

# SOUTH AMERICA

South America is known for its lively and diverse cities, the towering Andes Mountains, and the Amazon Rain Forest—the largest rain forest in the world.

## PHYSICAL FEATURES

### Mountains

Highest peak: Aconcagua 22,831 ft. (6 959 m)

Longest range: Andes Mountains 4,500 mi. (7 200 km)

### Largest Island

Tierra del Fuego 19,280 sq. mi. (49 935 sq. km)

### Lakes

Largest: Lake Maracaibo 5,217 sq. mi. (13 512 sq. km)\*

Highest large lake: Lake Titicaca elev. 12,507 ft. (3 812 km)

### Longest Rivers

Amazon 4,000 mi. (6 437 km)\*

Parana 3,032 mi. (4 880 km)\*

### Other Key Physical Features

Amazon Basin  
Pampas  
Patagonia  
Guiana Highlands  
Brazilian Highlands

## CULTURAL FEATURES

Population 375,700,000

### Largest Countries

By area: Brazil 3,287,612 sq. mi. (8 514 877 sq. km)\*

Argentina 1,073,400 sq. mi. (2 780 092 sq. km)\*

By population: Brazil 188,078,227

### Population Density

Most densely populated: Ecuador 129.0 people per sq. mi. (49.8 per sq. km)

Least densely populated: French Guiana 6.2 people per sq. mi. (2.4 per sq. km)

### Largest Urban Areas

Sao Paulo, Brazil 20,262,000\*


Buenos Aires, Argentina 13,074,000\*


Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 11,950,000\*

\* Among the world's largest. See the inside front cover.



## AREA COMPARISON

 South America  
6,885,000 sq. mi.  
(17 832 000 sq. km)

 Contiguous United States  
3,021,295 sq. mi.  
(7 825 112 sq. km)

**World Extreme** Angel Falls, the highest waterfall in the world, drops 3,212 ft. (979 m) in southeast Venezuela.



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