

## Children's World's Fair



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In the Louisiana Children's Museum's Learning Framework, a comprehensive document that guides all our decision-making, we have identified "Essential Experiences" that "allow children to become strong adults who are healthy, caring, and responsible." One of the five key essential experiences is "experiences that Expand a Child's World," connecting with others of varied backgrounds, abilities, and interests and giving a child a sense of place in the community, Louisiana, and the world.

Our annual Children's World's Fair is an extraordinary opportunity to allow children to connect with others of varied backgrounds and build broader perspectives about the many, many people in our global community.

LCM was counting down the days for our Children's World's Fair when the Stay-at-Home orders were received, and will, sadly, be unable to deliver our plans to you in person this year.

BUT – we have lots of fun we'd like you to explore – virtually – that will expand your world!



## Destination #2: Greece



Capital: Athens

National Language: Greek

Population: 10,761,523

Currency: Euro



### Did you know?

- Greeks love green foods! Greek kids learn how to identify wild edible greens that grow outside. Edible means safe to eat.

Go on a "horta-hunt" like Greek children. Find and name at least 3 wild plants that you can eat.

- If you break a plate or glass by accident, you can yell the Greek word OPA! The Greeks use this word to recognize their mistakes rather than be embarrassed by them.

Think of a time when you made a mistake. Can you think of what you learned from it?



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## Fun Facts

- The Olympics were invented in ancient Greece a long time before the whole world participated. Winners in the earliest Olympics won a **crown of olive leaves** instead of gold, silver, and bronze medals.
- There are thousands of traditional dances that were invented in Greece. Some involve dancers moving in a circle. These “**ring dances**” were often done around a musician with dancers holding hands.
- ***Koulourakia*** is a popular pastry in Greece, usually made around the time of Easter.

## Home Activity

### OLYMPICS GAMES AT HOME



The first Olympic Games were held in the southern city of Olympia, Greece, in 700 B.C. At these early games, only men could compete, and some of the events included sprinting, long jump, discus, javelin, wrestling, and chariot racing.

Compete as an Olympic athlete!

- Pick the events you want to play. Some events to consider: long jump, discus, javelin, and relay race. For the long jump, find a grassy spot in your back yard or an open space in your house with carpet or a mat. Have a ruler on hand to mark the distances. Use rocks or small toys to mark each competitor’s jump. Give each jumper two turns to jump the farthest they can.
- For the discus and javelin, you can use a frisbee and foam pool noodle. Find an open space where you can throw without hitting anything valuable. Use rocks or small toys to mark each competitor’s throw. Give each athlete two turns to throw the farthest they can.
- When each event is over, don’t forget to celebrate the winners with either a crown of leaves as the ancient Greeks did or with a medal. For ideas on how to make your own Olympic medals, [click here](#).

To learn more about Greece, visit:

[www.kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/greece](http://www.kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/greece)



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