

Traditional Clothing Around the World



Japan - Kimono



The **Kimono** is a traditional Japanese garment.

They are traditionally worn for important events and occasions, such as weddings.

They can be worn by men and women.

There are lots of different types of kimono that are used for different occasions. They are made of different materials or different styles and colours.

Did you know...?

A kimono may be made of up to 16 different parts!

Korea - Hanbok



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The **hanbok** is traditional clothing in Korea. It was worn daily around 100 years ago but now is mainly worn during festivals and celebrations, such as weddings.

The hanbok has a fitted top and flowing skirt and are usually made from beautiful patterned fabrics, such as silk. They can be worn by men and women.

Did you know...?

In North Korea, hanbok are called 'Chosŏn-ot'.

Kenya – Maasai Shuka



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Shuka is the Maa word for 'sheets', traditionally worn wrapped around the body. They are usually bright colours, such as red and blue, and are patterned. The fabrics used are strong and thick to protect against the harsh weather and savannah.

Did you know...?

The Maasai people also wear handmade colourful beaded jewellery, including necklaces, pendants and bracelets.

Ireland – Step Dancing Costume



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In Ireland, step dancing is very popular. **Step dancing costumes** are worn by the dancers, usually made from materials such as silk and velvet. They are brightly decorated with materials, such as sequins, lace and embroidery.

Dancers wear white socks or black tights and can choose hard or soft shoes to dance in.

Did you know...?

A dancer's costume is important in competitions as it is seen as part of their presentation.

Russia - Sarafan



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A **sarafan** is a traditional pinafore dress worn by some Russian women and girls.

It is traditionally worn over a 'rubakha' (oversized shirt).

The most common colours used for sarafan dresses were red, blue and white and were often decorated with embroidery.

Did you know...?

Sarafan can be made from materials, such as cotton and wool, for everyday wear or more expensive materials, such as silk, for formal wear.

Scotland - Kilt



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A **kilt** is traditional Scottish clothing for men and boys, though may also be worn by women.

It is traditionally made of wool and has a tartan pattern.

Today, kilts are mainly worn for festivals and celebrations although some choose to wear it as everyday wear.

The kilt is usually worn with a sporran (purse), shirt and long socks.

Did you know...?

Most Scottish clans have their own tartan pattern.

India - Sari



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The **Sari** is a type of traditional women's clothing in India.

It is made from long drapes of fabric wrapped around the body and is usually worn with a bodice (choli) and petticoat (parker).

Saris are often made from materials like silk and cotton. They are brightly coloured and have beautiful patterns.

Did you know...?

There are more than 80 different ways to wear a sari!

China - Hanfu



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Hanfu is the name for traditional Chinese clothing that dates from ancient China up to around AD 1600.

Styles have changed over the years but Hanfu is traditionally a long flowing robe with a belt and loose sleeves.

They are usually bright colours and made from fabrics, such as silk.

Did you know...?

Some groups in modern-day China have started wearing Hanfu in the hope of making it popular again.

Austria - Dirndl



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A **dirndl** is a traditional Austrian dress made up of a pinafore dress, blouse with short puffed sleeves and an apron. It is usually made of light materials, such as cotton or linen for the summer version and thicker materials, such as wool for the winter.

Did you know...?

Dresses based on the dirndl are known as 'Landhausmode', which means 'country house style'.

Mexico – Charro Suit and Escaramuza Dress



The **charro suit** is a traditional Mexican men's outfit based on clothing worn by a type of horseman known as a charro.

The suit is made of decorated trousers, a short jacket, a silk tie and sometimes a sombrero hat.

The traditional **Escaramuza dress** is a colourful outfit with a long, brightly decorated skirt worn with a cotton blouse.

Did you know...?

'Escaramuza' means 'woman on horseback'.

Croatia – Traditional Folk Dress



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In Croatia, **traditional folk dresses** for women are often a plain white blouse or dress covered in a decorative jacket and overskirt. For men, traditional outfits are usually wide trousers and shirt (both black or white) and a decorative waistcoat and cap.

Today, traditional clothing is usually only worn for special occasions, festivals and traditional dance although some choose to wear it daily.

Did you know...?

Each area of Croatia has a different style of traditional dress.

Germany - Lederhosen



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Lederhosen are a type of traditional men's outfit in Germany.

They are short trousers, usually made with leather, held up by braces. Some lederhosen could be plain but many have embroidered patterns.

They were originally used as work clothes or for outdoor activities.

Today, lederhosen are often worn at festivals and events rather than as everyday clothing.

Did you know...?

'Lederhosen' is German for 'leather trousers'.

Spain – Traje de Flamenca



The **traje de flamenca** (flamenco outfit) is a dress worn at traditional festivals in Spain. It can be worn by performing dancers or as a casual dress.

Flamenco dresses are ruffled, brightly coloured (usually black and red) and may be plain or patterned (often with polka dots). A shawl is often worn with the dress and hair is worn in a tight bun decorated with flowers.

Did you know...?

There is a shorter version of the flamenco dress known as the 'Marisol style'.

Turkey – Salvar and Yelek



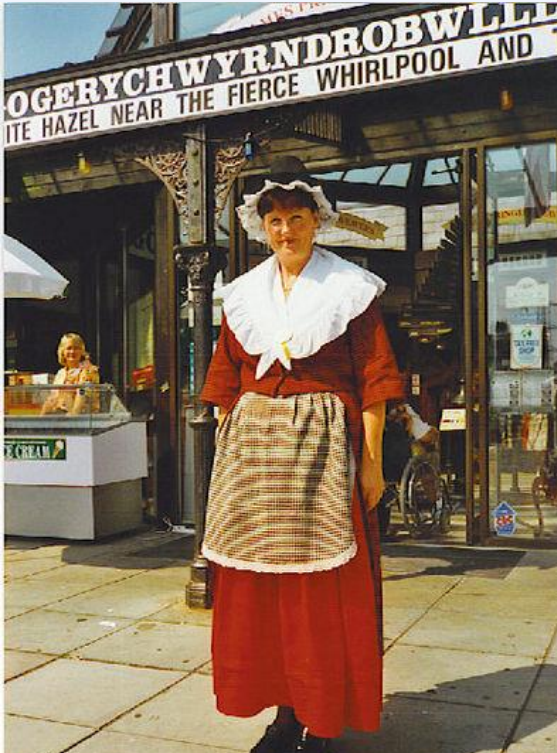
Salvar are traditional Turkish trousers. They are loose fitting and gather around the ankles. Each region has its own style and may be tied with brightly coloured sashes.

A **yelek** is a traditional Turkish waistcoat. They are usually made from silk and covered in an embroidered pattern.

Did you know...?

Salvar can be worn by both men and women. Women may choose to wear them underneath a gömlek (dress).

Wales – Betgwn, Shawl and Hat



The **Welsh betgwn** (bedgown) is a traditional dress worn by women.

It is usually made of wool in shades of black, grey, brown, red and blue. Some may have used patterned fabric, such as stripes but others were plain.

The betgwn was usually worn with a **shawl** made of wool or cotton and a **Welsh hat**, which was tall, black and stiff.

Did you know...?

A modern version of the betgwn is often worn during St. David's Day celebrations.

Inuit – Amauti and Mukluk



An **amauti** is a traditional parka-style coat worn by Inuit women. It is often made of materials including sealskin to keep them warm in the cold climate and has a large hood which children up to the age of two can be carried in.

Mukluks are special boots made from reindeer skin or sealskin. They are soft and very light. Mukluks are usually fur lined to keep feet warm.

Did you know...?

Mukluks are also known as 'Kamiks' and have inspired lots of modern-style cold weather footwear designs.

