

WORLD'S SEVEN WONDERS

A) Introduction

Take the quiz and test your knowledge

B) Match the pictures to the names of the places and landmarks.



C) Reading:

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This is one of the most beautiful journeys in Argentina: the Seven Lakes' road. Nature slowly comes back to life, flowers show up as a miracle under the snow, the forest is colorful and you can hear the sound of singing birds. All that beauty is there, waiting for you, on a road that joins Villa La Angostura with San Martin de Los Andes. The 7 Lagos Route is a two-way, paved highway which is in good condition, on Argentina's famous Ruta Nacional 40.

The best time to visit the Ruta de los Siete Lagos is in summer or spring (from September to February). In summer, you find the warmest weather, sunny days and the chance of taking a dip in one or two of the most beautiful lakes in Argentina. Camping sites are open, as are the stores along the route that sell food and supplies. This is of course the most expensive time to visit.

If you want to visit it in winter, prepare for snow and extremely cold weather. Bariloche is a popular ski town in winter, to give you an idea of how much snow you can expect during this time of year.

There are three ways you can traverse the Ruta de los Siete Lagos: By car, by bike or on a tour. One of the quickest and easiest ways to see the Ruta de los Siete Lagos is by car. You can easily do the route in a day, and have time to stop at miradores (viewpoints).

If you have a few more days you can bike the route, it's an unforgettable experience. Do you need to be fit? After biking the route myself, I would say that you definitely need a moderate to high level of fitness. Prepare in advance if you plan to bike the 7 Lakes Route.

Mark true (T) or false (F)

1. The 7 Lakes Route joins Villa La Angostura and Bariloche.
2. The route takes a portion of Route 40, a national route.
3. It's more expensive to visit it in winter than in summer.
4. The weather is similar in summer and in winter.
5. If you do the route by car it can take three days.
6. You do not need to prepare to do the route by bike because it's easy.



D) Grammar: Comparatives and superlatives:

Listen to people talking about natural wonders. Complete the sentences.

- The man thinks Paricutin Volcano is the _____ volcano in the world.
- The woman says Cooper Canyon is _____ than the Grand Canyon.

Complete the rules:

- Add **-er / -est** to short adjectives to make a comparative
- Use **more / the most** before long adjectives to make a comparative
- Use **that / than** in comparatives.
- Use **the + -er / -est** with short adjectives to make a superlative.
- Use **more / the most** before long adjectives to make a superlative.

Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives.

- Almeria in the south of Spain is the _____ city in Europe (dry)
- The Nile is _____ than the Amazon but the Amazon is _____ river in the world. (long/wide)
- Some people say Mauna in Hawaii is _____ than Mount Everest, but nearly 6.000 meters are under water. (high)
- The mosquito is probably the _____ animal in the world (dangerous)
- I think the landscape in Patagonia is _____ than any other place I know! (beautiful)

E) Vocabulary: Country Profile.

- Do you like the weather in your city?
- What would you change?
- Which countries have the best weather in your opinion?

Read the country description and match the profile to option a, b or c. What information helped you decide?

- a. Saudi Arabia b. Austria c. Mali

COUNTRY PROFILE

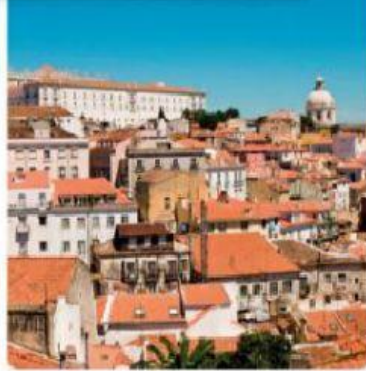
Most of the country has a hot climate. It's colder and wetter by the sea than in the middle of the country, where it's hotter and drier. In the summer, the temperature's usually about 45°C and sometimes it even reaches 54°C. The temperatures at night are more comfortable than in the day, and on summer evenings, people go out onto their roofs to sleep.

The country's more famous for its hot temperatures than cold weather, so you might be surprised to know that sometimes it snows here. It doesn't happen very often and only during winter in the high parts of the country. Some people like snowboarding so much that they do it on the sand, even in the summer!

4. Complete the weather descriptions with the correct words:

Sunny Cloudy Freezing Warm Dry Snow Rain Icy Cold Foggy

Lisbon: It's ¹ _____
this morning but ² _____,
and we don't expect any
³ _____. By the
afternoon, it's going to be
⁴ _____ and ⁵ _____,
but not really hot.



Chicago: It's ¹¹ _____
here today. There was a
lot of ¹² _____ last
night and the roads are very
¹³ _____. It's cold and
¹⁴ _____ now and there is
more snow to come later today.

