

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 #8: Trinidad & Tobago

Capital: Port of Spain

Official Language: English

Population: 1,227,505

Currency: Trinidad & Tobago
Dollar



**Connections
at Home**

Did you know?

- Trinidad and Tobago is a dual-island Caribbean nation very close to South America, with distinctive multi-racial traditions and cuisines similar to New Orleans. The dish *callaloo* is similar to okra gumbo, and Trinidad's capital, Port of Spain, celebrates Carnival just like Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

What other New Orleans traditions do you know of that are celebrated in other places? Have you ever tasted dishes like gumbo in another place? What was different about it; what was the same?

- Trinidad and Tobago's coral reef colony is endangered. Coral reefs are important because they protect beaches from storms and give underwater animals a place to live.

Do you want to help protect coral reefs? Visit this website to learn more about what you can do:
www.buccooreeftrust.org.tt



Fun Facts

- Trinidad and Tobago is home to the **sea turtle**. Between March and August, sea turtles lay their eggs on **Trinidad and Tobago's beaches**. Turtle hatchlings are born about two months later and make their first journey -- from the sand to the ocean.
- The **steel pans** are a percussion instrument made from industrial drums, also referred to as pans, or steel drums. The steel pan is the official national instrument in Trinidad and Tobago. Musicians who play the steel pan are referred to as pannists.
- Many different bird species live in Trinidad and Tobago, including the **Scarlet Ibis** and the Cocrico, the country's national birds. The smaller island of Tobago is home to the Tobago Main Ridge Forest Reserve, which shelters hummingbirds. [Click here](#) to view a video of the scarlet ibis from Trinidad and Tobago's Emperor Valley Zoo.

Home Activity

DANCE THE LIMBO

Limbo is the unofficial dance of Trinidad and Tobago. Traditionally it is danced at funeral wakes honoring the cycle of life, similar to the New Orleans second-line tradition. Limbo has become a popular fun party activity all over the world.

How low can you go?

- Gather your supplies: a long stick, Calypso music like "Limbo Rock" by Chubby Checker ([click here](#)).
- Find two family members or friends who can hold either end of a long stick at chest height. They should hold the stick in cupped hands, so that it will fall easily if touched.
- The family members and friends playing limbo should line up and each take a turn going under the stick without touching it.
- This will mean you have to bend your knees and lean as far back as you can not to touch the stick. Also, no hands may touch the floor.
- This will be easy at first but with each round the stick gets lower.
- Anyone who falls or touches the ground with their hands is out. The winner is the last limbo dancer standing!



To learn more about Trinidad and Tobago, visit:
https://kids.kiddle.co/Trinidad_and_Tobago

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