

The Greatest Places

Latin America



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Metropolitan Cathedral



Metropolitan Cathedral,
Mexico City, Mexico

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Where is it?

Metropolitan Cathedral is the
Oldest and Largest Cathedral in
the “Americas”.





Machu Picchu



Machu Picchu, Peru

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Where is it?

Archeologists believe Machu Picchu was built in the mid 1400's by the Inca. It was discovered by the modern world in 1909...a true "lost city".





Tikal



Tikal, Guatemala

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Where is it?

Tikal is considered the greatest surviving Mayan cities in Latin America. In its prime Tikal was home to over 100,000 people...it is now the largest archeological site in the Western Hemisphere.





Easter Island



Easter Island, Chile

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Where is it?



Easter Island is most famous because of their unique statues ...these statues are are called “Moai” & were built between the 700s & 1100s AD by the native Rapanui people.





Panama Canal



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Where is it?



A ship that sails through the 51 mile Panama Canal “short cut” saves about 8,000 miles in place of traveling around the southern tip of South America.





Amazon



Amazon, South America

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Where is it?

The Amazon is the largest rainforest on earth and is home to the largest river by volume on earth. (it is NOT the longest river...that would be the Nile)





Rio de Janeiro



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Where is it?



The iconic Christ the Redeemer statue dominates the sky above Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.





Havana



Havana, Cuba

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Where is it?

The USA has lead an embargo (blockage of all goods & services) against Cuba since the 1950's, so the car in this picture is actually what they drive in Cuba! The US embargo is in place because Cuba is a Communist country.





Angel Falls



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Where is it?







Galapagos Islands



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Where is it?

Due to the fact that the Galapagos Islands are so isolated from “main land” areas...certain animals have evolved and are **ONLY** found within these islands...one biggie is the Marine Iguana, which is the only water going iguana/reptile on earth!





Atacama Desert



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Where is it?



The Atacama desert averages .04 inches of rain per year, making it the driest place on earth. (some areas of the desert have not seen any precipitation in over 400 years)





Lake Titicaca



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Where is it?

Lake Titicaca is the highest (12,506 ft.) navigable lake on earth. According to Incan mythology this is the site where the world was created...out of the lake.