# San Marino#1 What is the capital? San Marino

persecution by the Romans.

- True or False
  San Marino is the oldest country in Europe, True- Since 301 AD.
  - San Marino was founded by a Christian stonemason who was fleeing

the persecution of Christians by the Vikings. False- He was fleeing

San Marino was founded atop of Monte Titano. True

# Italy #2 What is the capital? Rome

- True or False
  The leaning tower of Pisa took only 2 years to build. False- It took over 200 years to build and it still leans!
  - The thermometer was invented in Italy. **True**
  - Leonardo DiCaprio from Italy invented the scissors. False- Leonardo Da Vinci from Italy did though.

# Croatia #3 What is the state capital? Zagreb

- Croatia is home to the world-famous dog breed Cromations. False-It is home to the Dalmatian.
  - The Mag Light was invented by a Croatian named Maglica. True
    - Amphitheater in Croatia is one of only 3 preserved in the world.
       True

## Bulgaria #4 What is the capital? Sofia

found only in Bulgarian air. True

- True or False
  Bulgaria is the only country in Europe that has changed its name since it was first established. False -- Bulgaria is the only country in
  - Europe that **hasn't** changed its name being established.

    Lactobacillus Bulgaricus, the bacterium that is responsible for

giving Bulgarian yoghurt its unique flavour and consistency, can be

 The roses grown in Bulgaria's "Rose Valley" produce most (70-85%) of the world's rose oil – a component in most perfumes. True

# Serbia #5 What is the capital? Belgrade

#### True or False

 Serbia is the largest exporter of raspberry in the world. True— Almost 95% of raspberries sold in the world originate from Serbia.

False—18 Roman emperors Were.

- All Roman emperors were born on the land which is today Serbia.
- The only Serbian word that is accepted and used across the world is "Vampire". True

# France #6 What is the capital? Paris

"Napoleon. True

- The most visited place in Europe is the Eiffel Tower. False-- The most visited place in Europe is Disneyland, Paris. In France.
  - In France, there's a law that bans people from naming their pet pigs
  - Eiffel Tower is in Paris, France. True

Norway **#7**What is the capital? **Oslo** 

- Norway in Europe is called the 'Land of the Midnight Moon'. False Norway in Europe is called the 'Land of the Midnight Sun'.
  - Norway is home to several Arctic animals such as reindeer, polar bear and the wolverine. True
  - Norway is the most successful nation in the world at the Winter Olympics. True-- The country has collected the most medals of any country over the game's history.

Czech Republic #8
What is the capital? Prague

- Prague has been the capital of the Holy Roman Empire. True
  - Tennis greats Martina Navratilova (18 Grand Slams) and Ivan Lendl
  - (8 Grand Slams) are from the Czech Republic. **True**The Czech Republic is the most too drinking country per capita
  - The Czech Republic is the most tea-drinking country per capita. **False-** It is the most beer-drinking country per capita.

## Hungary #9 What is the capital? Budapest

- Hungary is famous for its mathematicians including the designer of modern geometry Farkas Bolyai and John von Neumann, who was a key contributor in game theory, and digital computing. True
  - Hungarian inventor, Erno Rubik, invented the Ice Cube. **False-**-Erno Rubik, invented the Rubik's Cube.
  - Hungary's men's water polo team is considered the best in the history of the sport. **True--** 15 Olympic medals (9 gold), and 10 World Championship medals (3 gold).

## Denmark #10

What is the capital? Copenhagen

- The people living in Denmark are known as 'GreatDanes'. False -They are normally known as Danes.
  - LEGO was invented in Denmark. True -- Legoland and the company headquarters are located in Billund, on the Jutland peninsula.
    - Danish author and poet Hans Christian Andersen wrote notable fairytales such as "The Emperor's New Clothes", "The Little Mermaid" and "The Ugly Duckling". True

# Poland #11 What is the capital? Warsaw

#### True or False

- Nicolaus Copernicus, the famous 16th century astronomer who first suggested the sun was the center of our universe was born in Thorn, Royal Prussia, part of the Kingdom of Poland. True
- Marie (Madame) Curie, inventor of the slot machine, was from

Poland. **False** –She was the inventor of the X-ray machine.

Marie (Madame) Curie, discovered Radium and Polonium, two radioactive substances, and often carried the substances in test tubes in her pockets. **True-** At the time she didn't know they were radioactive.

## Portugal # 12 What is the capital? Lisbon

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- True or False

   Portugal is a tricontinental country since it has territories in three

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  - continents. True

The various uses of the soft, spongy bark of the cork tree has made the country the largest producer of cork products in the world.

True

The Maple tree is one of the few native trees still found in Portugal. **False**- The Cork tree is one of the few still found in Portugal

#### Bosnia/Herzegovina # 13 What is the capital? Sarajevo

- Perucica in Bosnia is one of the last rainforests in Europe. True -Some of its trees are over 300 years old!
  - The government consists of three presidents. **True-** One is Bosniak, one is Serb and one is Croat.
    - The country is sometimes called "The Liver Shaped Land" because of its unusual shape. **False-** It slightly resembles a heart so it is called "The Heart Shaped Land"

Switzerland **#14**What is the capital? **Bern** 

and world war 2. True

- in Switzerland, it's forbidden to flush the toilet after 10 in the evening. True
  - evening. True
     Switzerland has remained neutral in all wars, including world war 1
    - The Rhine Falls in Switzerland are the **smallest** plain waterfalls in Europe. **False-** They are the **largest** at 50 metres wide and 23m high!

# Lithuania #15 What is the capital? Vilnius

- Lithuania's Hill of Crosses is a significant pilgrimage site where the devout go to pray and add their crosses to the thousands that have been left by other pilgrims before. **True** 
  - Lithuania's most famous culinary export is perhaps Cold Feet Soup.
     False It is Cold Beet Soup.
    - 11 March 1990 is the date Lithuania declared its independence from the Soviet Union. **True**

# Russia #16 What is the capital? Moscow

- The Russian Federation is the biggest country by land area, not just in Europe but across the whole world! True
  - Mount Elbrus in Russia is the smallest mountain in Europe and is part of the Caucasus mountain range. False—At (5,642 meters) it is the highest in Europe.
    - Lake Ladoga in Russia is Europe's biggest lake and among the world's biggest freshwater lakes. **True-** It is14th in the world.

# Sweden #17 What is the capital? Stockholm

She won it in 1909

#### True or False

- Per capita, Sweden has the most KFC's in Europe. False- Sweden has the most McDonald's in Europe.
  - Sweden has had seven Nobel Prize winners in Literature, including

Selma Lagerlöf, who was the first woman to win the prize. **True-**

The Swedish company King is behind the app game Candy Crush. **True-** It has been downloaded almost 500 million times and counting.

# Netherlands #18 What is the capital? Amsterdam

### True or False

- Eddie and Alex van Halen Musician and guitarist. Were from the Netherlands. True
  - Netherlands. True
     The 8 track, the Camcorder, and the USB were all invented in

the videotape, and the CD were all invented by Phillips.

Eindhoven by the Dutch company Philips. **False-** The audiotape,

The Netherlands has produced many well-known painters including famous names such as Rembrandt van Rijn, Vincent van Gogh. **True** 

# Austria #19 What is the capital? Vienna

True or FalseCroissants were invented in Austria, not France. True

California, grew up as an Austrian citizen. True

- Arnold Schwarzenegger, former Hollywood actor and governor of
  - The Washing machine was invented in 1818 by Josef Madersperger, an Austrian. False- Madersperger invented The Sewing machine.

## United Kingdom #20 What is the capital? London

- True or False
  In the United Kingdom, dying in the House of Parliament is illegal.
  - True
     There have been several influential English authors but perhaps the most well-known is William Shakespeare, who wrote classics such

as Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth and Hamlet. True

The tallest Ferris wheel in Europe is in France. **False**- The tallest Ferris wheel in Europe is in England.

#### Andorra #21

What is the capital? **Andorra la Vella** 

#### True or False

Andorra is among the most dangerous countries in the world.
 False- It is among the safest with almost zero pickpocketing, car

theft and disorderly conduct incidents.

- There are no airports in the country of Andorra. **True**
- Andorra was originally created as a buffer state by the French leader <a href="Charlemagne">Charlemagne</a> during the Middle Ages. **True-** It was meant to keep the Muslim Moors out of France.

# **Liechtenstein #22**What is the capital? **Vaduz**

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- True or False
  During its last military engagement in 1866, Liechtenstein sent out
  80 soldiers and came back with 81. True
  - 80 soldiers and came back with 81. True
    It was the Ottoman Empire who first gave the country its
    - The entire country of Liechtenstein can be rented for \$70,000 a day. **True-** Snoop Dogg once tried to rent it but didn't give enough notice so he was turned down.

independent status in 1719. **False-** It was the Holy Roman Empire.

#### Belgium #23 What is the capital? Brussels

#### True or False

- Belgium went 589 days in 2010-2011 without rain. False- It did go 589 days in 2010-2011 without a government.
  - The world's main diamond center is in Belgium. Almost 90% of raw diamonds in the world are negotiated, polished, and distributed in
  - There are 3 types of Belgian Waffles: Liege waffles, Brussels
    - waffles, and Galettes, True

Antwerp, Belgium. **True** 

# Spain #24 What is the capital? Madrid

- The Sagrada Familia church in Barcelona is taking longer to build than the pyramids. True- It was started in 1882, and it's not done yet.
  - By ferry, it will take you half a year to reach Africa from Spain.
     False-It will only take half an hour.
    - The Tomatina Festival is home to Spain. It occurs in August and everyone is involved in throwing **grapes** at each other. **False**-Everyone is involved in throwing **tomatoes** at each other.

# Greece #25 What is the capital? Athens

- True or False
   Greece bans all forms of electronic games, gambling games and harmless ones like online chess and Solitaire. True- Although they are allowed now if no real money is exchanged.
  - The Acropolis and The Parthenon are in Crete, Greece. **False-** The Acropolis and The Parthenon are in Athens.
  - Alexander the Great, Aristotle and Homer-the epic poet were all from Greece. **True-** As were Plato, Socrates and Sophocles.

# Monaco #26 What is the capital? Monaco

- French is the official language of Monaco. True
  - Three of The Fast and Furious Films have been shot in Monte-Carlo Casino. False- Three James Bond Films have been shot there.
  - Monaco does not have airports. True- There are heliports and during the busy season, the heliports receive helicopters every 20 minutes.

## **Germany #27**What is the capital? **Berlin**

- Germany has as many as 9 neighbors, namely Switzerland, Netherlands, Poland, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, Austria,
  - Netherlands, Poland, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, Austria Belgium and Czech Republic. **True** 
    - Adolf Hitler was the first European leader to ban human zoos. **True-**Human zoos were a popular attraction in Europe.
      - Halloween is a German tradition. **False-**The Christmas tree is a German tradition, so is hanging tinsel on the Christmas tree!

## Montenegro #28 What is the capital? Podgorica

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- The monastery of Ostrog, located above the Bjelopavlic valley, is one of the most visited shrines in the Christian world. True
  - Montenegro was the first in the world to have a national bread house. False- Montenegro was the first to have a national printing house.
    - Montenegro is featured in the James Bond movie "Casino Royale," **True**

# Romania #29 What is the capital? Bucharest

#### True or False

The Romans left the area making Romania the first province that the Roman Empire abandoned. True

was the vampire-infested region of **Transylvania**.

the Roman Empire abandoned. True
When World War I was over, the allies recompensed Romania with

the notorious, vampire-infested region of **Pennsylvania**. **False-It** 

At the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, Romanian gymnast Nadia Elena Comaneci earned the *first* perfect score in gymnastics. **True-** She was 14 years old at the time.

# Albania #30 What is the capital? Tirana

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- True or False
- The International Airport in Albania is named 'Nene Tereza' for Mother Teresa. True
  - In 1967, Albania became the world's first Buddhist state. False-In 1967 it became the world's first atheist state.
    - Shqipëri" is the name given to Albania by its people. **True**

# Finland #31 What is the capital? Helsinki

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- True or False
   Finland is home to a centuries old goat carrying contest, fins compete to see who can carry their goat the fastest and the farthest. False- It is home to the wife carrying contest.
  - In 2000, Finland elected Tarja Halonen, as their president. The first woman to hold that position. **True**
  - The Finnish language claims the world's longest palindrome, a word that is spelled the same forwards and backward. **True** "Saippuakivikauppias". Is a word used to describe a dealer in lye or soapstone. --

## Ukraine #32

What is the capital? Kiev

- According to Ukrainian folk tales, Kiev boasts up to three official witch gathering places. **True** - They share the name Lysa Hora (Bold Mountain).
  - The popular Easter egg tradition originated in Ukraine. **True**-Originally, the eggs were patterned using wax and dye.
    - **Arby's** in Kiev is reportedly one of the busiest in the world. **False-McDonald's** in Kiev is one of the busiest in the world.

# Estonia #33 What is the capital? Tallinn

## True and False

- Estonia is also the birthplace of the first Maple tree. False- Estonia
  is also the birthplace of the first Christmas tree.
  - Estonia is the birthplace of Facebook. False- Estonia is the birthplace of Skype.
  - Estonia has the highest number of supermodels per capita in the world. True

# Latvia #34 What is the capital? Riga

- The women from Latvia are considered the smallest among women around the world. False- The women are considered the tallest around the world.
  - In Latvia, there is a museum dedicated to the world's greatest liar.

    True– Hieronymus Karl Friedrich Freiherr von Münchhausen.
    - Oak and lime trees symbolize men and women, respectively. **True**

# Iceland #35 What is the capital? Reykjavík

#### True or False

- Iceland is the oldest democracy in the world. True
  - lceland has more mosquitoes than anywhere else on earth. **False-**

Iceland has no mosquitoes at all. Not even one.

The national sport of Iceland is Hockey. **False**-The national sport of Iceland is Handball.

# Ireland #36 What is the capital? **Dublin**

#### True or False

- The chocolate milk was invented by Irishman Hans Sloane in the 1680s when he was in Jamaica. He found the locals' mix
  - There are no Dogs native to Ireland. **False-** There are at least nine breeds native to Ireland including the famous Irish Setter.

of chocolate and water nauseating and used milk instead. True

Ireland is also known as the 'Emerald Isle' because of its evergreen landscape and, of course its emblem – the three-leaf shamrock.

True

Vatican #37
What is the capital? Vatican City

- By both area and population, it is the smallest state in the world.

  True
  - The Vatican is located within the city of Pompeii, <u>Italy</u>. **False-** It is located within the city of Rome, <u>Italy</u>
    - The Vatican City owns an advanced telescope in Arizona, U.S.A.
       True

### Luxembourg #38 What is the capital? Luxembourg

- Facebook has its headquarters in Luxembourg. False- Skype is headquartered in Luxembourg and Paypal, Amazon, and Rakuten all have their European headquarters there.
  - Luxembourg has the highest rate of car ownership in the entire world. **True**
  - Almost all foods are eaten using utensils. **True-** Including sandwiches.

# Malta #39 What is the capital? Valletta

### True or False

Malta is known as the "Heart of the Caribbean." False- Malta is known as the "Heart of the Mediterranean."

'Captain Philips' and TV's 'Game of Thrones.'True

- Malta has featured in productions from 'Gladiator' and 'Troy' to
  - The name of the island nation is supposedly derived from a Greek word meaning "Sugar." False- The name is derived from the Greek word meaning Honey.

# Slovenia #40 What is the capital? Ljubljana

- Slovenia's War of Independence in 1991, was the first war in Europe since World War II. True-It is known as the Ten-Day War.
  - The oldest wheel ever excavated; Ljubljana Marshes Wheel belongs to Slovenia. True- Radiocarbon dating shows it to be 5000+ years old.
    - The Pine tree is a symbol for the Slovenian people, it represents love, friendship, and loyalty in Slovenia. **False-** The linden tree is.

# Macedonia #41 What is the capital? Skopje

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- True or False
  Macedonia was the home of Ashoka the Great. False- Macedonia was the home of Alexander the Great!
  - Mother Theresa of Calcutta was born in Skopje, Macedonia. True
  - The Millennium Cross is a 66-meter-high cross situated on the top of the Vodno Mountain in Skopje, and it is the biggest cross in the world. True

# Slovakia #42 What is the capital? Bratislava

#### True or False

The highest wooden altar in the world is located in Church of St.

James, in the historical Centre of Levoča. **True-** At 18,6 m high and

6 m wide it was made without the use of a single nail!

- Bratislava is the only capital in the world that borders two Oceans. **False-** Bratislava is the only capital that borders two independent countries.
- Students less than 26 years old, and seniors 62 and older are eligible to travel by train for free using the national railways. True

#### Belarus #43 What is the capital? Minsk

("bulba")!

- True or FalseIn Belarus, there are no more than 3 recipes made with potatoes.
- In Belarus, there are no more than 3 recipes made with potatoes.
   False- There are more than 300 recipes made with potatoes
  - The largest dump truck in the world is produced in Belarus. True-BelAZ-75710 weighs 360 tons and costs about \$10 million!
    - Masquerade app which puts animated mask on your face, was created in Belarus. **True**

# Moldova #44 What is the capital? Chisinau

- The national animal is a big goat called a nauroch, False- The national animal is a big cow called an auroch,
  - When you're entering someone's home, it's considered impolite to leave your shoes on. **True-** Leave them at the door.
  - Moldova is the most visited country in Europe. False- Moldova is the least visited country in Europe.

### Turkey #45 What is the capital? Ankara

- True or False
  Istanbul is part of two continents as it is located on the Bosphorus Strait, which is a part of Europe as well as Asia. True
- The least populous city in Europe is Istanbul. False- With more

than 14.5 million people, it is the **Most** populous city in Europe.

Noah's ark had landed in Mount Ararat (Agri Dagi) which is located In Eastern Turkey. **True-** It is the highest peak in Turkey at 5166m high.

#### Georgia #46

What is the capital? Tbilisi

- Georgia has been producing water for at least 8,000. False Georgia has been producing wine for at least 8,000 years and is
  considered the hittplace of the bountage.
  - considered the birthplace of the beverage.
    Georgia has 12 different climate zones, ranging from subtropical to alpine to semi-desert, and has 49 types of soil. True This makes Georgia one of the most ecologically diverse countries on Earth.
  - Chakrulo," a Georgian folk song usually sung at festivals and celebrations, was sent into space on the spacecraft Voyager. **True**

#### Azerbaijan #47

What is the capital? Baku

- Azerbaijan is the last Muslim country to have theater plays and operas. False - Azerbaijan is the first Muslim country to have theater plays and operas
  - Baku is also home to the world's last offshore oil platform. False -Baku is also home to the world's first offshore oil platform – Oil Rocks.
    - Azerbaijan is the home of two of the world class chess players
       Garry Kasparov and Teymur Rajabov. True Check and mate

#### Armenia #48

What is the capital? Yerevan

- All students must take chess as a compulsory subject in school and there are even exams for it! **True**
  - The first church in the world was built in Armenia. True Holy Etchimiadzin was the first state church built in the world back in the early 4th century.
  - The city of Yerevan is often called the Grey City. **False** of Yerevan is often called the Pink City. Due to the naturally coloured volcanic rocks of varying shades of pink.

#### Kazakhstan #49

What is the capital? Nur-Sultan

- Ancient Kazakhs were the first people in the world to domesticate and ride Camels. False Kazakhs were the first to domesticate and ride Horses.
  - Out of the 110 elements from Mendeleev's table of chemical elements, 99 have been detected in Kazakhstan -True
  - Kazakhstan is home to the **Baikonur Cosmodome**, the world's first and largest space launch facility. **True** Sputnik, the world's first orbiting satellite, was launched from there in 1957.

# Kosovo #50 What is the capital? Prishtina

- The name "Kosovo" derives from the name of a place in Serbia meaning "field of bluebirds". False—It's a "field of blackbirds".
  - There is a statue of Bill Clinton in Kosovo. **True**
  - The Roman Catholic cathedral in Pristina, Kosovo, Cathedral of Saint Mother Teresa is named in <u>her honor</u>. True