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Political and Physical Features of Latin America

![Map of Latin America showing political and physical features]

- **Mountains**: Andes Mountains, Sierra Madre Oriental, Sierra Madre Occidental, and Andes Mountains.
- **Valleys**: Amazon Basin, Orinoco River Valley, Paraná River Valley.
- **Oceans**: Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Caribbean Sea.
- **Lakes**: Lake Titicaca.
- **Rivers**: Amazon River, Orinoco River, Paraná River, Uruguay River, São Francisco River.
- **Peninsulas**: Yucatán Peninsula, Valdivia Peninsula.
- **Countries**: Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile.

### Elevation

- **Feet**:
  - Over 10,000
  - 5,001–10,000
  - 2,001–5,000
  - 1,001–2,000
  - 0–1,000
- **Meters**:
  - Over 3,050
  - 1,526–3,050
  - 611–1,525
  - 306–610
  - 0–305

- **Below sea level**
- **Mountain peak**
Vegetation Zones of Latin America

Vegetation Zones
- Highlands
- Desert
- Desert scrub
- Temperate grassland
- Tropical grassland
- Chaparral
- Deciduous forest
- Coniferous forest
- Broadleaf evergreen forest

Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area projection

0° Equator
Tropic of Cancer
Tropic of Capricorn

0 1,000 kilometers
0 1,000 miles
Economic Activity of Latin America

Land Use
- Hunting and gathering
- Subsistence farming
- Commercial farming
- Livestock raising
- Commercial fishing
- Forestry
- Trade and manufacturing
- Little or no activity

Resources
- Coal
- Diamonds
- Hydroelectric power
- Iron
- Natural gas
- Petroleum (oil)
- Precious metals (gold, silver, copper)
- Uranium