

## Kalina

Located south of the United Kingdom and west of France is a beautiful island oasis called Kalina. For years, our small island was apart of the UK and participated in the many great events of European history. From the 15th century through most of the 19th century Kalina's population consisted mostly of farmers that grew crops on the plains of the southern region of the island. Then, in 1885, silver was found in the mountains. This prompted a large influx of people to Kalina to mine for silver. However, the miners in Kalina were only permitted to sell the silver to the UK for rock bottom prices. This caused tensions to rise, and caused two of the best miners, Nobert Holdvogt and Harold Klaphake, to rally their fellow miners to fight back against the outrageous restrictions from the UK. Thus, in 1914, the War of Independence began. However, there were few battles, since the UK was preoccupied with World War I, they did not have the time nor the resources to fight off the Kalinians. In order, to keep peace, the UK slowly began granting Kalina more freedoms until it became evident that it was time for Kalina to separate from the UK. Finally, in 1920, Kalina became its own country. This began the era of prosperity and success for Kalina. Great cities rose up, trade increased, tourism became popular, and Kalina became the great country that it is today.

The geography of Kalina has changed a lot since the days of the Silver Rush. The once rolling plains in the North East have been filled with large cities, but the plains in the south are still used for farming. In the northern most region of the Holdvogt mountain range, a few of the mountains have been excavated for mining purposes. However, the mountains still maintain their beautiful appearance and are prime for skiing. Coming down from the mountains is the

Klaphake River. This river flows into Kalina's iconic Lake Shimmer in the center of the island, whose crystal clear water's attract vacationers from around the world and provide a clean water source for the island. Kalina has a temperate climate. The people here experience the four seasons. However, the locals would say that the only season is tourist season. On an average year Kalina has a low of 18 degrees Fahrenheit during the winter and a high of 85 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer. We receive most of our precipitation during the summer. Particularly during July, when the average rainfall is around 4.5 inches.

According to our 2014 census, the population of Kalina is at 2.5 million. The population often seems larger though due to all the tourists, Nearly eighty percent of our official citizens lives in suburbs and metropolitan city of Allia. The remaining twenty percent lives in the rurals areas. Due to the large amount of tourism in Kalina, about fifty-five percent of the population participates in the service industry. Whether this be operating the year-round cabins along Lake Shimmer or as a travel agent in the city, the service industry seems to be everywhere. Another sector of our population is involved in industry, which accounts for forty percent of Kalina's economic activity. Mechanized industry has allowed Kalina to greatly increase its silver production. This has made this the silver industry more profitable and efficient. Kalina also plays a large role in the production of exquisite jewelry, that is sold worldwide. The fishing industry is especially important to Kalina, as well. This industry helps supply food to our people. The remaining five percent of economic activity comes from agriculture. Yet again, modern technology has done wonders for Kalina. The use of modern farm equipment has allowed the fertile plains of Kalina to provide most of the food for our nation. Any other food we need is imported in from other countries as needed. Kalina primarily imports goods such as food,

building supplies, and oil from countries within the European Union, since we prefer to deal with countries that have the same currency as us. We primarily trade with France because of Gin-Kal, an underwater tunnel that connects us to France. Kalinians try their best to operate their economy as a free market, since this allows prices to fluctuate as needed.

Kalinians strongly believe in the importance of family. While most residents only live with their nuclear family, frequent visits from their extended family is common. Especially from grandparents, who often tutor their grandchildren after school. The children and adults often refer back to their elders for advice throughout their educational careers. Kalinians have a high value for education, since finding a decent job is practically impossible without an education. All the residents in Kalina get their high school diploma. After that some students will chose to go on to college, while others may decide to get an apprenticeship that will lead to a full-time job eventually.

Another strong value of Kalinians is in preserving the environment. In the years following the Silver Rush the harmful effects of the mining became apparent on the land. Kalinians realized that polluting the environment would ruin the scenic views that Kalina is well known for. This lead to creation of many conservation groups. One group Silver Accommodations for Future Effects (SAFE) devised a plan to instill eco-friendly methods for silver mining. This gave way for other changes, such as educating the public of the dangers of pollution and increased recycling to prevent large landfills from forming.

The main religion practiced in Kalina is Christianity. Other religions are allowed, but are not commonly found. These religions were mainly influenced by the French and English miners that settled in Kalina during the Silver Rush. The spread of this religion keeps Kalinians

optimistic and hopeful even during the tough times. Along with their religion, these miners also brought with their language. Which is why our roads signs and other recreational facilities use French and English. However, it is not uncommon to hear other languages due to the tourists.

Kalinians like to have a good time when they are not hard at work. In their free time they have the option to enjoy the many attractions of Kalina. Some activities that they may participate in is white water rafting along the Klaphake River, visiting museums in Allia, or simply relaxing by the lake. There is always a good time to be had in Kalina.

The government of Kalina is actually an Oligarchy. There are 5 main leaders of the government who make all the laws and decisions, everything a president would do, but in a group so that if there is a disagreement they can all vote on it. However, if a member dies, all council members have a second in command who they had to pick the moment they were chosen to be a part of the council. The person chosen must show that they care for the well being of Kalina, and show that they can lead an entire nation, but the council member who chooses them, has to know for certain what they are capable of. Of course the people of Kalina are also allowed to vote, but the council makes all of the final decisions. The people of Kalina enjoy this government set-up, because it allows them the freedom that they desire while providing them the security that they need.

Kalina has a diverse culture that is truly one of a kind. Our people have created welcoming atmosphere that draws in people from around the world. Our visitors will testify to the beauty and hospitality that Kalina offers, since we believe that our home is your home. Therefore, we encourage to come and visit us, to learn more about the invigorating culture that is Kalina.