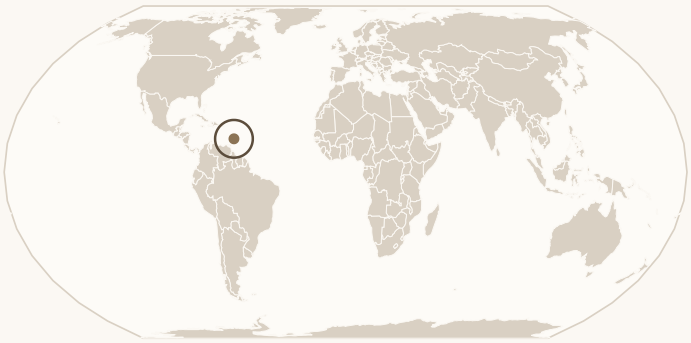
Barbados

Bajan Paradise: Rhythms of the Isles

CAPITAL
Bridgetown

LANGUAGES
English, Bajan

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover Barbados through music

Barbados' song is set on an island in the sun, where the trade winds whisper and blue waters glow. It moves from the busy streets of Bridgetown to quiet sandy beaches, and celebrates the Crop Over festival, the smell of flying fish and the warmth of the Bajan people. Its verses recall the sugar cane fields, a visit by George Washington and independence in 1966, and the coral reefs beyond the shore. It celebrates the music that has carried Barbados to the world, Rihanna's voice among it, and its chorus calls the island a land of rum and calypso.

> *Barbados, oh Barbados*
> *Where the heart meets the sea*

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AMERICAS · CARIBBEAN

Cuba

Rhythms of the Cuban Heart

CAPITAL
Havana

LANGUAGES
Spanish

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover Cuba through music

Cuba's song celebrates an island that dances in the heart of the Caribbean, from Havana, where vintage cars parade through old streets, to Santiago and Camagüey. It sings of sugar cane fields and high mountains, and of a history from Spain's colonial rule to the revolution led by Fidel Castro, with José Martí's dreams still remembered. Its verses hear Spanish in the streets, and taste ropa vieja and the mojito, and recall Hemingway's years there, the cigars rolled by hand and the island's rum. It ends with the music of the Buena Vista Social Club and the lights of the Tropicana.

> *Cuba, oh Cuba, with a heart that beats so free*
> *Your rhythms are the echoes of your proud history.*

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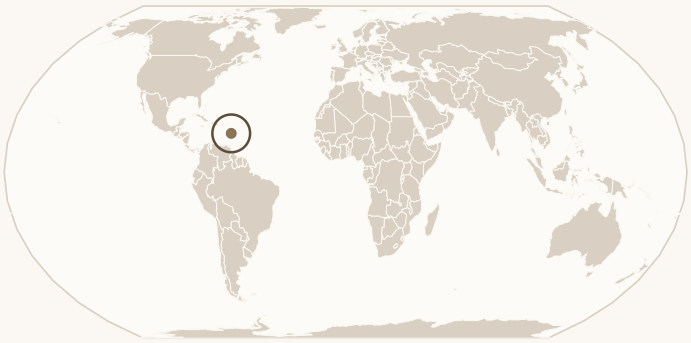
Dominica

Nature's Isle Symphony

CAPITAL
Roseau

LANGUAGES
English, Dominican Creole French

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover Dominica through music

Dominica's song celebrates the Nature Isle, a land of rivers and towering green in the eastern Caribbean. It visits Roseau, the capital, by its river, and honours the Kalinago, whose call echoes from the mountain peaks. Its verses travel from the steam of the Boiling Lake to emerald valleys and waterfalls, through fields where bananas grow. They celebrate Creole rhythms, the carnival parade and the heartbeat of calypso, and its chorus calls the island a land of wonders, singing in a tropical paradise.

> *Dominica, land of wonders, rise*
> *Where waterfalls dance and rivers entwine*

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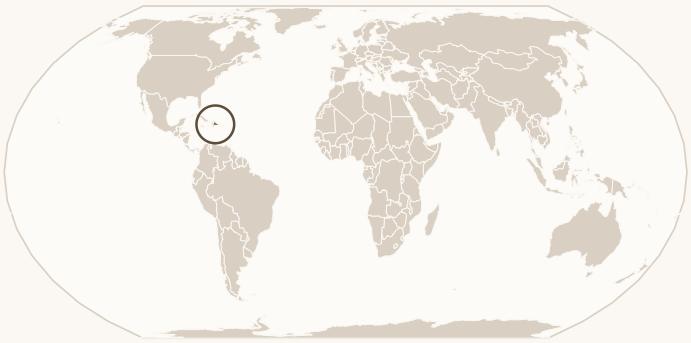
Dominican Republic

Rhythms of Quisqueya

CAPITAL
Santo Domingo

LANGUAGES
Spanish

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover Dominican Republic through music

The Dominican Republic's song celebrates Quisqueya, from the cobbled, palm-shaded streets of Santo Domingo to the mountains and the beaches of Punta Cana. It honours the Taíno heritage and a meeting of many cultures, and recalls the struggles for freedom and the heroes of the past. Its verses visit the green valleys of the Cibao and the sugar cane fields, and share mangú and sancocho. They celebrate baseball, the music of Juan Luis Guerra, and a chorus that dances to merengue and the sway of bachata.

> *Dance to merengue, bachata's sway*
> *In the Dominican, every night and day.*

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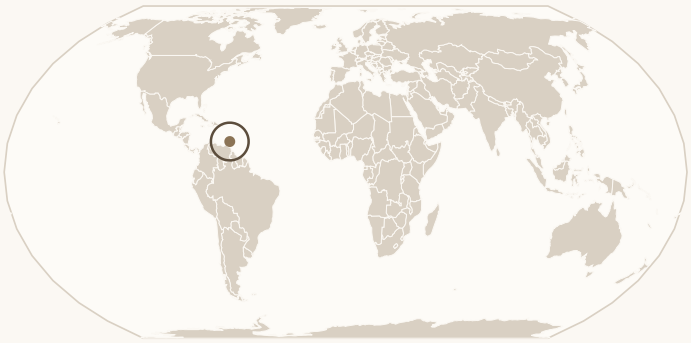
Grenada

Spice Island Serenade

CAPITAL
St. George's

LANGUAGES
English

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover Grenada through music

Grenada's song celebrates the Isle of Spice, from St. George's to the hills, where nutmeg scents the air and spices grow in rich volcanic soil. It takes in white beaches and green views, and the steel pans playing by the waves. Its verses recall the battles between the French and British, the stories held at Fort George, and independence in 1974. They light up the night with carnival colours and share oil down and callaloo, and its chorus sings of an island where history and culture blend.

> *Oh Grenada, island of spice!*
> *In your arms, the world feels nice.*

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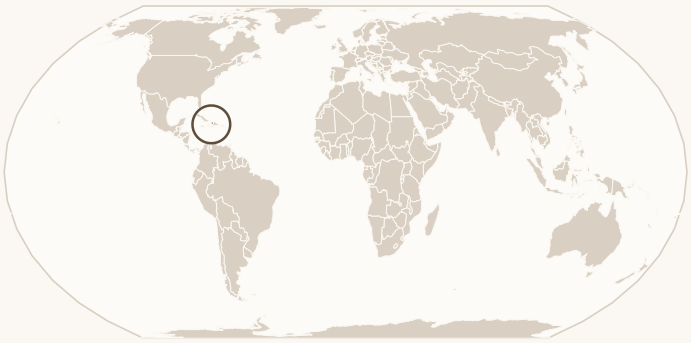
Haiti

Island of Resilience: Haiti's Heartbeat

CAPITAL
Port-au-Prince

LANGUAGES
Haitian Creole, French

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover Haiti through music

Haiti's song celebrates a land of resilience, from the peaks of La Selle to the coast, and Port-au-Prince, where hopes and voices rise. It honours the revolution of 1804 and Toussaint Louverture's triumph, and the Citadelle, whose stones tell of times gone by. Its verses hear Kreyòl and French in the air, share griot spiced with ginger, and celebrate vibrant carnivals, art and dance. Its chorus sings of a land of courage and light, shining bright through every trial.

> *Haiti, Haiti, land of courage and light*
> *Through trials and strength, you shine bright.*

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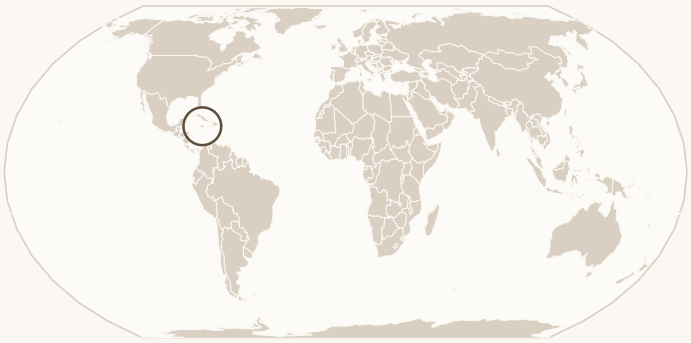
Jamaica

Island of One People

CAPITAL
Kingston

LANGUAGES
English, Jamaican Patois

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover Jamaica through music

Jamaica's song begins with the island itself, a land of wood and water in the Caribbean Sea, and with its motto, Out of many, one people. It moves through the island's history: the Taíno who lived there first, the arrival of Columbus and colonial rule, and the enslaved Africans whose courage and longing for freedom shaped the nation. Its chorus rises from the streets of Kingston to the mountains, carried on reggae, and its bridge traces the island's music from ska to dancehall — the sound that made a small island a cultural power heard around the world.

> *Jamaica, land we love*
> *In reggae beats and skies above*

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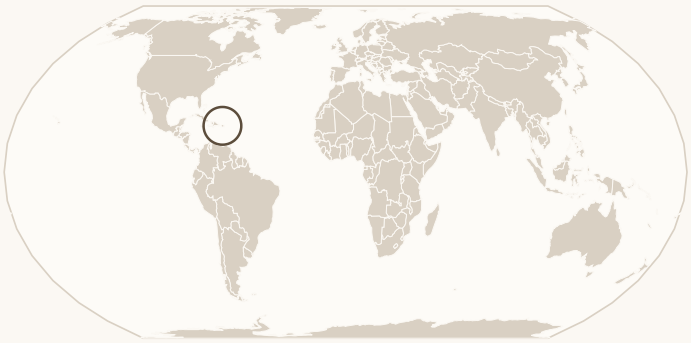
Puerto Rico

Isla del Encanto

CAPITAL
San Juan

LANGUAGES
Spanish, English

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover Puerto Rico through music

Puerto Rico's song begins with Borikén, the Taíno name for the island, its cemí spirits and ball courts, before Columbus came ashore in 1493 and San Juan rose behind stone walls. It walks the blue cobblestones and pastel balconies of Old San Juan beneath El Morro, through four centuries of Spain and, from 1898, as a territory of the United States. It honours the Taíno, African and Spanish roots of Boricua culture — bomba and plena, the cuatro, mofongo and arroz con gandules — and the island's strength after Hurricane María. It ends in the rainforest of El Yunque and the glowing waters of Vieques, to the song of the coquí.

> *Puerto Rico, Isla del Encanto*
> *bomba drums and plena, the cuatro in the air*

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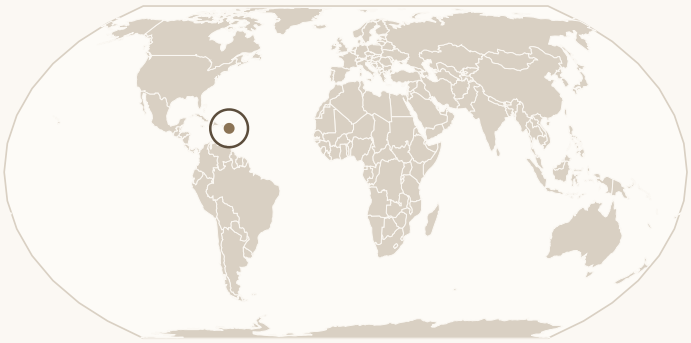
Saint Kitts and Nevis

Islands of Sugar and Spice

CAPITAL
Basseterre

LANGUAGES
English

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover Saint Kitts and Nevis through music

Saint Kitts and Nevis' song greets two islands in the Caribbean, with golden beaches, rolling green hills and Mount Liamuiga standing tall. It visits Basseterre, the capital, with its busy markets, and recalls a complex history of sugar cane, from the first island peoples to the colonists, and independence in 1983. Its verses celebrate English and Creole, the languages that unite the people, and carnivals and festivals full of colour, and its chorus calls the two islands, in harmony, a land of sugar and spice.

> *Oh, Saint Kitts and Nevis, islands of sugar and spice*
> *Your heart beats with rhythm, your soul sparkles like ice.*

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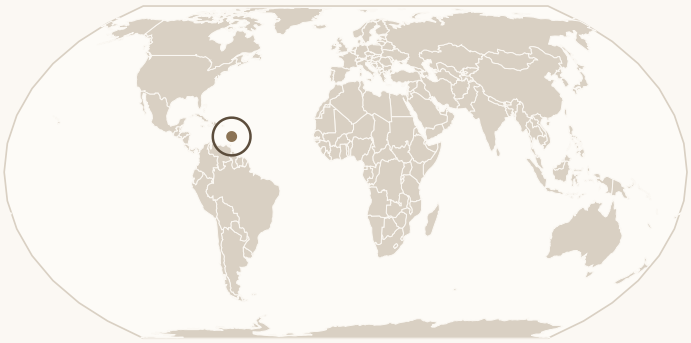
Saint Lucia

Island of Light and Harmony

CAPITAL
Castries

LANGUAGES
English, Saint Lucian Creole French

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover Saint Lucia through music

Saint Lucia's song paints an island of green mountains and beaches in the eastern Caribbean, from Castries to Soufrière, where the Pitons stand like guards. It recalls the island's first peoples, and the French and English who left their mark on its Creole voice and local arts. Its verses share callaloo and green fig, fish cakes and bakes, and celebrate carnival colour and the night at Gros Islet. Its chorus calls Saint Lucia an island of light, where life sways with ease.

> *Oh Saint Lucia, island of light*
> *Your heart beats strong through the day and night.*

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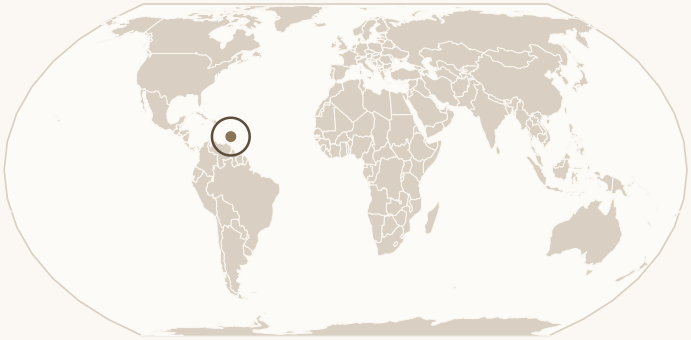
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Paradise in the Lesser Antilles

CAPITAL
Kingstown

LANGUAGES
English

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover Saint Vincent and the Grenadines through music

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' song is set among islands of the Lesser Antilles, from the volcanic peak of La Soufrière to sandy shores and turquoise water, and from Bequia down to Canouan. It visits Kingstown, the capital, and recalls the footprints of the French and British and the stories of the islands' first peoples. Its verses share breadfruit, plantains, curry and seafood feasts under the stars, and colourful masquerades and carnival, and its chorus sings of a dream within a dream, in island life.

> *Saint Vincent, oh, you're calling me*
> *From Bequia down to Canouan's breeze.*

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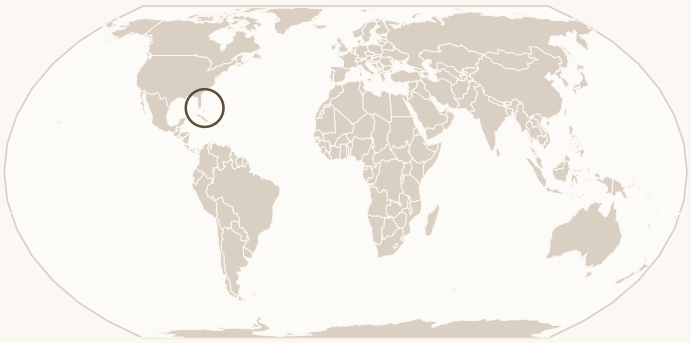
The Bahamas

Islands of Sun and Sea

CAPITAL
Nassau

LANGUAGES
English

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover The Bahamas through music

The Bahamas' song sails among islands of sun and sea in the Atlantic, from Nassau on New Providence to Grand Bahama and the Abacos. It recalls the islands' days as a pirates' haven, their Lucayan first peoples and the glow of Eleuthera. Its verses taste guava duff, conch fritters and seafood, and visit pink sands and deep blue holes. Its chorus dances to the rhythm of Junkanoo under swaying palms.

> *Oh, the Bahamas, where the palm trees sway*
> *Feel the rhythm of Junkanoo today.*

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AMERICAS · CARIBBEAN

Trinidad and Tobago

Treasures of Twin Isles

CAPITAL
Port of Spain

LANGUAGES
English

REGION
Caribbean, Americas



Discover Trinidad and Tobago through music

Trinidad and Tobago's song celebrates two islands in the Caribbean, with Port of Spain, the capital, at the heart where cultures meet. It moves to the sway of the steelpan and the beat of Carnival, calypso, soca and chutney, and hears the Arawak, African and Indian heritage of the islands come together. Its verses share sorrel and doubles, recall the folklore of Siparia and the busy markets of Chaguanas, and note the oil and gas that power the economy — though it is the people, the song says, who shine.

> *Treasures of twin isles, vibrant and free*
> *Dance to the calypso by the Caribbean sea.*

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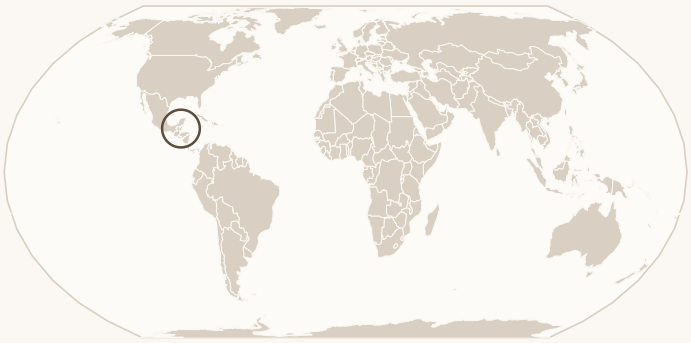
Belize

Belizean Rhythms: Where the Jungle Meets the Sea

CAPITAL
Belmopan

LANGUAGES
English, Kriol, Spanish

REGION
Central America, Americas



Discover Belize through music

Belize's song celebrates a land where the jungle meets the sea, from ancient Maya ruins in the green interior to coral reefs and the cayes. It hears English and Kriol, Garifuna drumming and Mestizo festivity, and many voices telling the country's history. Its verses move from Belmopan, the capital, to Belize City and its colonial past, share cohune cabbage and rice and beans, and follow the manatee through the water. Its chorus invites the listener to dance in a land of harmony, where dreams are wild.

> *Belize, oh Belize, where the jungle meets the sea*
> *From Belmopan to the isles, there's a call of harmony.*

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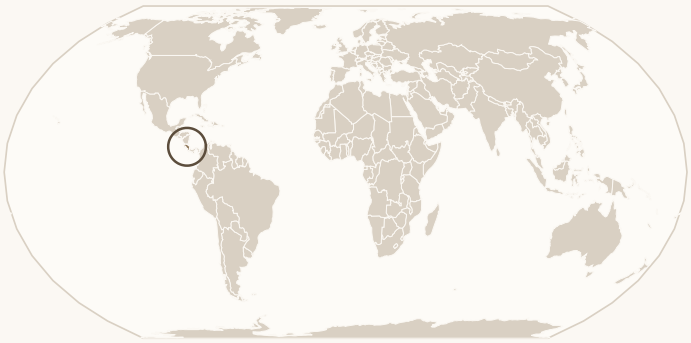
Costa Rica

Pura Vida in Paradise

CAPITAL
San José

LANGUAGES
Spanish

REGION
Central America, Americas



Discover Costa Rica through music

Costa Rica's song celebrates pura vida in a land between two oceans, from the valleys of San José to the Caribbean and the Pacific. It hears red macaws in the treetops and the whisper of the rainforest, and honours a country of peace that has no army. Its verses climb the misty trails of Monteverde and the fiery Arenal volcano, share gallo pinto in the morning and coffee from the hills, and marvel at a land of rare biodiversity. Its chorus calls on Ticos and Ticas to let their spirits soar.

> *Pura Vida, let your spirit soar*
> *Ticos and Ticas share more and more.*

Listen to the song and read its lyrics
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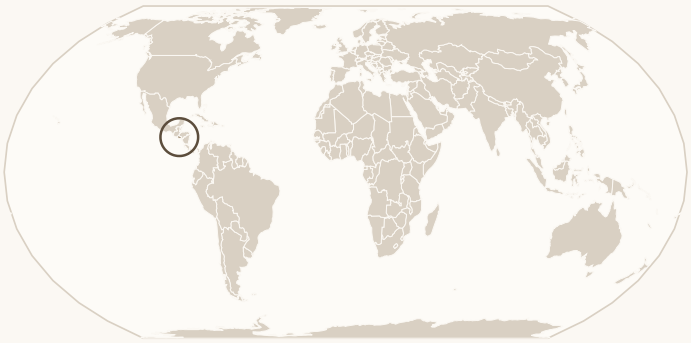
El Salvador

El Salvador Sunlit Shores

CAPITAL
San Salvador

LANGUAGES
Spanish

REGION
Central America, Americas



Discover El Salvador through music

El Salvador's song celebrates a small country by the Pacific, from volcanic peaks and coffee farms to the ocean's edge. It visits San Salvador, the capital, where hope and history meet, and honours the Pipil and Lenca peoples whose stories echo in the markets. Its verses share pupusas filled with cheese and beans, remember Monseñor Romero and his call for peace, and recall the indigo fields of the past and the country's love of football. Its chorus sings with Salvadoran pride, from the ocean to the mountains.

> *Oh, El Salvador, in your light we sing*
> *With Salvadoran pride, let all voices ring.*

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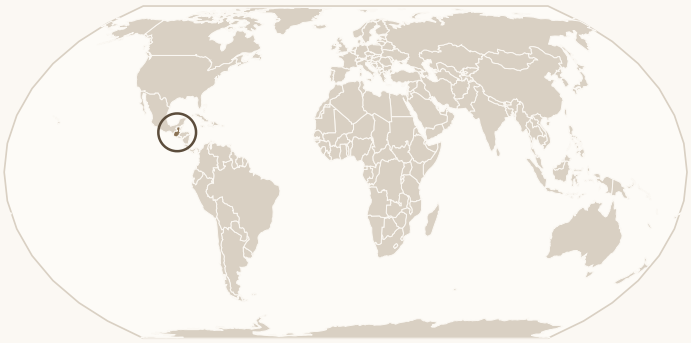
Guatemala

Echoes of the Quetzal

CAPITAL
Guatemala City

LANGUAGES
Spanish, K'iche' and other Mayan languages

REGION
Central America, Americas



Discover Guatemala through music

Guatemala's song celebrates a land of Maya heritage, from the highlands to the lowlands, where the pyramids of Tikal rise from deep jungle. It sings of the quetzal and of volcanoes watching over blue lakes, Lake Atitlán among them, with the villages around it keeping their traditions. Its verses visit Guatemala City, where past and present meet, hear Spanish spoken with K'iche' close by, dance to the marimba and share tamales and cacao. Its chorus calls Guatemala the land of the quetzal, forever young.

> *Guatemala, oh land of the Quetzal bright*
> *From the Mayan temples to the city's lights.*

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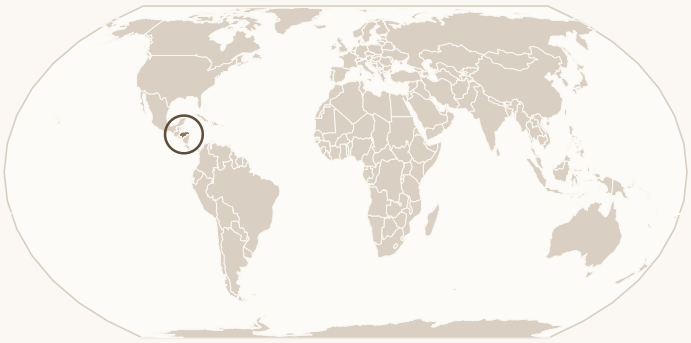
Honduras

Echoes of the Emerald Heart

CAPITAL
Tegucigalpa

LANGUAGES
Spanish

REGION
Central America, Americas



Discover Honduras through music

Honduras' song paints a land of emerald forests and rivers, from the Caribbean shore to high mountains. It visits Tegucigalpa, the capital, and honours the Lenca and Garifuna among the country's peoples. Its verses explore the carved stones of Copán, the Maya city, and the wild forests of Pico Bonito, where the jaguar calls, and pass fields of bananas and coffee. They share sopa de caracol and baleadas, and its chorus sings of the emerald heart of Honduras, where rivers dance and forests breathe.

> *Oh, Honduras, land of emerald green*
> *Where the rivers dance and the forests breathe.*

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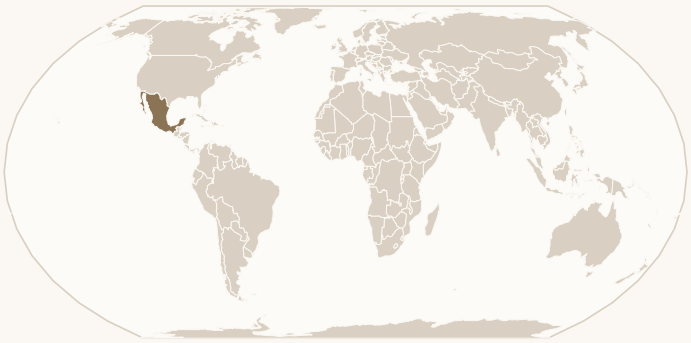
Mexico

Mexico's Heartbeat: Sun and Soul

CAPITAL
Mexico City

LANGUAGES
Spanish, Nahuatl, Yucatec Maya and other Indigenous languages

REGION
Central America, Americas



Discover Mexico through music

Mexico's song is a journey from the peaks of the Sierra Madre to the shores of the Yucatán, from the winds of Oaxaca to the life of Chiapas. It hears the call of the Aztec and Maya, passes through the arches of Teotihuacan and recalls Tenochtitlan, heart of a Nahua empire. Its verses celebrate the busy streets of Mexico City, the spices of mole poblano, mariachi songs and the Day of the Dead, when memory and love come together. Its chorus calls Mexico a land of heart and soul, vibrant and free.

> *Oh Mexico, with heart and soul*
> *From bustling streets of Mexico City*

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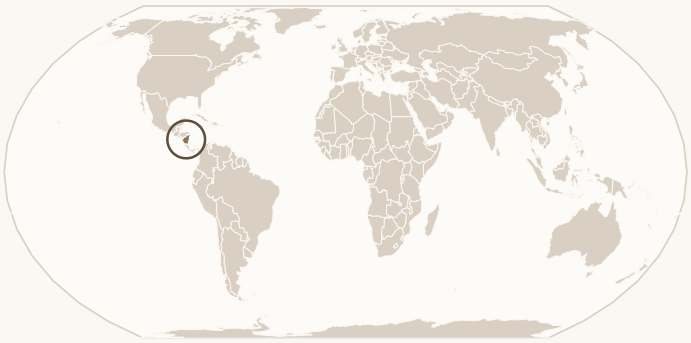
Nicaragua

From Lakes to Volcanoes, Nicaragua's Heartbeat

CAPITAL
Managua

LANGUAGES
Spanish

REGION
Central America, Americas



Discover Nicaragua through music

Nicaragua's song celebrates a land of lakes and fire, from the streets of Managua to the shores of Lake Nicaragua and volcanoes such as San Cristóbal and Momotombo. It travels from the old streets of León, home of the poet Rubén Darío, to the waves of the Corn Islands. Its verses celebrate fiestas and parades and a culture rich and bright, and remember a history of struggle through which the country came toward the light. Its chorus sings of a spirit that never loses its smile.

> *Oh, Nicaragua, with your heart so bold*
> *Your stories of yore, forever told.*

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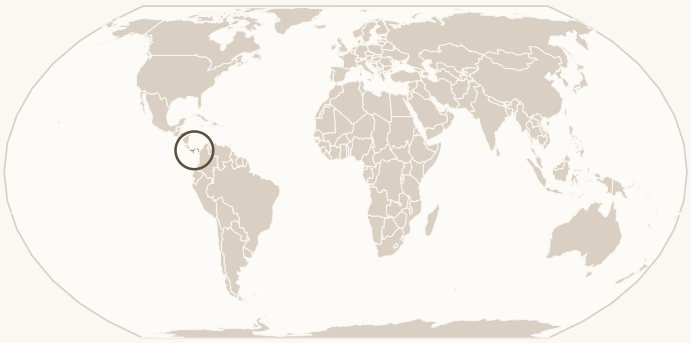
Panama

The Isthmus of Wonders

CAPITAL
Panama City

LANGUAGES
Spanish

REGION
Central America, Americas



Discover Panama through music

Panama's song is a portrait of a narrow land between the Atlantic and the Pacific, where the world meets. It rises with Panama City among jungle and highland, and finds Spanish whispers in the old ruins. Its chorus calls Panama a bridge of lands and seas, from the shores of Guna Yala to Bocas del Toro, and its verses honour the canal that links the oceans. They celebrate the molas sewn by hand, the Spanish, Ngäbe and English heard in the country, the riverbanks of the Emberá and the hills of Chiriquí, and dance to cumbia under the moon.

> *Oh, Panama, bridge of the lands and seas*
> *Rich tapestry of cultures, swaying with the breeze.*

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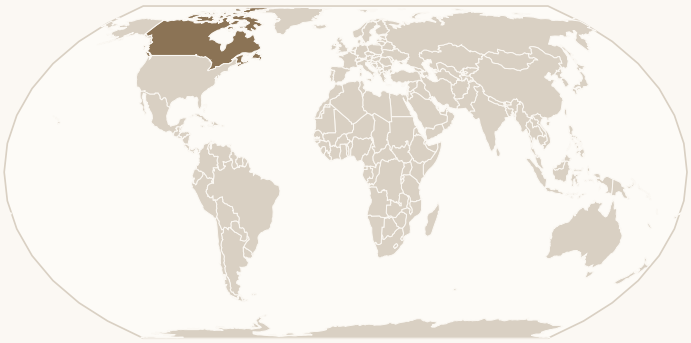
Canada

From Sea to Sea: The Canadian Tapestry

CAPITAL
Ottawa

LANGUAGES
English, French

REGION
Northern America, Americas



Discover Canada through music

Canada's song spans a country from the Pacific to the Atlantic, from the towering Rockies to prairies of golden wheat, through cities, forests, rivers and plains. It celebrates the lights of Montreal and Toronto and Ottawa, the capital, and a nation of many voices joined in French and English. Its verses honour the First Nations, guardians of the land from days of old, and visit the roar of Niagara and the dancing aurora. It ends with hockey rinks and poutine, and its chorus sings of a land of many cultures, united from sea to sea.

> *Oh, Canada, with your vibrant lands wide*
> *From sea to shining sea, with pride we abide*

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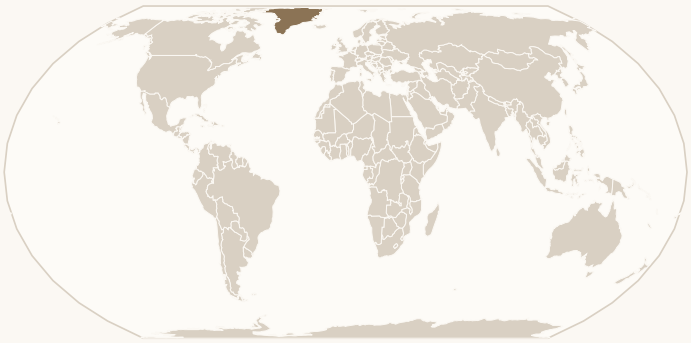
Greenland

Kalaallit Nunaat

CAPITAL
Nuuk

LANGUAGES
Greenlandic, Danish

REGION
Northern America, Americas



Discover Greenland through music

Greenland's song celebrates Kalaallit Nunaat, the land of the people: the largest island on Earth, most of it under ancient ice, where the glacier at Ilulissat calves icebergs into the fjord. It visits Nuuk, the capital, with its brightly coloured houses, and honours Kalaallisut, the language heard in kitchens, classrooms and songs. Its verses trace four thousand years of history, from the Thule people and Erik the Red's Norse farms to the Danish missions, Home Rule in 1979 and self-rule in 2009. It ends under the midnight sun and the aurora, with the qajaq, sled dogs and the beat of the qilaat drum.

> *Kalaallit Nunaat, Greenland of the north*
> *drum and ice and aurora calling the seasons forth*

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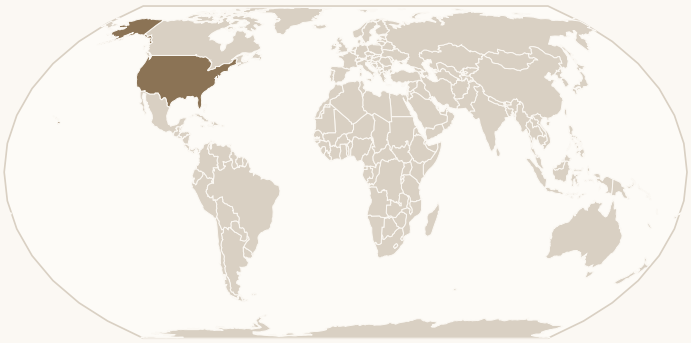
United States

Stars and Stripes Forever

CAPITAL
Washington, D.C.

LANGUAGES
English

REGION
Northern America, Americas



Discover United States through music

The United States' song stretches from sea to shining sea, from the Rockies to the eastern coast, from New York's skyline to the waves of California. It celebrates a melting pot of cultures and dreams, and the fifty stars and thirteen stripes of its flag. Its verses visit Washington and recall Lincoln, hear jazz in the streets of New Orleans and country music in Nashville, and travel from Silicon Valley to the fields of Iowa. They remember the civil rights movement and the leap to the Moon, and its chorus sings of a land of the brave and the free.

> *Oh, USA, let your colors fly*
> *From the amber plains to the mountain high.*

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AMERICAS · SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina

From Pampa to Tango's Heartbeat

CAPITAL
Buenos Aires

LANGUAGES
Spanish

REGION
South America, Americas



Discover Argentina through music

Argentina's song travels from the heights of Aconcagua and the Andes across the vast Pampas, where gauchos ride free, to Patagonia in the south. It celebrates Buenos Aires, where the heartbeat of tango fills the streets, and the waters of the Río de la Plata. Its verses remember Eva Perón, beloved by many, hear the voices of the Mapuche and taste the wine of Mendoza. They gather round the asado and sweet dulce de leche, and its chorus asks the listener to dance to the tango under the southern moon.

> *Argentina, dance to the tango's tune*
> *Embrace the fire under the Southern moon.*

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Bolivia

From the Andes to the Amazon

CAPITAL

Sucre (constitutional); La Paz (seat of government)

LANGUAGES

Spanish, Quechua, Aymara, Guaraní and others

REGION

South America, Americas



Discover Bolivia through music

Bolivia's song climbs from the jungles of the Amazon to the snowy peaks of the Andes, where llamas graze in the valleys. It celebrates La Paz, the city that touches the sky, and the Quechua, Aymara and Spanish voices heard across the land. Its verses visit the sacred waters of Lake Titicaca, with their Inca legends, the silver mines of Potosí that were once the heart of great wealth, and the salt flats of Uyuni, a mirror of the sky. They dance to cumbia and saya in the streets, and its chorus celebrates a land where cultures blend.

> *From the Andes to the Amazon*
> *Mountain trails and rivers strong.*

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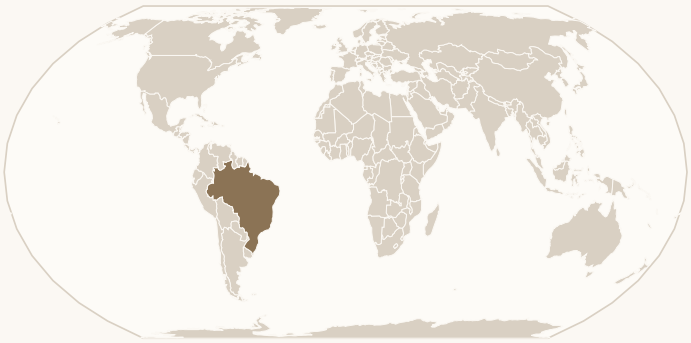
Brazil

Rhythms of the Rising Sun

CAPITAL
Brasília

LANGUAGES
Portuguese

REGION
South America, Americas



Discover Brazil through music

Brazil's song moves to the beat of a vast country, from the Amazon river to the coasts where the oceans meet. It celebrates Brasília, drawn in lines of beauty by Oscar Niemeyer, the colours of Carnival, and the samba and bossa nova that tell the country's stories. Its verses honour Brazil's Portuguese, Indigenous and African roots, and travel from the shores of Ipanema and Copacabana to the green of the Amazon and the plains of the Pantanal. They remember Pelé's goals at the Maracanã, and share feijoada and the caipirinha under tropical stars.

> *Brazil, where the sun rises anew*
> *In the sambas we dance and the skies so blue.*

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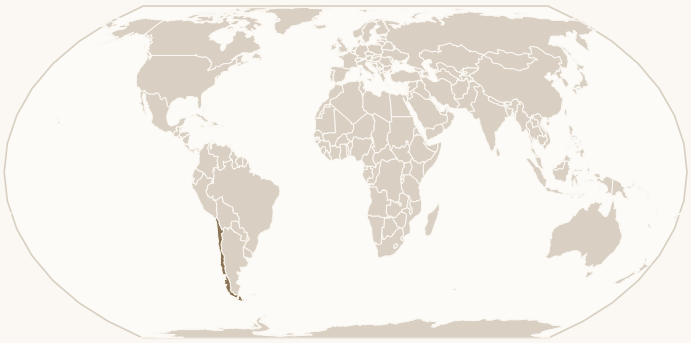
Chile

Between Andes and Oceans

CAPITAL
Santiago

LANGUAGES
Spanish

REGION
South America, Americas



Discover Chile through music

Chile's song follows a long ribbon of land between the Andes and the Pacific, from the dry Atacama desert to the winds of Patagonia. It celebrates Santiago, beneath the peaks, and a land where the earth shakes and volcanoes awaken. Its verses honour the Mapuche roots of the country and the Spanish heard in the poetry of Pablo Neruda, whose words still dance in the air. They taste Carménère wine from sunlit vines, and gaze with the moai of Easter Island under the southern stars, and its chorus sings of where the Andes rise and the waves meet the sky.

> *Chile, oh Chile, where the Andes rise*
> *Rolling waves greet the azure skies.*

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Colombia

Heartbeats of Colombia

CAPITAL
Bogotá

LANGUAGES
Spanish

REGION
South America, Americas



Discover Colombia through music

Colombia's song travels from the Andean peaks to the Caribbean coast, from the green shade of the Amazon to the llanos, where wild horses roam. It celebrates Bogotá, the capital, and a land of vibrant cities, coffee fields and emeralds. Its verses walk the walls of Cartagena, where Spanish galleons once carried their treasure, honour the Afro-Colombian music of the Chocó rainforest, and the magical tales of Gabriel García Márquez. They share arepas and sancocho, and its chorus beats to the rhythm of vallenato, one nation with one heart.

> *Colombia, Colombia, colors in the breeze*
> *From coffee fields to emerald seas.*

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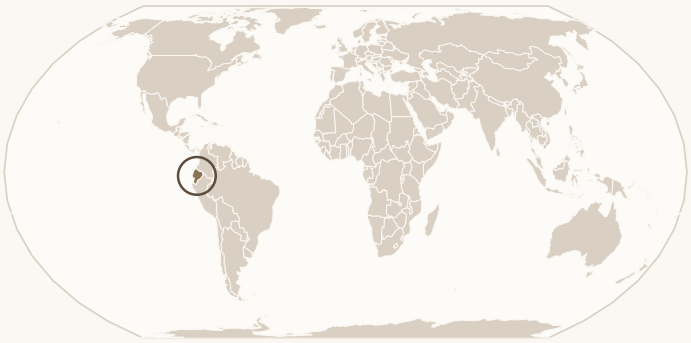
Ecuador

Echoes of Ecuador

CAPITAL
Quito

LANGUAGES
Spanish, Kichwa, Shuar

REGION
South America, Americas



Discover Ecuador through music

Ecuador's song celebrates a land on the line of the equator, where the Andes rise and the jungle shines, from Guayaquil on the coast to the heights of Quito. It visits the Galápagos Islands, whose creatures tell the story of evolution, and the winding rivers of the Amazon. Its verses recall the Inca and the Spanish empire, and honour an Indigenous heritage alive in colourful festivals and song, with Spanish and Quichua voices joined together. They share ceviche and plantain from busy markets, and climb to the snowy dome of Cotopaxi.

> *Ecuador, land of sun and stars*
> *Echoes of history near and far.*

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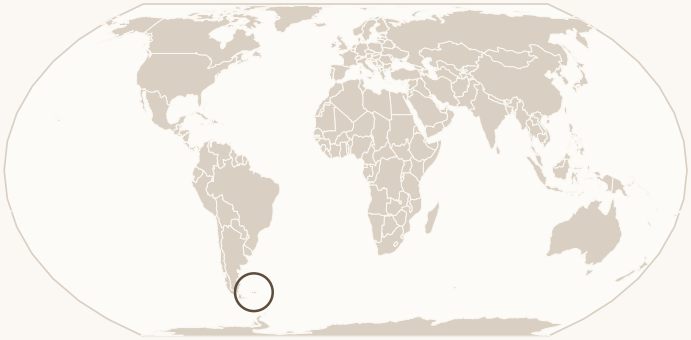
Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)

Islands at the Edge of the Wind

CAPITAL
Stanley

LANGUAGES
English

REGION
South America, Americas



Discover Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) through music

The song of the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) is set far out in the South Atlantic, on two large islands, East and West, and hundreds of smaller ones. It explains their two names — Falklands in English and Malvinas in Spanish, from the Malouines, the sailors of Saint-Malo. It visits Stanley, with its red and green roofs and peat smoke, and the windswept camp, where sheep roam free. Its verses celebrate gentoo, king, rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, the black-browed albatross, seals, sea lions and dolphins, and recall Darwin's visit aboard the Beagle in 1833, and the life of the islands' few thousand people.

> *Falkland Islands, Islas Malvinas*
> *at the edge of the wind and the waves*

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Guyana

Rivers Flow and Rains Sing

CAPITAL
Georgetown

LANGUAGES
English, Guyanese Creole

REGION
South America, Americas



Discover Guyana through music

Guyana's song follows the rivers of a land of water and forest on the northern edge of South America, from the bustling shore of Georgetown to the hidden lore of the rainforest. It celebrates the Demerara and the mighty Essequibo, the mist and rainbows of Kaieteur Falls, and a land where cultures and languages, from Creole to Hindi, meet. Its verses honour the Indigenous peoples, the Arawak and Wai Wai among them, who first called it home, and the traces left by the Dutch and British. They share pepperpot stew and the joy of the Mashramani parade, from Bartica to Lethem.

> *Oh, Guyana, where the rivers flow*
> *Kaiter's mist and rainbows glow.*

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AMERICAS · SOUTH AMERICA

Paraguay

Heartbeats of the Guarani Land

CAPITAL
Asunción

LANGUAGES
Spanish, Guaraní

REGION
South America, Americas



Discover Paraguay through music

Paraguay's song celebrates a landlocked country in the heart of South America, between Brazil and Argentina, centred on Asunción under the sun. It crosses the rugged plains of the Chaco and follows the Paraná, and recalls a history of battles and peace and a spirit that endures. Its verses honour the Guaraní heritage and a land where Spanish and Guaraní are both spoken, a rare linguistic treasure. They share sopa paraguaya and listen to the sweet sound of the harp and the guitar, and its chorus sings of a land where the rivers meet.

> *Oh, Paraguay, where the rivers meet*
> *With songs of the Guarani on the breeze*

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Peru

Peru: Echoes of the Andes

CAPITAL
Lima

LANGUAGES
Spanish, Quechua, Aymara

REGION
South America, Americas



Discover Peru through music

Peru's song travels from the coast to the high Andes, where the condor flies over the Inca Trail, and on into the Amazon. It celebrates Lima, the capital by the sea, where cultures meet, and the ancient stones of Cusco and the misty heights of Machu Picchu. Its verses hear Quechua and Aymara voices in the markets, share ceviche and pisco, and wonder at the mysterious Nazca lines in the desert. They end in the rainforest, where jaguars roam, and its chorus sings of a land where history and nature entwine.

> *Peru, land of the sun*
> *From the Andes to the Amazon run.*

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AMERICAS · SOUTH AMERICA

Suriname

Rhythms of Suriname

CAPITAL
Paramaribo

LANGUAGES
Dutch, Sranan Tongo

REGION
South America, Americas



Discover Suriname through music

Suriname's song is set where rivers wind from the rainforest to the Atlantic coast. It celebrates Paramaribo, the capital, with its wooden buildings and Dutch legacy, and a land where many cultures meet. Its verses visit Maroon villages and their stories of the past, taste Javanese and Creole dishes, and listen to the kaseko drums through the night. They remember the Arawak and Carib peoples, follow the Suriname River through the jungle, and hear Dutch, Sranan and many other languages, and its chorus sings of a harmony without end.

> *Suriname, your rhythms call, across the jungle, wide and tall*
> *A symphony of the world, in your embrace, we stand enthralled.*

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AMERICAS · SOUTH AMERICA

Uruguay

Land of the Silver River

CAPITAL
Montevideo

LANGUAGES
Spanish

REGION
South America, Americas



Discover Uruguay through music

Uruguay's song celebrates the land of the silver river, where the plains meet the sea, between Brazil and the ocean. It moves from the shores of Montevideo to the gaucho country, across open skies and rolling hills. Its verses dance to the beat of candombe in the Carnival streets, honour José Artigas' dream of justice and liberty, and share yerba mate, tango and football in every barrio. They walk the sands of Punta del Este, and its chorus sings of a people whose love of freedom grows.

> *Uruguay, oh Uruguay, where the silver river flows*
> *In your past and in your soul, the love of freedom grows.*

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AMERICAS · SOUTH AMERICA

Venezuela

Vibrations of Venezuela

CAPITAL
Caracas

LANGUAGES
Spanish

REGION
South America, Americas



Discover Venezuela through music

Venezuela's song travels from the Andes to the sea, from the table-top peak of Roraima to the Orinoco and the vast plains of Los Llanos. It celebrates Caracas, the capital, beneath the slopes of El Ávila, and a land of many cultures and rhythms, from salsa in the cities to the joropo of the plains. Its verses honour Simón Bolívar, the Liberator, recall the oil beneath the soil and the challenges the country has faced, and share arepas and hallacas. Its chorus sings of a resilient people, passionate and proud.

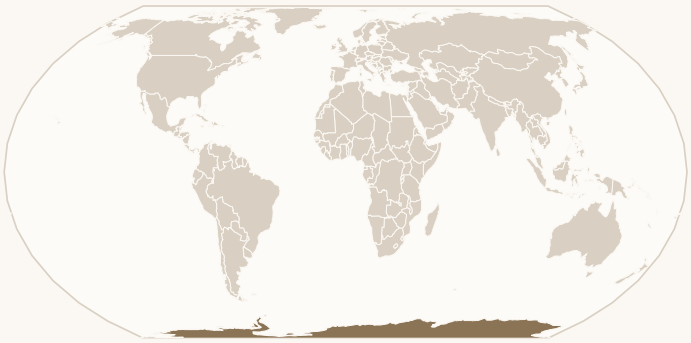
> *Venezuela, oh Venezuela, with heartbeats of joropo's charms*
> *From the salsa of the cities to the rainforest's calm.*

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Antarctica

The White Continent

REGION
Antarctica



Discover Antarctica through music

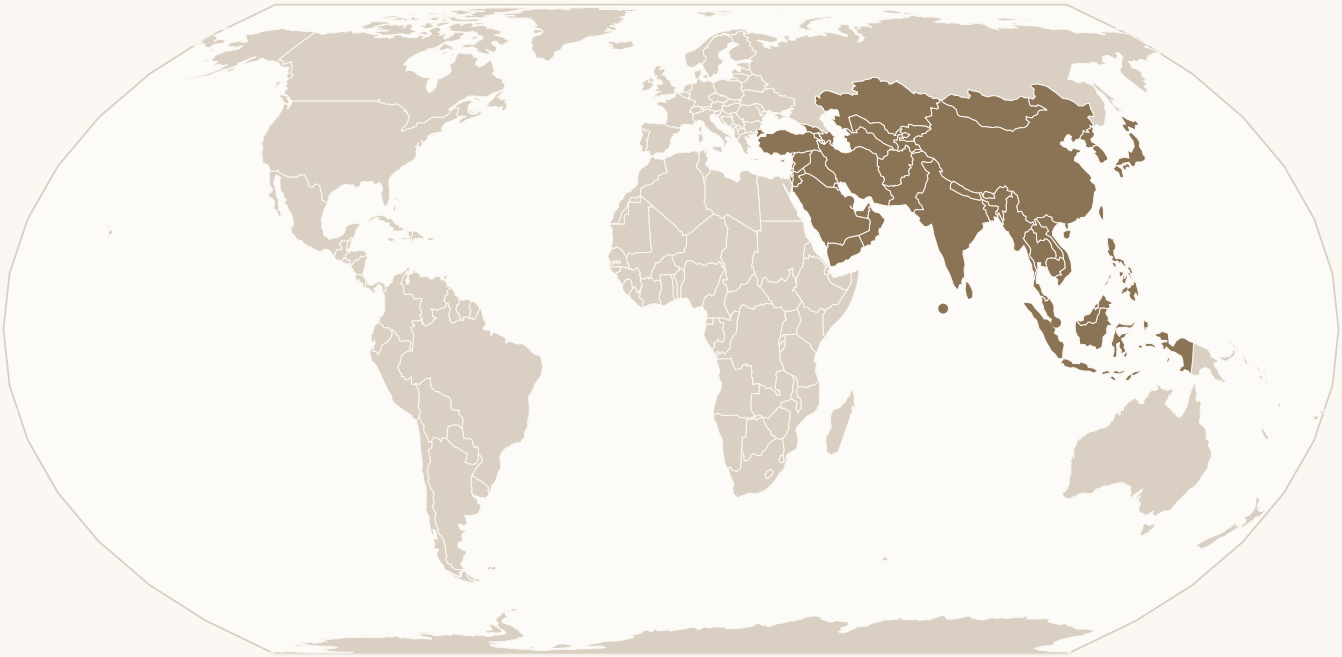
Antarctica's song is set at the bottom of the world, on a continent almost entirely covered by ice up to three miles deep, holding most of the Earth's fresh water. It recalls the coldest temperature ever measured, at Vostok Station, and a land with no capital, no country and no permanent home. Its verses retell the race to the Pole, when Amundsen arrived first and Scott never returned, and Shackleton's Endurance, crushed by the ice while every one of her crew survived. They honour the Antarctic Treaty that keeps the continent for peace and science, the emperor penguins, krill, whales and seals, and the ice that holds a record of ancient air.

> *Antarctica, the white continent*
> *kept for peace and science by the treaty's word*

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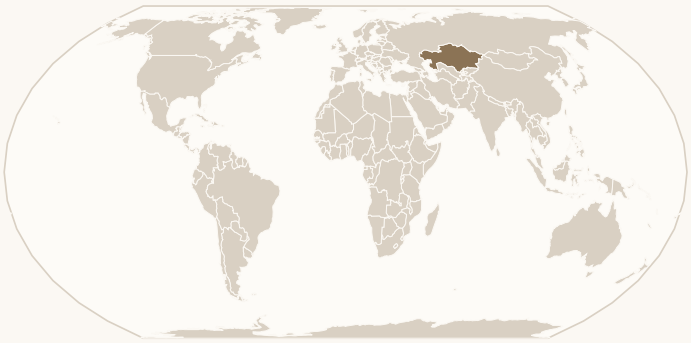
Kazakhstan

Echoes of the Steppes

CAPITAL
Astana

LANGUAGES
Kazakh, Russian

REGION
Central Asia, Asia



Discover Kazakhstan through music

Kazakhstan's song spreads across the steppes of Eurasia, from the Altai mountains to the shores of the Caspian Sea. It celebrates Astana, the new capital, and the charm and history of Almaty, and a land of nomads, where eagles soar and the ancestors still ride across the plains. Its verses listen to the gentle strum of the dombra, hear Kazakh and Russian among many voices, and honour the land of Tengri. They recall the Aral Sea and the old Silk Road, and its chorus moves from yurts on the steppe to the lights of the cities.

> *Kazakhstan, oh Kazakhstan*
> *Land of the steppes, where legends span.*

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Kyrgyzstan

Mountains of Kyrgyzstan

CAPITAL
Bishkek

LANGUAGES
Kyrgyz, Russian

REGION
Central Asia, Asia



Discover Kyrgyzstan through music

Kyrgyzstan's song rises among soaring peaks in the heart of Central Asia, from the busy streets of Bishkek to the calm waters of Issyk-Kul and the Tien Shan mountains. It celebrates the heritage of the Kyrgyz people and the days when the Silk Road wound through the valleys and nomads crossed the steppes. Its verses hear the epic of Manas and the tender sound of the komuz, and share plov, laghman and kumis. Its chorus sings of a land where cultures blend, a timeless tale with no beginning and no end.

> *Feel the rhythm of the mountains high*
> *Hear the songs that reach the sky.*

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Tajikistan

The Peaks of Tajikistan

CAPITAL
Dushanbe

LANGUAGES
Tajik, Russian

REGION
Central Asia, Asia



Discover Tajikistan through music

Tajikistan's song is set among the great mountains of Central Asia, from the busy streets of Dushanbe to the Wakhan Corridor, with the Pamirs reaching for the sky. It celebrates a cradle of cultures, Tajik and Russian voices, and Persian poetry in the air. Its verses recall the traders of the Silk Road and independence in 1991, share samosas and plov, and celebrate festivals full of dance and song. They visit the gardens of Rasht and the shore of Iskanderkul, and its chorus calls Tajikistan a land of the brave, with snow-capped peaks and valleys.

> *Oh Tajikistan, land of the brave*
> *With snow-capped peaks and valleys that wave.*

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Turkmenistan

Turquoise Sands of Turkmenistan

CAPITAL
Ashgabat

LANGUAGES
Turkmen

REGION
Central Asia, Asia



Discover Turkmenistan through music

Turkmenistan's song crosses the golden sands of the Karakum desert to the shores of the Caspian, in the heart of Central Asia. It celebrates Ashgabat, the marble city, and the days when the Silk Road brought traders through the land. Its verses honour Turkmen carpets woven by skilled hands, the golden Akhal-Teke horses, the Tekke, Yomut and Ersari peoples, and the country's independence. They visit the burning crater of Darvaza and share plov and halva, and its chorus calls the land a world of turquoise sands and mystery.

> *Turquoise sands and ancient lands*
> *Turkmen carpets, woven by skilled hands.*

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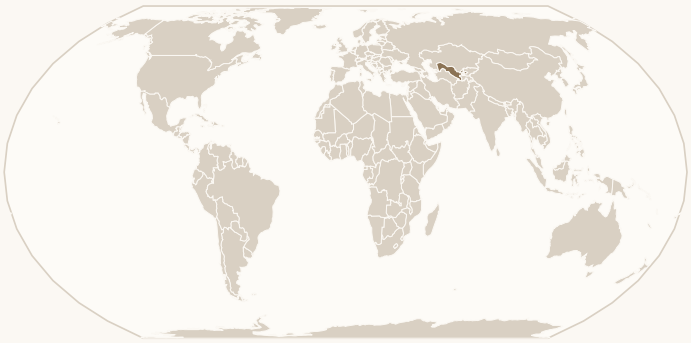
Uzbekistan

Echoes of Silk and Spice

CAPITAL
Tashkent

LANGUAGES
Uzbek

REGION
Central Asia, Asia



Discover Uzbekistan through music

Uzbekistan's song follows the old Silk Road through the deserts and valleys of Central Asia. It celebrates Tashkent, the capital, and the caravans, mosques and minarets of a land of legends. Its verses visit the gleaming mosaics of Samarkand and the tales of the Timurids, the old streets of Bukhara, where time stands still, and the ancient walls of Khiva. They share plov and the festival of Navruz, and hear Uzbek and Russian spoken in a culture both old and new, and its chorus breathes the echoes of silk and spice.

> *Echoes of Silk and Spice, in the Uzbek air*
> *Songs of history, tradition to share.*

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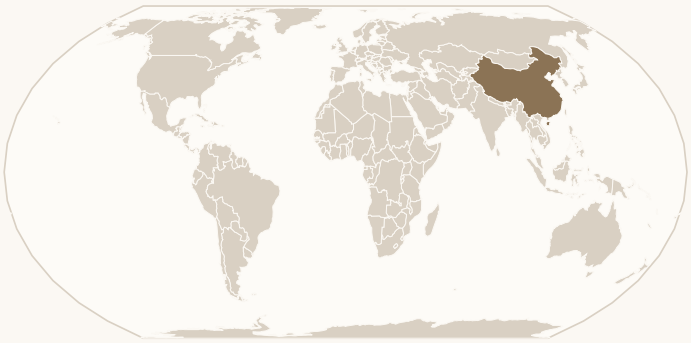
China

Rivers Flow Through China's Heart

CAPITAL
Beijing

LANGUAGES
Standard Mandarin

REGION
Eastern Asia, Asia



Discover China through music

China's song travels from the Great Wall to the Pearl River, under red lanterns, along the Yellow River and the mighty Yangtze. It celebrates the ancient glow of Beijing, the secrets of the Terracotta Army, and a land where history meets the modern street. Its verses cross the golden dunes of the Gobi to the lights of Shanghai, meet the pandas of Sichuan and rice terraces climbing the hills, and hear the teachings of Confucius in old temples. They share dim sum and tea, and its chorus sings of dynasties and dreams, where dragons dance and the phoenix sings.

> *Oh, China, land of dynasties and dreams*
> *Where dragons dance and the phoenix sings*

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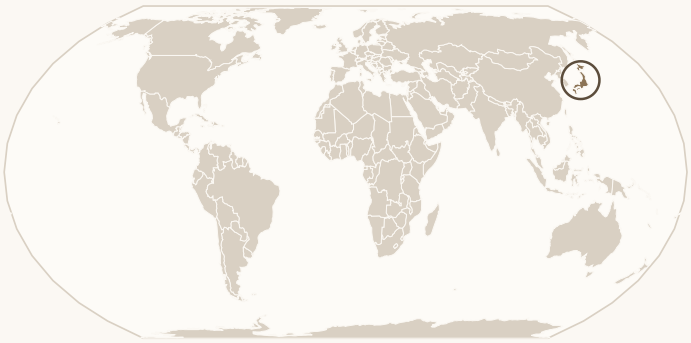
Japan

Land of the Rising Sun

CAPITAL
Tokyo

LANGUAGES
Japanese

REGION
Eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Japan through music

Japan's song is a portrait of the Land of the Rising Sun, from the snows of Hokkaido to the southern glow of Kyushu, with Honshu at its heart. It moves between the neon streets of Tokyo and quiet temples, past the halls of samurai and shoguns, to the peak of Mount Fuji. Its verses share sushi, tempura and ramen, festivals of lights, taiko drums, kimonos and lanterns, and honour a people who rise again after earthquakes and typhoons. Its chorus sings of a land where the past and the future run in harmony.

> *Land of the Rising Sun, oh hear the call*
> *From the peaks of Fuji, mighty and tall.*

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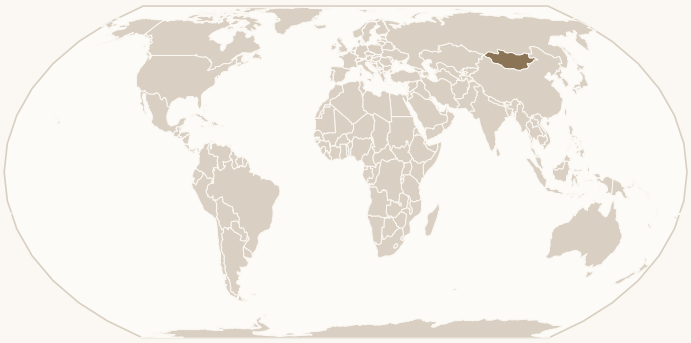
Mongolia

Echoes of the Eternal Steppes

CAPITAL
Ulaanbaatar

LANGUAGES
Mongolian

REGION
Eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Mongolia through music

Mongolia's song crosses endless steppes in the heart of Asia, from the sands of the Gobi to the peaks of the Altai, under the great blue sky. It celebrates a land of the horse and the eagle, and the legacy of Genghis Khan, and visits Ulaanbaatar, where history unfolds. Its verses honour the nomads who live in their gers and ride with bow and horse, and the Naadam games, with their wrestling and archery. Its chorus sings of a land where the eagle soars, and of the spirit of its people, untamed.

> *Oh Mongolia, land of the skies*
> *Where the eagle soars and destiny flies*

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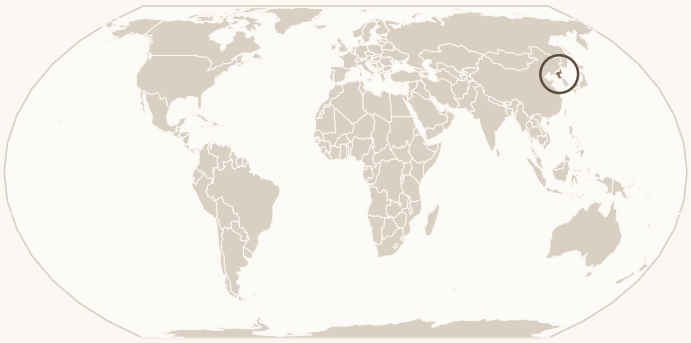
North Korea

Echoes Beyond the 38th Parallel

CAPITAL
Pyongyang

LANGUAGES
Korean

REGION
Eastern Asia, Asia



Discover North Korea through music

North Korea's song is set in a land where mountains meet the sea, beyond the 38th parallel, from the Taedong River to ancient forests. It visits Pyongyang, the capital, with its tall monuments and long history, and calls the country by an old name for Korea, the land of morning calm. Its verses share kimchi and rice, food that warms through cold winters, and celebrate traditional arts and dances and ancient palaces. Its chorus speaks of mountains and rivers like a soothing balm, and of hope for the future in the eyes of the children.

> *North Korea, land of the morning calm*
> *Mountains, rivers, like a soothing balm*

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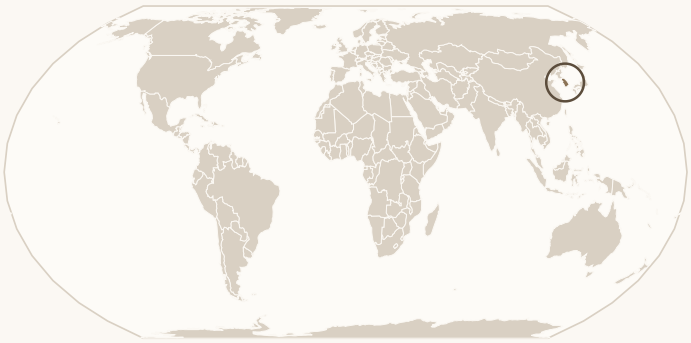
South Korea

Land of Morning Calm

CAPITAL
Seoul

LANGUAGES
Korean

REGION
Eastern Asia, Asia



Discover South Korea through music

South Korea's song celebrates the Land of Morning Calm, from the sacred heights of Baekdu to the busy, planned streets of Seoul, where skyscrapers rise beside the Han River. It recalls a land divided by a demilitarised line, and a country where technology and tradition move as one. Its verses celebrate Hangul, the Korean alphabet, the palace of Gyeongbokgung, kimchi and bulgogi, the colourful folds of the hanbok and the art of taekwondo. They pass the steel of Pohang, the port of Incheon and the science of Daejeon, and end with K-pop and K-dramas.

> *South Korea, shining bright*
> *In the day and in the night.*

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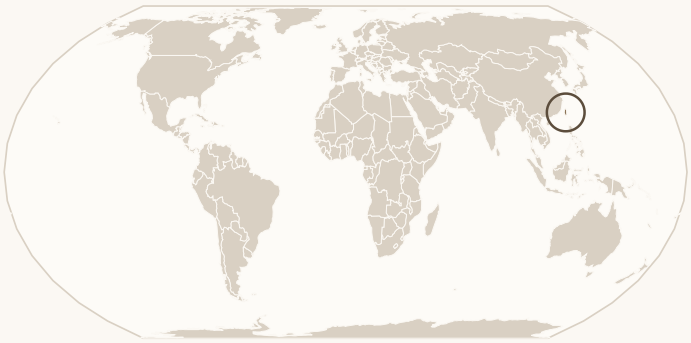
Taiwan

Formosa Morning

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT
Taipei

LANGUAGES
Mandarin, Taiwanese Hokkien, Hakka, Indigenous languages

REGION
Eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Taiwan through music

Taiwan's song begins with Ilha Formosa, the beautiful island Portuguese sailors saw from the sea, where the Central Range runs like a spine and Yushan, the Jade Mountain, rises nearly four thousand metres. It visits the marble walls of Taroko Gorge, Sun Moon Lake at sunrise, and Taipei, its lights, scooters and night markets — where bubble tea was first poured. Its verses honour the Indigenous Austronesian peoples, the Amis, Atayal, Paiwan and Bunun among them, and trace layers of history from Dutch forts and Koxinga to the Qing and fifty years of Japanese rule. It ends with sky lanterns at Pingxi and the chips of Hsinchu, on a small island with big dreams.

> *Taiwan, Formosa morning*
> *mountains rising from the sea*

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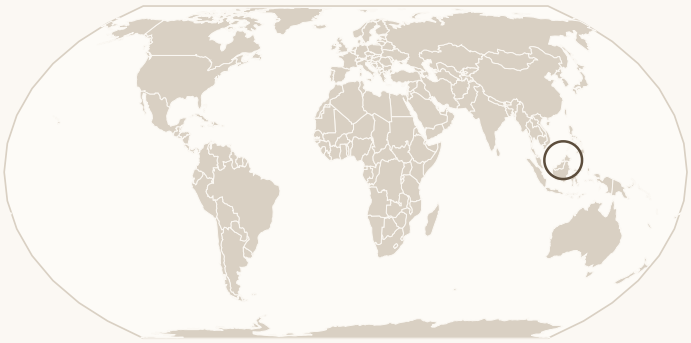
Brunei

Brunei: The Jewel of Borneo

CAPITAL
Bandar Seri Begawan

LANGUAGES
Malay, English

REGION
South-eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Brunei through music

Brunei's song is set on the island of Borneo, by the South China Sea, in a sultanate of rainforest and gleaming mosques. It celebrates Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital, its markets and lights, and the oil and gas on which the country was built. Its verses recall the days of James Brooke and the sultans of old, and the water village of Kampong Ayer, and note Malay as the official language among many others spoken. They share nasi katok and ambuyat, and its chorus calls Brunei the jewel of Borneo's heart.

> *Brunei, Brunei, jewel of Borneo's heart*
> *Gleaming under the starry art.*

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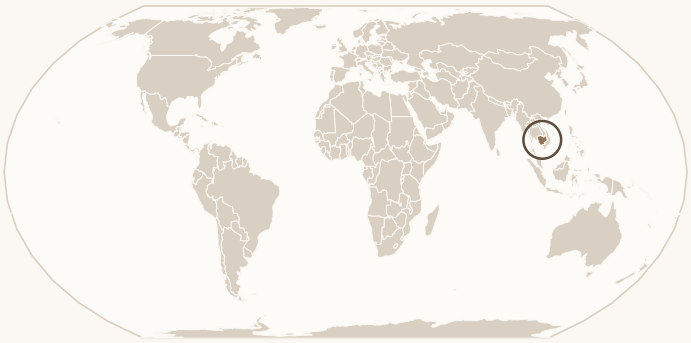
Cambodia

Kingdom of Wonder

CAPITAL
Phnom Penh

LANGUAGES
Khmer

REGION
South-eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Cambodia through music

Cambodia's song celebrates the Kingdom of Wonder, from the Dângrêk Mountains to the plains where the rivers meet, along the Mekong to Phnom Penh, the capital. It walks among the temples of Angkor, whose walls tell tales of the past, and the sunrise over Angkor Wat, a symbol of hope. Its verses remember the scars left by the Khmer Rouge and the resilience that grew afterwards, share fish amok and the scent of lemongrass, and watch the grace of the Apsara dance. Its chorus sings of a land of smiles, celebrated every day.

> *Cambodia, Kingdom of Wonder*
> *From the Mekong's gentle thunder*

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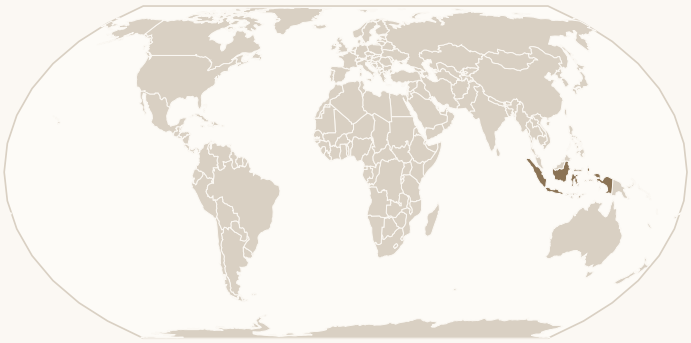
Indonesia

Archipelago of Diversity

CAPITAL
Jakarta

LANGUAGES
Indonesian

REGION
South-eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Indonesia through music

Indonesia's song spans an archipelago of some seventeen thousand islands along the equator, from Sumatra to Papua. It celebrates Jakarta, the busy capital, and a land of volcanoes, rice paddies, deep jungles and Komodo dragons. Its verses recall the kingdoms of Majapahit and Srivijaya, the temples of Borobudur and Prambanan, and the spices that once drew traders from afar, from Bali to Sulawesi. They listen to the gentle ringing of the gamelan, read stories in batik, and share tempeh, rendang and fiery sambal, and its chorus sings of unity in diversity.

> *Oh Indonesia, land of harmony*
> *Diverse cultures and languages, rich tapestry.*

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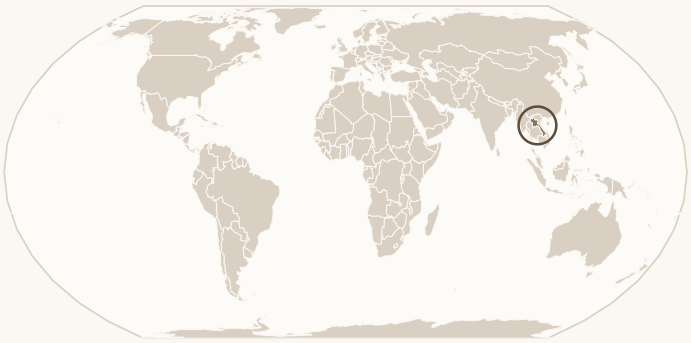
Laos

Lan Xang Rhythms

CAPITAL
Vientiane

LANGUAGES
Lao

REGION
South-eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Laos through music

Laos' song follows the Mekong through a serene, green land, to the ancient temples of Vientiane, the capital. It recalls the old kingdom of Lan Xang, the Land of a Million Elephants, and travels from Luang Prabang in the highlands to the plains of Pakse. Its verses celebrate the Lao, Hmong and Khmu peoples, sticky rice and laap, and the baci ceremony that brings people together. They remember the bombs of a secret war and the peace and healing since, and its chorus listens to the khene and the songs of mor lam.

> *Laos, oh Laos, land of woven dreams*
> *Under banyan trees and starlit beams.*

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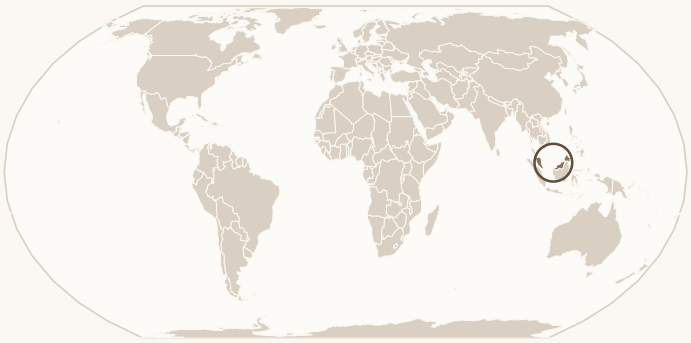
Malaysia

Melody of Malaysia

CAPITAL
Kuala Lumpur; Putrajaya (administrative)

LANGUAGES
Malay, English, Chinese, Tamil

REGION
South-eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Malaysia through music

Malaysia's song celebrates a land of unity, from the peak of Mount Kinabalu to the Strait of Malacca, where jungles meet the sea. It visits Kuala Lumpur, its skyscrapers reaching for the sky, and the markets of Penang, fragrant with satay and nasi lemak. Its verses recall the declaration of independence at Merdeka Square, travel to the rainforests of Sabah, and hear the angklung and the kompang on festive nights. They honour the Malay, Chinese and Indian communities and many others living side by side, and its chorus sings of one harmony, where east meets west.

> *Malaysia, oh Malaysia, where the east meets west*
> *In your heart, in your spirit, we find our rest.*

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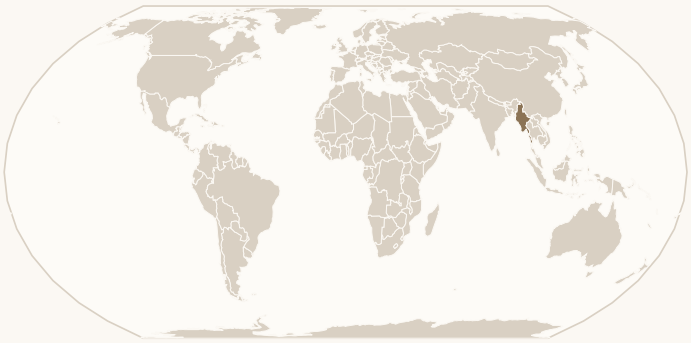
Myanmar

Golden Land of Myanmar

CAPITAL
Naypyidaw

LANGUAGES
Burmese

REGION
South-eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Myanmar through music

Myanmar's song follows the Irrawaddy through a golden land of pagodas, from the shining Shwedagon in Yangon to Mandalay and the ancient spires of Bagan. It celebrates a land of many peoples speaking many tongues, and travels through jungles and rivers to the hills of Chin State. Its verses recall Aung San Suu Kyi and a long struggle for a better future, share mohinga at sunrise, and notice the thanaka worn on cheeks and foreheads. Its chorus sings of the golden dawn, where mountains meet the sea and traditions never end.

> *Oh, Myanmar, land of the golden dawn*
> *Where the mountains meet the sea, and spirits are reborn.*

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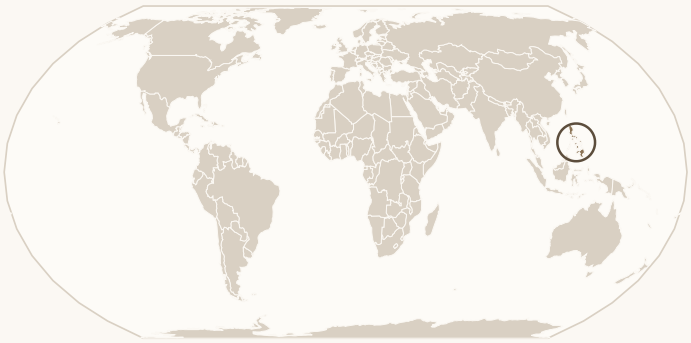
Philippines

Pearl of the Orient Sea

CAPITAL
Manila

LANGUAGES
Filipino, English

REGION
South-eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Philippines through music

The Philippines' song celebrates the Pearl of the Orient Sea, an archipelago of some seven thousand islands, from the windswept hills of Batanes to Tawi-Tawi. It visits Manila and Rizal Park, the rice terraces of Banaue and the perfect cone of Mayon Volcano. Its verses sing in Tagalog, Cebuano and Ilocano, honour Lapu-Lapu's stand and the declaration of 1898, and share lechon and adobo. They dance at the Ati-Atihan and Pahiyas festivals and step through the bamboo of the tinikling, and its chorus sings of harmony, hope and freedom.

> *Oh Philippines, land of the brave*
> *From the whispers of history to the waves*

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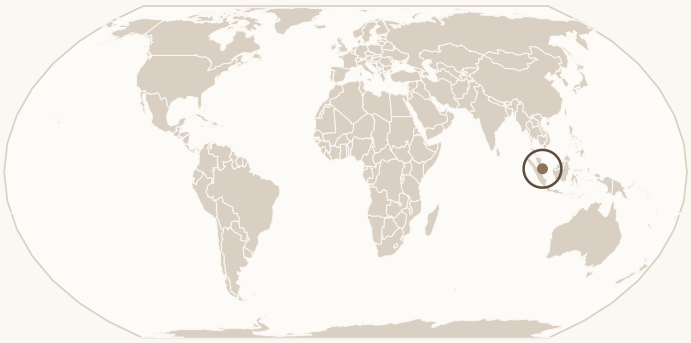
Singapore

Lion City Symphony

CAPITAL
Singapore

LANGUAGES
English, Malay, Mandarin, Tamil

REGION
South-eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Singapore through music

Singapore's song celebrates the Lion City, a small island at the heart of Southeast Asia that grew from a humble port into a global city. It travels from the banks of the Singapore River to the shimmer of Marina Bay, and from Chinatown to Little India. Its verses honour four languages joined as one — Malay, Mandarin, Tamil and English — and recall the days of Stamford Raffles and independence. They visit Sentosa and the Gardens by the Bay, and share Hainanese chicken rice and laksa, from hawker stalls to fine dining.

> *Oh Singapore, where dreams arise*
> *In your streets, the future lies*

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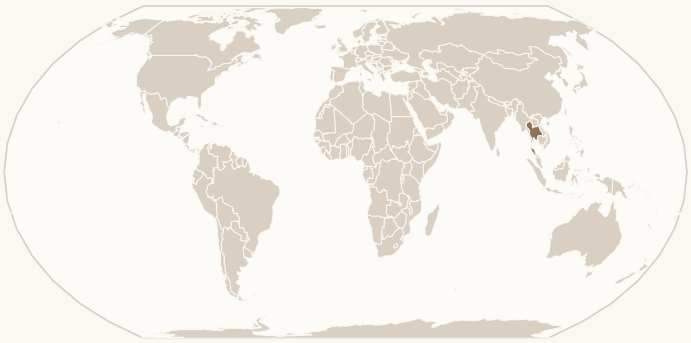
Thailand

Land of Smiles and Golden Temples

CAPITAL
Bangkok

LANGUAGES
Thai

REGION
South-eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Thailand through music

Thailand's song celebrates the Land of Smiles, from the busy streets of Bangkok on the Chao Phraya to the ancient ruins of Ayutthaya. It travels north to the Lanna heritage and the hill peoples, and south to the beaches and coral gardens of the Andaman Sea. Its verses share som tam and the street food of the night, hear tuk-tuks under lanterns, and watch Thai boxing and silk weaving. They listen to the chanting of monks and honour Phra Mae Thorani, guardian of the land, and its chorus sings of temples that touch the sky.

> *Oh Thailand, oh Thailand, land of smiles so bright*
> *Where the temples touch the sky, shining in the light*

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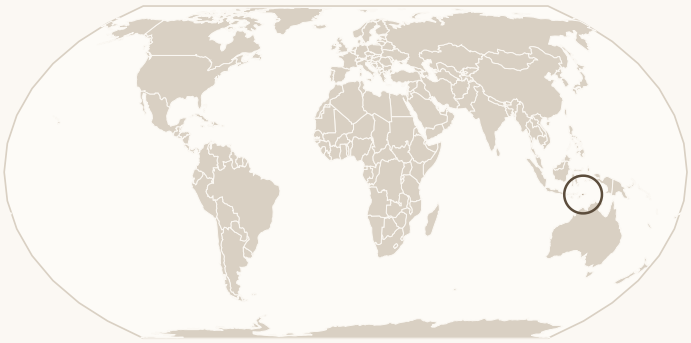
Timor-Leste

Whispers of Leste

CAPITAL
Dili

LANGUAGES
Tetum, Portuguese

REGION
South-eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Timor-Leste through music

Timor-Leste's song is set on an island where cultures meet the sea, from the shores of Dili to the mountains, with the sun rising over the waves at Atauro. It recalls the Portuguese past and the long struggle for independence, and a people known for their courage. Its verses celebrate Tetum and Portuguese, the Mambai of the mountains, and the cafés of Dili where stories are shared. They honour the colourful tais cloth, woven with tradition, and the stories told beneath the banyan tree, and its chorus calls the land home of the brave.

> *Timor-Leste, hear our song*
> *A tapestry of cultures, where we all belong.*

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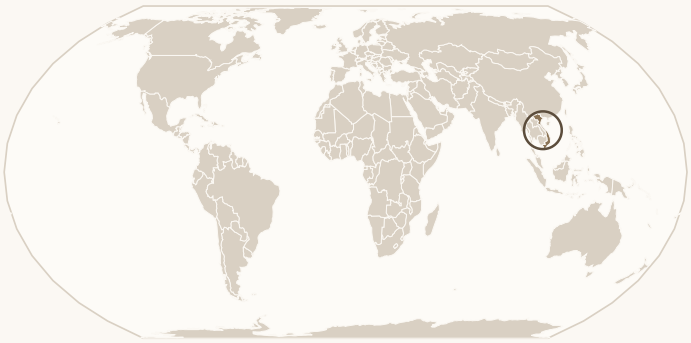
Vietnam

Echoes of Vietnam

CAPITAL
Hanoi

LANGUAGES
Vietnamese

REGION
South-eastern Asia, Asia



Discover Vietnam through music

Vietnam's song travels from the Mekong to the mountains, through rice fields and rushing waters. It celebrates Hanoi, where ancient tales are told on the cool breeze, and Ho Chi Minh City, with its skyscrapers reaching for the stars. Its verses recall a history of dynasties and revolutions, and the courage of the Trung Sisters, and visit the shores of Ha Long Bay. They share pho and banh mi, among diverse cultures dancing in the night, and its chorus sings of bamboo and lotus and a spirit that shines today.

> *Oh Vietnam, land of rising dreams*
> *With bamboo and lotus streams*

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Afghanistan

Echoes of the Hindu Kush

CAPITAL
Kabul

LANGUAGES
Pashto, Dari

REGION
Southern Asia, Asia



Discover Afghanistan through music

Afghanistan's song is set among mountains that touch the sky, from the Hindu Kush to wide deserts, with Kabul whispering of its rich past. It honours Pashto and Dari, the courage and resilience of the people, and the silent heights of Bamiyan. Its verses fill the bazaars with colour and spice, kebabs and pilaf and rare hospitality, and recall a crossroads of the Silk Road where scholars wrote and empires rose and fell, from the Greeks to the Mughals. They visit the poets and artists of Herat, and end with the sound of the rubab.

> *Oh, Afghanistan, cradle of ancient lore*
> *Through the sands of time, your spirit soars.*

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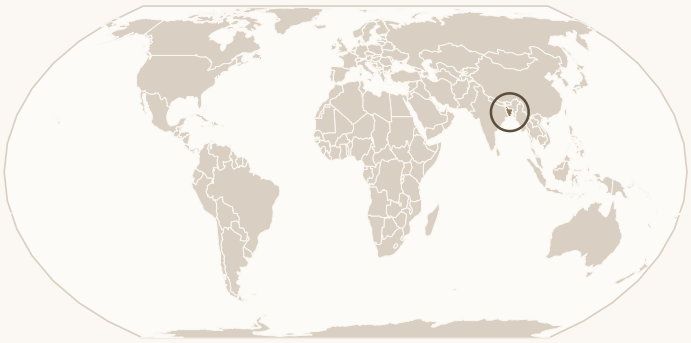
Bangladesh

Eternal Bengal: Where Rivers Meet the Sky

CAPITAL
Dhaka

LANGUAGES
Bengali

REGION
Southern Asia, Asia



Discover Bangladesh through music

Bangladesh's song is set in a land of wide rivers and green fields, where the Ganges and Brahmaputra flow. It celebrates Dhaka, where history lingers, and the long story of Bengal, from ancient times to today. Its verses honour the Bengali language and the verses of Tagore, visit the endless sands of Cox's Bazar and the Sundarbans, where tigers live, and remember partition and the fight for liberation. They follow fishermen dancing to the beat of the waves and share hilsa and curry, and its chorus sings of a land where rivers meet the sky.

> *Oh, Bangladesh, land of unity*
> *Where rivers meet the sky in harmony.*

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ASIA · SOUTHERN ASIA

Bhutan

Land of the Thunder Dragon

CAPITAL
Thimphu

LANGUAGES
Dzongkha

REGION
Southern Asia, Asia



Discover Bhutan through music

Bhutan's song rises into the Himalayas, to the Land of the Thunder Dragon, a kingdom of valleys from Paro to Thimphu. It celebrates prayer flags dancing in the breeze, voices raised in Dzongkha and Sharchop, and a country that takes Gross National Happiness as its guide. Its verses visit the Tashichho Dzong in Thimphu and the Tiger's Nest monastery clinging to its cliff, and join the colourful dances of the tshechu festivals and the archers taking aim. Its chorus sings of rivers running free, in peace, in the shadow of the mountains.

> *Oh Bhutan, where the rivers run free*
> *In the shadows of the Himalayas, you find peace*

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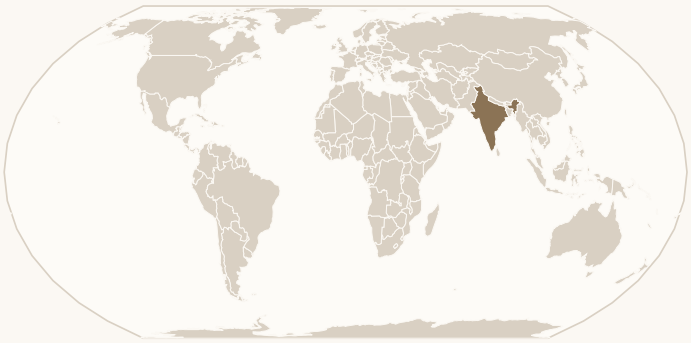
India

India's Tapestry

CAPITAL
New Delhi

LANGUAGES
Hindi, English and 21 other scheduled languages

REGION
Southern Asia, Asia



Discover India through music

India's song travels from the peaks of the Himalayas to the shores of Kanyakumari. It celebrates Delhi, where the Red Fort stands with pride, the sacred Ganga, and a land of deserts and golden fields, held together in unity. Its verses go south to Chennai and the backwaters of Kerala under the moon, hear the call of the peacock and the dance of the rain, and remember Gandhi's dream of peace. They light up the night with Diwali and cheer for Bollywood and cricket, and its chorus calls India a tapestry of wonders, of many languages and bold cultures.

> *India, O India, colors flying high*
> *A tapestry of wonders beneath the vast sky.*

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ASIA · SOUTHERN ASIA

Iran

Whispers of the Persian Sands

CAPITAL
Tehran

LANGUAGES
Persian

REGION
Southern Asia, Asia



Discover Iran through music

Iran's song travels through a land of ancient tales, from the mountains to the desert and the sea. It celebrates Tehran beneath the Alborz, the reign of Cyrus, and the ruins of Persepolis, and the grace of Persian, the language of poets. Its verses follow nomads across the peaks of the Zagros, cross the bridges of Isfahan, and pass fields of saffron and pistachio, and the Karun river flowing through valleys where roses grow. Its chorus sings of a land where the stories of old live on, from Persepolis to today.

> *Iran, where the sands meet the sea*
> *Stories of old, forever free.*

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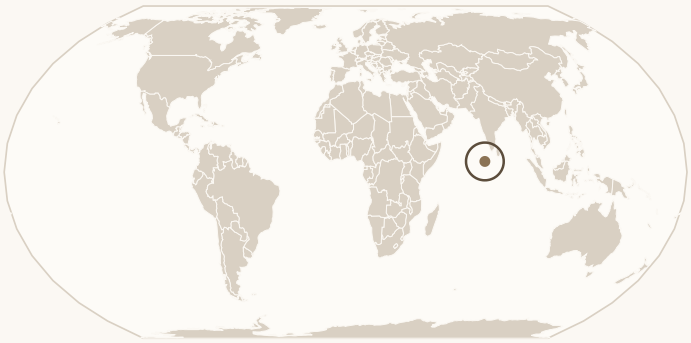
Maldives

Islands of Azure Dreams

CAPITAL
Malé

LANGUAGES
Dhivehi

REGION
Southern Asia, Asia



Discover Maldives through music

The Maldives' song paints a chain of coral islands in the Indian Ocean, with white sands and reefs beneath an azure sea. It visits Malé, the capital, among the currents, and recalls a long history of trade and sailors, from traditional dhoni boats to modern resorts. Its verses travel among the atolls from north to south, hear the sound of Dhivehi, and note the Islamic traditions that shape daily life. They honour Baa Atoll, a protected biosphere reserve, and end with fishing tales and coconut palms.

> *Maldives, Maldives, where the sun meets the sea*
> *A tapestry of cultures and history.*

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ASIA · SOUTHERN ASIA

Nepal

Himalayan Heartbeat

CAPITAL
Kathmandu

LANGUAGES
Nepali

REGION
Southern Asia, Asia



Discover Nepal through music

Nepal's song is set beneath the Himalayas, where rivers roam and Everest touches the sky. It celebrates Kathmandu and its ancient temples, and a land that stretches from the plains of the Terai to green hills. Its verses honour a people of many tongues, speaking Nepali together — the Newar, Gurung and Tharu among them — and their festivals of light. They follow the trails of Everest and Annapurna, and remember Nepal as the birthplace of the Buddha and the home of Sita, and its chorus calls it a land of temples and legends.

> *Oh, Nepal, where the mountains soar*
> *Land of temples and legends of yore.*

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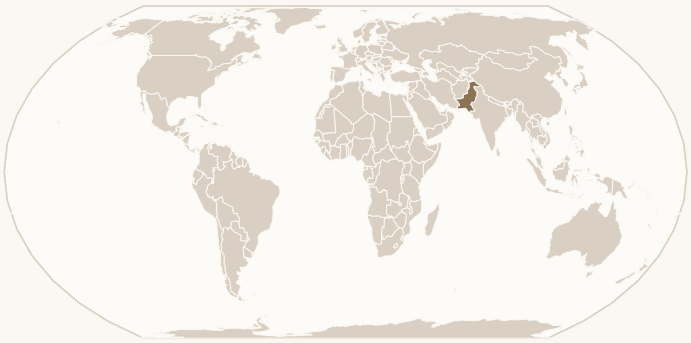
Pakistan

Echoes of the Indus

CAPITAL
Islamabad

LANGUAGES
Urdu, English

REGION
Southern Asia, Asia



Discover Pakistan through music

Pakistan's song follows the Indus from the mountains beneath the Himalayas, with Islamabad standing proud. It crosses the deserts of Sindh and the green fields of Punjab, hears the busy streets of Lahore, and climbs to the peak of K2 and down to the Makran coast. Its verses fill Karachi's bazaars with spices, biryani and nihari, and celebrate Urdu, Sindhi, Punjabi and Pashto. They honour Iqbal, the poet, and his dream, and its chorus calls Pakistan a land of strength and grace, woven by hand.

> *Oh, Pakistan, land of might and grace*
> *Mountains, rivers, and a rich embrace.*

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Sri Lanka

Island of Serendipity

CAPITAL

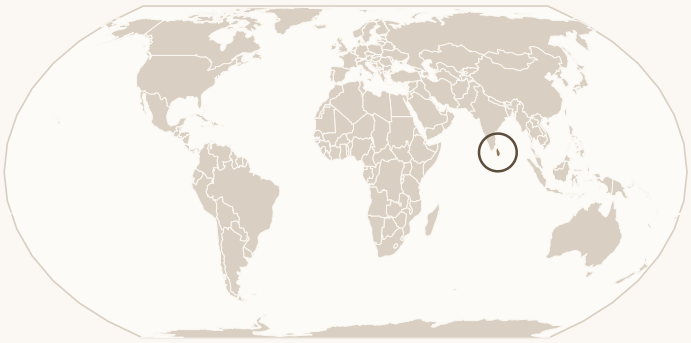
Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative); Colombo (executive and commercial)

LANGUAGES

Sinhala, Tamil

REGION

Southern Asia, Asia



Discover Sri Lanka through music

Sri Lanka's song celebrates an island of serendipity in the Indian Ocean, from the busy streets of Colombo to the ancient rock fortress of Sigiriya. It climbs to tea plantations in the misty hills and returns to golden beaches. Its verses visit the sacred city of Kandy and its temples, festivals and drums, and honour the Sinhala and Tamil peoples who give the island its colour. They share spices and pol sambol in the markets, and travel from Jaffna to the shores of Galle, and its chorus sings of harmony and diversity.

> *Oh Sri Lanka, island of serendipity*
> *A melody of harmony and diversity.*

Listen to the song and read its lyrics

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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Armenia

Echoes of the Armenian Highlands

CAPITAL
Yerevan

LANGUAGES
Armenian

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Armenia through music

Armenia's song is set in the highlands of the Caucasus, under the might of Mount Ararat, where rivers gently flow. It celebrates Yerevan, with a thousand years of stories in its stones, and a history of struggle and strength. Its verses honour the khachkars, carved stone crosses standing as silent guards, lavash baked in clay ovens, and dances through the night. They hear the echo of Komitas in every note, and its chorus sings of a land of beauty and dreams, where past and future gleam.

> *Armenia, your spirit strong, in the music, in the song*
> *Land of beauty, land of dreams, where the past and future gleam.*

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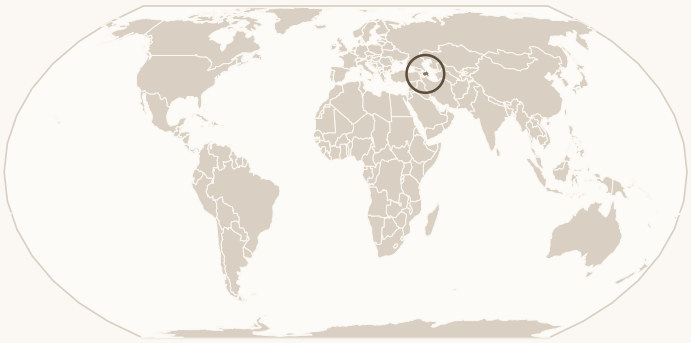
Azerbaijan

Whispers of the Caucasus

CAPITAL
Baku

LANGUAGES
Azerbaijani

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Azerbaijan through music

Azerbaijan's song travels from the shores of the Caspian to the mountains of the Caucasus. It celebrates Baku, where old and new entwine beneath the glowing Flame Towers, the ancient Maiden Tower, and a land of fires. Its verses honour carpets that tell the stories of old cultures in rich colours, and the gates of Ganja, home of Nizami, the poet of love and wisdom. They follow shepherds in the mountains, share pilaf and kebabs, and end with the deep and heartfelt music of mugham.

> *Oh Azerbaijan, heart of the Caucasus land*
> *Your beauty and your spirit, together they stand.*

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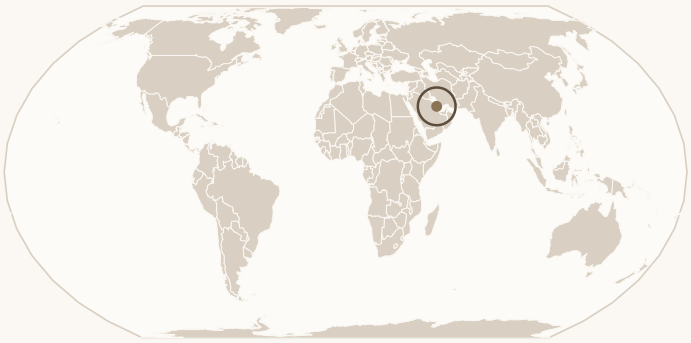
Bahrain

Pearls of the Arabian Gulf

CAPITAL
Manama

LANGUAGES
Arabic

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Bahrain through music

Bahrain's song celebrates islands in the Arabian Gulf, from the ancient civilisation of Dilmun to the skyline of Manama. It recalls the pearl divers whose work once made the islands famous, and the meeting of Arab and Persian cultures. Its verses visit busy souks full of spices, the old streets of Muharraq and the Bahrain Fort, and cheer the Formula 1 race. They hear Arabic and English spoken, and its chorus sings of islands where the old meets the new.

> *Bahrain, oh Bahrain, where the old meets the new*
> *Islands of heritage with a modern view.*

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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Cyprus

Island of Aphrodite

CAPITAL
Nicosia

LANGUAGES
Greek, Turkish

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Cyprus through music

Cyprus' song celebrates the island where, in legend, Aphrodite was born, in the blue of the Mediterranean. It travels from the shores of Limassol to the peaks of the Troodos and the streets of Nicosia, in a land where east meets west. Its verses recall the Phoenicians, Romans and Byzantine kingdoms that left their mark, and hear Greek and Turkish in markets full of song and spice. They share halloumi and Commandaria wine, and its chorus calls Cyprus a jewel of the sea, of olive groves and ancient stones.

> *Oh Cyprus, you're the jewel of the sea*
> *A tapestry of time where the winds are free.*

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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Georgia

Echoes of the Caucasus

CAPITAL
Tbilisi

LANGUAGES
Georgian

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Georgia through music

Georgia's song is set in the Caucasus, from the peaks of Kazbegi to the shore at Batumi. It celebrates Tbilisi, where old and new streets intertwine, and vineyards that whisper of ancient legends. Its verses visit churches in the mountain breeze, share khinkali and Saperavi wine, and honour the Kartvelian languages and the country's famous polyphonic singing. Its chorus calls Georgia a land of song and dance, where every note holds the listener fast.

> *Georgia, land of song and dance*
> *In your valleys and peaks, our hearts entranced.*

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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Iraq

Rivers of Life: The Story of Iraq

CAPITAL
Baghdad

LANGUAGES
Arabic, Kurdish

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Iraq through music

Iraq's song begins where the Tigris and Euphrates flow, in Mesopotamia, the cradle of civilisation, where the first writing was pressed into clay. It celebrates Baghdad, between the rivers, and recalls empires from the time of Ishtar to the Abbasids. Its verses travel from the marshes to the desert, hear the Kurdish mountains and the echo of Assyrian kings, and honour Arabic tales in lively markets. They share date palms and tea, kebabs and dolma, and its chorus calls Iraq a land of scholars, poets and songs.

> *Oh, Iraq, where history meets the sun*
> *Land of scholars, poets, and songs unsung.*

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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Israel

Land of Ancient Dreams

LANGUAGES
Hebrew, Arabic

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Israel through music

Israel's song moves from the shores of the Mediterranean to the golden sands of the desert, in an ancient land where cultures meet. It visits Jerusalem, holy ground for many faiths, and the busy streets of Tel Aviv, and hears Hebrew, Arabic and other languages spoken. Its verses float in the Dead Sea, climb to the fortress of Masada, and share falafel, hummus and wine, and tell of a mix of peoples, tradition and invention. Its chorus travels from the quiet of the Negev to the streams of the Galilee.

> *Oh, Israel, land of ancient dreams*
> *Where the past and present endlessly gleam.*

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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Jordan

Echoes of Amman

CAPITAL
Amman

LANGUAGES
Arabic

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Jordan through music

Jordan's song crosses a land of history, from the sands of Wadi Rum to Petra, the rose-red city the Nabataeans carved from the rock. It celebrates Amman, the city of hills, and the Roman ruins of Jerash, the calm of the Dead Sea and the shore of Aqaba. Its verses recall kingdoms that rose and fell, and honour Arabic voices and Bedouin nights. They share falafel and mansaf, and its chorus sings of a land that welcomes all with open arms.

> *Oh, Amman, city of hills*
> *Your lights sparkle, the night fulfills.*

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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Kuwait

Pearls in the Gulf Breeze

CAPITAL
Kuwait City

LANGUAGES
Arabic

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Kuwait through music

Kuwait's song is set where the desert meets the sea at the head of the Gulf, in a land once known for its pearls. It celebrates Kuwait City, its skyline and the songs of the souk, and the pride of the Bedouin heritage. Its verses visit Failaka island, where ancient history whispers, and the Liberation Tower, which remembers the fight for freedom. They share samboosa and machboos, and its chorus sings of a land where tradition and progress move together.

> *Kuwait, oh land of pearls, shining in the sun's embrace*
> *Your spirit's in the breeze, in every heartfelt place.*

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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Lebanon

From Cedars to Shores: The Heart of Lebanon

CAPITAL
Beirut

LANGUAGES
Arabic

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Lebanon through music

Lebanon's song runs from the mountains to the Mediterranean, from the tall cedars to the busy streets of Beirut. It recalls the Phoenicians who sailed from these shores to trade across the sea, and the ancient stones of Baalbek. Its verses share tabbouleh and kibbeh, hear Arabic mingling with French, and celebrate a people who rise again through trials and triumphs, with art and music painting the sky. Its chorus sings of a land of history, from the cedars to the sea.

> *Oh Lebanon, land of the free*
> *From the cedars to the sea.*

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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Oman

Echoes of the Arabian Sea

CAPITAL
Muscat

LANGUAGES
Arabic

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Oman through music

Oman's song is set where the desert meets the Arabian Sea, from the shores of Muscat to the bay of Dhofar, where frankincense trees grow. It crosses the Hajar mountains and deep wadis along ancient trade routes, with tales of sailors and nomads. Its verses visit markets of sweet spices and old souks, pour coffee with dates as a sign of welcome, and remember Sultan Qaboos. Its chorus sings of a land of history where cultures blend.

> *From the echoes of the Arabian Sea*
> *To the peaks where eagles fly free.*

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Palestine

Echoes of the Olive Tree

LANGUAGES
Arabic

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Palestine through music

Palestine's song is set among olive groves, from Bethlehem to Hebron, at a crossroads of the ages. It visits Jerusalem, where faiths and cultures meet, and travels from the sands of Jericho to the sea at Gaza. Its verses celebrate Ramallah, with its arts, the Arabic language, and the stories shared in souqs and kitchens, and honour the resilience of the people. They follow green valleys and high hills, and the kufiyyeh worn with pride in every dance, and its chorus calls Palestine a land of olive trees.

> *Palestine, land of olive trees*
> *Stories carved in the rocks and breeze.*

Listen to the song and read its lyrics
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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Qatar

Pearls of the Arabian Gulf

CAPITAL
Doha

LANGUAGES
Arabic

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Qatar through music

Qatar's song is set in the desert by the Arabian Gulf, where the sands dance and swirl. It celebrates Doha's towers and its museum of Islamic art, and a history that runs from pearl divers to modern plans. Its verses honour the Bedouin heritage, hear Arabic in the busy streets, and visit the fortress of Al Zubarah, with its stories of trade. They note the gas and oil the country was built on, and its chorus sings of a land where tradition meets a bold future.

> *Qatar, oh land of the Gulf*
> *Where traditions embrace the bold.*

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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Saudi Arabia

The Desert Kingdom's Melody

CAPITAL
Riyadh

LANGUAGES
Arabic

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Saudi Arabia through music

Saudi Arabia's song spans the Arabian Peninsula, from the waves of the Red Sea to the edge of the Rub' al Khali, the Empty Quarter. It celebrates Riyadh, where the future meets the desert, and recalls the caravans of old. Its verses honour Makkah and Madinah as the cradle of Islam, note the oil on which the modern kingdom was built, and keep its heritage alive in Bedouin songs and spice markets. They offer dates and coffee in welcome, and its chorus sings of tradition and the new world meeting.

> *Oh Saudi Arabia, land of the brave*
> *Where tradition and the new world engage.*

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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Syria

Echoes of the Ancient Land

CAPITAL
Damascus

LANGUAGES
Arabic

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Syria through music

Syria's song travels from the peaks of Mount Hermon to the gentle waters of the Euphrates. It celebrates Damascus, one of the oldest cities in the world, the walls of Aleppo and the kings of Palmyra, and hears the echo of Aramaic in the olive groves. Its verses visit souks of silk and spice and blue tiles that keep old secrets, and share kibbeh and tabbouleh. They honour a people whose spirit has stayed strong through trials and tears, carried on the sound of the ney.

> *Echoes of the ancient land, Syria sings*
> *From Aleppo's walls to Palmyra's kings.*

Listen to the song and read its lyrics
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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Türkiye

Echoes of Anatolia

CAPITAL
Ankara

LANGUAGES
Turkish

REGION
Western Asia, Asia

Discover Türkiye through music

Türkiye's song is a portrait of a bridge between continents, from the shores of the Bosphorus to the peaks of the Taurus. It moves from the ruins of Ephesus to the lanes of Istanbul, the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia, and to Ankara and the memory of Atatürk. Its verses celebrate the strange landscapes of Cappadocia, the warmth of the Mediterranean coast, and a land of many peoples, Turks and Kurds, Armenians and Greeks among them. They share baklava and kebabs and hear poetry from Rumi onward, with echoes of Byzantium and the Ottomans.

> *Türkiye, land of diverse dreams*
> *Where Asia and Europe meet in streams.*

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ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

United Arab Emirates

Sands of Time and Towers So High

CAPITAL
Abu Dhabi

LANGUAGES
Arabic

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover United Arab Emirates through music

The United Arab Emirates' song celebrates seven emirates united, from Abu Dhabi's shore to the skyline of Dubai, where ancient tales and the future dance together. It hears Arabic, English and Urdu among many voices, and recalls the Bedouin and the pearling trade on which its history was built. Its verses honour falconry and camel racing, look out over the palm-shaped islands built into the sea, and speak of tolerance and peace. Its chorus sings of sands of time and towers rising high.

> *United Arab Emirates, land of grace*
> *From history's whispers to a modern face*

Listen to the song and read its lyrics
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openmusicatlas.org/place/united-arab-emirates

ASIA · WESTERN ASIA

Yemen

Echoes of Ancient Yemen

CAPITAL
Sanaa (constitutional); Aden (seat of government)

LANGUAGES
Arabic

REGION
Western Asia, Asia



Discover Yemen through music

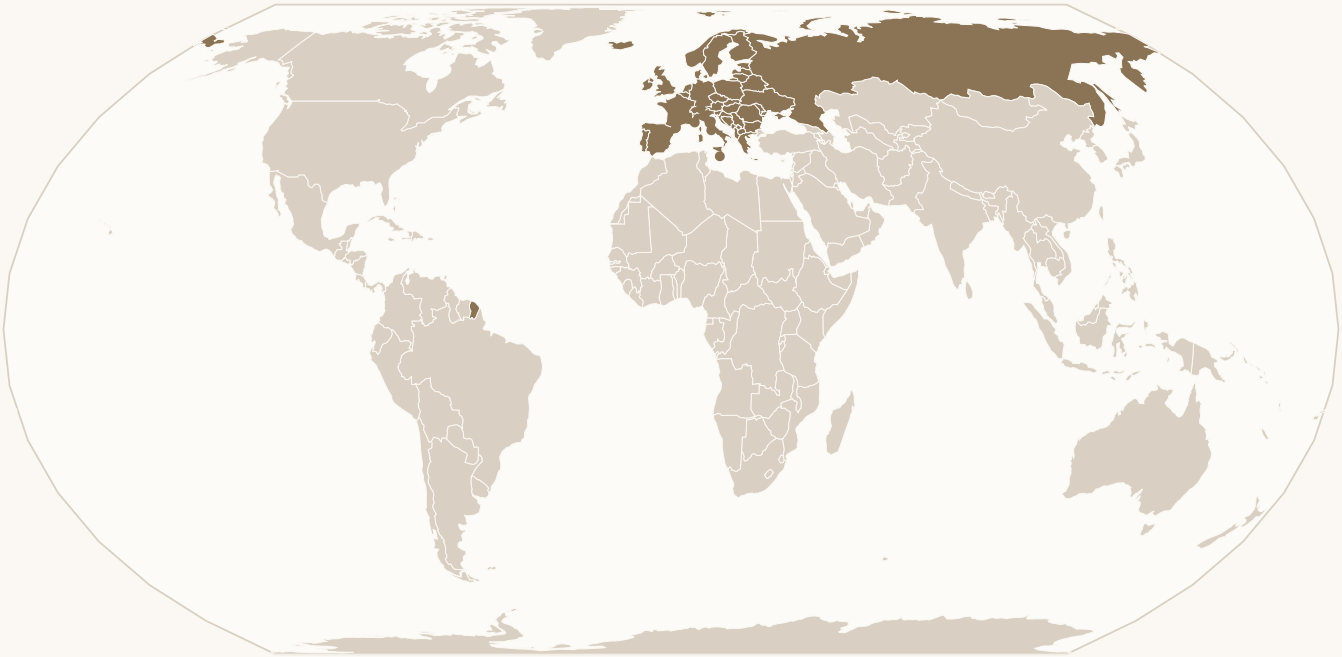
Yemen's song is set where the deserts meet the sea, from the ancient walls of Sanaa to the heights of Hadhramaut, the land of frankincense. It recalls the kingdom of Sheba, mountains touching the sky and green valleys, and the busy harbour of Aden. Its verses tell of the coffee of Mocha and merchants who crossed the oceans, and of the oud and the zaffah at joyful weddings. They share Yemeni bread and saltah stew, and its chorus sings of a land of timeless wonder whose spirit endures.

> *Yemen, land of timeless wonder*
> *Through the sands of time, your spirit thunders.*

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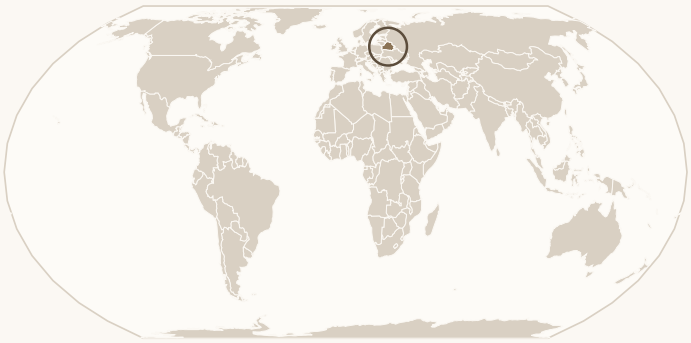
Belarus

Whispers of the White Rus'

CAPITAL
Minsk

LANGUAGES
Belarusian, Russian

REGION
Eastern Europe, Europe



Discover Belarus through music

Belarus' song is set among flatlands and ancient forests, where the Neman flows. It celebrates Minsk, the capital, the colours of Vitebsk and the old stones of Brest. Its verses hear Belarusian among the languages of the country, fill village markets with draniki potato pancakes and rye bread, and light the bonfires of the Kupala festival on summer nights. They find warmth in songs and stories through the winter, and its chorus calls Belarus a land of white and green.

> *Oh, Belarus, land of white and green*
> *Whisper to us your tales unseen.*

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Bulgaria

Echoes of the Balkan Heart

CAPITAL
Sofia

LANGUAGES
Bulgarian

REGION
Eastern Europe, Europe



Discover Bulgaria through music

Bulgaria's song is set under Balkan skies, from the shore of the Black Sea to the heights of the Rila mountains and the ancient lands of the Thracians. It celebrates Sofia, the capital, where cultures meet, and recalls the long years of Ottoman rule and the fight for freedom. Its verses honour Saints Cyril and Methodius and the Slavic script, the valley of roses, the yogurt Bulgaria is known for, lavender fields and the Danube. Its chorus sings of mountains that touch the sky and voices from the past in every town.

> *Bulgaria, where mountains kiss the sky*
> *With melodies that make the heart fly high.*

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Czechia

Echoes of Bohemia

CAPITAL
Prague

LANGUAGES
Czech

REGION
Eastern Europe, Europe



Discover Czechia through music

Czechia's song travels through the heart of Europe, from Bohemia to Moravia, where the Vltava flows through Prague, with its castles and cobbled streets. It recalls Jan Hus and his struggle for reform, and the peaceful Velvet Revolution. Its verses honour Dvořák and Smetana, whose music inspired the world, share kolache and golden Pilsner, and hear Czech, Moravian and Silesian voices together. Its chorus calls Czechia a land of dreams, where history gleams.

> *Czechia, oh Czechia, land of dreams*
> *Castles and cobblestones, where history gleams.*

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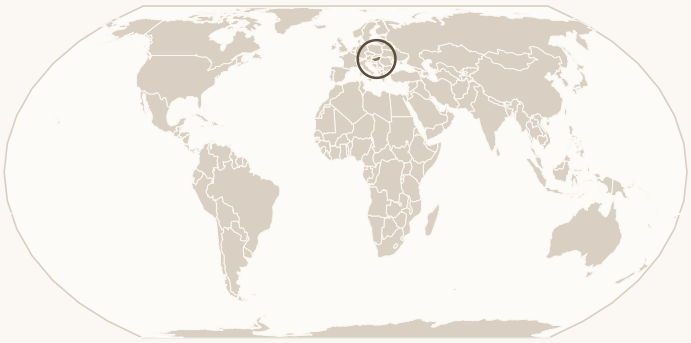
Hungary

Melodies of the Heartland

CAPITAL
Budapest

LANGUAGES
Hungarian

REGION
Eastern Europe, Europe



Discover Hungary through music

Hungary's song is set in the heart of Europe, in the Carpathian Basin, where the Danube flows through Budapest, with its bridges and baths. It crosses the wide Puszta, and recalls the Magyar kings and the heroes of old. Its verses celebrate the Hungarian language, rich with stories, gulyás cooked by the hearth, paprika and the sweet wine of Tokaj. They listen to the cimbalom, and its chorus calls Hungary a land of fiery dance, where violins sing.

> *Hungary, oh Hungary, land of fiery dance*
> *Where violins sing and hearts take a chance.*

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Moldova

Echoes of Moldova

CAPITAL
Chișinău

LANGUAGES
Romanian

REGION
Eastern Europe, Europe



Discover Moldova through music

Moldova's song is set between the Prut and Dniester rivers, among vineyards, orchards, hills and wide fields. It celebrates Chișinău, the capital, with its green parks, and recalls a history among kingdoms and empires, from the Ottomans to the Russians. Its verses honour Romanian, the language of the country, and a tapestry of peoples, dance the hora under the stars with a glass of wine, and share mămăligă and plăcintă. Its chorus sings of traditions that keep the past alive.

> *Moldova, oh Moldova, where traditions thrive*
> *With songs and dances that keep the past alive.*

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Poland

Echoes of the Vistula

CAPITAL
Warsaw

LANGUAGES
Polish

REGION
Eastern Europe, Europe



Discover Poland through music

Poland's song travels from the Baltic Sea to the Carpathians, following the Vistula across the plains. It celebrates Warsaw, rebuilt with courage, Kraków's charm and the shore at Gdańsk, where the Solidarity movement stood for hope and freedom. Its verses hear the notes of Chopin, share pierogi and kielbasa, and climb into the Tatra mountains. Its chorus sings of a land of song, fields and forests, whose heart beats strong.

> *Poland, oh Poland, land of vibrant song*
> *In your fields and forests, our spirits belong.*

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Romania

Echoes of Romania's Carpathian Heart

CAPITAL
Bucharest

LANGUAGES
Romanian

REGION
Eastern Europe, Europe



Discover Romania through music

Romania's song travels from the peaks of the Carpathians to the Danube, through singing forests and wheat fields. It celebrates Bucharest, the capital, and recalls the Dacians and Roman roads, and the castles of Transylvania, with the legend of Dracula. Its verses dance the folk dances of the villages under the moon, share sarmale and mămăligă, and honour the music of George Enescu. Its chorus travels from the shores of Constanța to Transylvanian skies.

> *Oh, Romania, land of green and gold*
> *Your tales of yesteryears and hearts untold.*

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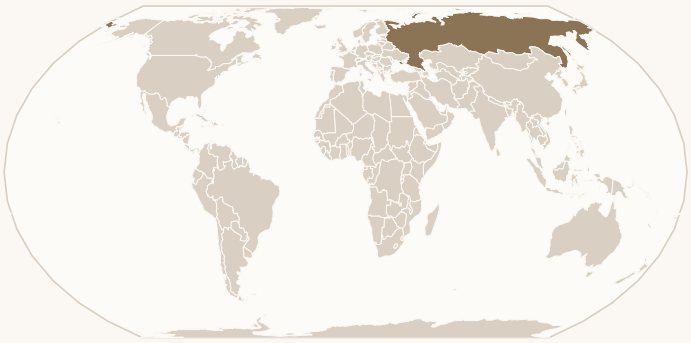
Russia

From Shiver to Sun: Russia's Anthem

CAPITAL
Moscow

LANGUAGES
Russian

REGION
Eastern Europe, Europe



Discover Russia through music

Russia's song crosses a land that spans continents, from the taiga to the tundra, along the Volga, from the heights of Elbrus to the depths of Lake Baikal. It visits Moscow and Red Square, and St Petersburg, the window to the west. Its verses recall the oil fields of the north and the Black Sea in the south, honour the writing of Tolstoy and Dostoevsky, and share borscht and blini. Its chorus sings of a land of endless skies and birch trees, rich in stories old and new.

> *Oh Russia, land of endless skies*
> *Where the birch trees softly cry.*

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Slovakia

Tales of the Tatra Peaks

CAPITAL
Bratislava

LANGUAGES
Slovak

REGION
Eastern Europe, Europe



Discover Slovakia through music

Slovakia's song rises in the Tatra mountains, in the heart of Europe, and runs from Bratislava to Košice, where the Danube flows. It celebrates ancient castles on the hills and valleys where time stands still, and recalls Great Moravia and the Velvet Revolution of 1989. Its verses honour Slovak, Hungarian and Romani voices, share bryndzové halušky, and listen to the fujara and the folklore festivals. Its chorus calls Slovakia a land of pride and grace.

> *Oh, Slovakia, land of pride and grace*
> *Through the fields and the mountains, your spirit we embrace.*

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Ukraine

Golden Wheat & Blue Skies of Ukraine

CAPITAL
Kyiv

LANGUAGES
Ukrainian

REGION
Eastern Europe, Europe

Discover Ukraine through music

Ukraine's song is set where golden wheat fields meet blue skies, from the Carpathian peaks to the shore of the Black Sea. It celebrates Kyiv, the capital, on the Dnipro, and a land where folk songs echo through the air. Its verses look back to Kievan Rus' and a long struggle for freedom, share borscht and varenyky, and celebrate music and dance. Its chorus travels from Lviv to Kharkiv and Odesa by the sea, singing of courage and strength.

> *Golden wheat and blue skies of Ukraine*
> *In our hearts and songs, your spirit remains.*

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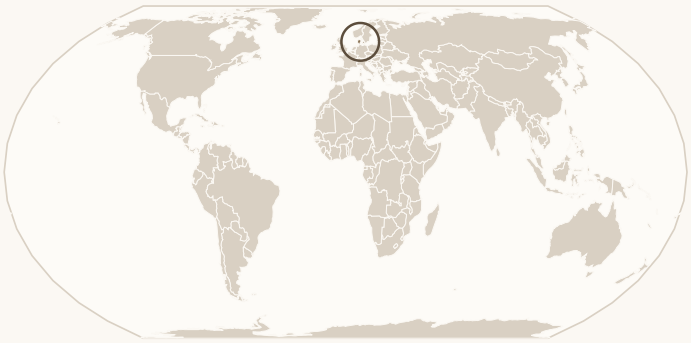
Denmark

Whispers of the Danish Wind

CAPITAL
Copenhagen

LANGUAGES
Danish

REGION
Northern Europe, Europe



Discover Denmark through music

Denmark's song is set where the North Sea meets the Baltic, from the streets of Copenhagen to the plains of Jutland, from Skagen's sandy tip to Bornholm and Zealand. It visits the Little Mermaid by the harbour, the lights of Tivoli and the dreams of Legoland, and recalls Harald Bluetooth and the Vikings. Its verses sail the Øresund, raise a glass with a skål, embrace the art of hygge, and honour Hans Christian Andersen, whose fairy tales opened new worlds. Its chorus sings of a land whose history is alive.

> *Denmark, oh Denmark, with stories to unfold*
> *Your history's alive in whispers of the cold.*

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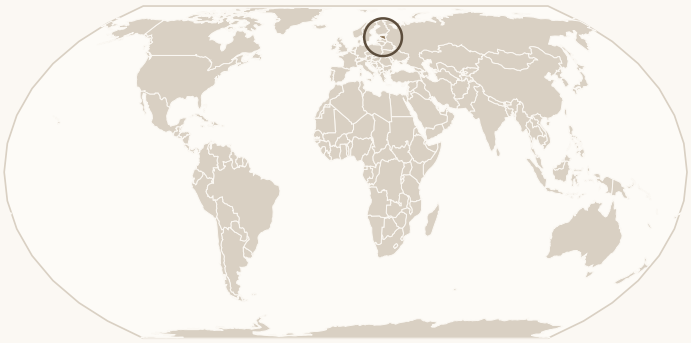
Estonia

Whispers of Estonia

CAPITAL
Tallinn

LANGUAGES
Estonian

REGION
Northern Europe, Europe



Discover Estonia through music

Estonia's song is set on the Baltic, by the Gulf of Finland, in a land of forests and islands where northern lights paint the sky. It celebrates Tallinn and its medieval walls of stone, and the ancient melodies and language that keep its stories alive. Its verses recall the legend of Kalevipoeg and the vision of Lennart Meri, and join the great crowds of the Laulupidu, the song festival. They follow the country into its digital age, and its chorus calls Estonia a land of song and sea.

> *Estonia, oh Estonia*
> *Land of song and sea*

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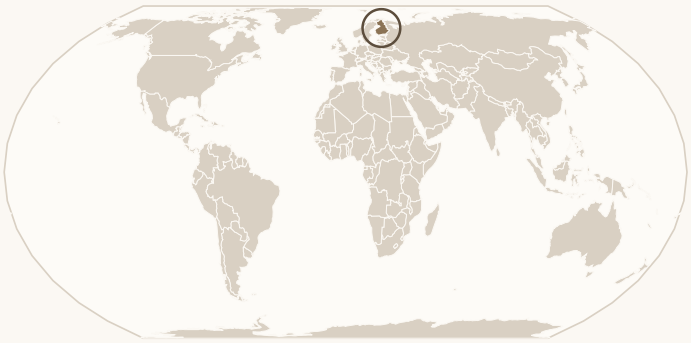
Finland

Land of a Thousand Lakes and Northern Lights

CAPITAL
Helsinki

LANGUAGES
Finnish, Swedish

REGION
Northern Europe, Europe



Discover Finland through music

Finland's song celebrates the land of a thousand lakes, from the busy streets of Helsinki to the snowy fells of Lapland, under the northern lights and the midnight sun. It follows the reindeer, honours the Sámi people and their ancient ways, and visits the fortress of Suomenlinna and the heat of the sauna. Its verses recall the rise of Nokia and a nation of invention, and hear the music of Sibelius and his Finlandia. Its chorus sings of a land of birch and pine.

> *Oh Finland, land of a thousand lakes*
> *Where the Northern Lights dance, and the morning breaks.*

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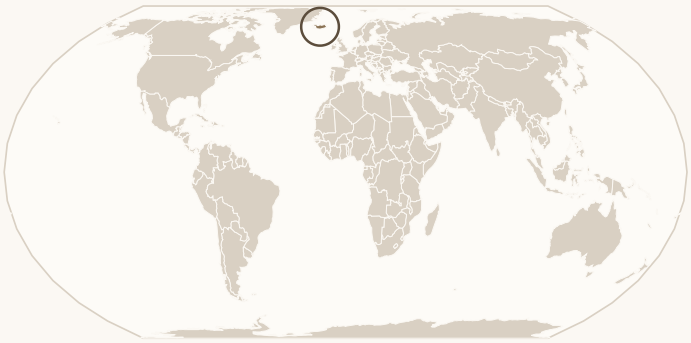
Iceland

Echoes of the Midnight Sun

CAPITAL
Reykjavík

LANGUAGES
Icelandic

REGION
Northern Europe, Europe



Discover Iceland through music

Iceland's song is set in a land of fire and ice, where glaciers roam and fjords and geysers unfold their wonders. It celebrates Reykjavík, its lights among the peaks, and the dance of the midnight sun and the aurora. Its verses visit volcanic lands and the glow of Eldfell, tell of Vikings and the sagas, and stand at Þingvellir, where the roots of an ancient parliament lie. They share skyr and lamb, and its chorus sings of a land whose heart beats strong.

> *Echoes of the midnight sun*
> *Dance with the aurora's run.*

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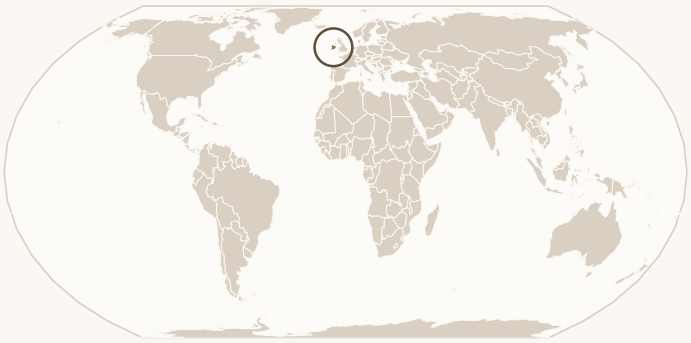
Ireland

Emerald Whispers of Éire

CAPITAL
Dublin

LANGUAGES
Irish, English

REGION
Northern Europe, Europe



Discover Ireland through music

Ireland's song celebrates a land of emerald green and legends, on a rugged shore by the wild Atlantic, from the streets of Dublin to Galway Bay. It hears the whispers of heroes and poets in the glens, the soft strings of the harp, and the tales of folklore. Its verses recall Ireland as a land of saints and scholars, honour Daniel O'Connell and the prose of James Joyce by the River Liffey, and visit the Cliffs of Moher and the Giant's Causeway. Its chorus sings of green and gold, and a spirit wild and free.

> *Sing the song of green and gold*
> *Where the tales of Éire are bold.*

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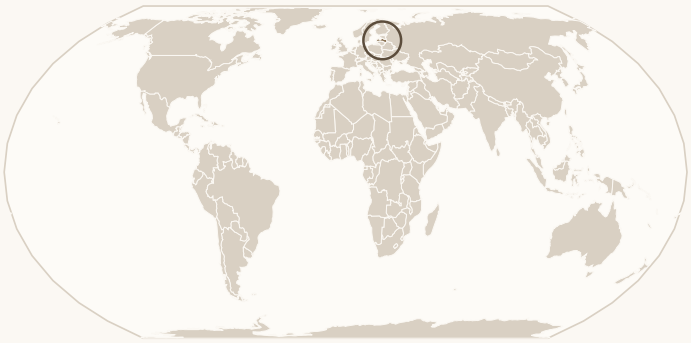
Latvia

Echoes of the Baltic Forest

CAPITAL
Riga

LANGUAGES
Latvian

REGION
Northern Europe, Europe



Discover Latvia through music

Latvia's song is set in Baltic forests and along wild rivers, where the Daugava flows past Riga and its cobbled streets and Art Nouveau buildings. It travels from Riga to the hills of Sigulda and honours a nation that came through struggle, singing songs of freedom together. Its verses hear the Livs and Latgalians and the ancient dainas, the folk songs passed down through the ages. They share rye bread and smoked fish, and light the midsummer fires of the solstice, and its chorus sings of a land of green and gold.

> *Oh, Latvia! Land of green and gold*
> *In the Baltic breeze, your stories told.*

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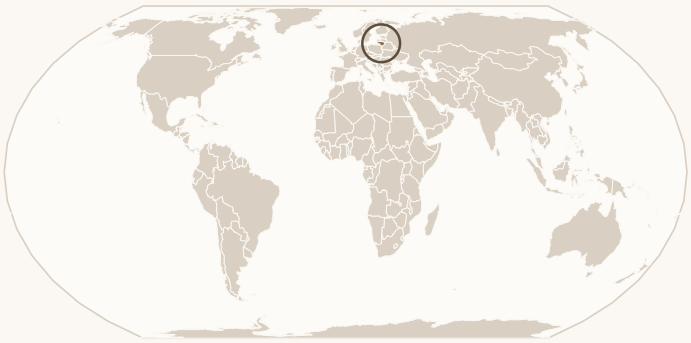
Lithuania

Land of the Amber Coast

CAPITAL
Vilnius

LANGUAGES
Lithuanian

REGION
Northern Europe, Europe



Discover Lithuania through music

Lithuania's song celebrates the land of the amber coast, between the Baltic Sea and the plains, with the dunes of the Curonian Spit. It visits Vilnius, the capital, and the regions of Samogitia and Aukštaitija, and recalls the Grand Duchy and the struggles for sovereignty. Its verses follow the Neman through forests of birch and pine, listen to the ancient sutartinės songs, and light the fires of Joninės. They share cepelinai on a winter's night, and its chorus sings of a proud and free land.

> *Lithuania, land of the rising light*
> *Where the Kuršiai sands meet the night*

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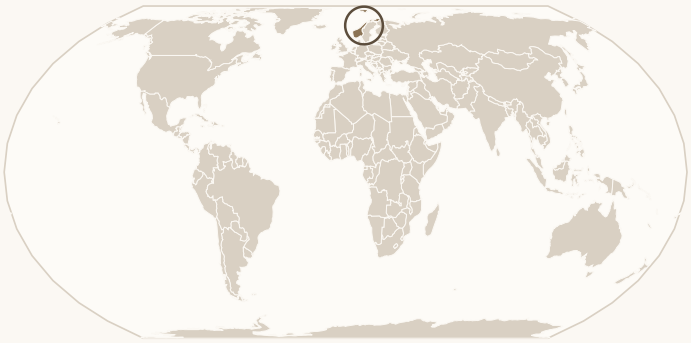
Norway

Land of Midnight Sun and Fjords

CAPITAL
Oslo

LANGUAGES
Norwegian, Sámi

REGION
Northern Europe, Europe



Discover Norway through music

Norway's song is set in a land of fjords and the midnight sun, between the Arctic Circle and tall forests. It travels from Oslo to the coast at Bergen, to the peaks of Lofoten and the streets of Trondheim, and tells of Vikings, trolls and the northern lights. Its verses honour the Nobel Peace Prize and the Sámi people and their strong culture, ski the winter slopes and taste salmon. Its chorus sings of where the fjords meet the sea, a land wild and free.

> *Norway, Norway, where the fjords meet the sea*
> *In the land of midnight sun, so wild and free.*

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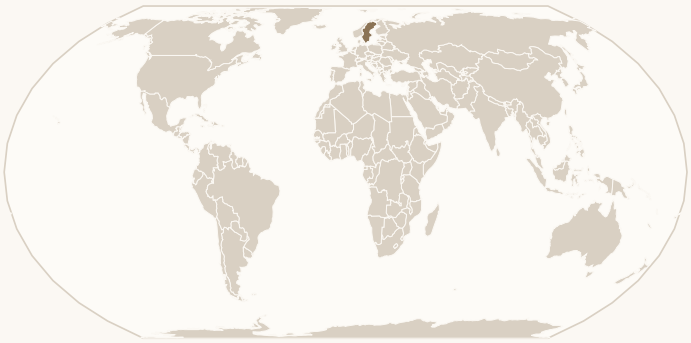
Sweden

Under the Northern Skies of Sweden

CAPITAL
Stockholm

LANGUAGES
Swedish

REGION
Northern Europe, Europe



Discover Sweden through music

Sweden's song rises under northern skies, from the sparkling Stockholm archipelago to the forests of Småland, where elk roam, and on to the pines of Lapland. It recalls the Viking sagas, the Nobel Prize and the reign of Gustav Vasa, and celebrates peace and innovation. Its verses hear the music of ABBA and see the films of Ingmar Bergman, share fika with coffee and cinnamon buns and a smörgåsbord in the sun. Its chorus sings of the midnight sun shining from the Öresund to Lapland.

> *Sweden, Sweden, where the midnight sun will shine*
> *From the shores of Öresund to Lapland's pine*

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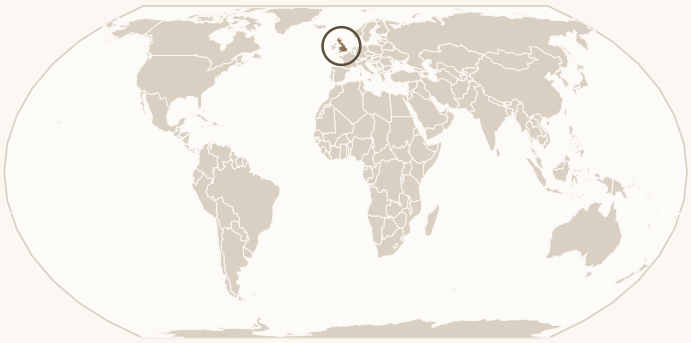
United Kingdom

Echoes of Britannia

CAPITAL
London

LANGUAGES
English, Welsh, Scottish Gaelic

REGION
Northern Europe, Europe



Discover United Kingdom through music

The United Kingdom's song travels from the Scottish Highlands to the coast of Cornwall, from London's buzzing heart to Edinburgh, across the fields of Yorkshire and the green valleys of Wales. It celebrates cities full of stories and the Celtic spirit in their streets, and recalls the castle at Windsor and tales of kings and queens. Its verses hear Shakespeare's words on the breeze and the Beatles' melodies travelling the world, and share tea and scones and fish and chips. Its chorus sings of diversity united, from the cliffs of Dover to the halls of old.

> *Raise your voice for the Kingdom, oh Britannia's call*
> *From the cliffs of Dover to the halls of old.*

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Albania

Eagle's Land of Shkodër and Tirana

CAPITAL
Tirana

LANGUAGES
Albanian

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Albania through music

Albania's song flies under the eagle's wing, from the mountains to the Adriatic and Ionian shores. It celebrates Tirana, the capital, and recalls the ancient Illyrians and Skanderbeg's stand. Its verses visit Lake Shkodër and the Vjosa river, the white houses of Berat beneath its castle, and the old stone streets of Gjirokastër. They share byrek and rakia in the spirit of hospitality, travel from Durrës to Korçë, and hear the çifteli, and its chorus rises from the Accursed Mountains to the clear blue sky.

> *Oh Albania, with your mountains high*
> *From the peaks of the Accursed to the clear blue sky.*

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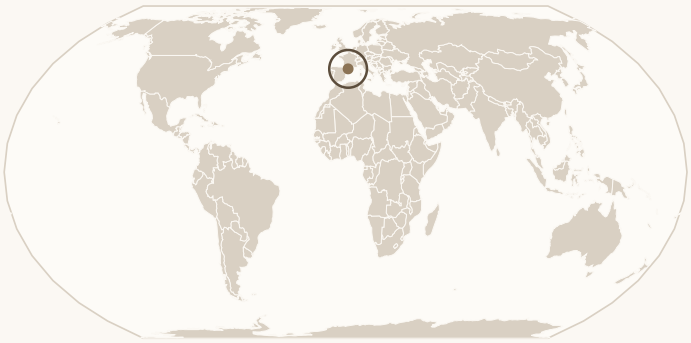
Andorra

High in Andorra's Peaks

CAPITAL
Andorra la Vella

LANGUAGES
Catalan

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Andorra through music

Andorra's song is set high in the Pyrenees, between France and Spain, in a small land where the mountains reign. It follows valleys and streams through fields of wildflowers, from the busy square of Andorra la Vella to the ski slopes. Its verses celebrate Catalan, spoken with pride, and the Andorran people, and the co-principality that has kept them in peace. Its chorus sings of a place where the world slows down, under skies blue and pure.

> *High in Andorra's peaks*
> *Where the world slows and speaks.*

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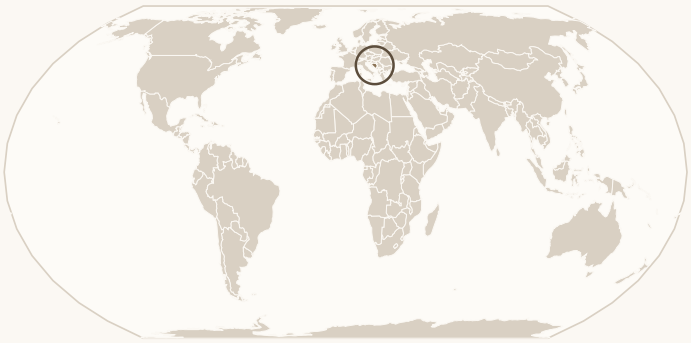
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Echoes of the Neretva's Flow

CAPITAL
Sarajevo

LANGUAGES
Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Bosnia and Herzegovina through music

Bosnia and Herzegovina's song is set in the heart of the Balkans, among the mountains and emerald valleys of the Dinaric Alps. It celebrates Sarajevo, where cultures meet, the Neretva flowing beneath its bridges, and the arches of Mostar, where East meets West. Its verses recall the Illyrians and the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian centuries, warm themselves with Bosnian coffee and listen to sevdah in the valleys. They honour Bosniaks, Croats and Serbs living together, and share ćevapi and pita.

> *Oh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, land of dreams*
> *With a heart of resilience, and a spirit that gleams.*

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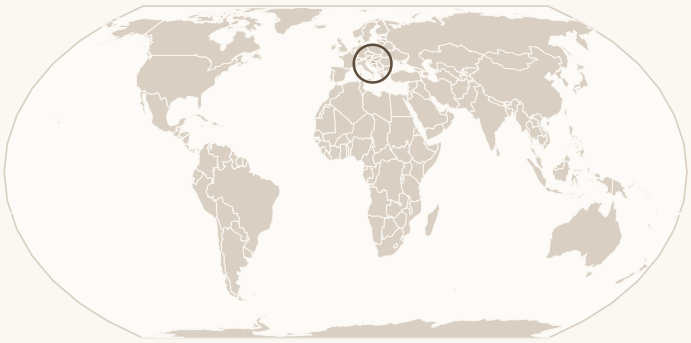
Croatia

Whispering Adriatic Winds

CAPITAL
Zagreb

LANGUAGES
Croatian

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Croatia through music

Croatia's song is set along the Adriatic, from Zagreb on the Sava to rugged peaks and ancient stones. It recalls kings and Roman tales and the Illyrians, and visits the lakes of Plitvice and the walls of Dubrovnik, a city of trade and fortresses. Its verses follow the Dalmatian coast with its olives, wine and sunlit islands, hear the tamburica and klapa singing, and taste Istrian truffles. They honour Nikola Tesla, born in today's Croatia, and its chorus sings of the winds of the Adriatic.

> *Croatia, oh Croatia, where the winds do sing*
> *From the heights of Sljeme, to the old town ring.*

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Greece

Echoes of Olympus: Greece's Glorious Tapestry

CAPITAL
Athens

LANGUAGES
Greek

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Greece through music

Greece's song begins on the shores of the Aegean, beneath Mount Olympus, where the gods once roamed. It celebrates Athens and the Acropolis, shining through the night, and the stories of ancient heroes. Its verses recall the courage of Sparta and the wisdom of Delphi, hear the voices of Thessaloniki, and visit the labyrinth of Crete and the sunsets of Santorini. They share feta and olive oil, and the bouzouki through the night, and its chorus dances in the shadow of the Parthenon, among the olive trees.

> *Oh, Greece, with your olive trees swaying*
> *A cradle of myths and history playing.*

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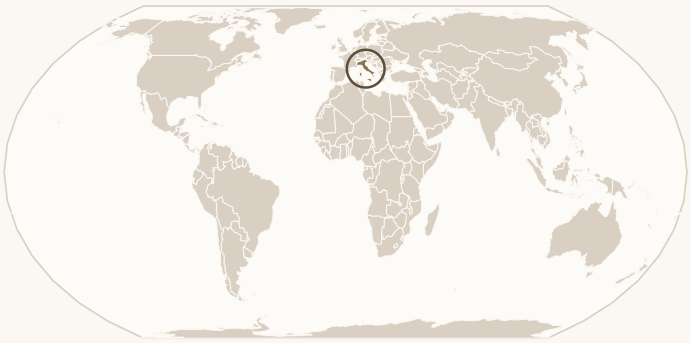
Italy

Echoes of Italy

CAPITAL
Rome

LANGUAGES
Italian

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Italy through music

Italy's song runs the length of the boot, from the Alps to Sicily. It celebrates the Colosseum in Rome, the light of the Vatican and the hills of Tuscany, and honours Leonardo and Galileo. Its verses glide along the canals of Venice and wander through the ruins of Pompeii, stand before the Dolomites and the shores of Sicily, and visit Michelangelo's Florence and the fashion of Milan. They share pasta and pizza, opera and the shadow of Vesuvius, and its chorus calls Italy the heart of the Renaissance.

> *Italy, oh Italy, heart of the Renaissance*
> *From Venice's canals to Pompeii's ancient trance.*

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Kosovo

Crossroads of the Balkans

CAPITAL
Pristina

LANGUAGES
Albanian, Serbian

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Kosovo through music

Kosovo's song paints a landlocked land ringed by mountains, from the Accursed Mountains to the Sharr, with the cliffs of the Rugova Canyon, the waterfalls of Mirusha and the summit of Gjeravica. It celebrates Pristina, young and lively, and one of the youngest populations in Europe. Its verses honour the many communities who share the land, the Sinan Pasha Mosque and Stone Bridge of Prizren, and the frescoes of the Dečani monastery, and trace a history from Illyrian and Roman times through medieval kingdoms and Ottoman rule. It ends among everyday traditions: layered flija, epics sung to the lahuta and gusle, summer weddings and autumn ajvar.

> *Kosovo, crossroads of the Balkans*
> *mountains, rivers, stories old and new*

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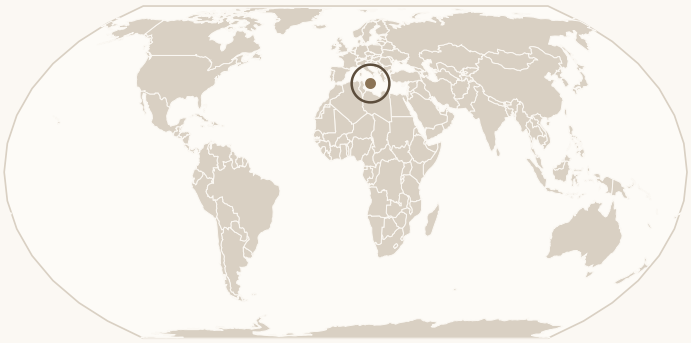
Malta

Islands of History

CAPITAL
Valletta

LANGUAGES
Maltese, English

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Malta through music

Malta's song is set in the middle of the Mediterranean, on three islands — Malta, Gozo and tiny Comino. It celebrates Valletta, the capital, built by the Knights, with its baroque streets, and traces a history from the Phoenicians to the Knights and from British rule to independence. Its verses visit Caravaggio's painting in St John's Co-Cathedral and the cannons of the Grand Harbour. They celebrate carnival colour, pastizzi and kinnie, the warmth of the Maltese language and the festival of L-Imnarja.

> *Malta, oh Malta, tales in your waves*
> *From Phoenicians to the bright crusades.*

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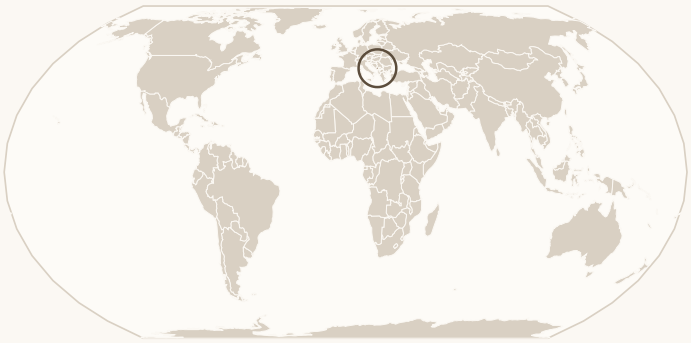
Montenegro

Montenegro: Land of Mountains and Sea

CAPITAL
Podgorica

LANGUAGES
Montenegrin, Serbian, Bosnian, Albanian, Croatian

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Montenegro through music

Montenegro's song celebrates a land where mountains meet the Adriatic, from the peaks of Durmitor to the Bay of Kotor. It visits Podgorica, the capital, and Cetinje, the old royal city, with Mount Lovćen watching over it. Its verses honour a land of poets and warriors, and of Illyrians and Romans, and share Njeguški pršut and rakija in the villages. They hear Montenegrin and Serbian among the languages spoken, and its chorus sings of Crna Gora, where the black mountains rise and the rivers run free.

> *Montenegro, Montenegro, where the black mountains rise*
> *From the depths of history, to the endless skies.*

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North Macedonia

Echoes of Ancient Lands

CAPITAL
Skopje

LANGUAGES
Macedonian, Albanian

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover North Macedonia through music

North Macedonia's song is set in the heart of the Balkans, from the shimmering shores of Lake Ohrid to the busy streets of Skopje. It follows the Vardar river through mountains and deep valleys, and celebrates a mosaic of cultures, Macedonians and Albanians living together. Its verses recall the country's independence in 1991, with roots in ancient times, share sweet red ajvar, and hear the zurla at festivals. Its chorus sings of a land of diversity, of languages and flavours entwined.

> *Oh, North Macedonia, land of diversity*
> *Your spirit shines through history*

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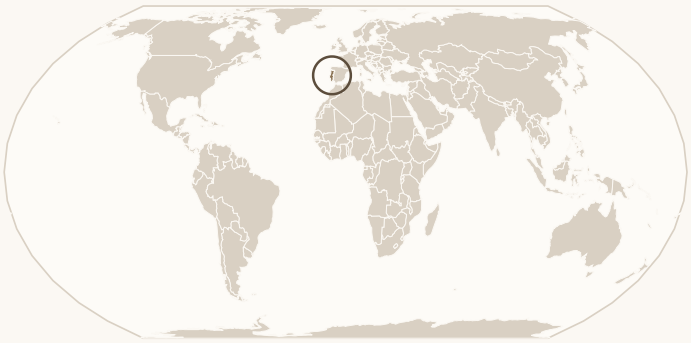
Portugal

Seas of Saudade: Echoes of Portugal

CAPITAL
Lisbon

LANGUAGES
Portuguese

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Portugal through music

Portugal's song is filled with saudade, the longing at the heart of fado. It celebrates Lisbon, city of seven hills and its trams, and Porto, where the rivers meet the wine. Its verses follow the winding Douro and the plains of the Alentejo, look out to Madeira and the Azores, and remember the Age of Discoveries — Henry the Navigator's dreams and Vasco da Gama's voyages. Its chorus sings of a land of poets and explorers, where the echoes of the past still dance in the bay.

> *Portugal, oh Portugal, land of saudade's sway*
> *Where the echoes of our past still dance in the bay*

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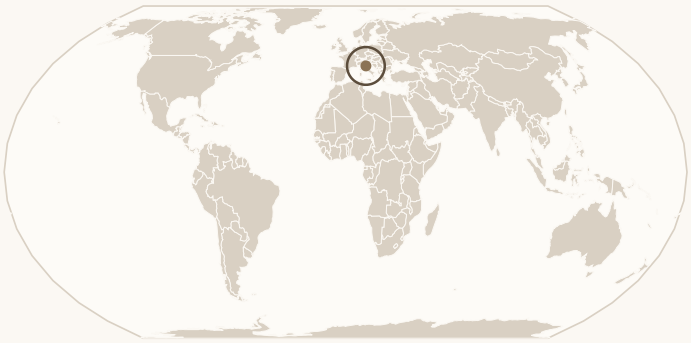
San Marino

Echoes of Titano

CAPITAL
San Marino

LANGUAGES
Italian

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover San Marino through music

San Marino's song celebrates a small, free land in the Apennines, beneath the gaze of Mount Titano and its three towers, Guaita, Cesta and Montale. It visits the capital that shares the country's name and its ancient stones, and recalls how, in the year 301, Marinus came seeking refuge and founded a republic that still stands. Its chorus sings of a timeless story of liberty echoing through the streets, as the sun sets on Titano.

> *Oh, San Marino, land of the free*
> *In your valleys, in your peaks*

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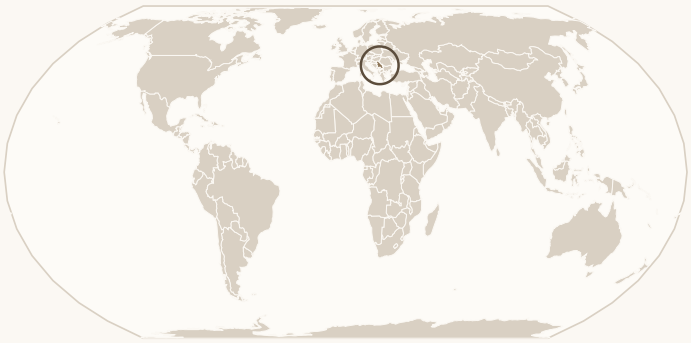
Serbia

Dance of the Danube and Drina

CAPITAL
Belgrade

LANGUAGES
Serbian

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Serbia through music

Serbia's song follows the rivers, from the Pannonian plains to the Dinaric peaks, to Belgrade, where the Sava meets the Danube. It recalls Roman stones and the empires that passed through, and a land of warriors and dreamers. Its verses hear the frula in the countryside, raise a glass of rakija, and join the kolo, the circle dance that unites young and old. They travel from the fields of Novi Sad to the ancient ground of Niš, sharing ajvar and lamb, and its chorus dances from the Drina to the Danube.

> *Oh Serbia, dance where rivers flow*
> *From the Drina to the Danube, our spirits glow.*

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Slovenia

Emerald Heart of Europe

CAPITAL
Ljubljana

LANGUAGES
Slovene

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Slovenia through music

Slovenia's song celebrates a green land of mountains and valleys in the heart of Europe, from the peak of Triglav to the streets of Ljubljana, the dragon's city. It visits Lake Bled, reflecting a magic scene, the Julian Alps, the shore at Piran and the great caves of the Karst. Its verses honour poets and the crafts of the land, and share potica and hearty stews. Its chorus sings of a land of harmony, where the rivers sing and past and future meet.

> *Slovenia, where the rivers sing and the echoes call*
> *In the heart of Europe, standing proud and tall.*

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Spain

Where Sun and Soul Embrace

CAPITAL
Madrid

LANGUAGES
Spanish, Catalan, Basque, Galician

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Spain through music

Spain's song travels from the Pyrenees to the fields of Andalusia, celebrating Madrid, the whispering walls of the Alhambra and the art of Catalonia. It recalls Roman roads, Moorish spires and the voyages of the conquistadors, and the history woven into the olive trees. Its verses burn with flamenco, honour the dreams of Dalí and Picasso in Barcelona, and hear Castilian and Basque among the country's languages. They share paella, tapas and the joy of the Tomatina, and its chorus sings of where sun and soul embrace.

> *In Spain, where the sun and soul embrace*
> *Guitars strum and dancers find their place*

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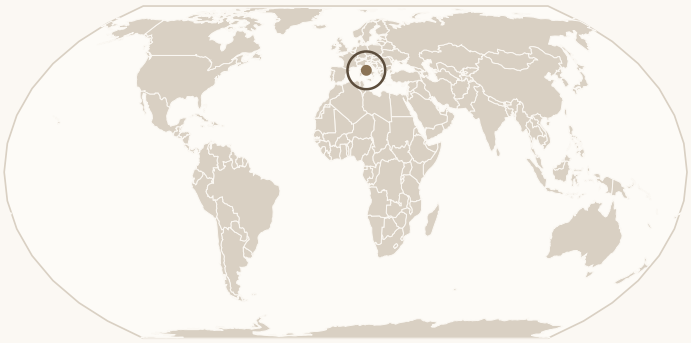
Vatican City

Whispers of the Holy Walls

CAPITAL
Vatican City

LANGUAGES
Italian, Latin

REGION
Southern Europe, Europe



Discover Vatican City through music

Vatican City's song is set within walls in the heart of Rome, in a city within a city where faith and art meet. It celebrates St Peter's Basilica and Michelangelo's work, and the Pope who leads the Catholic Church. Its verses look up at the painted ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, pass the Swiss Guards in their colourful uniforms, and join the pilgrims who gather from near and far. They hear Latin hymns echoing through the air, and its chorus calls the city a beacon of faith.

> *Vatican City, whispers of ancient grace*
> *In your sacred halls, the world finds its place.*

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Austria

Echoes of the Alpine Heart

CAPITAL
Vienna

LANGUAGES
German

REGION
Western Europe, Europe



Discover Austria through music

Austria's song begins in the Alps, where edelweiss grows, and descends to Vienna and the blue Danube. It celebrates the music of Mozart and the dances of Strauss, the lanes of Salzburg, where music plays, and the cafés of Vienna, where thinkers have long gathered. Its verses honour Sigmund Freud and Haydn among Austria's great names, and pass palaces, steeples and alpine views. Its chorus calls Austria a land of mountains and dreams, and its closing lines sing along with a yodel under the open sky.

> *Austria, land of mountains and dreams*
> *In every village and river, your heritage gleams.*

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Belgium

Brussels Beats and Belgian Streets

CAPITAL
Brussels

LANGUAGES
Dutch, French, German

REGION
Western Europe, Europe



Discover Belgium through music

Belgium's song travels from the hills of the Ardennes to the North Sea shore, through a country of three languages — French, Dutch and German. It celebrates Brussels, the capital and a heart of Europe, the diamond trade of Antwerp, and the canals and medieval towns of Ghent and Bruges. Its verses remember the poppies of Flanders Fields, and celebrate royal palaces, comic art, Tintin and Magritte, and beer brewed with care. Its chorus sings of chocolate and waffles, in a land of history and charm.

> *Oh, Belgium, oh, Belgium, land of might and magic*
> *With your chocolate so sweet and your waffles fantastic.*

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France

La Belle France: From Alps to Côte d'Azur

CAPITAL
Paris

LANGUAGES
French

REGION
Western Europe, Europe



Discover France through music

France's song welcomes the listener to a land of romance and elegance, from the Alps to the shores of Normandy and the Côte d'Azur. It celebrates Paris, the city of light, the Eiffel Tower and Notre-Dame, and the vineyards of Bordeaux, the Loire and the lavender fields. Its verses recall the revolutions and their ideals of liberty, equality and fraternity, honour Napoleon, Voltaire and Marie Curie, and savour the cuisine of Lyon and the cheese of every region. They raise a glass of champagne, and its chorus dances from Notre-Dame to the shore at Marseille.

> *Oh France, oh France, the land of chance*
> *Where cultures dance in a joyful trance.*

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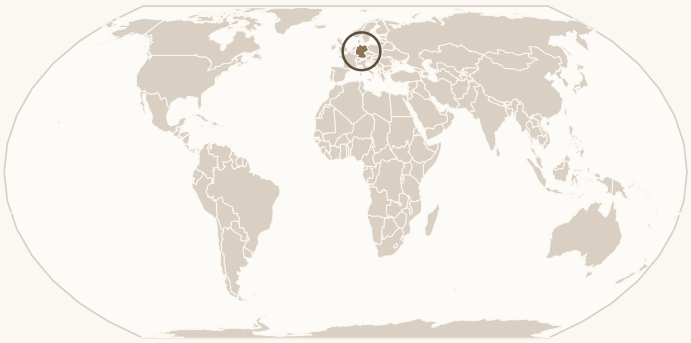
Germany

Echoes of the Black Forest

CAPITAL
Berlin

LANGUAGES
German

REGION
Western Europe, Europe



Discover Germany through music

Germany's song travels from the shores of the Rhine to the high peaks, from the Black Forest to the North Sea. It celebrates Berlin, a city reborn, the Brandenburg Gate and the fall of the Berlin Wall, a symbol of unity. Its verses visit castles and cathedrals, hear the music of Beethoven and Bach, and join Oktoberfest in Bavaria with sausages and pretzels. They honour a land of poets and thinkers, from the speed of the autobahn to the calm of the Rhine.

> *Germany, oh land of lore*
> *From the Brandenburg Gate to the Baltic shore.*

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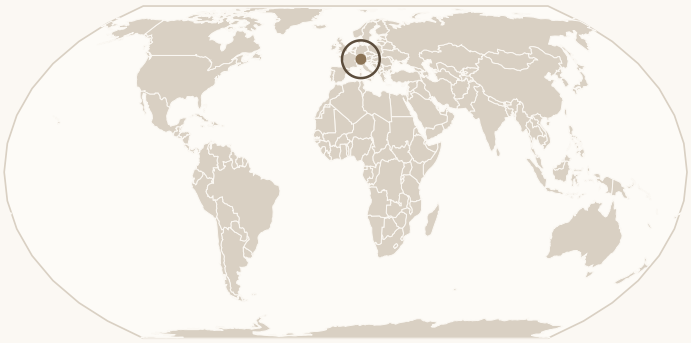
Liechtenstein

The Jewel of the Rhine

CAPITAL
Vaduz

LANGUAGES
German

REGION
Western Europe, Europe



Discover Liechtenstein through music

Liechtenstein's song celebrates a small land of the Rhine, between Switzerland and Austria, where the Alps meet green valleys. It visits Vaduz, the capital, with its castle, and recalls the founding of the principality in 1719. Its verses hear German spoken warmly in every village, and celebrate National Day in August with fireworks and laughter. Its chorus calls Liechtenstein a land of peace and prosperity, from snowy peaks to vineyards.

> *Liechtenstein, where the Rhine flows free*
> *A land of peace and prosperity*

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Luxembourg

Luxembourg, Heart of Europe

CAPITAL
Luxembourg

LANGUAGES
Luxembourgish, French, German

REGION
Western Europe, Europe



Discover Luxembourg through music

Luxembourg's song celebrates a small country in the heart of Europe, between Belgium, Germany and France, a land of forests, castles and vines along the Moselle. It visits Luxembourg City, from the fortress on the hill to the calm lanes of the Grund and the heights of Kirchberg, home to European institutions. Its verses hear French, German and Luxembourgish spoken together, and share Riesling wine and Judd mat Gaardebounen. Its chorus sings of a proud Grand Duchy where the past and future meet.

> *Luxembourg, where the Moselle flows*
> *In the heart of Europe, where the love grows.*

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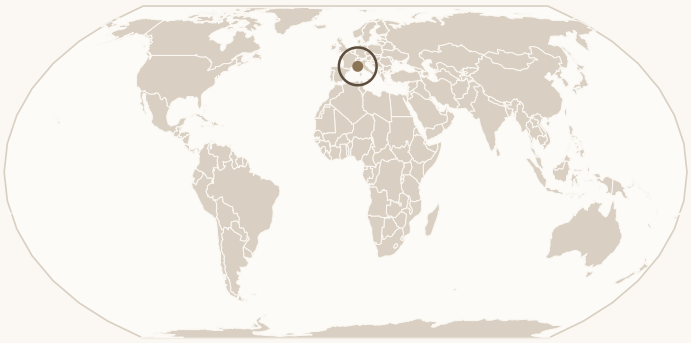
Monaco

Dancing in the Heart of Monaco

CAPITAL
Monaco

LANGUAGES
French

REGION
Western Europe, Europe



Discover Monaco through music

Monaco's song is a portrait of a tiny principality on the French Riviera, between the Mediterranean and the sky. It follows the glamour of Monte Carlo — the harbour, the roar of the Grand Prix and the golden lights of the Casino — and then turns to older things: the Prince's Palace on its ancient rock and the stage of the Opéra de Monte-Carlo. Its bridge notes that French is the language of everyday life, alongside a proud Monégasque identity, and its closing lines invite the listener to a place where history and modern life move together.

> *Oh, Monaco, where the sea meets the sky*
> *In the dance of life, our spirits fly high.*

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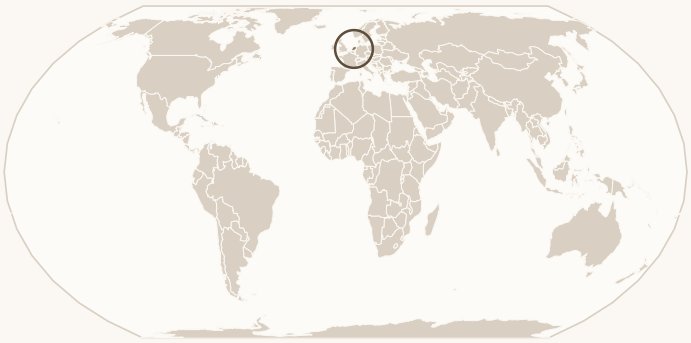
Netherlands

Tulip Fields and Windmill Breezes

CAPITAL
Amsterdam (constitutional); The Hague (seat of government)

LANGUAGES
Dutch

REGION
Western Europe, Europe



Discover Netherlands through music

The Netherlands' song is set among tulip fields and turning windmills, in a land below sea level crossed by wide canals. It travels from Amsterdam, with its cycling trails, to the busy port of Rotterdam, and honours the light of Van Gogh and Rembrandt. Its verses recall the Union of Utrecht of 1579, and celebrate Gouda cheese and stroopwafels, wooden shoes and King's Day. Its chorus sings of a land where history still breathes, carried on the breeze.

> *Tulip fields and windmill breezes*
> *Holland's heart with ease it pleases.*

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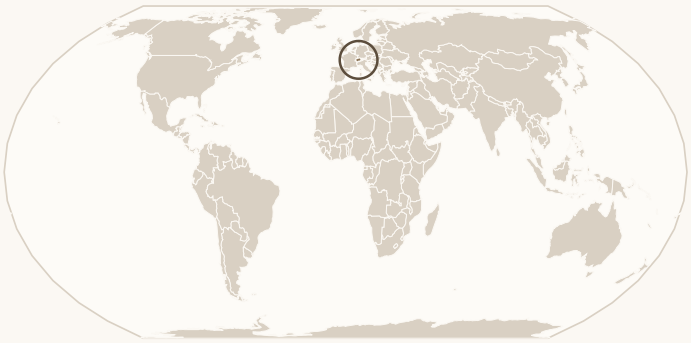
Switzerland

Echoes of the Alpine Nation

CAPITAL
Bern (federal city)

LANGUAGES
German, French, Italian, Romansh

REGION
Western Europe, Europe



Discover Switzerland through music

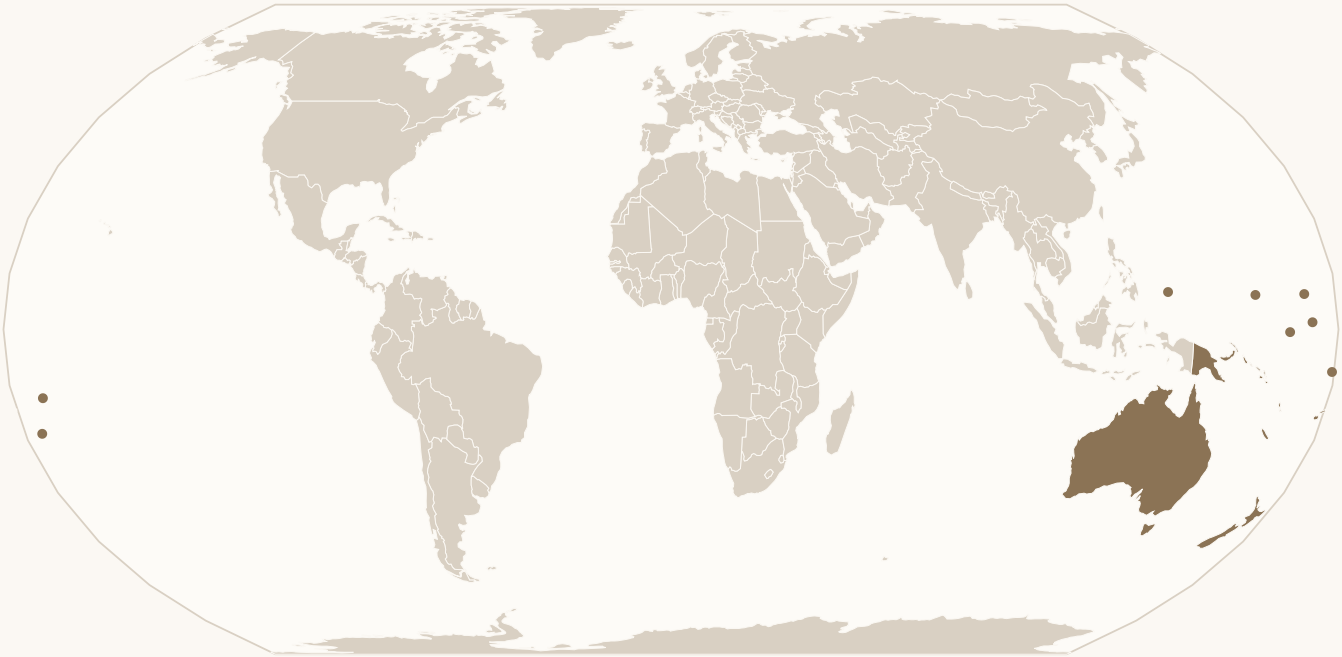
Switzerland's song is set among high mountains in the heart of Europe, where four languages blend in harmony. It travels from Zurich to Geneva and their clear lakes, to Basel on the Rhine and the old city of Bern. Its verses celebrate Heidi's stories and Swiss chocolate, the precision of watchmakers, and a neutral country that has been a refuge of hope. They share fondue, raclette and rösti, and listen to alphorns calling across the valleys beneath the Matterhorn.

> *Switzerland, oh land of peace you stand*
> *With Alpine echoes, and a guiding hand.*

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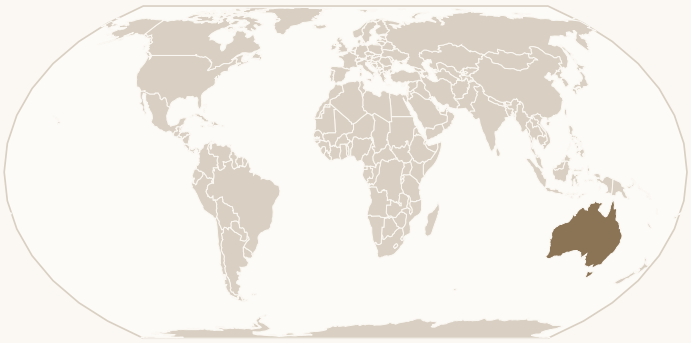
Australia

Southern Skies and the Outback's Heartbeat

CAPITAL
Canberra

LANGUAGES
English

REGION
Australia and New Zealand, Oceania



Discover Australia through music

Australia's song is set under southern skies, among gum trees, golden beaches and the glowing desert of the Outback, where kangaroos leap. It travels from the sails of the Sydney Opera House to the sacred rock of Uluru, and dives into the Great Barrier Reef. Its verses honour the Dreaming stories and the call of the didgeridoo, meet koalas, wombats and magpies, and share pavlova and fresh seafood. They visit Melbourne's arts and sport, recall the Anzac spirit, and stretch from the sands of Perth to Tasmania.

> *Australia, wide and free*
> *From the Great Barrier Reef to the endless sea.*

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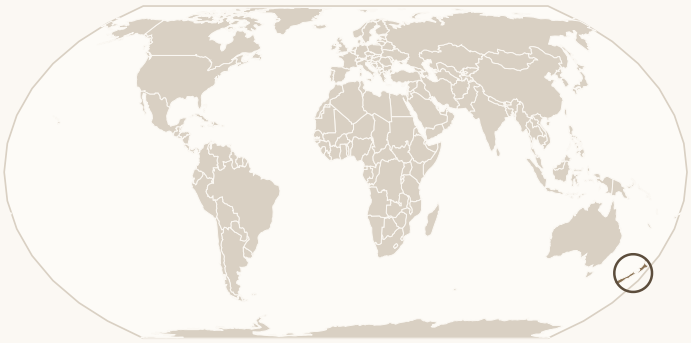
New Zealand

Aotearoa Dreams: Land of the Long White Cloud

CAPITAL
Wellington

LANGUAGES
English, Māori, New Zealand Sign Language

REGION
Australia and New Zealand, Oceania



Discover New Zealand through music

New Zealand's song celebrates Aotearoa, the land of the long white cloud, from the North Island to the South. It travels from the lights of Auckland to Wellington, among rugged mountains, green hills, lakes and valleys, and honours the Māori roots from which the country grows. Its verses recall the earthquakes of Christchurch and the resilience that followed, and the Scottish heritage of Dunedin. They honour Ranginui and Papatūānuku, sky father and earth mother, and its chorus rings with the haka.

> *In Aotearoa, dreams take flight*
> *Where the Kiwis dance in the silver light*

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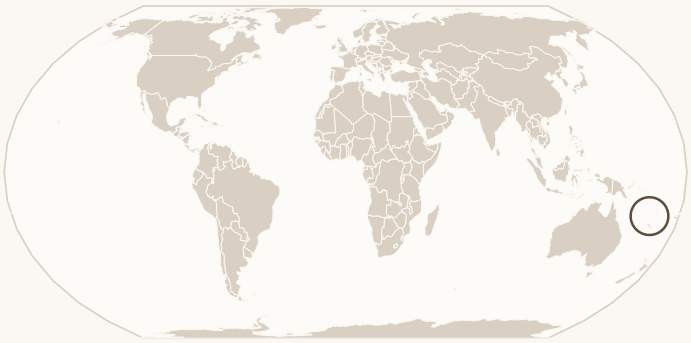
Fiji

Isles of Azure Dreams

CAPITAL
Suva

LANGUAGES
English, Fijian, Fiji Hindi

REGION
Melanesia, Oceania



Discover Fiji through music

Fiji's song celebrates islands in the South Pacific, more than three hundred of them, with rivers, coral reefs and the warm greeting of bula. It visits Suva, the capital, a meeting place of cultures, and travels from Viti Levu to Vanua Levu. Its verses honour the canoe voyagers of old, the meke dance, tapa cloth and the kava ceremony. They recall the colonial years and the spirit that came through them, and celebrate English, Fijian and Hindi together, a unity in diversity.

> *Fiji, land of azure dreams*
> *Where the waves dance in moonlit beams.*

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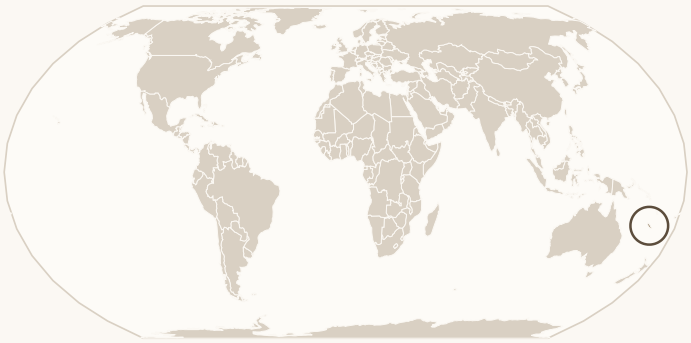
New Caledonia

Grande Terre

CAPITAL
Nouméa

LANGUAGES
French and 28 Kanak languages

REGION
Melanesia, Oceania



Discover New Caledonia through music

New Caledonia's song is set on Grande Terre, a long green island in the South Pacific, surrounded by one of the world's largest lagoons and a great barrier reef. It visits Nouméa, the capital, where French and Kanak voices meet, the Loyalty Islands and the tall pines of the Isle of Pines. Its verses honour the Lapita voyagers who arrived three thousand years ago, and the Kanak people — their sacred yam gardens, their customs, and some twenty-eight languages still spoken. They recall James Cook's visit and the arrival of France, the nickel in the red earth, and the lagoons protected as a World Heritage site.

> *Grande Terre, New Caledonia*
> *bamboo beating in the kaneka sound*

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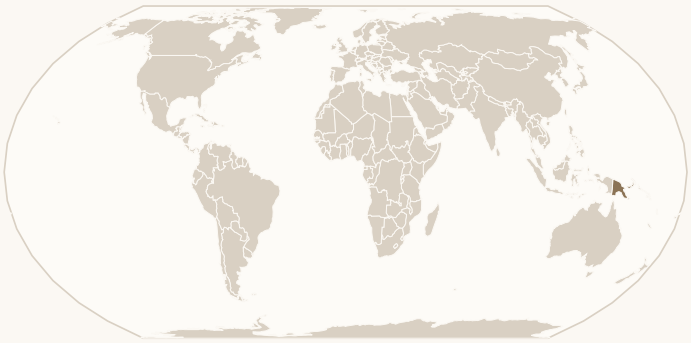
Papua New Guinea

Voices of the Highlands and Islands

CAPITAL
Port Moresby

LANGUAGES
English, Tok Pisin, Hiri Motu

REGION
Melanesia, Oceania



Discover Papua New Guinea through music

Papua New Guinea's song is set where mountains meet the sea, among emerald forests in the heart of the Pacific. It celebrates Port Moresby and the Melanesian spirit, from the Sepik River to the misty highlands and the Bismarck Archipelago. Its verses honour a land of a thousand peoples and many languages, the kundu drum and the colourful sing-sing. They climb toward Mount Wilhelm, recall the wartime history of the Kokoda Track, and visit coffee plantations, orchids and markets selling sago, from Manus to Milne Bay.

> *Oh, Papua New Guinea*
> *Land of a thousand tribes*

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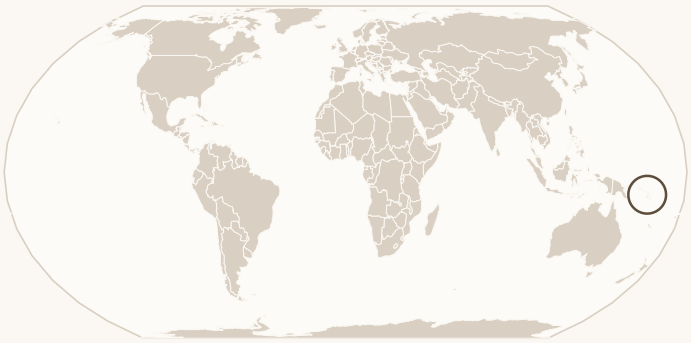
Solomon Islands

Echoes of Solomon's Shores

CAPITAL
Honiara

LANGUAGES
English, Pijin

REGION
Melanesia, Oceania



Discover Solomon Islands through music

The Solomon Islands' song is set in the South Pacific, from Guadalcanal to the shores of Malaita, among countless islands. It visits Honiara, the capital, where blue ocean meets green mountains, and celebrates the many voices of the islands, speaking Pijin and English. Its verses recall the battles of the Second World War and the memories they left, and celebrate cultural dances through the night. They share the bounty of the sea, coconut and cassava, and its chorus sings of unity and peace.

> *Solomon Islands, with your spirit so bright*
> *Echo through the waves in the soft moonlight.*

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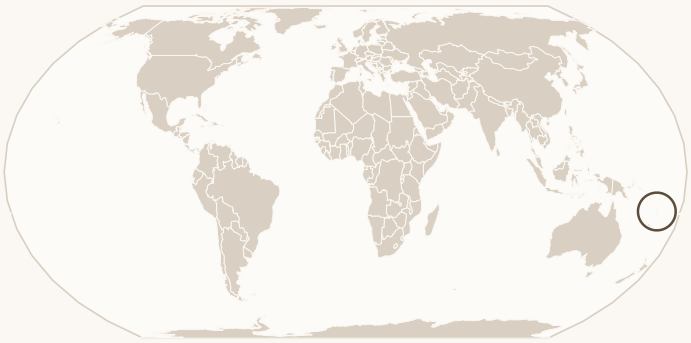
Vanuatu

Isles of Happiness and Heritage

CAPITAL
Port Vila

LANGUAGES
Bislama, English, French

REGION
Melanesia, Oceania



Discover Vanuatu through music

Vanuatu's song is set among eighty-three islands in the coral-blue South Pacific. It celebrates Port Vila, where cultures meet, Bislama and the many languages of the islands, and the kastom dances on the shore. Its verses travel from Tanna's fiery volcano to Santo, Ambae and Efate, and recall independence in 1980, when the islands stood united. They honour the ancient traditions of a Melanesian land and the kava circles that bring people together, and its chorus sings of a harmonious place under blue skies.

> *Oh, Vanuatu, where the smiles are true*
> *Mountains rise and waters gleam, skies forever blue.*

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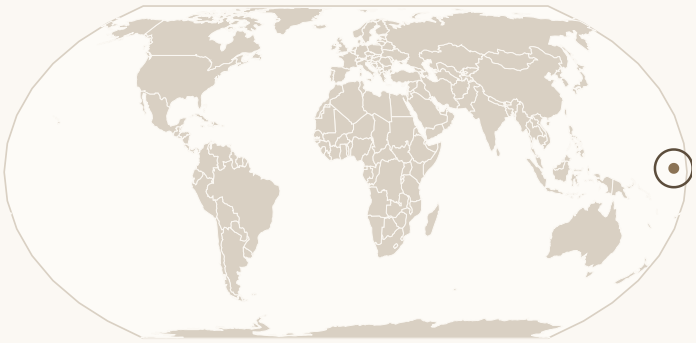
Kiribati

Kiribati: Ocean's Embrace

CAPITAL
South Tarawa

LANGUAGES
Gilbertese, English

REGION
Micronesia, Oceania



Discover Kiribati through music

Kiribati's song spans a nation of atolls across the equator, from Tarawa, the capital, to Kiritimati, in the Gilbert, Phoenix and Line Islands. It celebrates the I-Kiribati people, proud of their Micronesian heritage, and their traditions of dance, song and weaving pandanus. Its verses honour fishing and canoe-building and the stories they carry, and the resilience of a people facing the pressures of a changing climate. Its chorus calls Kiribati islands of the sea, dancing with the rising sun.

> *Kiribati, islands of the sea*
> *Between the wave's wild symphony*

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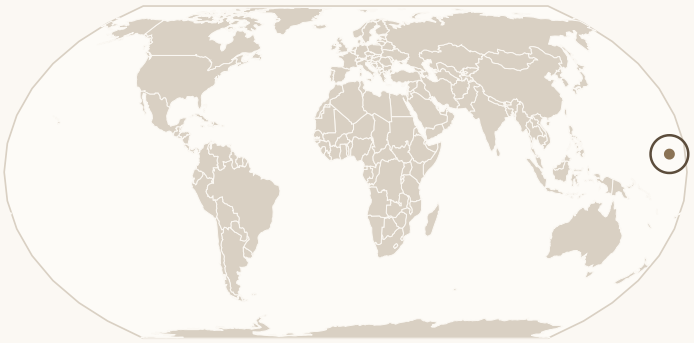
Marshall Islands

Echoes of the Atolls

CAPITAL
Majuro

LANGUAGES
Marshallese, English

REGION
Micronesia, Oceania



Discover Marshall Islands through music

The Marshall Islands' song is set among chains of coral atolls in the vast Pacific, from the busy shores of Majuro to Kwajalein and Bikini. It celebrates the Marshallese language and a people of navigators who once read the stars to cross the ocean. Its verses honour pandanus and coconut trees, and remember the scars of the nuclear tests and the healing since. Its chorus sings of a nation of warriors and peacemakers, crafting a future with hope.

> *Echoes of the atolls, stories in the sea*
> *From Kwajalein to Bikini, dreams sail free.*

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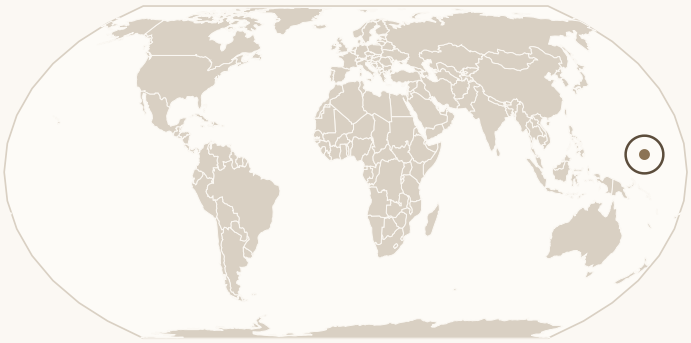
Micronesia

Stars of the Micronesian Sea

CAPITAL
Palikir

LANGUAGES
English, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, Kosraean, Yapese

REGION
Micronesia, Oceania



Discover Micronesia through music

Micronesia's song celebrates a nation of four states scattered across the Pacific, from Yap to Kosrae, like pearls in the sand. It visits Palikir, the capital, on the green slopes of Pohnpei, and honours the navigators whose canoes still glide over clear waters. Its verses visit the ancient stone ruins of Nan Madol, and celebrate chants, dances and the many languages of the islands. Its chorus calls the islands sun-kissed, with a spirit that dances in the moonlight.

> *Oh Micronesia, sail on your breeze*
> *Whispering your tales through coconut trees.*

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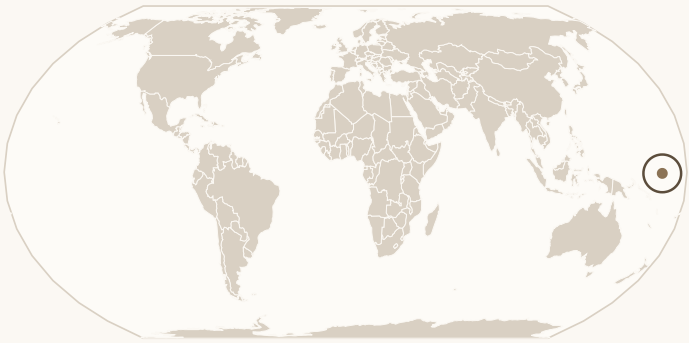
Nauru

Pleasant Island

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT
Yaren

LANGUAGES
Nauruan, English

REGION
Micronesia, Oceania



Discover Nauru through music

Nauru's song celebrates Pleasant Island, a single small island ringed with coral just south of the equator, where one road runs all the way round. It visits Yaren, where the parliament meets, the turquoise waters of Anibare Bay and the still, green Buada Lagoon. Its verses honour the twelve tribes, remembered in the twelve points of the star on the flag, and tell how phosphate shaped the island's fate and how the island now plants again. They recall independence in 1968 and Angam Day, share coconut and reef fish, and honour the old art of taming frigatebirds.

> *Pleasant Island, Nauru*
> *little land in a sea so blue*

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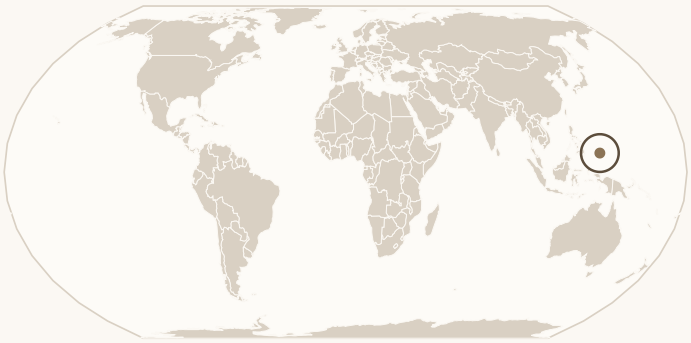
Palau

Islands of Wonder: Palau's Harmony

CAPITAL
Ngerulmud

LANGUAGES
Palauan, English

REGION
Micronesia, Oceania



Discover Palau through music

Palau's song is set among islands in the western Pacific, where coral reefs glow beneath blue skies. It travels from Koror to the Rock Islands, through ancient stories and history, and celebrates Ngerulmud, the capital. Its verses honour a nation built on sharing, the chants of warriors and songs of peace, and the harmony of fish from the sea and taro from the fields. Its chorus calls Palau a cradle of the sea, with people and legends dancing free.

> *Oh Palau, oh Palau, cradle of the sea*
> *With your people and your legends, dancing wild and free.*

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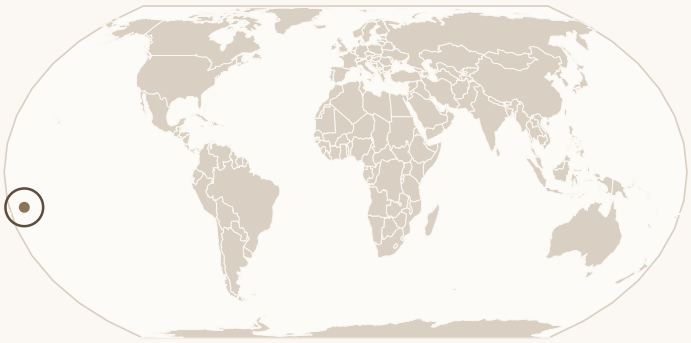
Samoa

Heartbeats of Samoa

CAPITAL
Apia

LANGUAGES
Samoan, English

REGION
Polynesia, Oceania



Discover Samoa through music

Samoa's song is set on two islands, Upolu and Savai'i, where waves dance on the shore and lava fields meet green valleys. It celebrates Apia, the capital, and the fa'asamoa, the Samoan way of life that guides the family, the village and its sacred houses. Its verses honour the pe'a tattoo, which tells of family history, the joyful siva dance and traditional food, and recall independence in 1962, won with pride and unity. Its opening and closing lines are sung in Samoan.

> *Samoa, Samoa, land of beauty*
> *Where the fai'ai and fa'alifu feed me*

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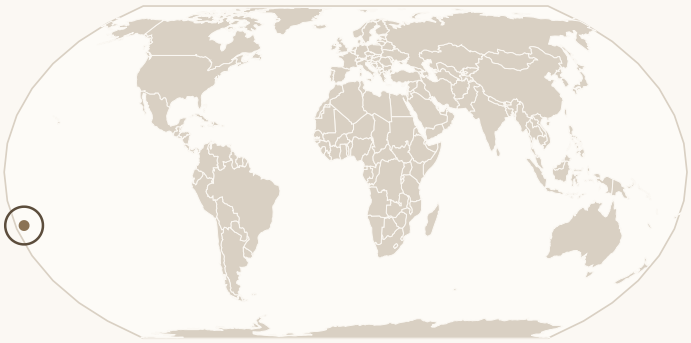
Tonga

Isles of the Friendly Waves

CAPITAL
Nukuʻalofa

LANGUAGES
Tongan, English

REGION
Polynesia, Oceania



Discover Tonga through music

Tonga's song celebrates a kingdom of islands in the South Pacific, of coral reefs and palm trees, from Nuku'alofa, the capital, to Ha'apai and Vava'u, where whales come to the islands. It honours the Tongan navigators who crossed the ocean long before European explorers, and the tapa cloth, dances and kings and warriors of the past. Its verses share a feast from the 'umu, the earth oven, with 'ota ika and lu pulu, and its chorus calls Tonga the isles of the friendly waves, to the call of the lali drum.

> *Isles of the friendly waves, where smiles never fade*
> *Tonga's embrace, through the ocean's cascade.*

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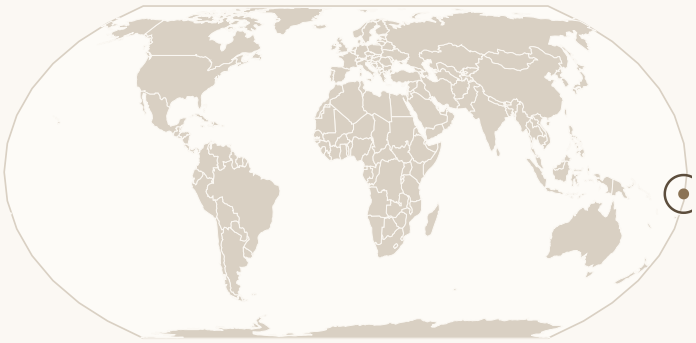
Tuvalu

Islands of the Setting Sun

CAPITAL
Funafuti

LANGUAGES
Tuvaluan, English

REGION
Polynesia, Oceania



Discover Tuvalu through music

Tuvalu's song is set on nine coral atolls in the Pacific, near the equator, with Funafuti at its heart. It celebrates ancient chants and dances, and the fatele echoing across the sand, and honours a people of seafarers, speaking Tuvaluan and English. Its verses recall independence in 1978 and celebrate a nation of resilience, peace and unity. Its chorus calls Tuvalu the islands of the setting sun, where countless stories are told.

> *Tuvalu, where the tides sing true*
> *With skies so vast and oceans blue.*

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