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Recent History

Bosnian history is very rich. In the Neolithic Age, the country was settled by the Illyrians and the Celts. In more recent history, the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian empires had grips on the country for some time.

Last 30 Years

In the last 30 years, Bosnia has been through a lot. It was a part of Yugoslavia which was an Eastern European country that fell due to political and economic instability and resulted in many modern day countries such as, (you guessed it) Bosnia.

Bosnian Genocide

In 1992, Bosnia split away from Yugoslavia. Because of this, Bosniaks and Croatian civilians were targeted and systematically killed by the Yugoslav army. Over 100,000 people died from this.

Economics

In the early 1990's, the Bosnian war caused unemployment to skyrocket due to the low production in the country. Now however many goods come out of Bosnia such as cars, tobacco, and furniture. The Bosnian form of currency is the Bosnian Convertible Mark or BAM. The BAM is equal to about .55 USD and has been in use since 1995. Bosnia is a federal republic. The presidency of Bosnia is pretty complicated. It consists of 3

people; one Serb, one Croat, and one Bosniak all working together for one four year term. The current leaders are

Bakir Izetbegovic, Mladen Ivanic, and Dragan Covic.

Culture

The main 3 ethnic groups that live in Bosnia are the Slavs, Bosniaks, and Croats. The 2 biggest religions in Bosnia are Islam and Orthodox Christianity, followed up by Roman Catholicism. People in Bosnia eat foods that are notably very healthy and organic. They love hearty foods such as bread and meat and tend to eat quite a bit. They speak a variety of dialects of many languages, but the official language is Bosnian.

Bosnia is located in Eastern Europe and borders Croatia and Montenegro. Bosnia's area is about 51,197 square kilometers and contains a population of about 4.2 million people. The population has actually decreased since the 1990's. This change is important because it shows the destruction that the war and genocide had on the country. Bosnia is a mountainous area that is prone to earthquakes. This land also has many minerals in it which have been mined.