



South America



1. South America is the fourth largest continent in the world in terms of landmass and the fifth largest in terms of population .
2. The Amazon River in Brazil is the second largest river in the world. The largest is the Nile river in Egypt.
3. The wettest and driest place in the world is in South America. Atacama desert is the driest place in the world, while the South American rainforest is the wettest place in the world.
4. Spanish is the major language spoken in South America, Portuguese is the second most popular language in the continent.
5. There are about 77 indigenous tribes in South America that have had little or no contact with civilization.
6. The Amazon rainforest is the largest and most biodiverse place on Earth; over 40,000 species of plant, 2.5 million species of insects and hundreds of animals can be found in the rainforest.
7. The largest snake in the world; the Green Anaconda lives in the Amazon. The largest ever captured was 5.5m long and weighed 99 kg.
8. The largest country in South America is Brazil. The smallest country is Suriname which is fifty times smaller than Brazil.
9. The continent "South America" was named after an Italian explorer, Amerigo Vespucci, although the continent was found by Columbus.
10. The Andes Mountain is the longest mountain range in the world. It crosses seven countries; Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

