

Australia

Country Facts

- With the large deserts that occupy central Australia (about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the whole country), about 85%-90% of the population lives on the coast due to its milder climate.
- About 80% of the animals that live in Australia are unique to this country. You won't find their natural habitats being anywhere else in the world.
- Australia is the smallest continent in the world but also one of the largest countries in the world.
- Even though Australia has been known as "the Oldest Continent" or "the Last Frontier", the age of the cores of all the continents on earth are approximately the same.

Sydney

- Sydney Opera House
 - The Sydney Opera House is an arts center with seven venues located on the Sydney Harbour.
- Bondi Beach
 - Bondi Beach is named after the surrounding suburb and is represented in the National Rugby League competition.
- Taronga Zoo Sydney
 - The Taronga Zoo was the second zoo in Australia to breed a platypus.

Melbourne

- Queen Victoria Market
 - The Queen Victoria Market is located in the central business district of Melbourne and covers over 17 acres of land.
- National Gallery of Victoria
 - Also known as the NGV, this museum houses art collections in two different locations, NGV International and the Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia, with a third location to be opened in 2028.

Brisbane

- Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary
 - This is the world's first and largest Koala Sanctuary that also houses about 80 other species of animals.
- Eat Street Northshore
 - Eat Street Northshore is an entertainment center that has over 70 traders (bars, electric shops, restaurants) with food from every continent but Antarctica.

Brazil

Country Facts

- Brazil takes up half of South America's landmass, making it the fifth largest country while also being the fifth most populous country in the world.
- Brazil shares a border with every country in South America except Ecuador and Chile.
- The majority of the Amazon River basin is in Brazil.

Rio de Janeiro

- Christ the Redeemer

- This giant statue of Jesus Christ stands on a 26 feet tall pedestal and is 98 feet tall and 92 feet long with its arms stretched.
- Copacabana
 - Located in the southern part of the city, this beach is 2.5 miles long and is one of the most famous beaches in the world.
- Rio Carnival
 - Carnival is a festival held every year before Lent and is one of the biggest carnivals in the world.

São Paulo

- Sao Paulo Museum of Art
 - This art museum contains modern art from all over Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Europe.
- Museu do Futebol
 - The Football (soccer) Museum is dedicated to the practice and history of football in Brazil and around the world.
- Ibirapuera Park
 - This urban park is the most visited park in South America and is often compared to Central Park in New York City.

Manaus

- Anavilhanas National Park
 - This nature reserve protects the Anavilhanas Archipelago in Rio Negro.

Canada

Country Facts

- Canada is the second latest country in the world (Russia being the largest) and takes up two fifths of the North American continent. Even with its large size it is one of the most sparsely populated countries in the world.
- Canada's official languages are French and English.
- The Border that Canada shares with the United States is 5,525 miles long (including Alaska). This is also the longest border in the world that is not patrolled by military forces.

Banff

- Cave and Basin National Historic Site
 - This site is located in the Canadian Rocky Mountains at the thermal mineral springs.
- Lake Minnewanka
 - This lake was known to the First Nations people as Minn-waki or "lake of the spirits" and can be explored by boat or on foot.

Montreal

- Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal
 - This was the first Gothic revival style church to be built in Canada.
- Biodome
 - This facility allows you to walk through replicas of different ecosystems found in North and South America.

Vancouver

- Vancouver Aquarium
 - The Vancouver Aquarium was the first public aquarium to open in Canada.
- Capilano Suspension Bridge Park
 - This bridge crosses 230 feet above the Capilano River and is 460 feet long.

China

Country Facts

- China is the largest Asian country and has the largest population in the world ($\frac{1}{5}$ of all humans in the world live in China).
- Under China's central government there are 33 administrative units directly under it consisting of 22 provinces, 5 autonomous regions, 4 municipalities, and 2 special administrative regions.
- China is one of the few existing countries in the world that have flourished economically and culturally in its early stages. Little to no outside influences had a large impact on China's cultural development (with the expansion of Buddhism coming from India).

Beijing

- Great Wall of China
 - The Great Wall of China is a series of connected fortifications and served as protection of Imperial China from nomadic groups from the Eurasian Steppes.
- The Palace Museum
 - This museum houses about 700,000 pieces of Chinese artwork and artifacts.
- Summer Palace
 - This palace was once an imperial garden during the Qing dynasty but was destroyed during the Second Opium War of the 1850's and was rebuilt to be a public park.
- Temple of Heaven
 - This temple symbolizes the relationship between earth and heaven and is located in southern Beijing.

Shanghai

- Yu Garden
 - This garden was first built during the Ming dynasty and is surrounded by the city god temple and Yuyuan Bazaar.
- Shanghai Museum
 - This museum is considered China's first world-class modern museum and contains rare cultural pieces.
- Oriental Pearl TV Tower
 - This tower has 15 observational levels with the highest being 1,150 feet above ground.

Hong Kong

- Nan Lian Garden
 - This Tang dynasty style garden was a joint project between Chi Lin Nunnery and the Hong Kong government built in 2006.
- Hong Kong Disneyland
 - This is the largest theme park in Hong Kong.
- Tian Tan Buddha
 - This bronze statue was built in 1993 and symbolizes the relationship between man and nature.

Croatia

Country Facts

- Present day Croatia comprises the historically Croatian regions of Croatia-Slavonia, Istria, and Dalmatia.
- Croatia's culture is mostly Western-oriented despite the country having been under various foreign rule for centuries.
- Croatia's European trajectory was recognized when the country joined the European Union in 2013.

Zagreb

- Museum of Broken Relationships
 - This museum contains a collection of donated personal items devoted to failed relationships.
- Cathedral of Zagreb
 - This 12th century Neo Gothic cathedral is the second largest building in Croatia.
- Botanical Garden of the Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb
 - This facility is home to over 10,000 species of plants with 1,800 of them being exotic ones.

Dubrovnik

- Dubrovnik Cable Car
 - Takes passengers 778 meters to a plateau with a view of the city and restaurant.
- The Cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary
 - This cathedral church was built during the years 1642 and 1646 in the Baroque style.
- Lovrijenac
 - This historical fortress is a theater and was built on top of a 37 feet high cliff.

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