South America

Culture

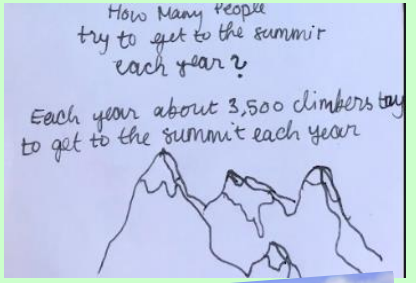
Peruvian culture is a beautiful mix of Hispanic and native traditions. The Quechua and the Aymara are the two main native cultures of Peru, both of whom speak their native languages.

Where is Peru?

Peru is on the west coast of South America

Where is Lima?

Lima is the capital city of Peru.

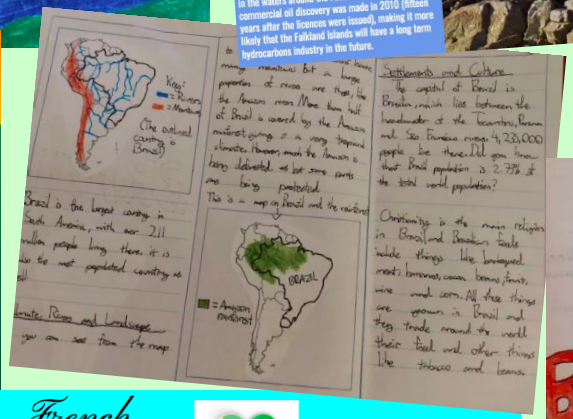


Brazil is also home to the world's largest carnival – Rio Carni
year, in the days leading up to Lent, around 2 million people take to the streets of Rio de Janeiro to enjoy music, dancing, elaborate costumes and parades.

The Rio Carnival!

Brazil's Georgraphy

- Brazil has an area of about 8.5 million km²
- It is by far the largest country in South America and also the 5th largest country in the whole world
- 62.4 Percent of Brazil is covered by the Amazon Rainforest
- About 60 percent of The Amazon River flows through Brazil, The Amazon River is the second longest river in the world



French Guiana

- French Guiana is a small part in northern South America. It is located just north of the equator, so the climate is tropical, hot and humid throughout the year.
- There are seven mountain ranges. They are called Montagne Machoulou, Montagne Marie-Hilaire, Montagne Massialine, Montagne Patawa, Montagne Balenfois, Mont Belvedere and Tchoukouchipann. Some rivers in French Guiana are Orinoco river, Essequibo river, Courantyne river, Maroni river and Oyapock river.
- In French Guiana, the main religion is Christianity. The population is 290,691 people and the capital city is Cayenne. Their main language is French.
- The cuisine of French Guiana is influenced by French and Creole food. Asian cuisines are also available.

Rice is a staple food. Shellfish and fish are caught daily.

Stews are popular. Bouillon d'awara, a traditional dish, is made with fish, seafood, chicken and vegetables. The name of the dish is derived from the awara fruit, one of the ingredients.

Vegetables and tropical fruits include cassava, green beans, potatoes, taro, plantains, bananas, coconuts, mangoes, papayas, pineapples and rambutans.

Ti' Punch, consisting of rum and sugarcane syrup, is a favourite alcoholic drink.

A large percentage of French Guiana is covered with equatorial forest.

Parks and reserves in French Guiana include the Parc de la Guyane, Tresor, Marais de Kaw-Roura and Amana.

The Tresor Regional Nature Reserve covers areas of rainforest and wet savanna. Marais de Kaw is on the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance.

The Amana National Nature Reserve is an important nesting site for leatherback turtles. The Reserve Animaliere Macourienne is the habitat of wildlife, such as jaguars, ocelots and tapirs.

To complete our geography topic on South America, we made fact files about a South American country of our choice. We researched and presented information including population, mountains, rivers, culture, industry and religion.

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