

Sahara Skies in Greece

Cities and towns across much of mainland Greece were recently blanketed in an orange haze, which had many people wondering what was happening! One onlooker in Athens commented that the unusual sky 'created an eerie image that made Athens look like a colony on Mars...'! The effect was created by dust that travelled from the Sahara Desert in North Africa. The desert releases up to 200 million tonnes of dust every year. The heavier dust particles quickly fall back to Earth, but the lighter dust can be blown as far as northern Europe, so



Pictured: Views of the orange sky in Greece.
Source: @zefhkyprianou on X.

instances such as this do sometimes happen. While many enjoyed the slightly spooky spectacle, those with any breathing difficulties were advised to limit exercise and wear a protective mask when outdoors. Luckily, the dust clouds have now cleared, and the beautiful blue skies of Greece have returned.

Clawesome Comedy!

Feeling a little crabby? Well, look no further! The Crab Museum in Margate recently held a contest to find the funniest crab-related jokes. And who better to judge these crabulous jokes than a crew of crabs! A panel of judges shortlisted their favourite jokes. These jokes were then written on pieces of paper and waterproofed before being lowered into the sea using string. The winning joke was then sea-lected by a crab. The quality of jokes was astounding, with the museum saying, 'We've been pinching

ourselves since submissions closed!' Some of the contenders included pearls such as 'Why did the crab cross the road? It didn't. It used the sidewalk' and 'How do barnacles get around? By taxi crab'. But first place was pinched by Leon Price with his joke, 'Man walks into a restaurant with a crab under his arm and says 'do you make crab cakes'? Manager answers 'yes, we do'. 'Good' says the man. 'because it's his birthday'.



Pictured: Crab on a beach. **Source:** Canva.

How can shops make sure everyone feels represented?



I think this is quite tricky for shops. Maybe shops should do a questionnaire to ask all the customers if they are happy with their shop. Hannah

Looking for Lego

A 13-year-old, in Cornwall, has devoted a lot of his spare time to collecting nearly 800 pieces of Lego lost from a container during a large storm in the 1990's. He has now found his most coveted piece! Liutauras Cemolonskas searched for over two years to find the super rare Lego Octopus! The Great Lego Spill of 1997, on the shores of the ancient Cornish market town of Marazion, occurred when 62 shipping containers were lost into the sea from a cargo ship due to terrible weather. One of these containers spilled a massive shipment of five million pieces of Lego into the water. Most were sea-themed, and some examples of pieces that washed away, including the sought-after Lego octopus, are pictured above. Lost in the waves were 352,000 pairs of flippers, 97,500 scuba tanks, and 92,400 swords. The Lego octopuses are the hardest to find as there were only 4,200 onboard. The group 'Lego Lost At Sea' are collating information about where the lost



Pictured: Examples of the Lego pieces from the shipment lost at sea.

Source: Lego Lost At Sea Facebook page.

pieces are when they wash up on shore. They record the locations on a map. Unbelievably, almost two days later, another Lego octopus was discovered just 10 miles further down the coast! Justin Goode, who had been taking his friend's dog for a walk when he made the discovery, said, 'Within a few steps of feet on sand I spotted the octopus, right at the end of a long seaweed strand line left by this morning's high tide.'

Do you think you would enjoy looking for Lego on this coastline?

What else do you think you might find?

Europe's Clean Electricity

Energy think tank, Ember, has announced that a record 60% of Europe's electricity was powered by clean energy sources in the first two months of this year! January and February of 2024 saw a record-breaking amount of clean electricity generation in Europe, equating to 516.5 terawatt hours - 12% more than the same period of time last year. This is said to be possible due to the fact that more electricity is coming from hydro, solar, nuclear and wind generation consistently every year. There was also a marked decrease in the amount of fossil fuel-powered electricity production, down to just 351 terawatt hours. This is the lowest it has been since 2015 and 8% less than last year. The two fastest growing sources for clean energy electricity across Europe were nuclear and hydropower. Clean

energy is described as energy that comes from resources that never run out and whose byproducts have minimal, or no, effect on the environment. Some countries, including Ireland and Portugal, were able to say that they had days or multiple days when they were using only renewable energy for two thirds of their whole population.

Have you ever seen windmills or a hydro dam harvesting energy?

What do you think about them?



Pictured: A windmill farm in the Netherlands.

Source: Canva.

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In order to make everyone feel represented we need to listen to everyone's ideas and concerns. Then work together to help everyone feel included. Layla

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