

South America Facts

Population and Life Expectancy

- South America is the 4th biggest continent.
- The population of South America was recorded at over 387 million in 2010.
- The average life expectancy of a South American is 75 years.

South American Climate

South America is a huge continent and so the climate can vary depending on where you are.

Most of South America is warm for most of the year. The climate is generally tropical so it never gets too cold but there are higher areas where it does get cold and the temperature drops below freezing.

Most of South America receives plenty of rain. There are areas that receive downpours like the rainforest but there are also areas that receive little or no rain.

- Iquique, Chile - (5mm of rain per year)
- Ica, Peru - (2mm of rain per year)
- Arica, Chile - This is the driest city on the planet (less than 1mm of rain per year)

Did you know that some parts of South America are the driest areas on Earth?

The Amazon Rainforest

- Rainforests are warm and wet areas.
- The Amazon Rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world with more than half located in Brazil. It is full of wildlife.
- Tribes of people still live in some areas of the rainforest with no contact with the outside world.
- 20% of the world's bird species live here, such as toucans, hummingbirds and the hoatzin.

