Ten Unusual and Interesting Facts about the US

1. The United States is divided ___ 50 states. However, each state varies in size considerably. The smallest state is Rhode Island ____ an area of just 1,545 square miles (4,002 sq km). By contrast, the largest state ___ area is Alaska with 663,268 square miles (1,717,854 sq km).



2. Alaska has the longest coastline in the United States at 6,640 miles (10,686 km).
3. Bristlecone pine trees, believed ___ be some of the world's oldest living things, are found in the western United States in California, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. ____ oldest of these trees is in California. The oldest living tree itself is found in Sweden.





4. The only royal palace used by a monarch in the U.S. is located in Honolulu, Hawaii. It is the Iolani Palace and belonged ___ the monarchs King Kalakaua and Queen Lili'uokalani until the monarchy was overthrown in 1893. The building then served

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___ the capitol building until Hawaii became a state in 1959. Today, the Iolani Palace is a museum.

5. Because the major mountain ranges in the United States run in a north-south, _____ they have a large impact on the climate of the country's _____ regions. The west coast, for example, has a milder climate than the interior because it is _____ by its proximity to the ocean, whereas places like Arizona and Nevada are very hot and dry because they are on the leeward side of mountain ranges. **DIRECT** **VARY** **MODERATE**

- Although English is the most _____ spoken language used in the U.S. and is the language used in government, the country has no _____ language. **COMMON** **OFFICE**

- The _____ mountain in the world is located in the United States. Mauna Kea, located in Hawaii, is only 13,796 feet (4,205 m) in altitude above sea level. However, when _____ from the seafloor it is over 32,000 feet (10,000 meters) high, making it taller than Mount Everest (Earth's tallest mountain above sea level at 29,028 feet or 8,848 meters). **TALL** **MEASURE**

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- The _____ temperature ever recorded in the United States **LOW**

was at Prospect Creek, Alaska on January 23, 1971. The temperature was

-80 degrees (-62°C). The _____ temperature in the contiguous 48 states **COLD**

was at Rogers Pass, Montana on January 20, 1954. The temperature there was

-70 degrees (-56°C).

- The _____ temperature recorded in the United States (and in North America) **HOT**

was in Death Valley, California on July 10, 1913. The temperature that day measured

134 degrees (56°C).

- The _____ lake in the U.S. is Oregon's Crater Lake. At 1,932 feet (589 m) **DEEP**

it is the world's seventh deepest lake. Crater Lake was formed via

snowmelt and _____ that gathered in a crater created when **PRECIPITATE**

an ancient volcano, Mount Mazama, erupted about 8,000 years ago.



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