

14 Amazing Facts You Did Not Know About Trinidad and Tobago

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The Trinidad Moruga "Scorpion" Pepper has officially been ranked as the world's hottest pepper by the *Guinness Book of Records*.



The Trinidad accent ranks 10th among *CNN's* top 10 sexiest accents in the world.



It is the birthplace of the steel pan drum.



Pitch Lake in Trinidad is the world's largest natural deposit of asphalt. It covers about 99 acres and is 246 feet deep.



Measuring 10 feet by 16 feet, the world's largest piece of brain coral can be found at the popular diving and snorkeling spot Speyside.



Main Ridge Forest Preserve on Tobago is the oldest protected rainforest in the Western Hemisphere.



Trinidad is home to the largest Carnival in the Caribbean, which consistently ranks in the top 10 of most-coveted events in the world.



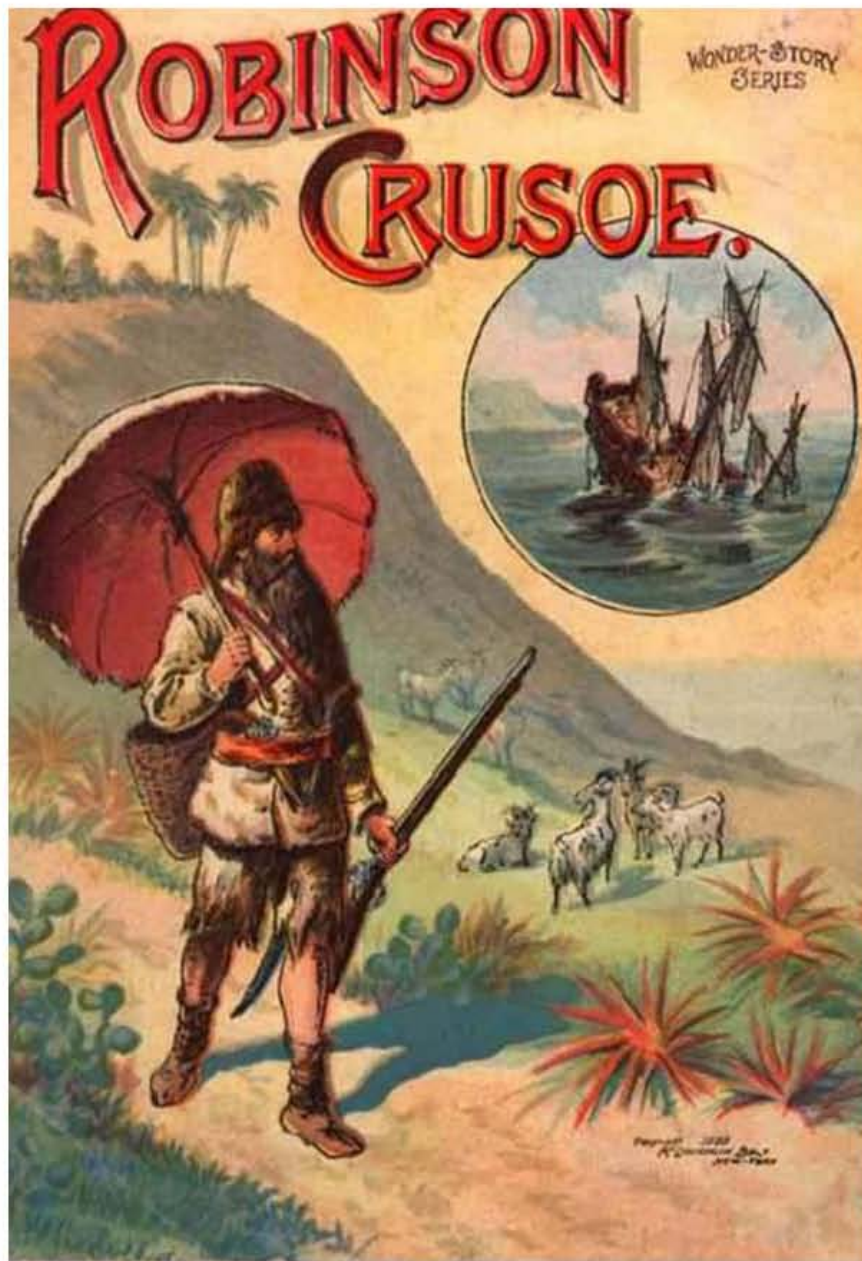
Tobago got its name because it resembles a tobacco pipe (tavaco) used by locals.



The Limbo dance was created in Trinidad.



Janelle Commissiong, the first Black Miss Universe, is a Trinidadian and was crowned in 1977.



The novels *Robinson Crusoe* and *Treasure Island* were based on these islands, and the movie *Swiss Family Robinson* was filmed here.



Trinidad and Tobago is home to the world's largest traffic roundabout around the Queen's Park Savannah.



In 2006, Trinidad and Tobago became the smallest country ever to qualify for football's World Cup.



Trinidad and Tobago-born Stokely Carmichael (also known as Kwame Ture) was active in the U.S. Civil Rights Movement. He rose to prominence as the honorary prime minister of the Black Panther Party. He popularized the term "Black power" as a social and political slogan.