

BRAZIL: COFFEE, CARNIVAL and RAINFORESTS

- Brazil is the largest country in continent of **South America**.
- Its capital city is **Brasilia**.
- It has a population of about **192 million** people.
- Its main language is **Portuguese**.
- The second largest city in Brazil, **Rio de Janeiro**, is famous for its sunny beaches, tourist resorts, and its Carnival festival.
- **Carnival** lasts for **four days** and is a major holiday in Brazil.
- Many groups make costumes, sing and dance in the streets and compete for prizes.
- Each group has its own band and composes new music and dance steps for Carnival.
- There are huge floats decorated with special themes.
- Other Brazilian cities have Carnival celebrations too.
- Brazil is famous for its coffee. **Coffee** is one of the world's most popular beverages.
- A **coffee plantation** is called a **fazenda**.
- **Coffee** is made from the seeds of an **evergreen shrub**.
- Coffee is Brazil's largest export to the USA, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the U.K.

- Coffee is also used to flavor food products and the oil from its beans is used in soaps, paints, insecticides, medicines and shoe polish. The **flowers** are used in the making of perfume.
- Much of Brazil is covered by **rainforests**.
- **Natural Disaster:** Floods, Mud slides; and drought.
- **Currency** (money): **Real**

Map of South America



Carnival Mask



Statue of Christ the Redeemer

