INTREPID TRAVELLERS' FACTOPEDIA



AROUND the WORLD in 80 DAYS

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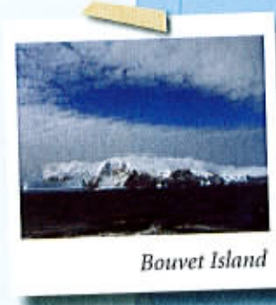
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the Maldives

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1 Prepare for the Trip

Around the **World** in Eighty Days



Phileas Fogg



Passepartout

In 1873, Jules Verne wrote a novel called *Around the World in Eighty Days*. It is the story of a man and his servant who travel around the world in eighty days. The man's name is Phileas Fogg. Passepartout is his servant. They travel by train and ship, and later, in the movie adaptation, they travel by hot air balloon.

Eighty Days in Ten Chapters

In this book, you will "travel" for eighty days around the world in ten chapters. But there's a catch! At the end of each chapter, there's an "Intrepid Travellers' Question". You must answer it correctly before you "travel" to the next chapter.

Intrepid Travellers' Question

An Extreme Challenge

If you answer the question incorrectly, "An Extreme Challenge" awaits you!

You may have to swim in an extreme place, such as Jellyfish Lake, with over ten million jellyfish. Or shiver in the world's coldest place!



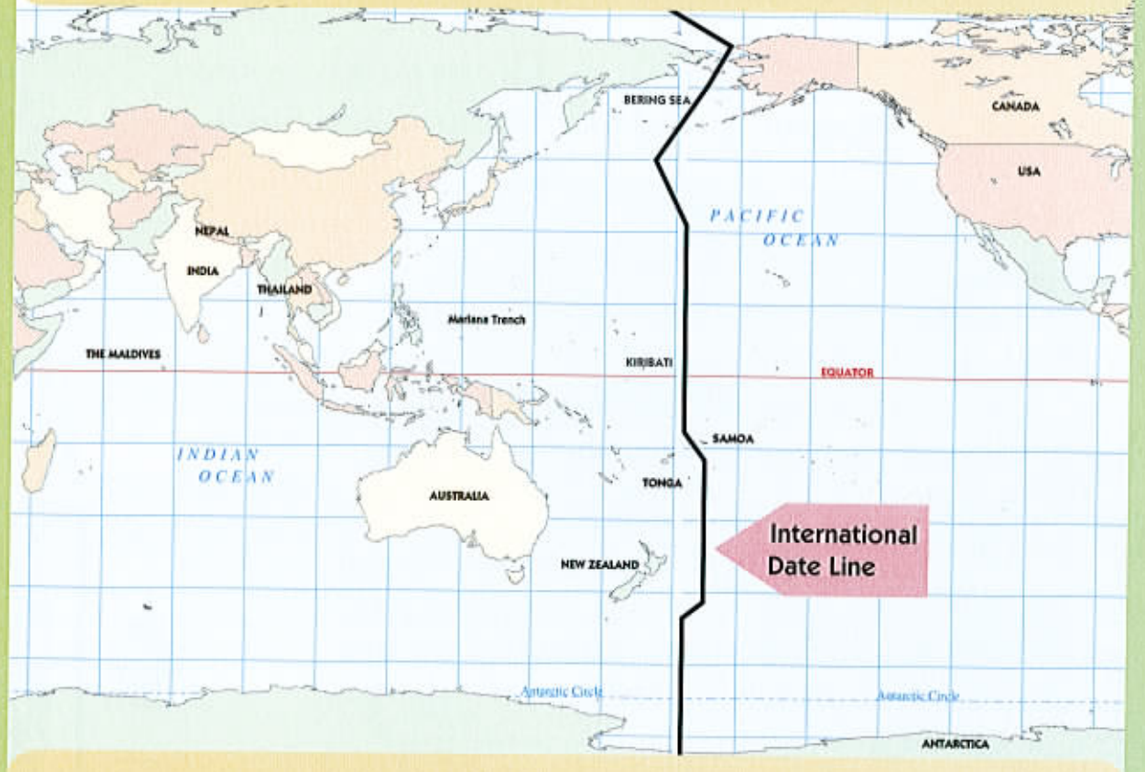
GOT YOUR PASSPORT?

Let's start at the International Date Line.



What Is the International Date Line?

The International Date Line is an imaginary line between the North Pole and the South Pole. It runs through the Bering Sea in the north, right down through the Pacific Ocean in the south.



Kiribati Changed the International Date Line

The International Date Line used to run through the islands of Kiribati (pronounced "Kirribas"). This caused the islanders all sorts of problems. For example, when it was Monday in the west of Kiribati, it was still Sunday in the east. So when people in the west tried to call a shop in the east (on Monday), it would still be closed for the weekend.

So Kiribati arranged to move the date line a little eastwards. Now everyone in Kiribati is in the same day. This also means that Kiribati is the first country in the world to see the dawn of a new day!

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2 From Samoa to Tonga

Days 1–5

First, all you intrepid travellers are travelling by plane from Samoa to Tonga. But before you do, read your first "Factopedia Fact" below.

Factopedia Fact

IT'S TRUE!

In 1892, the king of Samoa had a good idea. He wanted Samoa to be in the same day as the USA, because he thought that would help them to trade more with Samoa. But the USA was a day behind. It was on the east side of the International Date Line. Samoa was a day ahead, on the west side.

The king decided Samoa would move to the east of the date line, and Samoa is still there!



a traditional Samoan dance







a view of the Pacific Ocean from Tonga

Intrepid Travellers' Question

You need to book a hotel room in Tonga. It takes two hours to fly from Samoa to Tonga.

If your flight from Samoa leaves on Thursday morning, what day will you check in to your Tongan room?

A. Wednesday

B. Thursday

C. Friday

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If your answer was **A** or **B**, here's **AN EXTREME CHALLENGE.** We're dropping you and your surf ski off at Point Nemo. Where's that? Point Nemo is the furthest place on Earth from land. It's in the Pacific Ocean. You'll have to paddle 2688 kilometres to the nearest dry land!

(When you've finished paddling to land, hurry to page 8.)

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If your answer was **C**, **YOU'RE CORRECT!** If it's Thursday in Samoa, it will be Friday in Tonga. Grab your passport. We're off to Tonga.



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