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*Andes Mountains In Andes Mountains: Physiography of the Central Andes The Central Andes begin at latitude 35Â° S, at a point where the cordillera undergoes a sharp change of character.*

April 26, Incas Expand to the Central Andes After they established their kingdom in the city of Cuzco, the Incas quickly expanded within the Central Andes around which is where it is recorded on the Biblical Timeline Poster with World History. During the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the Incas created alliances with neighboring peoples and sent out their armies to expand their territory. Because of the rapid expansion, the Inca Empire at its peak extended from present-day Quito in Ecuador in the north and into Santiago in Chile in the south. Find out more now! They created the couple along with their brothers and sisters either in Pacariqtambo or in Lake Titicaca. Although they had siblings, the couple were the ones who ruled the first Incas. They emerged out of the cave where they were created and travelled north to find the place where they should live. Before they left, the gods gave Manco Capac a golden staff so he could test whether the place was fit for them to live in. When they arrived in the Cuzco Valley, the golden staff sank on the ground which meant that it was their promised land. The Incas built their first city on the place where the staff sank and then called it Cuzco. They were ruled by a very powerful king. In , they started to expand outside the Valley of Cuzco. They folded into their empire the areas around the Lake Titicaca. Around this time, they conquered the areas east of the Valley of Cuzco. They also ventured north and conquered the areas along the Urubamba River. The Inca army later invaded the Apurimac River area and built a suspension bridge that allowed them to cross the canyon leading up to the city of Andahuaylas. Then they ventured further west and conquered the war-like Chanka people. The World Encyclopedia of Archaeology. Von Hagen, Victor W. Quickly See Over Years of Bible and World History Together Unique circular format - over 1, references at your finger tips on this wonderful study companion Discover interesting facts - Biblical events with scripture references plotted alongside world history showcase fun chronological relationships Attractive, easy to use design - People will stop to look at and talk about this beautifully laid out poster ideal for your home, office, church

## Chapter 2 : The Central Andes Region | Southern Explorations

*World â†' South America â†' Central Andes One of the best hiking regions in the world is the CENTRAL ANDES Top 10 You might also assume the trekking season is Nov-Apr as it is in Patagonia.*

Things to Do in Wine Country and the Central Andes advertisement Here, in the land of sunshine and good wine, life is lovely. The ultimate Mendoza moment is at a country lodge, with a copa in hand, vines at your side, and the mountains in front. Deeply connected to the land, Mendocinos, the smiling residents of this delightful city and vast province are relaxed, creative, and so very friendly. They feel lucky to live in the "land of sol y buen vino. Thanks to a vast network of aqueducts and dikes, which run through the rural vineyards and even through the heart of Mendoza city, grapes and olives have been harvested to international standards. Tourism is following suit and booming likewise. Fortunately, it is growing from the ground up. Locals continue to live as always, but now they welcome visitors into their lives -- into their homes, their family farms, and their vineyards. There is a lot to see and do here. The first decision to be made is whether to stay in the city or out in the wine country. Downtown makes a good base for people who like nightlife, cafes, and strolling on their own. Country inns and there are some outstanding ones will be better for those who want to relax and soak up as much of the wine scene as possible. If you are staying in the country, take a remise or taxi into town for a leisurely day visiting museums, enjoying restaurants and the lovely plazas of downtown Mendoza. Blending time in the lovely city of Mendoza with time in the quiet wine towns is ideal. Choose your own pace when touring the bodegas wineries ; two or three visits are possible in half a day. Five would be the absolute most doable in a full day. Make a reservation for lunch either at one of the many excellent restaurants in the wine country -- or, better yet, a bodega itself. Some have truly outstanding restaurants. More and more wineries are now charging for tours, although if you purchase wine at the end of a tour, the entry fee is usually waived. Some are closed on Sundays. Another important factor is that the roads in Mendoza can be very hard to navigate, and drivers are particularly aggressive. Only the most confident should rent a car. A journey into the magnificent mountains, however, is possible anytime, and can be easily done on your own. Mendoza also offers a wealth of outdoor activities, ranging from Class III, IV, and V white-water rafting in the Mendoza River to horseback riding, mountain biking, and trekking in the Andes. Tour operators in Mendoza will arrange an itinerary according to your preferences, from part-day outings to multiday excursions. Los Penitentes offers decent runs closer to Mendoza. For the bold and the brave, Mount Aconcagua provides an irresistible challenge, and at 6,m 22, ft. With a good bit of endurance, money, and time on your hands, the mountain can be conquered.

## Chapter 3 : Central Andes: The Trip of a Lifetime | Bookmundi

*Beginning in about B.C., ChavÃ-n exercised dominion over much of the central Andes for half a millennium. And so on. Still, Squier saw so much that his published record of his journey is a.*

The high Andes have an impoverished animal life. Species there have had to adapt to the harsh and cold environment, scanty vegetation, and low oxygen pressure. The great number of lakes in the region has attracted many aquatic birds, including flamingos, which nest upâ€¦ Physical features There is no universal agreement about the major north-south subdivisions of the Andes system. For the purposes of this discussion, the system is divided into three broad categories. From south to north these are the Southern Andes , consisting of the Chilean, Fuegian, and Patagonian cordilleras; the Central Andes, including the Peruvian cordilleras; and the Northern Andes , encompassing the Ecuadorian, Colombian, and Venezuelan or Caribbean cordilleras. Geology The Andean mountain system is the result of global plate-tectonic forces during the Cenozoic Era roughly the past 65 million years that built upon earlier geologic activity. The subsequent breakup of Pangaea and of its southern portion, Gondwana , dispersed these plates outward, where they began to take the form and position of the present-day continents. The collision or convergence of two of these platesâ€”the continental South American Plate and the oceanic Nazca Plate â€”gave rise to the orogenic mountain-building activity that produced the Andes. Many of the rocks comprising the present-day cordilleras are of great age. The weight of these deposits forced a subsidence downwarping of the crust, and the resulting pressure and heat metamorphosed the deposits into more resistant rocks; thus, sandstone, siltstone, and limestone were transformed, respectively, into quartzite, shale, and marble. Approximately million years ago this complex geologic matrix began to be uplifted as the eastern edge of the Nazca Plate was forced under the western edge of the South American Plate i. This subduction-uplift process was accompanied by the intrusion of considerable quantities of magma from the mantle, first in the form of a volcanic arc along the western edge of the South American Plate and later by the injection of hot solutions into surrounding continental rocks; the latter process created numerous dikes and veins containing concentrations of economically valuable minerals that later were to play a critical role in the human occupation of the Andes. The intensity of this activity increased during the Cenozoic Era, and the present shape of the cordilleras emerged. The accepted time period for their rise had been from about 15 million to 6 million years ago. However, through the use of more advanced techniques, researchers in the early 21st century were able to determine that the uplift started much earlier, about 25 million years ago. The resultant mountain system exhibits an extraordinary vertical differential of more than 40, feet between the bottom of the Peru-Chile Atacama Trench off the Pacific coast of the continent and the peaks of the high mountains within a horizontal distance of less than miles. The tectonic processes that created the Andes have continued to the present day. The systemâ€”part of the larger circum-Pacific volcanic chain that often is called the Ring of Fireâ€”remains volcanically active and is subject to devastating earthquakes. Physiography of the Southern Andes The Fuegian Andes begin on the mountainous Estados Staten Island, the easternmost point of the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, reaching an elevation of 3, feet. They run to the west through Grande Island, where the highest ridgesâ€”including Mounts Darwin , Valdivieso, and Sorondoâ€”are all less than 7, feet high. The physiography of this southernmost subdivision of the Andes system is complicated by the presence of the independent Sierra de la Costa. The Patagonian Andes rise north of the Strait of Magellan. Numerous transverse and longitudinal depressions and breaches cut this wild and rugged portion of the Andes, sometimes completely; many ranges are occupied by ice fields, glaciers, rivers, lakes, or fjords. The line of permanent snow becomes higher in elevation with decreasing latitude in the Southern Andes: Those depressions that are free of water form fertile valleys called vegas, which are easily reached by low passes. Magnificent and impenetrable forests grow on both sides of these cordilleras, especially on the western slopes; these forests cover the mountains as high as the snow line , although at the higher altitudes toward the north and in Tierra del Fuego the vegetation is lower and less dense. Its width increases to about 50 miles, and it becomes arid and higher; the passes, too, are higher and more difficult to cross. Glaciers are rare and found only at high elevations. The main range serves as the

boundary between Chile and Argentina and also is the drainage divide between rivers flowing to the Pacific and the Atlantic. The last of the southern series of volcanoes, Mount Tupungato 21, feet is just east of Santiago, Chile. A line of lofty, snowcapped peaks rise between Tupungato and the mighty Mount Aconcagua. To the north of Aconcagua lies Mount Mercedario 22, feet , and between them are the high passes of Mount Espinacito 16, feet and Mount Patos 12, feet. South of Anconcagua the passes include Pircas 16, feet , Bermejo more than 10, feet , and Iglesia 13, feet. Farther north the passes are more numerous but higher. To the north is found a transverse depression and the southern limit of the high plateau region called the Atacama Plateau in Argentina and Chile and the Altiplano in Bolivia and Peru. The cordillera grows wider as it advances into Bolivia and Peru, where the great plateau is bounded by two ranges: The two main ranges and several volcanic secondary chains enclose depressions called salars because of the deposits of salts they contain; in northwestern Argentina, the Sierra de Calalaste encompasses the large Antofalla Salt Flat. The western slopes of the Cordillera Occidental descend gradually to the Atacama Desert along the coast. The Cordillera Oriental to the east, lower and built on a broad bed of lava, is cut and denuded by rivers with steep gradients, fed by heavy rainfall. It has two sections. The southern portion is miles wide andâ€”with the exception of Chorolque Peak in Bolivia 18, feet â€”of relatively low elevation. The northern section in Bolivia, called Cordillera Real , is narrow, with higher peaks and glaciers; the most important peaks, at over 21, feet, are Mounts Illimani and Illampu. The Altiplanoâ€” miles long and 80 miles wideâ€”is one of the largest interior basins of the world. Varying in elevation from 11, to 12, feet, it has no drainage outlet to the ocean. Roughly in the centre of the plateau is a great depression between the two cordilleras. From this knot nudo , two lofty and narrow chains emerge northward, the Cordilleras de Carabaya and Vilcanota, separated by a deep gorge; a third range, the Cordillera de Vilcabamba , appears to the west of these and northwest of the city of Cuzco. The three ranges are products of erosive action of rivers that have cut deep canyons between them. The city of Cuzco lies in the valley west of the Cordillera de Vilcanota at an altitude of nearly 11, feet. The Peruvian Andes traditionally have been described as three cordilleras, which come together at the Vilcanota, Pasco, and Loja Ecuador knots. The Pasco Knot is a large, high plateau. Ticlio Pass, at an altitude of some 15, feet, is used by a railway. North of the Pasco Knot, three different ranges run along the plateau: Cordillera Blanca is a complex highland with permanently snowcapped peaks, some among the highest of the Andes e. At times, the glaciers that rise there are broken off by earthquakes and rush down the slopes, demolishing vegetation and settlements in their paths. Cordillera Negra, so named because it is not covered with snow, is lower. These include Rentema about one and one-fourth miles long and feet wide , Mayo, Mayasito, and Huarcaya gaps andâ€”the most importantâ€”Manseriche Gap, which is seven miles long. Mountains become wider and smoother in appearance, while vegetation changes to heathland and trees. The altitude diminishes, and passes are much lower, as at Porculla Pass 7, feet east of Piura. The Ecuadorian system consists of a long, narrow plateau running from south to north bordered by two mountain chains containing numerous high volcanoes. To the west, in the geologically recent and relatively low Cordillera Occidental, stands a line of 19 volcanoes, 7 of them exceeding 15, feet in elevation. The eastern border is the higher and older Cordillera Central, capped by a line of 20 volcanoes; some of these, such as Chimborazu Volcano 20, feet , have permanent snowcaps. The outpouring of lava from these volcanoes has divided the central plateau into 10 major basins that are strung in beadlike fashion between the two cordilleras. A third cordillera has been identified in the eastern jungle of Ecuador and has been named the Cordillera Oriental. The range appears to be an ancient alluvial formation that has been divided by rivers and heavy rainfall into a number of mountain masses. North of the boundary with Colombia is a group of high, snowcapped volcanoes Azufral, Cumbal, Chiles known as the Huaca Knot. Three distinct ranges, the Cordilleras Occidental, Central, and Oriental, run northward. The Cordillera Occidental , parallel to the coast and moderately high, reaches an elevation of nearly 13, feet at Mount Paramillo before descending in three smaller ranges into the lowlands of northern Colombia. Most of the volcanoes of the zone are in this range, including Mounts Tolima 17, feet , Ruiz 17, feet , and Huila 18, feet. The middle plain is the highest in elevation 8, feet and constitutes the divide of the other two. The northern plain, the largest 15 miles wide and miles long , is the valley of Cauca River , which drains northward to the Magdalena River. The Cordillera Oriental trends slightly to the northeast and is

the widest and the longest of the three. The average altitude is 7, to 8, feet. Farther north the central ranges of the Cordillera Central come to an end, but the flanking chains continue and diverge to the north and northeast. The cordillera is a great uplifted axis where erosion has uncovered granite and gneiss rocks but where the northwestern and southeastern flanks remain covered by sediments; it consists of numerous chains with snow-covered summits separated by longitudinal and transverse depressionsâ€"Sierras Tovar, Nevada, Santo Domingo, de la Culata, Trujillo, and others. The range forms the northwestern limit of the Orinoco River basin, beyond which water flows to the Caribbean. Soils The complex interchange between climate, parent material, topography , and biology that determines soil types and their condition is deeply affected by altitude in the Andes. In general, Andean soils are relatively young and are subject to great erosion by water and winds because of the steep gradients of much of the land. In the Fuegian and southern Patagonian Andes , the formation of soils is difficult; the actions of glaciers and of strong winds have left nearly bare rock in many places. Peat bogs, podzols, and meadow soils, all with thick horizons layers of humus, are found; drainage is poor. Volcanic soils that are rich in organic material and are well drained occur in the region of lakes. This soil type, with few differences, extends along the Cordillera Occidental to north of Peru. From Bolivia to Colombia the soils of the plateau and the east side of the eastern cordilleras show characteristics closely related to altitude. At altitudes between 6, and 12, feet, red, brown, and chernozem soils occur on moderate slopes and on basin floors. In more poorly drained locations, soils with a permeable sandy horizon are relatively fertile; these soils are the most economically important in Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador. The sabana soils of Colombia are gray-brown, with an impermeable claypan in certain levels, resulting in poor drainage. At high elevations soils are thin and stony. On the east side of the eastern cordilleras, descending to the Amazon basin, thin, poorly developed humid soils are subject to considerable erosion. Intrazonal soils those with weakly developed horizons include humic clay and solonetz dark alkaline soils types found close to lakes and lagoons. Also included in this group are soils formed from volcanic ash in the Cordillera Occidental from Chile to Ecuador. The azonal soilsâ€" alluvials soils incompletely evolved and stratified without definite profile and lithosols shallow soils consisting of imperfectly weathered rock fragments â€"occupy much of the Andean massif. In Colombia, sandy yellow-brown azonal soils on slopes and in gorges are the base of the large coffee plantations. Climate In general, temperature increases northward from Tierra del Fuego to the Equator, but such factors as altitude, proximity to the sea, the cold Peru Humboldt Current, rainfall, and topographic barriers to the wind contribute to a wide variety of climatic conditions. The hottest rain forests and deserts often are separated from tundralike puna by a few miles. There also is considerable climatic disparity between the external slopes i. As mentioned above, the line of permanent snow varies greatly. Farther northâ€"on the Altiplano of Bolivia, the Peruvian plateau, and in the valleys of Ecuador and the sabanas of Colombiaâ€"rainfall is moderate, though amounts are highly variable. It rains only in very small amounts on the west side of the Peruvian Cordillera Occidental but considerably more in Ecuador and Colombia. On the east Amazonian side of the Cordilleras Orientales, rainfall usually is seasonal and heavy. Temperature varies greatly with altitude.

## Chapter 4 : The Ancient Central Andes by Jeffrey Quilter

*Explore Mendoza & the Central Andes holidays and discover the best time and places to visit. | A long, narrow sliver of desert landscape, the Mendoza region is home to two of Argentina's claims to fame - the Andes and wine.*

Puelches inhabited areas over the entire region. There is evidence that the region was inhabited as long ago as BC, that crop cultivation began by BC and that this area later was part of the Inca Empire. Strong hot winds have carved fascinating rock formations in certain areas, a popular sight for travelers on Argentina tours. Summers are hot with winters that are relatively cold in some areas and mild in others. There are rivers and large lakes in parts of the region. Recreation The region contains five national parks of varying landscapes for visitors on Argentina tours: While visiting Talampaya National Park, travelers usually explore the provincial park next door, Parque Provincial Ishigualasto, a ,acre park with similar attributes called the valley of the moon and the nearby archeological sites of San Agustin del Valle Fertil. A sixth national park, Los Venados de las Pampas is not yet open to the public. Adventure sports enthusiasts on Argentina tours are drawn to the region for river rafting and kayaking on the Atuel, Diamante and Mendoza rivers. Hiking, bicycling, skiing and parasailing are also popular year-round pastimes. It is a popular mountain destination for tourists on Argentina tours who come to see the Christ the Redeemer of the Andes statue, commemorating the peaceful resolution of a conflict between the two countries. Mendoza contains many ski resorts. The most popular spot for international visitors is Las Lenas with 4, ft of vertical drop and forty miles of runs in a season that runs from June to mid-October. Southern Explorations offers three options for visiting Mt. The area is known for both its reds and whites, especially Malbec because here unlike France the climate allows the grape to fully ripen on the vine, and Torrontes, a white similar to Chardonnay and grown only in Argentina. Like the Napa Valley, Mendoza Province contains small towns with pleasant accommodations, superb cuisine and plenty of tasting rooms with winery tours, making the province a popular stop on Argentina tours. The city itself contains several Jesuit landmarks including the Iglesia Catedral and the Manzana de las Luces. It gained fame during its post-Jesuit era as a museum paying homage to two of its later residents, Che Guevera, who came here for his asthma and Spanish composer Manuel de Falla who took refuge during Spanish Civil War. Other Jesuit estancias as well as the National Jesuit Museum are in the area should you wish to visit them on Argentina tours. The shrine has grown over the decades to include quite a collection of novelties including a chapel filled with wedding gowns offered by those whose bridal prayers have been answered. Though not acknowledged by the Catholic Church, Holy Days bring out thousands of worshipers.

## Chapter 5 : Birding in Medellin | Central Andes

*Ancient Peru traditionally corresponds to the South American area of the Central Andes, one of the archaeological macro-areas of South America archaeology. Beyond encompassing all Peru, the Central Andes reach toward the north, the border with Ecuador, westward the lake Titicaca basin in Bolivia, and south the border with Chile.*

Rift valley near Quilotoa , Ecuador Aerial photograph showing the high plains of the Andes Mountains in the foreground, with a line of young volcanoes facing the much lower Atacama Desert The Andes range has many active volcanoes distributed in four volcanic zones separated by areas of inactivity. The belt is subdivided into four main volcanic zones that are separated from each other by volcanic gaps. The volcanoes of the belt are diverse in terms of activity style, products and morphology. While some differences can be explained by which volcanic zone a volcano belongs to, there are significant differences inside volcanic zones and even between neighbouring volcanoes. Despite being a type location for calc-alkalic and subduction volcanism, the Andean Volcanic Belt has a large range of volcano-tectonic settings, such as rift systems and extensional zones, transpressional faults, subduction of mid-ocean ridges and seamount chains apart from a large range of crustal thicknesses and magma ascent paths, and different amount of crustal assimilations. Ore deposits and evaporates[ edit ] The Andes Mountains host large ore and salt deposits and some of their eastern fold and thrust belt acts as traps for commercially exploitable amounts of hydrocarbons. In the forelands of the Atacama desert some of the largest porphyry copper mineralizations occurs making Chile and Peru the first and second largest exporters of copper in the world. Porphyry copper in the western slopes of the Andes has been generated by hydrothermal fluids mostly water during the cooling of plutons or volcanic systems. The porphyry mineralization further benefited from the dry climate that let them largely out of the disturbing actions of meteoric water. The dry climate in the central western Andes has also led to the creation of extensive saltpeter deposits which were extensively mined until the invention of synthetic nitrates. Climate and hydrology[ edit ] Central Andes Bolivian Andes The climate in the Andes varies greatly depending on latitude, altitude, and proximity to the sea. Temperature, atmospheric pressure and humidity decrease in higher elevations. The southern section is rainy and cool, the central section is dry. The climate is known to change drastically in rather short distances. Rainforests exist just miles away from the snow-covered peak Cotopaxi. The mountains have a large effect on the temperatures of nearby areas. The snow line depends on the location. Since the Dry Andes extend from the latitudes of Atacama Desert to the area of Maule River , precipitation is more sporadic and there are strong temperature oscillations. The line of equilibrium may shift drastically over short periods of time, leaving a whole glacier in the ablation area or in the accumulation area. In the high Andes of central Chile and Mendoza Province , rock glaciers are larger and more common than glaciers; this is due to the high exposure to solar radiation. The valley bottoms have no woods, just dwarf scrub. The largest glaciers, as e. At glacial times, however, c. Opposite of the humid Andean slopes are the relatively dry Andean slopes in most of western Peru, Chile and Argentina. Along with several Interandean Valles , they are typically dominated by deciduous woodland, shrub and xeric vegetation, reaching the extreme in the slopes near the virtually lifeless Atacama Desert. About 30, species of vascular plants live in the Andes, with roughly half being endemic to the region, surpassing the diversity of any other hotspot. Other important crops that originated from the Andes are tobacco and potatoes. It remains unclear if the patchy distribution of these forests and woodlands is natural, or the result of clearing which began during the Incan period. Fauna of the Andes The Andes are rich in fauna:

## Chapter 6 : The National Parks of the Central Andes | Southern Explorations

*the part of the Andes that lies between 15Â° and 28Â° S lat. in Peru, Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina. It attains a maximum width of km. The central part is occupied by the Puna de Atacama, an interior high plateau with elevations of 3,, m and separate ridges rising to 6, m, and by.*

The Columbia Encyclopedia, 6th ed. The ranges run generally parallel to the Pacific coast and extend from Tierra del Fuego northward, across the equator, as the backbone of the entire continent. The Falkland Islands are a continuation of the Andes, and evidence shows that the system is continued in Antarctica. Geology and Geography A geologically young system, the Andes were originally uplifted in the Cretaceous and Tertiary periods. They are still rising; volcanoes and earthquakes are common. They are loftier than any other mountains except the Himalayas, with many snowcapped peaks more than 22, ft 6, m high. Far south in Tierra del Fuego , the mountains run east and west, then turn north between Argentina and Chile. The westernmost of the mountains run into the sea, lining the coast of S Chile with islands. In the Patagonian Andes are high, glacier-fed lakes in both Argentina and Chile. Other major peaks such as Llullaillaco flank the main range, and in N Chile sub-Andean ranges enclose the high, cold Atacama Desert. The central Andes broaden out in Bolivia and Peru in multiple ranges c. High in the mountains on the Peru-Bolivia border is Lake Titicaca. The ranges approach each other again in Ecuador, where the N Andes begin. Between two volcanic cordilleras including the cloud-capped Chimborazo and Cotopaxi are rich intermontane basins. In Colombia the Andes divide again, the western range running between the coast and the Cauca River, the central between the Cauca and the Magdalena rivers, and the eastern running north parallel to the Magdalena River, then stretching out on the coast into Venezuela. People and Economy The plateaus and valleys of Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia have been peopled since remote times and saw the rise of not only the Inca and the Chibcha but some of the earliest native civilizations in the Western Hemisphere. Today the Quechua and Aymara tribes are the main indigenous inhabitants of the Andes. Agriculture was the basis of these cultures the native llama and alpaca were domesticated later , and the lands there are still tilled mainly for subsistence crops. Because of a scarcity of water, however, agriculture is difficult. Tobacco, cotton, and coffee are grown and exported. Copper, silver, tin, iron, and gold are mined, and petroleum has been found. Pack trails are the most efficient means of communication in the Andes. Although there is some rail passage through the mountains, the inhabitants of the Andes do not depend on trains for the maintenance of their economy. Certain Andean areas have developed a tourist trade. Ogilvie, Geography of the Central Andes ; C. Roof of America tr. James, Latin America , repr. Kazami, The Andes ; W. Pitcher, Magmatism at a Plate Edge: The Peruvian Andes ; D. Murphy, Eight Feet in the Andes ; S. Lamb, Devil in the Mountain: A Search for the Origin of the Andes  Cite this article Pick a style below, and copy the text for your bibliography.

## Chapter 7 : Andes - Wikipedia

*The Central Andes in Peru, and Bolivia; and The Northern Andes in Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador. In the northern part of the Andes, the isolated Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta range is often considered to be part of the Andes.*

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Buy For decades schoolchildren have learned that civilization has four ancient origin places: In the past 20 years researchers have added a fifth member to this select list: Here, we now know, were pyramids and temples as old as or older than those in Egypt, vast irrigation networks that rivaled those in ancient Sumer, and artworks that would endure for centuries, even millennia. Just as in India and China, rulers built walled fortresses, religions flourished and armies clashed. In this realm, the Inca were Johnny-come-lateliesâ€"flashy, ruthless newcomers whose empire barely stretched across two centuries. Left untended, the asphalt paths of the U. You can hike along them for days. People who walk through these extraordinary landscapes are not merely following in the footsteps of the Inca. To journey here is to roam through almost 6, years of civilization, to one of the places where the human enterprise began. The leading edge of the first rug will bunch up into folds, then slide over the second. The first throw rug is the South American plate, an immense slab of rock that includes most of the continent. The second is the Nazca plate, on the floor of the Pacific. The tremendous strain of the eons-long collision cracks the rock, letting hot magma seep through. The Andes are young, geologically speaking, and have more than a hundred active volcanoes. The region is a cavalcade of superlatives, a congeries of astonishments. On its western flank, the mountains plunge into the Pacific. All along the coast is a deep trench where the Nazca plate is driven down. Wind blows the surface water north, toward the Equator. That water, driven away, is replaced by cold, nutrient-rich water from the bottom of the trench. The upwelling nutrients feed vast clouds of plankton, which feed vast clouds of everything else. So many seabirds have feasted on the fish for so long that islands off the coast have mountains of guano feet tall. Cold water produces cold air. Moist winds from the Pacific hit the cold air and condense; rain falls into the sea, miles from shore. Blocked by mountains on one side and cold air on the other, the narrow shoreline of Peru and Chile is amazingly dry, a narrow desert that runs for more than a thousand miles. The Atacama Desert, in coastal Chile, is the driest place on Earthâ€"in some places there is no record of rainfall. Researchers have known of the existence of these sand-buried places since at least  But it was not until the s, when the Peruvian archaeologist Ruth Shady Solis began to excavate Caral, two hours north of Lima, that anyone grasped their age and scale. And it was not until then that researchers fully understood how unusual this place and time wereâ€"how flat-out strange. Nobody is yet sure what to call this stretch of coastline or even if it housed one culture or several. In comparison with Mesopotamia, Egypt, China and India the other cradles of civilization , the Peruvian coast seems absurdly unpromising: The other four arose in the warm, fertile valleys of great rivers respectively, the Tigris and Euphrates, Nile, Yellow and Indus Rivers , where millennia of regular spring floods had left deep layers of fertile soil. The Peruvian shore, by contrast, is a desert with an unsteady climate. In what the archaeologist Michael E. Later, when conditions return to normal, ocean winds blow the sand inland; the sandstorms blanket farm fields in new episodes of ruin. How could people establish long-lasting societies in such a catastropheprone area? It seems to violate common sense. Living in this unusual place, Peruvians made do for themselves in unusual ways. Cities in Mesopotamia and Egypt were ringed by thick defensive walls or protected by frontier garrisons, indicating that war was a constant menace. By contrast, these early complexes in Peru show no evidence that their residents ever had to worry about defending themselves. Caral, today the most well-known site, has a sprawling central plaza surrounded by grand pyramids, which are in turn surrounded by residential structures, presumably dwellings for the rich; to the south is a spectacular circular amphitheater. In all this time, there is no indication of mass violence. Later societies, like the Inca, were violentâ€"but not these. Imagine a millennium of European or Chinese or Mesopotamian history with no war to speak of. An aerial view of Caral from shows a temple and amphitheater along with unexcavated pyramids in the background. Matters were different on the Andean coast, where cities like Caral had access to huge quantities of fish, and one of the main agricultural products, grown by irrigation from the mountain streams, was the cotton used to make nets and lines. Indeed, Moseley

has argued that seafood was the foundation of Andean civilization, rather than agricultureâ€”the only early civilization in the world where this was true. Stranger still, the staple food of the highlands was neither fish nor grain but tubers and tuberlike roots. Because tubers and roots grow underground, they can reach almost any size without harming the plant, whereas wheat and rice, growing atop spindly stalks, will topple the plant if the head of grain gets too big. In consequence, roots and tubers are inherently more productive than grainsâ€”a lesson initially lost on European farmers, who often had to be ordered by their kings to grow potatoes when they first appeared. Pottery, the archaeological tracer par excellence, developed later in the central Andes than in other places. Not only did they grow cotton to make fishing lines and nets; they literally built their temples from stones stuffed into fiber bags to create, in effect, enormous building blocks. Most important, they used fiber to communicate. Consisting of a long horizontal rope with vertical strings dangling from it, the quipu encoded information in the patterns of knots tied into the vertical strings. Archaeologists have long argued among themselves whether these indicate that some kind of essential Andean culture evolved in these mountains, persevering in different guises for thousands of years. Walking in these places, though, it is clear that the coastal Andes took a path different from any other. Societies here were just as old as but profoundly unlike those that trace their roots to the Middle East or Asia. To be in Peru is to be reminded that the human story, in all its terror and beauty, did not have to turn out the way it has. If we somehow rewound the tape and began again, we too could be running our fingers along knotted strings. And our ancestors too might not have lived fearfully behind defensive walls. Gradually his interest in antiquity took over his life. He spent ever less time writing and ever more time measuring and photographing ruins, a transition that eventually cost him his wife a journalist and editor herself, she dumped the obsessed Squier and married his publisher boss. In President Abraham Lincoln awarded Squier a special appointment to negotiate a treaty with Peru. Squier was motivated wholly by curiosity. What he learned would dethrone the Inca. Conquistador Francisco Pizarro quickly overwhelmed the Inca with only menâ€”so says the standard historical account, still taught in U. But Spaniards themselves knew better. And the takeover could not have succeeded without the aid of thousands of native people who hated their Inca overlords and thought correctly that aiding Spain would overthrow the Inca and incorrectly lead to a better life. Preoccupied with war and contemporary politics, the Spaniards only vaguely paid attention to who had lived in the Andes before the Inca. In time it became common to assume that all the beautiful ruins in Peru were Inca remains. Squier had an itinerary but found it hard to keep. He was repeatedly stunned by what he saw. One of the first places he visited was the pre-Inca, adobe city of Chan Chan, in northern Peru, near the modern city of Trujillo. Chan Chan was hugeâ€”its ruins cover more than seven square milesâ€”and covered with dazzlingly intricate designs. To his surprise, ruins seemed to be everywhere he traveled. Squier summed up his views forcefully: The civilization of the country was far higher before the Conquest than now. A religious show capitalâ€”the Andean version of the Vaticanâ€”Tiwanaku held sway over a region extending from southern Peru to northern Chile from about A. Still, Squier saw so much that his published record of his journey is a tally of astonishments, one after another. And because all these places looked extraordinarily different one from another, Squier concluded that this multitude of styles could not all have belonged to the Inca Empire. And that meant, he realized, that the Inca must be newcomers. They spread their language of Quechua everywhere, yes. But the Inca, Squier realized, were colorful icing on a historical cake of many layers. Two of them, arrayed side by side, are particularly notable. As for the second plaqueâ€”we will come to that in a moment. The Binghams were poor but respectable; Hiram managed to go to Yale and Harvard and then married the granddaughter of Charles Lewis Tiffany, founder of the eponymous company. The couple lived in a room mansion and had seven sons, all of whom would go on to distinguished careers. Bitten by the adventure bug, he took his time coming home, rambling through much of the Andes and Brazil. A convenient excuse for returning to South America was the search for the last Inca capital, Vilcabamba. Established during the decades that the Inca fought against Spain, it had apparently vanished into the forests of the eastern Andes. Bingham organized the Yale Peruvian Expedition to find it. On July 24, , a month and a day after arriving in Peru, Bingham found himself in Machu Picchu, which he would come to believe was the city he had been searching for. Incorrectly, as it happensâ€”Machu Picchu is thought to be a private palace for an Inca ruler, not

the last capital. Though Hiram Bingham publicized his discovery of Machu Picchu, others walked in its shadow before him. He touted his discovery tirelessly, including a page article that filled an entire issue of National Geographic magazine. In his last book, Lost City of the Incas, he seems to be the only person present at the discoveryâ€”at any rate, the only person who appreciated what it meant. Which brings up the second plaque. Smaller, less elegantly incised and less prominent than the first, it was emplaced in , three decades later, seemingly as a corrective. But people who live in the area know what the plaque is saying: After coming to Lima, Bingham quickly proceeded to Cusco.

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*Highlights of Peru's Central Andes View Map Between the hiking mecca of Huaraz and the tourist hotspot of Cusco, lies an immense swathe of Peru's Andean mountains â€" the Central Andes.*

The park contains remnants of the Inca Trail. Some areas receive considerably more precipitation than others. Winter brings snow and strong winds. Travel to Argentina in this park is restricted. Visitors must obtain permission from the national forester or by travel by guided tour. Talampaya National Park The park contains an extensive fossil record of the evolution of vertebrates and environments during the Triassic Period. Evidence shows that the Lagosuchtalampayensis, one of the first dinosaurs, roamed the area million years ago, and the Palaeocheris talampayensis forty million years later. Talampaya Canyon is also of archeological interest to visitors on Argentina tours. The region was inhabited by cave dwellers as early as BC to AD, and the park contains some of the most important pictograms and petroglyphs in Argentina. The park may be visited year-round by travelers on Argentina tours, though its dry windy climate is extreme in both summer and winter with summer highs reaching F and winter lows down to 15F. There is frost from May to October. Also worth visiting when you travel to Argentina is nearby Ischigualasto Provincial Park. Located in San Juan Province, the park contains an odd assortment of rock formations and is known as the Valley of the Moon Valle de la Luna. The park may be explored by car, on foot or bicycle but by guided tour only. It is too new to have visitor services for those on Argentina tours, though it does have an information center, toilets and a bar. The closest city is Pagancillo. El Leoncito National Park Southern Explorations offers three extensions for Argentina tours that begin and end within miles of the park in Mendoza our four-day or seven-day Mt. Aconcagua Tour extension and our Mendoza Tour extension. The park has marked trails for visitors on Argentina tours. The nearest town is Barreal. Mendoza is one of only four provinces in Argentina without a national park. Because of the archeological links with Talampaya National Park and Ischigualasto Provincial Park to the north, the provincial governments of San Luis, San Juan and La Rioja signed an agreement in to integrate the geological and cultural study of these areas. The park is too new to have visitor services. Hualtaran is the closest city. Los Venados de las Pampas National Park Quebrada del Condorito National Park The park derives its name from the ft deep seven-mile long ravine where Andean condors nest, making it an intriguing place for birdwatchers to visit on Argentina tours. Red wolves, puma, lizards and snakes, including the venomous pit viper, also inhabit the park. The hot subtropical climate experiences temperature extremes, raining twenty to twenty-seven inches in summer, while winter temperatures can reach F.