South America

South America is the 4th largest continent in the world. It is made up of Brazil, Argentina, Columbia, Peru, Chile, Ecuador, Venezuela, Bolivia, Suriname, Uruguay, Guyana, Paraguay and French Guiana. The South Atlantic Ocean is to the east and the South Pacific Ocean is to the west………………………………..

South America is home the second longest river in the world, The Amazon [the river Not the website]. The Amazon and its tributaries flow through Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Brazil. Angel Falls is also a famous landmark in South America. It is located in Venezuela and is the tallest waterfall in the world. It stands at 979m tall. There is frequent on the waterfall and to get on top of it you need to travel by air. Did you know that Brazil is the largest coffee producer in the world. It produces more than 55million bags of coffee each year and the Disney movie, Encanto was set in Columbia. This movie made 256.8million US dollars and got 12 awards the biggest being The Golden Globe for best animated feature film. The Atacama Desert is the driest place in the world. It’s in Chile and even Nasa said it compares to Mars.

Peru is in the north-western area of South America. It borders Chile, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador and Columbia. Its population is about 34.147 million. 84% of Peruvians speak Spanish. Peru’s president is Dina Boluarte who was recently elected. Peruvian independence was declared on July 28, 1821. Peru’s first president was Jose De San Martin. He was a soldier and statesman general. He won independence for Spain in 1812, for Chile in 1818 and Peru in 1821. He started as a soldier at 10 years old. Another famous landmark is Machu Picchu. It is a town high in the Andes Mountains made by a tribe known as the Incas.

The Inca Empire was founded in 1438. The Inca Empire was called Tawantinsuyu by its subjects. This empire was the largest empire in pre-Columbian America. This tribe started small then grew and grew from conquering land all down the coast of South America. They were situated in Machu Picchu. Their ruler was called The Sapa Inca meaning great Inca. He was said to be the son of their sun god, Inti. Other gods they worshipped were Pachamame [Mother Earth], Wiracocha the creator god, the moon goddess Mamaquilla and the thunder god Illapa. They built many shrines throughout the kingdom. One of the biggest being a massive sun temple in Casco that measured more than 1,200 feet. The Spanish Conquest of Peru was one of the most important campaigns in the colonization of America. This conquest took about forty years to complete. Many Incas tried to regain the empire but none were successful. It began in 1532 and they fully took over in 1572. Although there was more Incas, the Spanish had stronger weapons and armour.

After finding out very interesting facts about South America, I would definitely like to travel there and maybe find out more and I would recommend to other people to learn more about South America as it is a very interesting place.