

Fascinating Facts

The Mystery of the Amazon Rainforest

The Amazon Basin

- The world's largest rainforest is located in the Amazon Basin. It is thought to be the oldest tropical forest area in the world.
- The Amazon River is the world's second longest river. It is over 4,000 miles long.
- The Amazon River drains an area almost the size of the United States.
- The high temperatures, rainfall, and humidity in the rainforest provide excellent conditions for plant and animal life.
- There are an estimated 30 million species of insects living in the Amazon Rainforest.
- Watch out! Piranhas and giant anacondas live in the Amazon River!
- Twenty percent of the world's oxygen is produced in the Amazon Basin.
- Over 120 different types of medicines are made from materials found in the Amazon Rainforest.
- There are 750 different types of trees just in two acres of the Amazon Rainforest. That's more than all the types of trees in North America!
- One-third of all the animal species in the world live in the Amazon Basin!

