

Let's Find Out About Argentina



Location

Argentina is the second largest country in South America. It is long and thin with a 4,989 kilometre coastline which joins the Atlantic Ocean. It has borders with Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay.

Terrain

Much of the northern part of the country is 'pampas'. This is a Spanish word meaning a flat, featureless area. Along the western border of the country are the Andes. The highest point in this mountain range is Cerro Aconcagua which rises to 6,960 metres. There can be earthquakes in this part of the Andes.

Climate

Most of the country has a temperate climate. However, the south east is arid and the south west very cold, as this is the nearest point to the Antarctic. Violent wind storms can hit the northern part of the country.

The people

The population of Argentina is estimated to be 43 million. The official language is Spanish, but Italian, English, German and French are also widely spoken. As Argentina exports wheat, maize and enormous quantities of meat, many people work on the land.



Buenos Aires is the capital city of Argentina. More than a third of the country's population live and work here.

