

Mountain Ranges of the World

Andes – South America

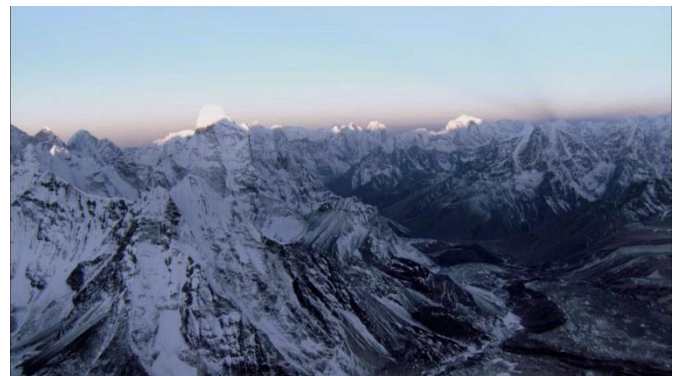
The Andes mountain range that makes up what is considered to be the spine that dissects South America into two, from the north to the south. The Andes were created over 50 million years ago, when the South American and Pacific tectonic plates collided. The mountains stretch over 7,000 km from the south of Argentina and Chile to the north of Colombia, and are the longest exposed mountain range in the world, and the second-highest after the Himalayas.



Himalayas - Asia

The Himalayas include the highest mountains in the world, with more than 110 peaks rising to elevations of 7,300 metres (24,000 feet) or more above sea level. One of those peaks is Mount Everest, the world's highest, with an elevation of 8,850 metres (29,035 feet).

The most characteristic features of the Himalayas are not only their soaring heights, steep-sided jagged peaks, valley and alpine glaciers. There are also unfathomable river gorges, complex geologic structure, and series of elevational belts (or zones) that display different ecological associations of flora, fauna, and climate.



Alps - Europe

The Alps are the youngest, highest, and most densely populated mountain range in Europe. They were formed about 44 million years ago. The Alps stretch approximately 1,200 km across eight Alpine countries: France, Switzerland, Monaco, Italy, Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, and Slovenia. The highest peak in the Alps is Mont Blanc at 4810 metres (15,782 feet). Mont Blanc (French) or Monte Bianco (Italian) means White Mountain.



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Questions

1. What mountain range famously has more than 110 peaks rising to elevations of 7,300 metres?

2. How many countries do the Alps cross? (Circle the answer)

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3. The Andes mountain range is in North America.

True / False

4. What does Monte Blanco translate to in Italian?

5. How old are the Alps mountain range?

6. Name the continent the Himalayas can be located in.

7. How were the Andes mountains created?
