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COUNTRY INFORMATION

Reference Sources (Print and Electronic*)

We have a large number of reference sets that contain entries for individual countries. These are a good place to start your research. Just look up the name of your country.

Basic Country Overviews:

*Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations
(REF G 63 .W67)
Entries for more than 200 countries. Excellent surveys of the governmental and educational systems, the economy, major industries, population, geography, etc.

*World Factbook
(REF G 123 .U561)
Produced by the CIA; gives descriptive and statistical data for individual countries; also available online at www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html

*Cities of the World
(REF G 153.4 .C57)
Good country profiles, as well as descriptions of the culture, geography, and economy of each country’s major cities.

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Culture and Daily Life:

*CultureGrams
(REF GT 150 .C85)
Four-page profiles of more than 60 countries with emphasis on unique values, customs, and life-styles.

*Countries and Their Cultures
(REF GN 307 .C68)
Extensive coverage of all aspects of the cultural life of each country, including politics, social stratification, family life, gender roles, religion, etc. An outstanding source.

*Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life
(REF GN 333 .W67)
Articles explore the ways of life for over 500 culture groups worldwide.

*Cultural Atlas of the World
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Illustrated summary of cultural aspects of over 200 countries.

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Education:

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(REF GN 333 .W67)
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*Cultural Atlas of the World
(REF GN 333 .U561)
Illustrated summary of cultural aspects of over 200 countries.

Education:

*World Education Encyclopedia: A Survey of Educational Systems Worldwide
(REF LB 15 .W87)
Extended descriptions and analyses of the primary, secondary, and higher educational systems in each country of the world.

*Indicates that an electronic version of the source is available. On the Library’s home page, click on the link for Article Databases and Subject Sources, then on Countries and Their Cultures.
Reference Sources (Cont.)

Economy:

For each country, extensive treatments of the principal economic sectors, wealth, poverty, and future trends.

Economies of the World (REF HC 59.3 .E27)
Economic overview of 224 countries, with key demographic and financial indicators.

World Economic Factbook (REF HC 59.15 .W674)
Detailed economic and demographic data for each country.

Religion:

Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices
(REF BL 80.3 .R45)
Statistics on religious groups and the role of religion in society.

*Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices
(REF BL 80.3 .W67)
See Vols. 2 and 3 for coverage of individual countries.

Marriage, Family, and Gender Issues:

Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women’s Issues Worldwide
(REF HQ 1115 .G74 2003)
Discusses topics like sex education, gender roles, women’s rights, domestic violence, political participation, etc. An outstanding resource.

*International Encyclopedia of Marriage and Family
For each country, discusses topics like family values, socio-demographic trends, cohabitation, etc.

Food:

*Encyclopedia of Food and Culture
(REF GT 2850 .E53)
For each country, gives typical dishes, with discussions of shopping, eating out, the role of food in the culture, etc.

World Cookbook for Students
For each country, discusses typical dishes and styles of eating, as well as specific recipes.

Regular Books (Print and Online)

Books about the social and cultural life of a country are assigned the subject heading Social life and customs. To find these books, proceed as follows:

- From the Library Home Page, click on the link for Library Catalog
- From the drop-down menu next to the Search button, select Subject
- Enter in the search box just the name of your country and the word social, e.g. brazil social.
  This will bring up all of the books that have been assigned the heading Brazil with the subheading Social life and customs.

Look especially for the following series: Culture Shock! ; Culture and Customs of . . . ; and Modern World Nations. All three series contain dozens of titles that provide excellent coverage of the social and cultural backgrounds for individual countries. Note: The Culture and Customs books are included (full text) in the Daily Life Online database.
Business Etiquette

Regular Books

For information on business customs and practices in a particular country, select Subject from the drop-down menu in the Online Catalog and enter in the search box the name of your country and the term etiquette. This will bring up all of the books on your country that have been assigned the subheading Business etiquette, e.g.:

Reference Books

The reference works listed here provide good analyses of business customs and practices in individual countries:

Do’s & Don’ts Around the World
(REF BJ 2137 .B-.N)

Doing Business Internationally
(REF HF 5389 .D64)

Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands: How to Do Business in Sixty Countries
(REF HF 5389 .M67)

Put Your Best Foot Forward: Asia
(REF DS 10 .B67)

Put Your Best Foot Forward: Europe
(REF D 909 .B675)

Craighead’s International Business, Travel and Relocation Guide to 90 Countries
(REF HF 5549.5 .E45 C73)
Excellent section on Business Practices at the end of the entry for each country. Great source for relocation information!

Put Your Best Foot Forward: South America
(REF F 2211 .B67)

Do’s and Taboos Around the World
(REF HF 5387 .D66)

Dun & Bradstreet’s Guide to Doing Business Around the World
(REF HF 1416 .M78)

Internet Sites

http://academics.tctc.edu/lynx/database/countries.htm

Scroll down to the bottom of this page. Here you will find the major websites that provide extensive material about individual countries. In particular, note these links:

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<td>Outstanding book-length studies of each country: history, society, religion, customs, marriage &amp; family, social classes, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Country Background Notes (State Dept.)</strong></td>
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<td>For each country, gives facts about the land, people, history, government, political conditions, and economy</td>
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<td><strong>Country Information</strong> (from the Clemson Best Websites page)**</td>
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Here are a number of databases that contain copious amounts of information about countries of the world. Search tips are also given if the database covers more than just country information.

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<td>In the Subject Guide Search, just enter the name of your country; when the results come up, click on Subdivisions, which will group your articles by categories like economic aspects, history, religious aspects, etc.</td>
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<td>Construct your search phrases like this: Spain and history, Chile and religion, South Africa and apartheid</td>
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There are also many reference books that are available online. Select the best source for your needs based on the description of the content. Not every online reference book is shown; you can see the full list at the URL at the top of this page.

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<td><strong>Gale Virtual Reference Library</strong></td>
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<td>Cross-search dozens of high-quality, authoritative reference sources from Gale Research, many of which will have country/culture information</td>
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<td>In-depth analyses of each country: climate, population, government, economy, education, religion, etc.</td>
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<td>Country profiles include basic data about population, geography, government, and economy, as well as statistics on birth rates, GDP, etc.</td>
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<td>For each country gives succinct overview of social, economic, religious, and political issues; also contains vital statistics on GDP, life expectancy, income distribution, Internet use, etc.</td>
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<td>Physical geography, climate, vegetation, etc.</td>
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