

Table of Contents

EUROPE

THE HISTORY OF EUROPE

12–19	
Early European History	12
Modern Europe	18

THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE

20–95	
United Kingdom	22
Ireland	26
Norway	28
Sweden	28
Denmark	30
Finland	31
Iceland	33
Estonia	34
Latvia	34
Lithuania	34
Belarus	35
Special: Cities of Europe	
London, Paris	36
Madrid, Rome	37
Berlin, Prague	38
Moscow, Istanbul	39
Netherlands	40
Belgium	40
Luxembourg	41
France	42
Monaco	44
Spain	48

Andorra	49
Portugal	50
Germany	52
Switzerland	58
Liechtenstein	59
Austria	60
Italy	64
Vatican City	68
San Marino	68
Malta	69
Poland	70
Czech Republic	70
Slovakia	72
Hungary	72
Romania	74
Bulgaria	75
Moldova	78
Ukraine	79
Slovenia	80
Croatia	80
Bosnia and Herzegovina	80
Serbia	81
Montenegro	82
Kosovo	82
Macedonia	82
Albania	83
Greece	84
Turkey	86
Cyprus	86
Georgia	87
Armenia	88
Azerbaijan	89
Russia	90

PEOPLES OF EUROPE

96–109	
Northern Europe	98
Western and	
Central Europe	100
Eastern and	
South-Eastern Europe	104
Southern Europe	108

ASIA

THE HISTORY OF ASIA

114–121	
Anatolia and the	
Near East	116
Central and Southern Asia	118
Eastern Asia	120

THE COUNTRIES OF ASIA

122–185	
Syria	124
Lebanon, Jordan	125
Israel	127
Iraq	128
Iran	130
Special: Cities of Asia	
Dubai, Delhi	134
Mumbai, Bangkok	135
Saudi Arabia	136
Yemen, Oman	136
Kuwait	137
Bahrain	137

Qatar	138
United Arab Emirates	139
Kazakhstan	140
Kyrgyzstan	140
Uzbekistan	141
Turkmenistan	142
Tajikistan	143
Afghanistan, Pakistan	146
India	148
Bangladesh	149
Sri Lanka	150
The Maldives	151
Nepal, Bhutan	152
Mongolia	154
China	154
Taiwan	160

Special: Cities of Asia

Beijing, Shanghai	164
Hong Kong, Seoul	165
Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur	166
Singapore, Tokyo	167
North Korea	168
South Korea	169
Japan	170
Myanmar (Burma)	174
Thailand	174
Laos	175
Cambodia	176
Vietnam	176
Malaysia	178
Singapore	178
Brunei	180

Indonesia	181
East Timor	184
Philippines	184
PEOPLES OF ASIA	186–199
South-Western Asia	188
Central Asia	190
Eastern Asia	194
Southern/South-	
Eastern Asia	196

AFRICA

THE HISTORY OF AFRICA

204–209	
Early African History	206
Modern Africa	208

THE COUNTRIES OF AFRICA

210–267	
Morocco	212
Western Sahara	212
Algeria	213
Tunisia	214
Libya	215
Egypt	216
Mauritania	218
Mali	219
Niger	220
Cape Verde	221
Senegal	224
Gambia	224
Guinea-Bissau	225

Guinea	226	Botswana	256	Special: Cities of	THE COUNTRIES	Venezuela	362		
Sierra Leone	227	Namibia	257	Australia and Oceania	OF THE AMERICAS	Guyana	363		
Liberia	228			Sydney, Melbourne	294	322–381	French Guiana	363	
Burkina Faso	228	Special: Cities of Africa		Brisbane, Auckland	295	Canada	324	Suriname	364
Ivory Coast	229	Cairo, Lagos	258			United States of America	328		
Ghana	230	Cape Town, Johannesburg	259	Papua New Guinea	296			Special: Cities of Central	
Togo	230			Palau	296	Special: Cities of North		and South America	
Benin	232	South Africa	261	Micronesia	296	America		Mexico City, , São Paulo	366
Nigeria	232	Lesotho	262	Marshall Islands	296	San Francisco, Los Angeles	340	Lima, Buenos Aires	367
Chad	234	Swaziland	263	Nauru	297	Chicago, New York	341		
Cameroon	235	Madagascar	266	Kiribati	297			Brazil	368
Central African		Comoros	266	Solomon Islands	297	Mexico	342	Ecuador	372
Republic	236	Mauritius	267	Tuvalu	298	Guatemala	346	Peru	373
São Tomé und Príncipe	237	Seychelles	267	Vanuatu	298	Belize	346	Bolivia	374
Equatorial Guinea	237			Fiji	298	El Salvador	347	Paraguay	376
Gabon	238	PEOPLES OF		Samoa	299	Honduras	347	Uruguay	376
Congo	238	AFRICA	268–277	Tonga	299	Nicaragua	348	Argentina	377
Democratic Republic		Northern Africa	270			Costa Rica	349	Chile	380
of Congo	240	Western Africa	272	PEOPLES OF		Panama	350		
Sudan	244	Central and Eastern Africa	274	AUSTRALIA AND		Cuba	352	The Arctic	382
Eritrea	244	Southern Africa	276	OCEANIA	300–309	Jamaica	353	The Antarctica	382
Djibouti	245			Oceania	302	Haiti	353		
Ethiopia	245	AUSTRALIA/		Australia	309	Dominican Republic	354	PEOPLES OF	
Somalia	246	OCEANIA				Bahamas	355	AMERICA	384–397
Kenya	248			THE		St. Kitts and Nevis	356	Northern America	386
Uganda	248	THE HISTORY OF		AMERICAS		Antigua and Barbuda	356	Central America	392
Rwanda	249	AUSTRALIA AND				Dominica	357	Southern America	393
Burundi	249	OCEANIA	282–285	THE HISTORY		St. Lucia	358		
Tanzania	250			OF THE AMERICAS		St. Vincent and		Index of topics	398–399
Angola	254	THE COUNTRIES OF			316–321	the Grenadines	358	Picture credits	400
Zimbabwe	254	AUSTRALIA AND		America as it was	318	Grenada	358		
Zambia	255	OCEANIA	286–299	Modern America	320	Barbados	359		
Malawi	255	Australia	288			Trinidad and Tobago	360		
Mozambique	256	New Zealand	292			Colombia	362		