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TOP 10: THE WORLD'S DEADLIEST ANIMALS

Most animals are harmless while others can be very dangerous. Every year, many people are killed by animals due to various reasons – either the animals mistake people for food or they feel threatened by us and just want to protect themselves. So which are the 10 most dangerous animals?

The world's most dangerous animal is responsible for over a million deaths each year resulting from malaria. This animal is of course, the small mosquito. It lives almost everywhere in the world, except in very cold countries. The female mosquitoes infect their hosts with a deadly parasite while they drink their blood.

The second on the list is the snake. Of the 2,700 species of snakes around the world only about 375 are poisonous and deadly. Snakes are found everywhere, except in Antarctica, Ireland, Iceland, Greenland, and New Zealand. Most snakes live in tropical regions where there is plenty of warm sunshine, water, and food. The Asian Cobra's bite is not the most life-threatening, but of the 100,000 deaths from snakebite a year, Asian Cobras cause about 50,000.

The third most dangerous animal is the scorpion with up to 5,000 deaths per year. There are more than 1,000 species of scorpions all over the world. Unlike snakes and mosquitoes, scorpions like to live in cool, damp places such as basements and wood piles. They usually sleep during the day and come out at night.

The remaining seven animals on the top 10 list of the world's most dangerous and deadliest animals are: crocodiles, elephants, bees, lions, hippos, jellyfish and sharks.

You don't need to worry. It is very unlikely that any of these animals will ever bite you or attack you, except for the mosquito, of course. Mosquitoes in Slovenia won't infect you with malaria, but they may cause your skin to itch. Here's some advice:

When possible, avoid the places and times when mosquitoes bite – especially at dusk and dawn. Wear shoes, socks, and light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and long pants when mosquitoes are most active. Use mosquito repellents but do not use them over cuts, irritated skin or near the eyes, lips or nose. Remove standing water from around your house, because mosquitoes might lay their eggs there. If you plan to travel to a country where there is malaria, take anti-malaria tablets.

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TWO MYSTERIES

People have always tried to find a reasonable explanation for everything. Nevertheless, there are still many unexplained mysteries. One of them is UFOs.

UFO stands for Unidentified Flying Object. Throughout history there have been reports of strange objects in the sky. Some of these unknown objects have been photographed and many of them look like flying saucers.

In the 20th century some people started to believe that these flying saucers were in fact space ships visiting Earth from other planets. These unknown objects often shine, because sunlight reflects off their surface. Aeroplanes have sometimes followed these objects and found that they were actually weather balloons, satellites or other meteorological equipment. However, there are some sightings that investigators are unable to explain. Many UFO sightings happened during the Second World War, when many governments performed top secret military experiments. But the reports of seeing UFOs have continued until today.

In the early 1960s, some people even started claiming that they had been kidnapped by UFOs. So far, more than 6000 Americans have claimed to have had an experience with aliens but no real proof has been found.

Another mystery is a particular area of Earth that is often mentioned when speaking about strange events. This is the Bermuda Triangle. This is a part of the Atlantic Ocean between Miami, and the islands of Bermuda and Puerto Rico. In October 1492, Christopher Columbus and his crew saw a ball of fire there. It circled the ship and fell into the sea. Since then over 1000 people, 90 ships and 60 planes have disappeared in the area. Many scientists have tried to solve this puzzle. An American professor noticed that satellites often stop sending radio messages over the Bermuda Triangle. He thinks this may happen because of a mysterious magnetic force under the sea. True or not, one thing is absolutely certain: there have been more mysterious disappearances of planes and ships in this area than in any other part of the world. On the other hand, people have always had a very vivid imagination and loved mystery stories.