

The Doña Ana Branch Community College Library System has several resources to help you when looking for information or doing research on international countries. The following is a select list of books and Internet sources. By no means is this list complete, just a few to get you started!

books on international countries

- ***Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America*** (Ref E184.A1 .G14)
A two volume set that include original essays on approximately 150 culture groups of the U.S., from Acadians to Yupiats, covering their history, acculturation and assimilation, family and community dynamics, language and religion.
- ***Holidays, Festivals, and Celebrations of the World Dictionary***
(Ref GT3925 .T46)
"A compendious reference guide to popular, ethnic, religious, national, and ancient holidays, festivals, celebrations, commemorations, holy days, feasts, and fasts; supplemented by special sections on calendar systems, the millennium, admission days and facts about the states and territories, Presidents of the United States, tourism information sources, and web sites on holidays; special indexes of chronological, ethnic and geographic, historical, religious, ancient, folkloric, calendar, promotional and sports holidays, state and national legal holidays, general, and subject indexes."
- ***Fodor's Exploring Series*** (Check for call numbers in the library's online catalog)
A series of books on various countries. Includes historical information, drawings, maps and illustrations. Everything you need to plan a complete vacation. Some examples of titles are: *Exploring Britain*, *Exploring France*, *Exploring Australia*, *Exploring Spain*.

online international resources

Using the Library's website <<http://dabcc.nmsu.edu/library>>, select E-Journals & Databases and then one of the following:

- **LexisNexis Academic Universe**
 - ◆ Click on the **News** category, then select **World News** for news from U.S. and International sources
 - ◆ Click on the **Reference** category, then select **Country Profiles** to obtain concise facts and statistics about countries

international country web sites

- **CIA World Factbook** (<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>)
Published annually, this is a handy reference work for basic statistical data on the countries of the world which includes maps, and a handy resource called Flags of the World.
- **Country Studies from the Library of Congress**
(<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>)
A continuing series of books prepared by the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress under the Country Studies/Area Handbook Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Army. This series presently contains studies of 101 countries and regions.
- **The Electronic Embassy** (<http://www.embassy.org/>)
Searchable diplomacy database with over 50,000 addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of diplomatic posts worldwide. Also includes daily diplomatic news and international trade resources.
- **Worldtime** (<http://www.worldtime.com/>)
An interactive world atlas, information on local time as well as sunrise and sunset times in several hundred cities, and a database of public holidays worldwide.
- **National Geographic – Map Machine Atlas**
(<http://plasma.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine/>)
The map machine atlas offers maps, flags, facts and profiles of countries of the world and the U.S.
- **United Nations** (<http://www.unsystem.org/>)
Information about the United Nations as well as information about the various countries included in the UN mission. Includes maps.
- **The Universal Currency Converter** (<http://www.xe.com/ucc/>)
The converter allows you to see foreign exchange rates for currency in countries all around the World. Type the amount of source currency in the box, then select the destination currencies and the results of your conversion will be displayed.
- **World Flag Database** (<http://www.flags.ndirect.co.uk/>)
Includes basic information on countries, including its formal name, city capital, area, population, currency, languages, and religions. Each description includes the country flag; both national and state.
- **Your Nation** (<http://www.your-nation.com/>)
Compare the various characteristics of any two countries of the world. You can also get a summary of information about a specific country, or rank the countries of the world on a variety of characteristics, such as inflation rate, literacy rate, land area, and birth rate.