

# 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.

## **Exercise 1: True or False**

1. Argentina is the largest country in South America.
2. Buenos Aires is known as the Paris of South America.
3. Mount Aconcagua is the highest mountain in Asia.
4. The national football team of Argentina has won three World Cups.
5. Tango originated in Buenos Aires in the late 19th century.

## **Exercise 2: Multiple Choice**

1. What is the population of Argentina?  
a) 30 million    b) 44 million    c) 50 million
2. Which mountain range is Mount Aconcagua part of?  
a) Himalayas    b) Rockies    c) Andes
3. Which animal is NOT mentioned as living in Argentine Patagonia?  
a) Puma    b) Guanaco    c) Elephant

## **Exercise 3: Fill in the Blanks**

**20<sup>th</sup>      capital      barbecue      culture      7000**

1. Buenos Aires is the \_\_\_\_\_ city and the largest city in Argentina.
2. Mount Aconcagua is about \_\_\_\_\_ metres high.
3. Football in Argentina is more than a sport; it's part of the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Tango became the most popular dance in Europe at the beginning of the \_\_\_\_\_ century.
5. Asado is Argentina's traditional \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Exercise 4: Matching** (Match the following items with their descriptions)

Buenos Aires	a) Traditional barbecue
Mount Aconcagua	b) Capital city known as the Paris of South America
Argentine Patagonia	c) Highest mountain in the Americas
Football	d) Popular area with tourist attractions and diverse wildlife
Asado	e) Part of the culture with a successful national team