

Peru Factfile

The world's largest rainforest, the Amazon, covers nearly half of Peru. This huge jungle, which also covers half of Brazil, is home to plants and animals that do not live anywhere else on Earth.

Tourists like to come to Peru because of the history and also to enjoy nature. Many people come to climb mountains in the Cordillera Blanca in the Ancash Region, others visit Peru's long Pacific coast or the Amazon jungle. Cuzco and Macchu Picchu are just two of the places where many buildings built by the Incas are still standing after hundreds of years, and these are some of the most visited places.

Peru is a very old country. The earliest inhabitants arrived there about 15,000 years ago. Societies emerged on the west coast more than 5000 years ago and began to spread inland. These included the Chavín, the Moche, and the Nasca. One of the most important Peruvian cultures was the Inca, who lived in Peru around 600 years ago. Their capital, Cuzco, is still a major city today.



Above are some facts and figures relating to Peru. Why not do a bit of research and find out a little bit more about the country? After you have, why not write down as many interesting facts and figures about the country as you can? They could include things such as: population, official languages, neighbouring countries, number of Catholics, famous places or anything else that you find interesting! Once you've done that, why not share it with the rest of the class and add it to an class factfile wall?