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Known as the "land of volcanoes," El Salvador has frequent earthquakes and volcanic activity. PHOTOGRAPH BY EKRSTI.



Participants in the Independence Day Parade in San Salvador, El Salvador.
PHOTOGRAPH BY ConceptMatch.

¡Hola!

El Salvador

Official Name: Republic of El Salvador

Form of Government: Republic

Capital: San Salvador

Population: 6,187,271

Official Languages: Spanish, Nahua

Currency: U.S. Dollar

Area: 8,123 square miles (21,041 square kilometers)

#1 Export: 11.2% T-shirts, singlets & other vests

FUN FACT:
"El Monumento al
Divino Salvador del
Mundo" was built in
1942!



A man drives an ox cart along a road in El Salvador.
PHOTOGRAPH BY F1ONLINE DIGITALE BILDAGENTUR GMBH, ALAMY.

India

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Official Name: Republic of India, Bharat

Form of Government: Federal Republic

Capital: New Delhi

Population: 1,296,834,042

Official Language: Hindi, English, 21 others

Currency: Rupee

Area: 1,269,345 square miles (3,287,590 square kilometers)

Major Mountain Ranges: Himalayas

Major Rivers: Ganges, Yamuna, Indus, Brahmaputra

#1 Export: 10% Mineral fuels, mineral oils & products of their distillation



Diwali is the Indian festival of lights. PHOTOGRAPH BY KAPHOTO.

FUN FACT

The Taj Mahal, an ivory marble mausoleum, was finished in 1653.



Taj Mahal, India



Hindu festival, India



Agra, India



Shoppers crowd an outdoor market in South Korea.
PHOTOGRAPH BY ANIZZA.



Ch'anggyŏng (Changgyeong) Palace, with downtown Seoul in the background.
PHOTOGRAPH BY LEUNG CHO PAN.



A market sells food in South Korea.
PHOTOGRAPH BY EHPOINT.

안녕하세요

South Korea

Official Name: Republic of Korea

Form of Government: Republic

Capital: Seoul

Population: 51,418,097

Official Language: Korean

Currency: Won

Area: 37,901 sq mi (98,190 sq km)

Major Mountain Ranges: Taebaek Mountains, Sobaek Mountains

Major Rivers: Han, Kum, Nakdong

#1 Export: 16.1% Electronic integrated circuits & microassemblies

FUN FACT:

This famous Korean food that means "fire meat" is called Bulgogi.



Vietnam



Vendors sit by their goods at a market in Vietnam. PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE LOVEGROVE.



Most Vietnamese people live in the countryside, mainly in the river delta regions of the north & south.
PHOTOGRAPH BY SIMON HACK.



Ha Long Bay in northeast Vietnam consists of more than 1,600 islands & inlets.
PHOTOGRAPH BY LUCIANO MORTULA.

Official Name: Republic of Vietnam

Form of Government: Socialist Republic

Capital: Hanoi

Population: 97,040,334

Official Language: Vietnamese

Currency: Dong

Area: 127,123 square miles (329,247 square kilometers)

Major Mountain Range: Annam Cordiller

Major Rivers: Mekong, Red, Ma, Perfume

#1 Export: 39% Electrical machinery & equipment; sound recorders & reproducers, television image equipment

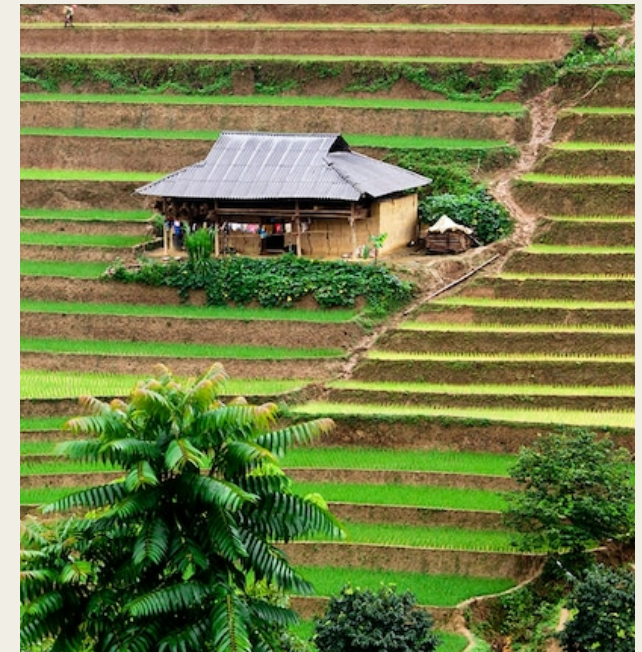
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FUN FACT:

Approximately, 50,000 people in Northern VA speak Vietnamese.



Hanoi is Vietnam's capital city.
PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHALAKIS PPALIS.



Vietnam's countryside is filled with rice fields.
PHOTOGRAPH BY JULIENGRONDIN.



Dragon well green tea, or Longjing, is grown in the city of Hangzhou, China.

PHOTOGRAPH BY ZHAOJIANKANG.



Dragon dances have been performed in China for over 2,000 years and are believed to bring about good fortune.

PHOTOGRAPH BY GUANGLIANG HUO.



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China

Official Name: People's Republic of China

Form of Government: Communist State

Capital: Beijing (Peking)

Population: 1,384,688,986

Official Languages: Standard Chinese, Mandarin

Currency: Yuan (or Renminbi)

Area: 3,705,405 square miles (9,596,960 square kilometers)

Major Mountain Ranges: Himalaya

Major Rivers: Yangtze, Yellow

#1 Export: 26% Electrical machinery & equipment; sound recorders & reproducers, television image equipment



The Forbidden City holds the Palace Museum and is in the center of Beijing.

PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE ALLEN.

Vendors sell fruits & vegetables at local markets in China.

PHOTOGRAPH BY HUNG CHUNG CHIH.

Bolivia



The Inca people thrived between the 12th and 16th centuries.
PHOTOGRAPH BY SHARGALJUT.

Official Name: Plurinational State of Bolivia
Form of Government: Republic
Capital: La Paz, Sucre
Population: 11,306,341
Official Language: Spanish & 36 indigenous languages
Currency: Bolivian Boliviano
Area: 424,164 square miles (1,098,581 square kilometers)
#1 Export: 28% Mineral fuels, mineral oils & products of their distillation

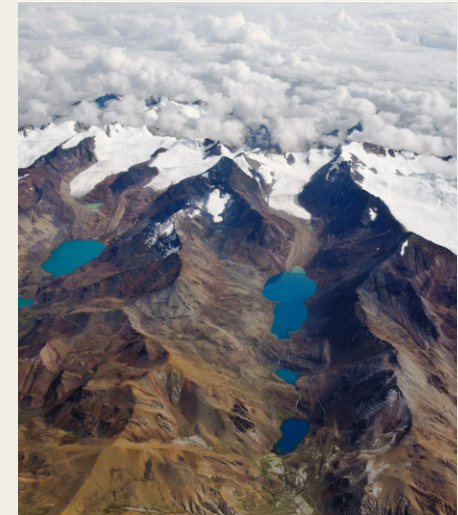


Bolivia's highest courts are located in the city of Sucre, the country's second capital.
PHOTOGRAPH BY JESSE KRAFT.



La Paz is one of Bolivia's two capital cities. The official residence of Bolivia's president is located here.
PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE ALLEN.

¡Hola!



The Andes mountain range stretches across western Bolivia.
PHOTOGRAPH BY RICHIEJI.



The llama is the national animal of Bolivia.
PHOTOGRAPH BY JESSE KRAFT.

¡Hola!

Guatemala

FUN FACT:
Traditional dishes of
Guatemala include
Pupusas & Hilachas.

Official Name: Republic of Guatemala

Form of Government: Democratic Republic

Capital: Guatemala City

Population: 16,581,273

Official Language: Spanish

Currency: Quetzal

Area: 42,043 square miles (108,890 square kilometers)

#1 Export: 15.4% Coffee, tea, & spices



The Cathedral de Santiago in the town of Antigua, Guatemala was built around 1543.

PHOTOGRAPH BY ISIDORO RUIZ HARO.



Vendors sell food and other goods in an open-air market in Guatemala.

PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVEN WINTER.



Mayan traditional dress in Guatemala includes brightly woven clothing.

PHOTOGRAPH BY BRUNO MORANDI.



Smoke swirls around one of Guatemala's many volcanoes

PHOTOGRAPH BY LUIS MARSDEN.

Ethiopia

FUN FACT: The largest Ethiopian population in the U.S. is in Washington, D.C.

Official Name:

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Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Form of Government:

Federal Parliamentary Republic

Capital: Addis Ababa

Population: 112,100,000

Official Languages: Amharic

Currency: Ethiopian Birr

Area: 426,400 square miles
(686224.282 square kilometers)

Major Mountain Ranges: Ethiopian Highlands (More than 70% of Africa's mountains are found in Ethiopia.)

Major Rivers: Blue Nile River

#1 Export: 25% Coffee, tea, & spices



Simien Mountains National Park is in northern Ethiopia.



A priest stands on the edge of a cliff in front of the entrance to Ethiopian Orthodox rock-hewn church of Abuna Yemata Guh in the Gheralta Cluster in the Tigray mountains in Megab, Ethiopia.

PHOTOGRAPH BY MATJAZ KRIVIC



More than 1,000 women are working in nurseries across southwestern Ethiopia to produce high-quality coffee seedlings.



Blue Nile River is known as Abbay in the local language. This river contributes up to 80% of the Nile River's flow.



Ethiopian Habesha baskets



There are more than 80 different ethnic groups in Ethiopia & over 200 dialects are spoken.

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Philippines

FUN FACT:
Common cuisine in
the Philippines:
Adobo, Crispy Pata, &
Kinilaw.

Official Name: Republic of the Philippines

Form of Government: Republic

Capital: Manila

Population: 105,893,381

Official Language: Filipino (Tagalog), English

Currency: Philippine Peso

Area: About 115,831 square miles (300,000 square kilometers)

#1 Export: 50% Electrical machinery & equipment; sound recorders & reproducers, television image equipment



Manila, the capital of the Philippines.
PHOTOGRAPH BY DABLDY.



The Batad Rice Terraces & the Bangaan Rice Terraces are protected UNESCO World Heritage sites. Banaue, Philippines.



Only about one third of the islands of the Philippines are inhabited.
PHOTOGRAPH BY JOYFULL.



A dance group performs at the annual Lanzones Festival
PHOTOGRAPH BY HUGO MAES.



One of the many islands that make up the Philippines
PHOTOGRAPH BY JOYFULL.



Manila, the capital of the Philippines.
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Children wear traditional Peruvian clothing. PHOTOGRAPH BY JENNIFER STONE.



The ancient city of Machu Picchu was built by the Inca. PHOTOGRAPH BY OLGACANALS.



In Peru, llamas have been used as pack animals for centuries. PHOTOGRAPH BY ROB HILL.

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Peru

Official Name: Republic of Peru

Form of Government: Constitutional Republic

Capital: Lima

Population: 31,331,228

Official Languages: Spanish, Quechua

Currency: Nuevo Sol

Area: 496,224 square miles (1,285,216 square kilometers)

Major Mountain Ranges: Andes

Major Rivers: Amazon, Ucayali, Madre de Dios

#1 Export: 36% Ores, slag & ash

FUN FACT:
The Incan mystery is
one of the wonders
of the world.



Vinicunca/Winikunka, also called *Montaña de Siete Colores*, *Montaña de Colores* or Rainbow Mountain, is a mountain in the Andes of Peru.



The Statue of Liberty in New York was a gift from France to the United States.
PHOTOGRAPH BY STUART MONK.



The Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, is the tallest monument in the United States.
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Washington, D.C., US Capitol. A symbol of the American people & their government, the meeting place of the nation's legislature. Musement.com



Zion Canyon is a gorge in southwestern Utah. PHOTOGRAPH BY BJUL.



The Golden Gate Bridge spans more than a mile in San Francisco, California.
PHOTOGRAPH BY ESPIEGLE.

United States

Hello!

Official Name:

United States of America

Form of Government:

Constitution-based federal republic

Capital: Washington, D.C.

Population: 330,175,936

Languages: English, Spanish
(no official national language)

Currency: U.S. dollar

Area: 3,794,083 square miles
(9,826,630 square kilometers)

Major Mountain Ranges: Rocky Mountains, Appalachian Mountains
Major Rivers: Mississippi, Missouri, Colorado

#1 Export: 18% Transportation;
includes aerospace products & parts,
motor vehicles, railroad stock, ships &
boats.

European Union



The European Union consists of the following countries:

Austria • Belgium • Bulgaria • Croatia • Republic of Cyprus • Czech Republic • Denmark • Estonia • Finland • France • Germany • Greece • Hungary • Ireland • Italy • Latvia • Lithuania • Luxembourg • Malta • Netherlands • Poland • Portugal • Romania • Slovakia • Slovenia • Spain • Sweden •

Population: 31,331,228

Area: 3,931,000 mi² (6326331.264 square kilometers)

#1 Export: 13% machinery and equipment, 11.1 % pharmaceutical products, 10.7 % motor vehicles, 8.8% chemical products & computer, 8.4% electronic & optical products.



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