

Amara Sets Sail

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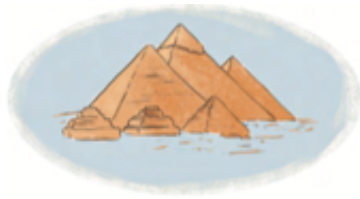
Bangkok, Thailand

- The Grand Palace is an old Buddhist temple complex built in the 1700's. The temple of the Emerald Buddha is part of the complex.
- The Emerald Buddha is made from one large block of jade. It is called emerald because jade is green.
- The Emerald Buddha wears a Golden robe that is changed by the king every season. Thailand has three seasons (hot, cool and rainy).



Siamese Cat

- Siamese cats are native to Thailand.
- They are easy to recognize with their blue eyes, creamy fur and dark color ears, nose, legs and tail.
- The four most popular color varieties of this breed are seal point, chocolate point, blue point and lilac point.
- They are highly intelligent, great jumpers and love to play.



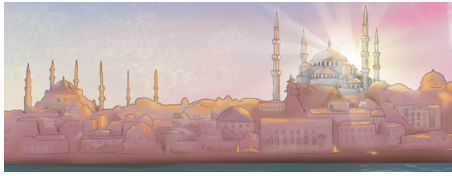
Cairo, Egypt

- The Nile is the longest river in the world and the main water source in Egypt.
- The pyramids were built as tombs for three different Egyptian kings. The Great Pyramid is the oldest and tallest of the three, built around 2650 BC.
- The Great Sphinx is one of the largest and oldest statues in the world.
- It is a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a human. Built around 2500 BC. The statue faces the sunrise and guards the pyramid tombs of Giza.



Egyptian Mau Cat

- “Mau” means “cat” in Egyptian.
- The ancient Egyptians worshiped cats.
The reason is, Tabby cats have a marking on their foreheads that looks like a scarab.
The scarab is a symbol of renewal and rebirth in Egypt.
- In the 1950’s, a male and female tabby were brought to Italy. Their kittens were brought to the United States and the Egyptian Mau was created.



Istanbul, Turkey

- Istanbul is on both the European and Asian continents. The continents are separated by the Bosphorus Strait.
- The Hagia Sophia is a UNESCO World Heritage site, built in the 6th century.
- The building is famous for its massive dome of 108 feet in diameter with its crown rising 180 feet above the ground.



Turkish Angora Cats

- The Turkish Angora originated in Turkey. They became popular in Europe in the 1500's, but were soon passed over for Persians. In the 1960's, some were brought to the United States.
- These rare, elegant cats have a soft, silky, medium long coat. They are often seen with white fur, but can also have other colors.
- They are said to be loyal and affectionate and like to run and play.



Bengal Cats

- Bengals were bred in the United States in the early 1980's. By 1990 they became an authentic domestic breed.
- They were created by breeding the Asian Leopard Cat with other cats, especially the Egyptian Mau.
- Bengals are known to be athletic, highly energetic, active and intelligent. They attach closely to their owners and are loyal friends with a sweet and loving personality.