



The Nations Online Project

In Touch with the World: Facts and Links
A Guide to Countries and Nations of the World.

Made to improve cross-cultural understanding
and global awareness through information.

www.nationsonline.org

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:: Project Overview:

In the last 6 years the Nations Online Project has been developed into an internationally recognized internet portal in the fields of information on geography, culture, history and politics of almost all countries of the world.

Today more than 200,000 Internet users visit the the project's site every month. The purpose of the portal is to guide users to „first hand“ information of the world's countries and nations.

Organized geographically the project offers beside basic information, an extensive collection of evaluated links to internet sites of the various nations.

Included are only sites which we have visited, with the intention to provide the user with comprehensive, in-depth documentation or background information. The links have a brief description of each site.

We make no claims for completeness and welcome user suggestions for additions.

Our objective is to provide visitors with a broad range of information so they will have the possibility to get a comprehensive impression about a nation and its people.

Beyond that the project is a statment for democracy, tolerance and freedom of speech.



∴ The Concept

___about us



On our web site you will find up-to-date information on 200 states and countries.

In the last six years the project has become a platform with a high value in its global view.

It has been developed into an important search tool, if you are looking for information on and from foreign countries. Most of the sites listed in the index originate in their respective country, the carefully selected links give you an impression of a nation and its people.

Furthermore the Nations Online Project aims to make its contribution towards international understanding, to create awareness for cultural diversity and the necessity of cross-cultural understanding.

The project encourages its visitors from all over the world to use this platform for communication across national, cultural and religious boundaries.

The project itself is unique on the Internet and on its way to become an institution.

___our mission



Our mission is to give you access to a wide range of (online) information.

The index is organized geographically by continents and countries

Topics for each country:

- official web sites of government entities
- important political representatives
- embassies and missions
- official web sites of the capital and main cities
- online newspapers
- tourism organisations and travel guides
- the national flag carriers and other important transportation services.
- education and research sites
- museums, libraries and other cultural institutions
- sites of important representatives in the arts and culture.
- country specific search engines and search tools.



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___ user groups:



There are groups of visitors who more often use to visit our internet site.

The main groups are:

students, teachers, librarians, journalists and businessmen. People of the tourism and transportation branch as well as travellers and tourists in search of travel destinations and travel information.

___ future prospects:

In the near future the project will offer more country related background information such as country profiles, statistics and pictures of the countries.

The contents of all our information pages will increase, in particular the frequently used pages like e.g. the page for historical country names, the index of int'l airport codes or the earthfacts page.

Furthermore we are planning to increase the amount of user forums with various topics.

___ awards:



- Finalist in the DIMA New Talent Award 1999, a German award competition for innovative web content in the fields of advertising, art, education and entertainment.
- The project has been nominated Finalist in the international Stockholm Challenge Award 2003/2004 in Category Culture „for its contribution in the global movement of building a better Information Society for all.“



www.challenge.stockholm.se

___ statistics:

Nations Online Project has been online since the end of September 1998, with a constantly growing number of daily visitors.

At the end of 2000 about 10 000 users visited each month, In May 2004 the site has served 191 000 sessions, 498 000 page views to 120 000 unique visitors.

(see also page 7 for more statistics)



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:: References & Comments

More than 1 000 Internet sites have a link to the Nations Online Project, below a selection with comments.



Education Network Commonwealth of Australia

Nations Online is a virtual gateway to the infospace, a link to the worldwide learning network. Users will find: acts about planet Earth, the world by countries, a list of all countries in the world, links to countries and nations of the world in alphabetical order. Visitors are invited to leave messages at the OWNNO Messageboard, or post questions and statements the One World - Nations Online Forum.



Foreningen for Undersøgende Journalistik (FUJ)

Henvisninger til turistguider, flyselskaber, jernbaneselskaber, nyheder, museer, universiteter og lokale søgemaskiner.



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British Library Net (part of British Library)

One World - Nations Online - a portal to the countries of the world.



Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Links to major websites in every country of the world, including the national government and major newspapers and universities.

LITA (Library & Information Technology Association)

A Division of the American Library Association

Even though it's the "World" Wide Web, many of the largest and best known search tools come from a United States perspective. Try some of these tools to get a more global view.

Nations Online: For each country, groups Web sites of government entities, search engines, and more. Very up-to-date, spotlights high-interest countries.



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:: more references...



Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA)

It is helpful to learn as much as possible about the cultures and mores of countries before traveling. Refer to local libraries, the Department of State, and commercial travel guides to assist in learning the customs and mores. DFI has a limited number of useful publications available on loan to travelers prior to departure. Some travel publications include a section of "do's" and "don'ts" while in foreign countries. Another source of information are fellow travelers. Useful websites:

www.lonelyplanet.com

www.fodors.com

www.nationsonline.org

suite101

Essentially a directory of Web sites organized geographically (by continent, country, and city), this is an excellent site for information on all countries and states in the world, as well as various statistics and rankings. This site is a great complement to the CIA World Fact Book and all the other more 'traditional' sources used for country information.

the learning room

Try this site if you are looking for a view of the world from one web site! The site One World - Nations Online is nothing short of AWESOME! Never have I seen so much useful information in one site.

UCSD Libraries (University of California San Diego)

A list of gateways to official and other websites in countries of the world, a reference directory and an electronic magazine. Also links to U.S. states' official sites, including selected cities and news sources in each.

University Libraries Ohio University

A gateway site to information on all countries, with links to government pages, media sites, country guides, etc. Also includes international organizations and other related information.

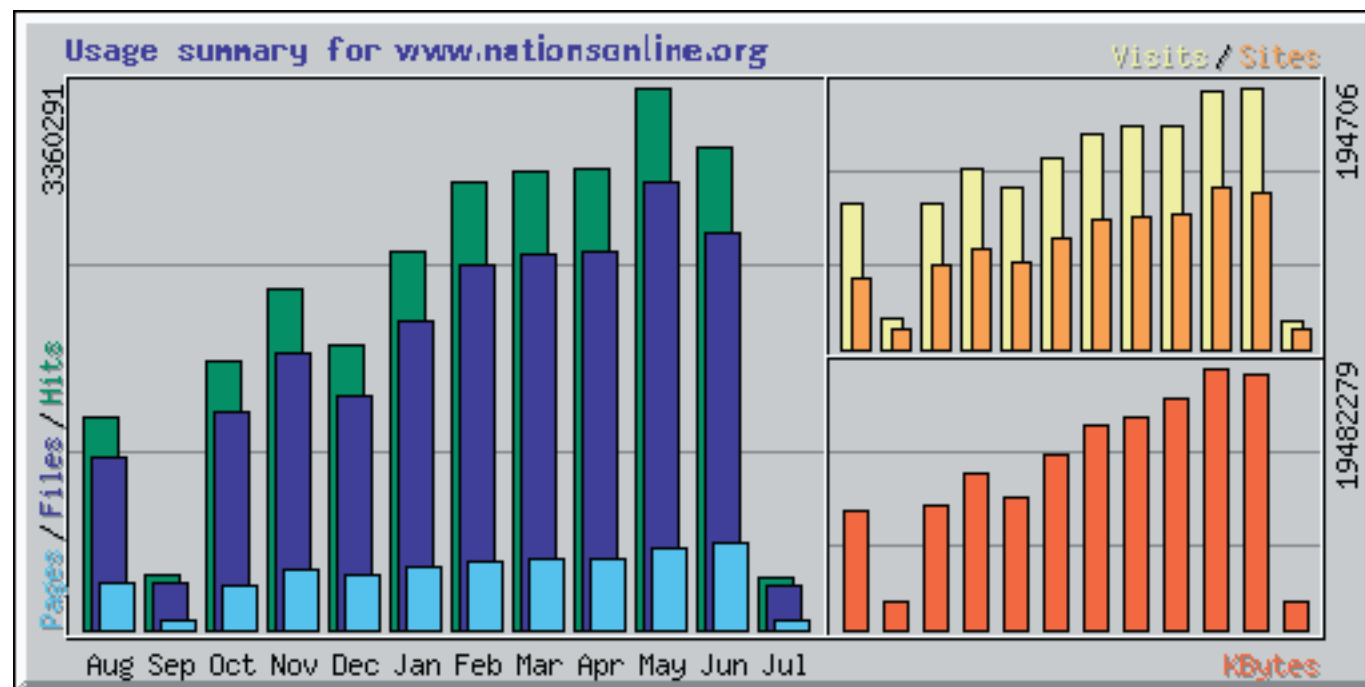
University of Texas at El Paso Library

Virtual Gateways to countries around the world, dedicated to the art, culture, history, and the uniqueness of nations and their people.



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:: Online Statistics



Note: data are of 5 July, 2004

	Sites	Visits	Pages	Hits
Jun 04	115 538	194 706	536 393	2 994 453
May 04	120 202	190 761	498 012	3 360 291
Apr 04	101 038	165 488	436 641	2 852 450



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