

## **Read about Argentina.**

### Argentina

Argentina is the second largest country in South America and the eighth largest in the world. Its population is about 44 million and the official language is Spanish.

### The capital city

Buenos Aires is the capital city and the largest city in Argentina. It's got a European style and that's why they call it the Paris of South America.

### Mount Aconcagua

It's the highest mountain in the Americas and the highest mountain outside Asia. It's about 7000 metres high and it's in the Andes mountain range, the longest mountain range in the world.

### Argentine Patagonia

This is one of the most popular areas with lots of tourist attractions like the Valdes Peninsula and Bariloche Lake. A lot of animals like the puma, the guanaco, the Magellanic penguin and the Southern right whale live in the area and the waters around it.

### Most popular sport

Football in Argentina is more than a sport. It's part of the culture. The national football team is very successful with two World Cups in 1978 and 1986, and fourteen Copa Américas. It's the eighth oldest football association in the world.

### Tango

It's a form of music and dance. The history of tango began in Buenos Aires in the late 19th century. It became the most popular dance in Europe at the beginning of the 20th century.

### Asado

Argentines love eating meat, especially beef, and they've got some of the best in the world. Asado is their traditional barbecue and it is very popular at home or in restaurants.

**Read again and complete the sentences.**

1. Argentina is the eighth largest country in .
2. Buenos Aires is also called the of South America.
3. Mount Aconcagua is high.
4. In there are animals like the puma and the Magellanic penguin.
5. The Argentine football team won in 1986.
6. Tango became popular in Europe in the .
7. Argentines' favourite kind of meat is .