

# RESSNEWS



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## Wildest plane crashes ever

Do you fly often? Even though plane crashes are extremely rare here are some of the most known plane crashes. That have changed the course of aviation history



### Tenerife Airport Disaster (1977):

March 27, 1977, marked one of the darkest days in history when two Boeing 747s collided on the runway of Tenerife's Los Rodeos Airport in the Canary Islands. A combination of miscommunications, foggy conditions, and crowded airspace led to this catastrophic event, claiming the lives of 583 people. The collision remains the deadliest in aviation history.

### United Airlines Flight 232 (1989):

In a remarkable display of skill and teamwork, the crew of United Airlines Flight 232 managed to crash-land a severely damaged DC-10 in Sioux City, Iowa, on July 19, 1989. An unexpected failure of the aircraft's tail engine caused the loss of all hydraulic flight controls. Despite the odds, the crew improvised by using engine thrust to control the aircraft, saving 185 out of 296 people onboard in what became known as one of the most successful crash landings ever.



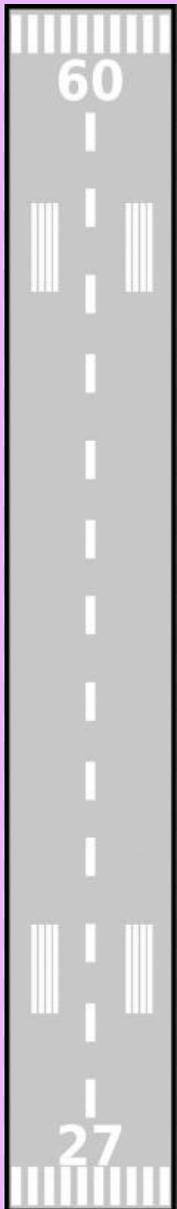
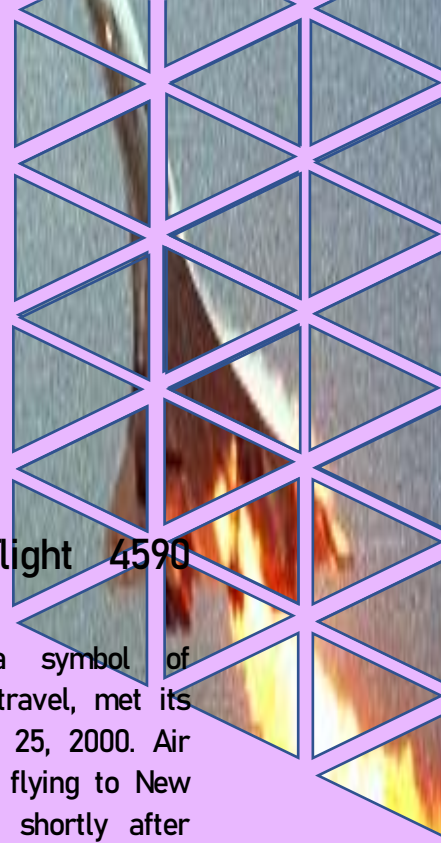
### Air France Flight 4590 (2000):

The Concorde, a symbol of supersonic luxury travel, met its tragic end on July 25, 2000. Air France Flight 4590 flying to New York City, crashed shortly after takeoff from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. A piece of debris from a previous aircraft damaged the Concorde's fuel tank, leading to a fire. All 109 passengers and crew onboard, as well as four people on the ground, died in the crash, marking the beginning of the end for the Concorde era.

### Miracle on the Hudson (2009):

On January 15, 2009, US Airways Flight 1549 made an emergency landing in the Hudson River shortly after takeoff from New York City's LaGuardia Airport. The Airbus A320 struck some birds, causing both engines to fail. Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and First Officer Jeffrey Skiles skillfully executed a water landing, ensuring the safe evacuation of all 155 passengers and crew. The incident is known as „The miracle on the Hudson river“.

These stories remind us of the dangers of flying, but they also showcase the bravery and quick thinking of pilots and crews during emergencies. With advances in aviation technology and safety measures, we learn valuable lessons in handling risks and staying prepared, making air travel safer for everyone.



# Bridgerton

A historical romance drama created by Chris Van Dusen and produced by Shonda Rhimes.

If we were to talk about the novel series and how it gained the fame that it did, we should mention the writer of the novels *Julia Quinn*. Her novels have been translated into 41 languages and have appeared on The New York Times Bestseller List 19 times and she has been inducted into the Romance writers of America Hall of Fame. Without her, we wouldn't be able to talk about the show.

Before watching the show, I think you should know these few words that describe the era the show is based on.

*Regency era* – the official regency era was between 1811 and 1820, although some people say it began in 1795. It was the era of cultural prosperity as well as the rise of poverty and in England. I mention it because the show is set in this era and we can clearly see both sides of it, the poor and the rich.

*social season* – this is the season of holding balls, dinner parties and charity events. Events like these played a big role in the lives of the characters.

*(landed) gentry* – a largely historical British social class of landowners who could live entirely from rental income, or at least had a country estate, in a different context it can also mean "well-born, genteel and well-bred people" of high social class

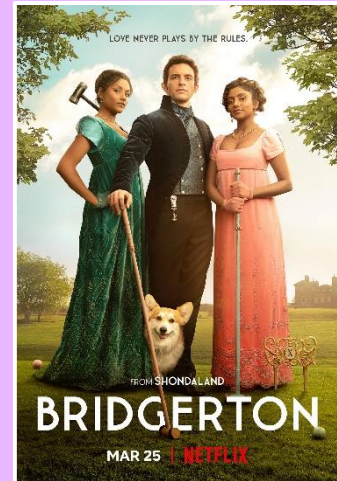


## First season

In first season they introduce the later very important Lady Whistledown, an unknown writer of the "scandal sheets". Daphne is also introduced into society and is regarded as a diamond of the season, which means that she is the one who they are trying to find a husband for. Bridgerton is also known to be based on specific love tropes, and this season is about *fake dating*. Daphne wants to be seen as more desirable, and the duke that she is *fake dating* doesn't like the attention of other ladies, so their "dating" is beneficial for both of them. Too bad they fall in love in the end.

## Second season

Next in line for marriage is Daphne's brother Anthony. Sadly, he sees it solely as marriage without any love involved. Two *sisters* arrive to London and the younger one Edwina becomes the diamond of the season. Both of the families want the marriage to happen, especially Edwina but her older sister Kate is strictly against it, because she sees Anthony as unworthy of her younger sister. This makes Anthony and Kate enemies, and leads to a new love trope, *enemies to lovers*.



## Third season

We are still unsure what the season will actually be about, but the love trope is obvious, friends to lovers. Penelope is the star of this season, maybe not in the literal way but the story will revolve around her and her love for a childhood friend. Will he fall in love with her? You will have to find out.

## Queen Charlotte: a Bridgerton story

Not directly a Bridgerton series, but this story is about a queen Charlotte that we can see in all of the seasons. Fun fact, it was inspired by the actual Queen Charlotte living in the 18th century, but note that it is not a story of Queen Charlotte of England but Queen Charlotte of Bridgerton. In this spin-off we can see how Queen Charlotte became a queen and her somewhat tragic love story.

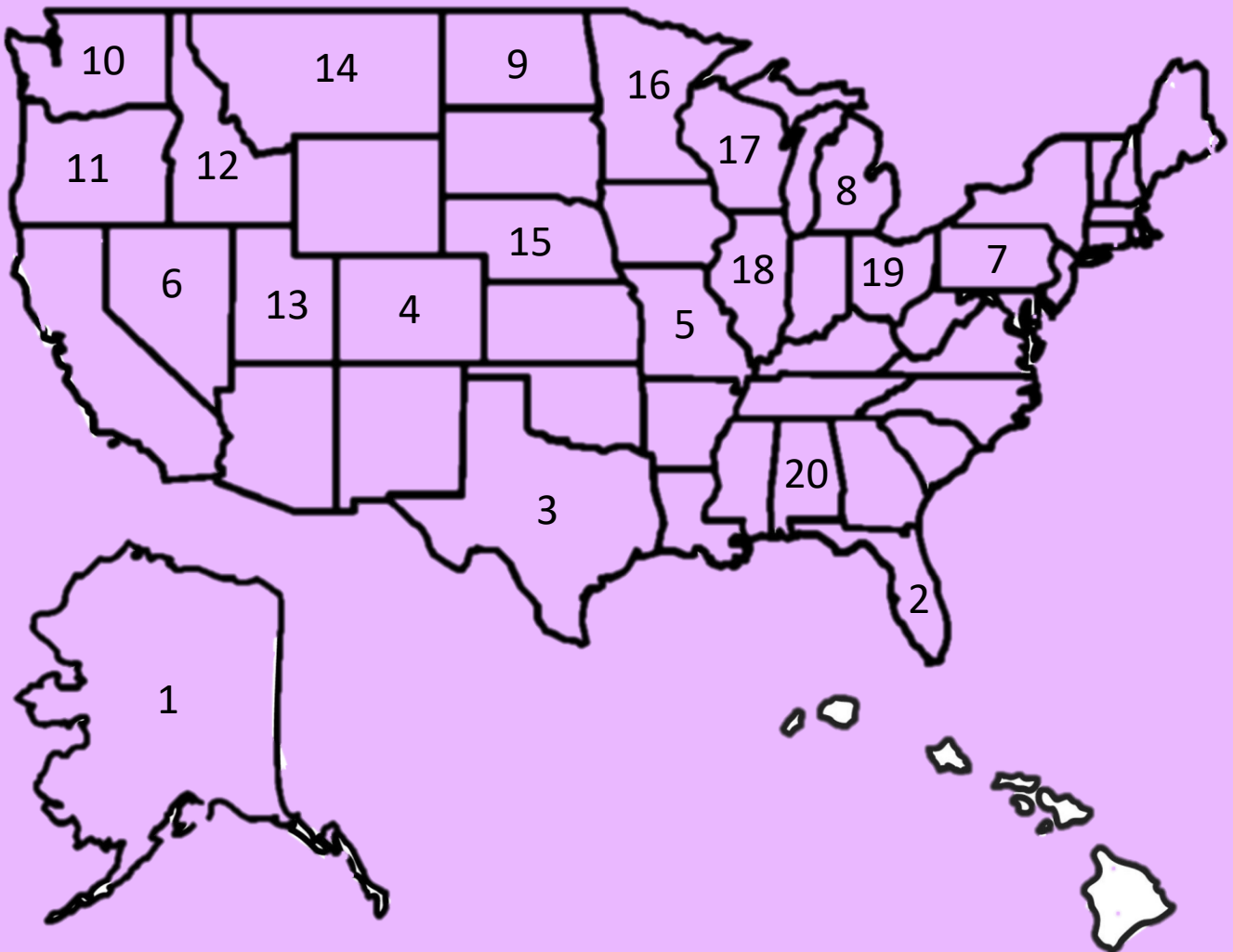


# TEST YOUR GEOGRAPHY KNOWLEDGE

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\*The answer key is at the end of the magazine

# What to visit in the Czech Republic?

## Telč

The tiny town of Telč is known for its UNESCO World Heritage Site town square. Once you step into the city you will find colourful buildings stretching from one corner of the town square to the other that looks almost like a painting. It is a mix of colourful Renaissance decorated with sgraffito, and Baroque. Every building is slightly different and unique but their common silhouette brings it all together. While being at the town square you definitely shouldn't miss the Telč house. There you can find a great exhibition of ceramic figures depicting the various periods of time.



## Bohemian Switzerland National Park

Bohemian Switzerland, also known as Czech Switzerland, is a nature region in the Elbe Sandstone Mountains in the northwestern Czech Republic, protected as a national park since 1972. The park is best known for Pravčická brána, the biggest sandstone rock arch in Europe. It was the last place where the first volume of The Chronicles of Narnia was filmed. Together with Saxon Switzerland, the region is known as Saxon-Bohemian Switzerland. Among the other big attractions are the gorges of the Kamenice River, where a ferryman will row you away among the narrow sandstone passageways and next to waterfalls.



## Orlík Château

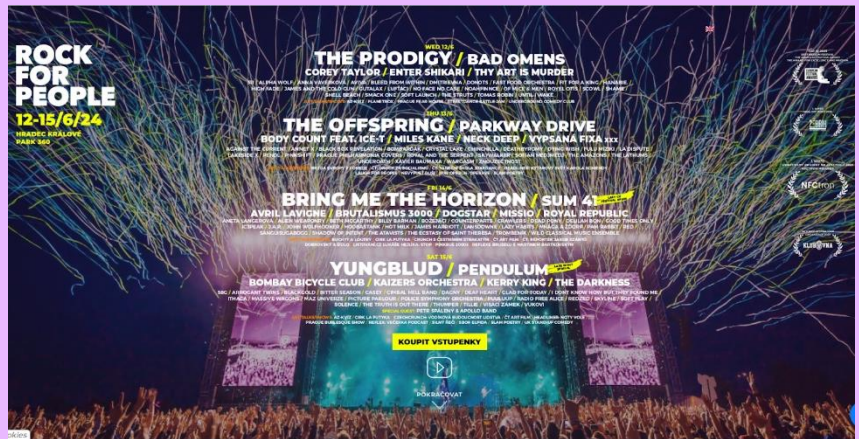
Orlík Château is located on the border of South and Central Bohemia, next to one of the largest water reservoirs in the Czech Republic – the Orlík Dam. The majestic Orlík Castle has been home to many Bohemian kings over the centuries. The early Gothic castle was used as a customs office collecting fees for using the river. The castle was transformed from a wooden fort to a Gothic stone castle in the 14th century to a Renaissance-style castle two centuries later, after a fire destroyed it. It was finally renovated in the Neo-Gothic style in the 19th century when Prince Karel Schwarzenberg chose to build his seat there. You can take a steam boat from the castle to the Zvíkov Castle and back. The meaning of the name Orlík stems from the word "young eagle".



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## Rock for people

This festival, held near the cubist historical city of Hradec Králové from 12th to 15th June, will be hosting some fantastic bands such as The Prodigy and The Offspring, but will also show great respect for the environment. This popular festival will stick with the trend it has followed in recent years, with sustainability more than just a green slogan. It will feature the Solar Stage, which is completely powered



by solar panels and a photovoltaic power plant. Another stage is powered by an innovative hydrogen system. And there's more! The festival has partnered with local farms and added an even wider range of vegetarian and vegan food options. And although Czech law does not yet require it, there is a deposit charged on all returnable PET bottles and aluminum cans. Ticket prices vary between 1 790 CZK and 13 990 CZK.

## Noc na Karlštejně at the Mělník castle

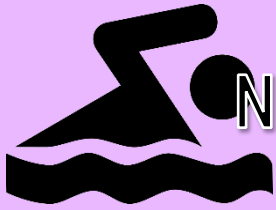
The well-known story with songs from Karel Svoboda is one of the most popular Czech musicals and was made into a famous film. The romantic comedy tells the story of Emperor Charles IV and his castle in Karlštejn, because no women are allowed to stay due to his ban. However, his young and beautiful wife - Empress Eliška Pomeranian, who, out of love and longing, goes to the castle disguised as a man - does not want to accept this. Come and experience a beautiful and romantic evening under the starry sky at Mělník Castle. It takes place on 11th of July at the Mělník castle at 8:30 pm. Ticket prices vary between 890 - 1090 CZK.



## International Festival of Celtic Culture Lughnasad – Nasavrky 2024

During 26th and 27th July 2024, the traditional festival of Celtic culture, Lughnasad, will take place in the Nasavrky Celtic Archeopark. In its 18th year, the International Festival of Celtic Culture continues to tell the story "In the Footsteps of Our Ancestors". You can look forward to a rich historical and musical program, lectures, workshops, a fighting tournament, a skills competition or games for children. The name of the festival refers to one of the main Celtic holidays, which the Celts celebrated at the turn of July and August. The goal of the event is to introduce visitors to their history in its entirety, as well as various artistic trends that we consider to be inspired by the Celts.





# NATURAL BATHING NEAR PRAGUE



## KONĚTOPY LAKE

- located 30 km from Prague near Brandýs nad Labem
- flooded sandstone quarry
- grass and sand beach
- fun fact – it has freshwater jellyfish



## LHOTA LAKE

- located near KONĚTOPY LAKE
- flooded sandstone quarry
- known for its nudist beach (not by the whole lake)
- sand beaches surrounded by pine forest

## HŘÍMĚŽDICE QUARRY

- located near Příbram
- former granite mine – a mining trolley can be found 3 m underwater
- used to be a training centre for army divers
- the adrenaline seekers can jump from different rocks around the quarry – they are marked by their height from 1 to 10
- by the end of July an event “High Jump” takes place there – it’s about extreme water jumps accompanied by performing artists



## HOSTIVAŘ DAM – dog friendly

- located in Prague 11
- grass, sand and nudist beach
- boat and paddle board rental, wakeboarding lessons and many more fun things to do

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# Independence day

The Fourth of July

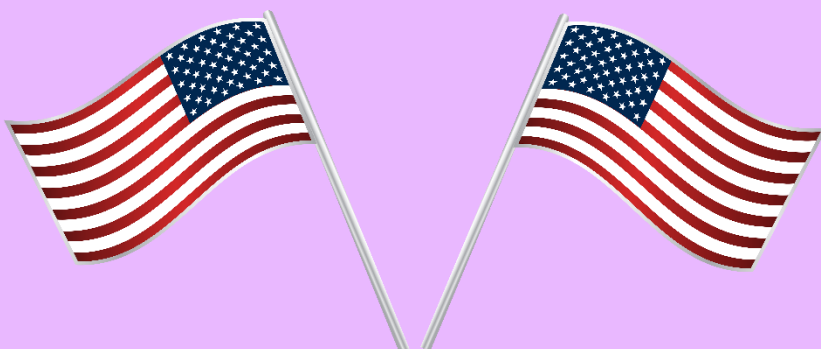
The Fourth of July, often referred to as Independence Day, holds a special place in the hearts of Americans as it marks the historic moment when the thirteen American colonies declared their independence from British rule. On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, penned primarily by Thomas Jefferson, signaling the birth of a new nation founded on principles of liberty, democracy, and self-governance.

Since then, the 4th of July has been celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm across the United States. It's a day of national pride and unity, where people of all backgrounds come together to commemorate the bravery and vision of the founding fathers who fought for freedom and laid the groundwork for the nation's future.

The day is typically heralded by vibrant displays of patriotism, with cities and towns furnished in red, white, and blue decorations. Parades featuring marching bands, military units, and colorful floats wind through streets, evoking a sense of nostalgia and community spirit. Families and friends gather for backyard barbecues, picnics in the park, or beach outings, enjoying classic American fare like hot dogs, hamburgers, and apple pie.

But perhaps the most iconic aspect of 4th of July celebrations is the fireworks extravaganza that lights up the night sky. From coast to coast, dazzling displays of pyrotechnics paint the heavens with bursts of color and light, symbolizing the triumph of liberty and the enduring spirit of the American people.

Beyond the festivities, the Fourth of July serves as a time for reflection and appreciation for the freedoms and opportunities afforded by living in the United States. It's a day to honor the sacrifices of those who have defended and upheld the nation's values throughout its history, and to reaffirm our commitment to the principles of equality, justice, and democracy.



## Difficult words:

Commemorate – připomenout si

Heralded – doprovázen a oslavován

Enduring – trvalý, stálý

Uphold something – podporovat, bránit

# MET GALA

## HISTORY

The Met Gala is an annual fundraising gala held on the first Monday of May for the benefit of the Metropolitan Museum of Arts, Costume Institute in NYC. It was established in 1948 by fashion publicist Eleanor Lambert, who was also the founder of the NYC fashion week. The exhibit is assigned a specific theme each year, with guests being expected but not mandated to follow.

The guests are perceived to be culturally relevant, for example in the fashion, film, music or television industry.

The night includes a cocktail hour, during which guests arrive to walk on the red carpet. And then they are seated to have the dinner party.

The Met Gala is organised by Vogue.

Anna Wintour has chaired or co-chaired the Met Gala since 1995.

## FUN FACTS

The price for the first gala dinner was \$ 50 per guest which is equivalent to about \$ 648 nowadays.

The guest list is limited to approximately 650 or 700 people. The guests without an invitation pay about \$ 50 000 each. The Met Gala has raised the most money in 2022 which was \$ 17.4 million.

There is a certain number of approved photographers, reporters and social media participants.

All the attendees are forbidden from using social media and taking selfies at the event, however the celebrities have a tradition of taking bathroom selfies.



## CONTROVERSY

A no-smoking rule had to be added to the Met Gala bathroom after images of Bella Hadid surfaced smoking in the Met bathroom in 2017, the rule enforced for public health and safety reasons.

Some of the most controversial themes was “China: Through the Looking Glass”, “Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination” and “Karl Lagerfeld: A Line of Beauty”



# OUR FAV LOOKS



## THIS YEAR

This year's dress up theme was Garden of time.

And here are some of our favourite looks:



# GEOGRAPHY TEST

## ANSWER KEY

1. Alaska
2. Florida
3. Texas
4. Colorado
5. Missouri
6. Nevada
7. Pennsylvania
8. Michigan
9. North Dakota
10. Washington
11. Oregon
12. Idaho
13. Utah
14. Montana
15. Nebraska
16. Minnesota
17. Wisconsin
18. Illinois
19. Ohio
20. Alabama

Monthly Kanye quote:

“I hate when I’m on a flight and I wake up with a water bottle next to me like oh great now I gotta be responsible for this water bottle.”

— Kanye West





See you  
next year

....or not

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