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BOBBY'S WORLD

THE RIGHT FIELDER SINGS THE PRAISES OF VENEZUELA

YANKEE slugger Bobby Abreu isn't just passionate about baseball, he's also a fervent world traveler.

When the season's over, the 33-year-old packs his bags and goes off to explore some remote corner of the globe.

"I find it fascinating to see new places, to learn how other people live around the world," says the right fielder.

To date, Abreu's zeal for travel has taken him to Taiwan, Morocco, Florence, Rome, China, Japan and France. While he hasn't settled on his next destination, he confirms that one place is already at the top of his list.

"I want to get to see more of my country," says the Venezuela native.

The South American nation of 28 million is so vast, Abreu says, that there are still many parts he hasn't yet visited.

"I'm trying to get to see Los Llanos," he explains.

According to Abreu, these plains are teeming with gorgeous wild horses, cattle and exotic flora and fauna.

"And if you love meat, you can get some of the best in the world grilled there," he says.

Abreu, who has a home in Maracai, says he has explored his nation's beaches extensively. "A lot of them have mangroves and some have reddish-white, powdery sand that is just remarkable," he says proudly.

His favorite is Cata, a scenic bay about three hours west of the capital, Caracas.

On any given Sunday, you can find him eating *fósforo*, a seafood stew that includes every swimming thing imaginable.

But the country's food and geography are not the only reasons to trek there. According to Abreu, there's another incentive: the gorgeous women. (Venezuela has the most beauty queens in the world.)

And what makes the ladies so beautiful? "It's the mixtures of races," says Abreu.

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Milka Duno races with the big boys — and she sometimes beats them.



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YOU got to love a chick that drives a car at 220 mph. And Milka Duno does that and more. The foxy race-car driver is the first woman in history to win a major international sports-car race in North America by capturing the overall win at the Grand Prix of Miami in 2004.

And she has the highest finish for a female driver in the 46-year history of the 24 Hours of Dayton race. Her Indy 500 average is a whopping 220 mph. But cars are not he

only toy this Venezuelan export loves. She almost hesitantly admits

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to owning “something like 200” sunglasses, “many, many, many, many” belts and “a lot” of jeans.

“But why is that important?” asks a buff Duno.

“I have many other accomplishments. Fashion is just part of my Latin culture. All Latin women like to look their best. That’s only normal for us. There are a lot of other more important things about me than fashion.”

This accessory *aficionada* is a naval engineer by trade who earned four master’s degrees (organizational development, naval architecture, aquaculture and maritime business) by the age of 25 before her life unexpectedly took a sharp turn.

“I went with some friends to race, you know, just for fun,” she explains. “I was the only girl in the group.” And after just a few more tries, she says, “I was winning.”

This year, she is venturing beyond the race-car circuit.

She plays driver Kellie Gearbox in the upcoming “Speed Racer” flick. And her bilingual kids book, “Go, Milka, Go!” hits stores this month.

“My book is meant to inspire kids to study and earn an education,” Duno says.

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SHOOT WITH
MILKA DUNO

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