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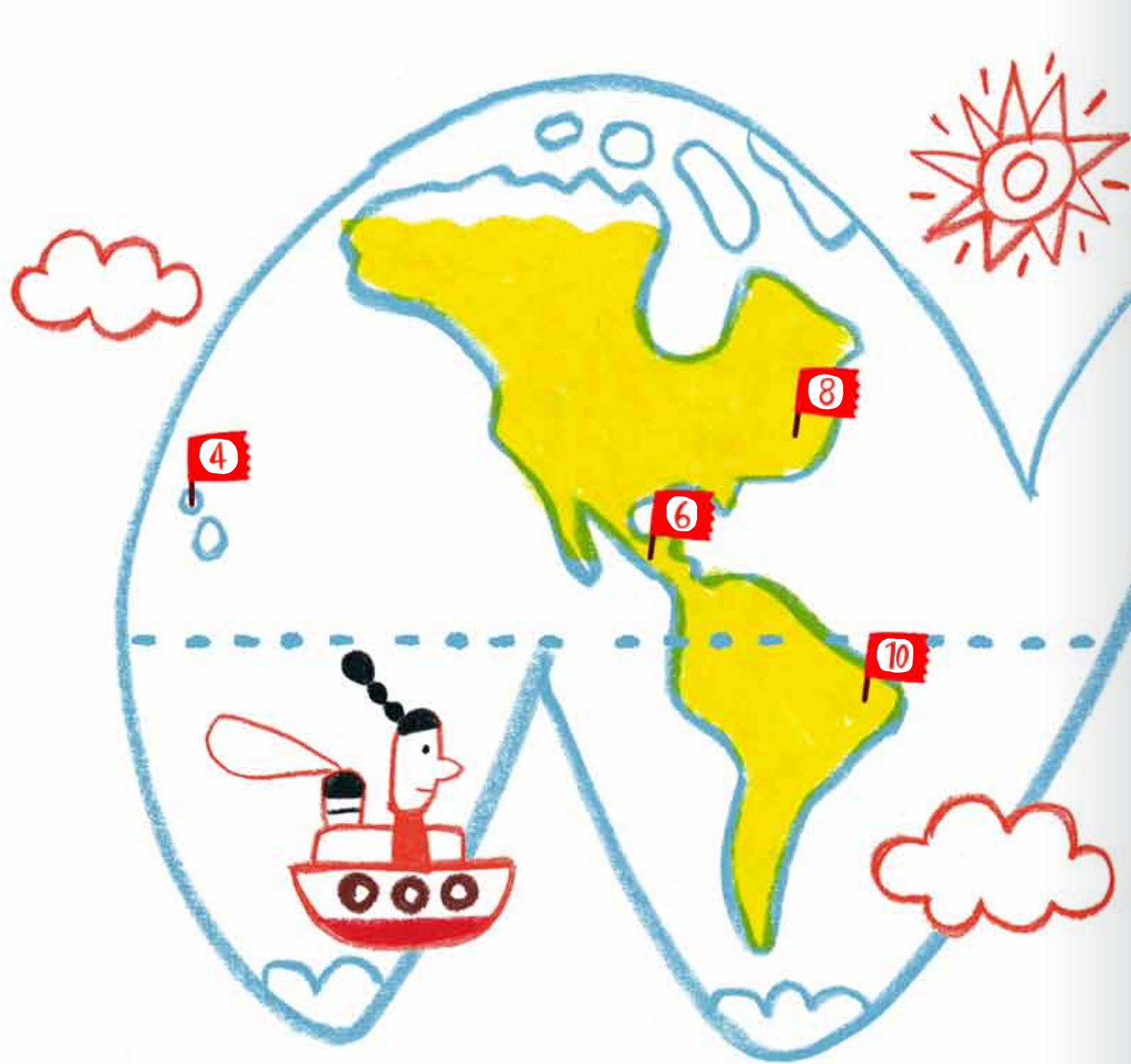


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Life is a journey.





Do you know what it's like under the bright blue Pacific Ocean? I'll tell you: it's spectacular! Hawaii's marine environment is truly magnificent. If you aren't very comfortable with the bulk of scuba equipment, no worries, you can snorkel or even take a submarine tour!



Mexico City is vibrant and lively! You can spend hours (or days!) here just browsing the markets, looking at the buildings and enjoying the museums. Don't miss the excitement of Lucha Libre, Mexico's masked wrestlers! On the streets you'll see lots of skeleton Catrina dolls and in the museums you can make friends with the Chac Mools (he's the guy in the upper left corner!).



This is one of the most exciting, fun-filled cities in the world. New York City is full of discoveries! It's fun to ride a double-decker bus up Broadway, play frisbee in Central Park, visit the world-famous museums, browse in lovely book shops and eat pizza while walking down the busy sidewalks. Say "hello" to the Statue of Liberty for me!



Sugar Loaf Mountain, known locally as Pão de Açúcar, is a must-see! You can take a cable car there and enjoy breath-taking views along the way. If you are eager to get higher and see a full view of the beautiful coasts, you can even take a helicopter tour. Afterwards it's fun to sit on the beach and watch the locals play volleyball...with their feet!



The historic Médina in Tunis is a big maze of winding alleys with many shops and historic buildings. In this awesome place you can buy just about everything: from underwear and carpets to spices, jewels, antiques and so much more. I sat in a little café and drank a fresh mint tea then I bought a fluffy stuffed camel toy and a flying carpet. Wheeeee!!!



In Rome, your meals go something like this: gelato for breakfast, pizza for lunch, gelato for second lunch, gelato for third lunch, pasta for dinner and gelato for dessert. Heaven! I think I tried every single flavor. Thankfully, Rome is a great city to walk around in all day long so all that gelato gave me the energy to keep going.

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Saint Basil's Cathedral in Moscow is one of my favorite buildings in the world. It is like the Taj Mahal of Russia. Look at the spiraling onion domes! There are many architectural monuments in Moscow. Even the metro stations look like underground castles—awesome! You can't walk away from Moscow without buying a set (or two) of Matryoshka dolls—soooo cute!



Scientists think the island of Madagascar broke off from Africa about 160 million years ago. Wow! Everything in Madagascar is sooo unique and fun! Chameleons are busy changing their colors, monkeys are jumping around and turtles are hiding in their shells. Even the Baobab trees are in love! If you are lucky, you might encounter an Aye-aye!



India is a land of mysteries. It is probably the most colorful, crazy, exciting country in the world. There are just so many people! And cows! You can't help but wonder where everyone came from and where they're going. If a bus is full, the locals hang out the door or sit on the roof. Cool! There's a photo opportunity around every corner, so keep your camera handy!

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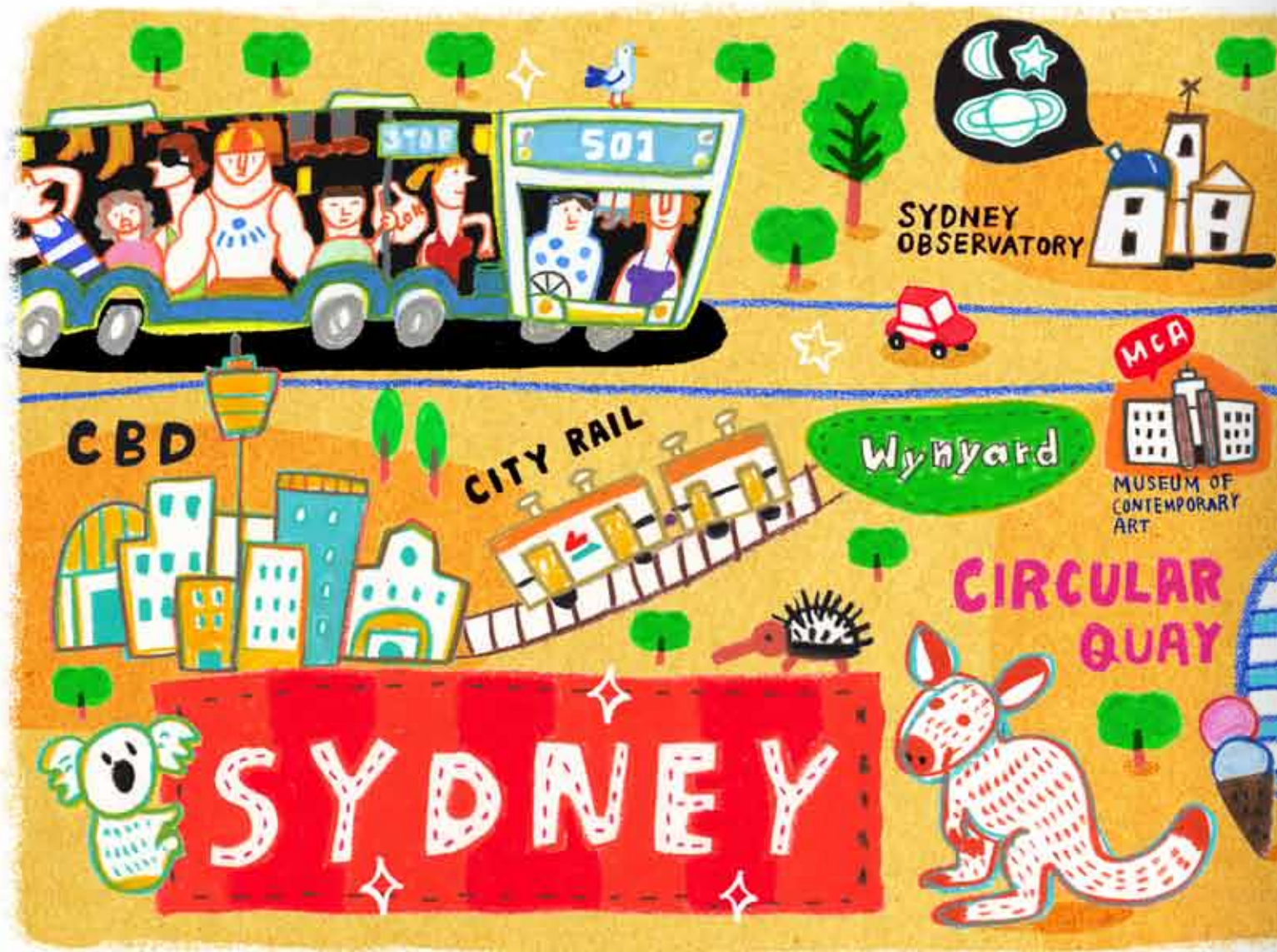
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Do you know which city has the longest name? Bangkok!
 It's official name (in Thai) is "Krungthepmahanakhon
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 Nopparatratchathaniburirom Udomratchaniwetmahasathan
 Amonphimanawatansathit Sakkathatiyawitsanukamprasit".
 Wow! Can you repeat that for me please!?



Shanghai is a fantastic mix of ancient and traditional with super modern and new. You simply can't get bored exploring this city. I do love snacking on all the street food here too! There are lots of different kinds and they all call my name. How could I say "no" to a juicy pork bun? It goes so well with a yummy bubble milk tea!



My favorite viewpoint in Sydney is that of the Sydney Opera House seen from Harbour Bridge. When night comes, it looks like beautiful white swans floating on the sea. If you want to see some really cool animals, you can take a boat from the harbor to Taronga Zoo. The cute koala bears and crazy kangaroos will be waiting for you!

MYSTERY ISLAND

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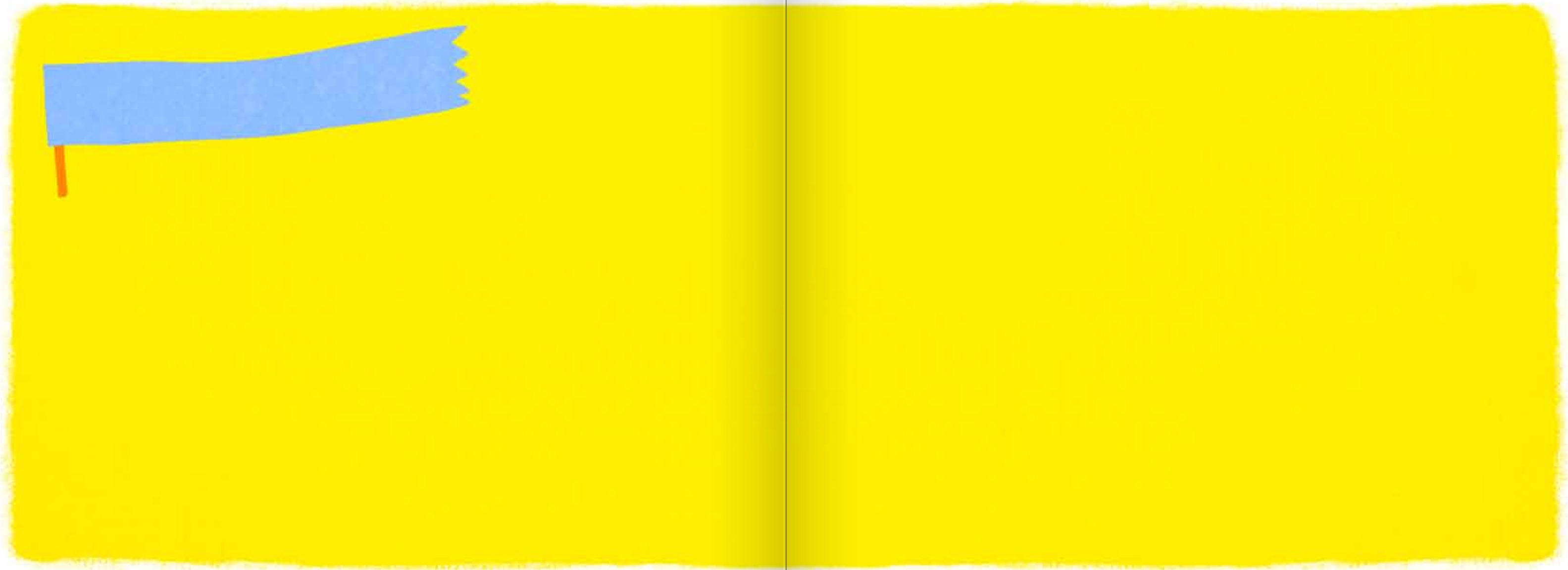
This small island is one of over 300 islands in Fiji. Mystery Island is surrounded by a beautiful white sand beach and large lagoon. It takes just 7 minutes to walk around the whole island. There are only two cottages in which you can stay, so at nighttime it's your own private island where the only light is from lanterns and the glorious starry sky!!!



Shiretoko is considered the most beautiful of all the national parks in Japan. It's very far north and very few people live up there, but it is the home of a diverse number of animal species, including bears, deer, foxes, eagles and owls! During winter, the Sea of Okhotsk is one of the best places in the world to see the miniature floating icebergs called drift ice. Brrrr!



Can you imagine what it would be like to live on Mars in 2095? Mars is called the “red planet” because it is covered with a rusty red dust which is actually iron oxide. So, before you leave Earth, be sure to pack tons of soap, laundry detergent and a broom!!



Here is a place where you can draw your own map of anyplace in the world!



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