

# Fascinating Facts

## The Mystery of the Amazon Rainforest

### Peru

- An ancient civilization called the Incas used to live in Peru. They built a city named Macchu Picchu. It is the most famous tourist attraction in Peru.
- The most famous Peruvian food is called ceviche. It is marinated raw fish with onions, peppers, corn, lettuce, and potatoes.
- Spanish and Quechua, the Inca language, are the two official languages of Peru.
- Peru has three different geographical areas. They include the warm coastline, the cold Andes Mountains, and the wet Amazon plains.
- The potato is originally from Peru. Today, Peru grows over 3,000 different types of potatoes.
- Peru is home to the Plaza de Acho, the second largest bullfighting ring in the world.
- Peru's Cotahuasi Canyon is the deepest canyon in the world—even deeper than the Grand Canyon!
- Peru makes many different kinds of cereals including Kiwicha, the cereal NASA astronauts eat on their trips.
- In Peru, llamas are used to carry heavy loads. Peruvians drink their milk and eat their meat!
- Lake Titicaca is one of the highest lakes in the world. It is located in the Andes Mountains. Half of it lies in Peru, and half lies in Bolivia.

