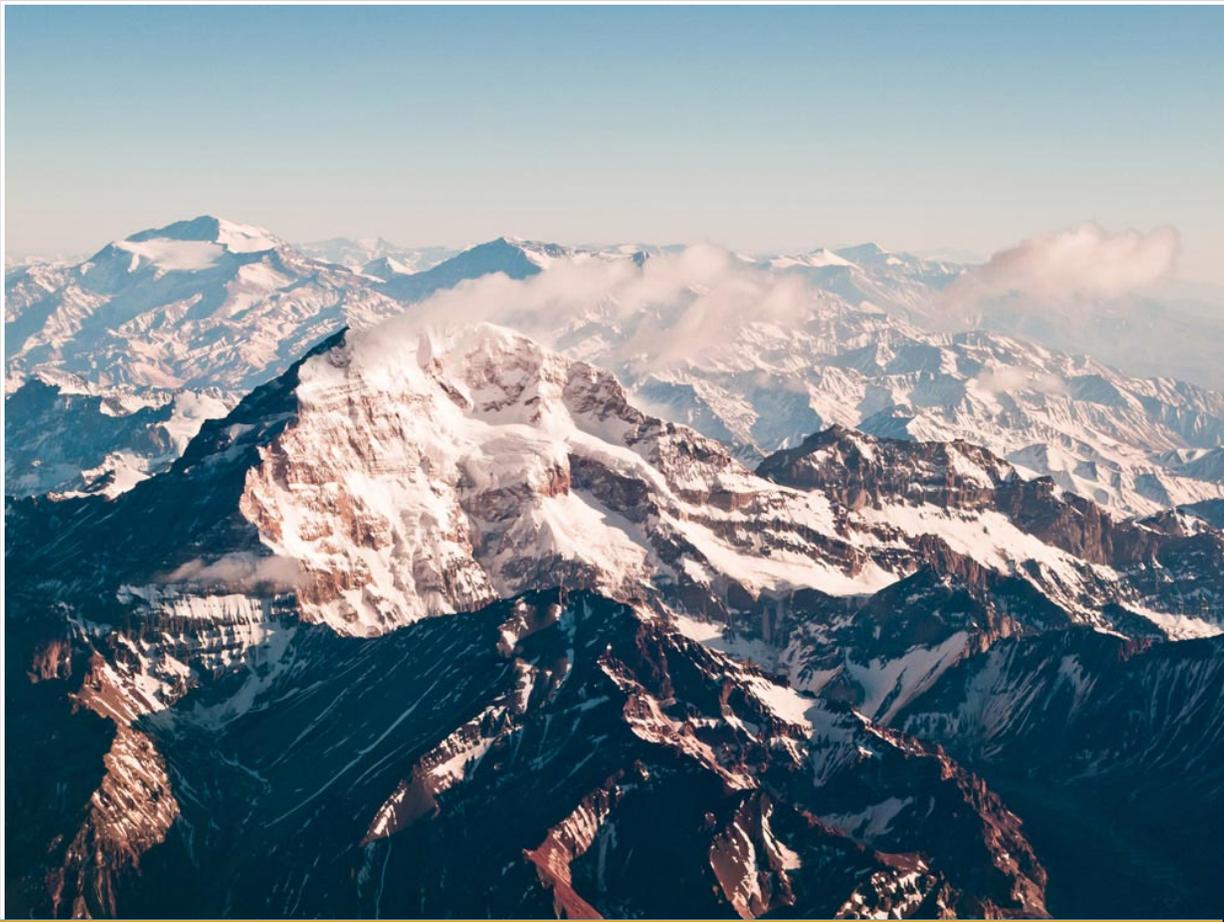


Andes Mountains Travel Information



Andes Mountains - longest continental mountain range.

The **Andes Mountains** is recognized as the world's longest range that forms a chain of unbroken highlands in South America. The Andes mountain range extends across Argentina, Bolivia, Chile Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela. The Andes is one of the most popular natural wonders in the South America, attracting millions of visitors every year, from all around the world. In South America the Andes mountain range extends from Cape Horn in the south to Panama in the north.

The Andes mountains is a paradise for nature as well as adventure sports lovers. Adventure sports like trekking, rock climbing, hiking, mountain biking and cave exploration can be enjoyed in the Andes. The Andes mountains boasts of unimaginable natural beauty that you will cherish for the rest of your life.

The highest peak of the range is **Mt. Aconcagua**, which is situated **6,959 meters** above sea level. In Argentina, the Andes Mountains extends up to 7, 250 kms. Mt. Aconcagua is actually a volcano, in fact most of the peaks of the Andes are volcanoes. But out of these only a few are active, while most of the volcanoes are inactive.

A tour of the Andes will help you to explore the flora and fauna of the region. Some of the birds that you can see in a tour of the mountain range are Flamingo, condor, Hillstar Hummingbird and Andean Flicker.

One of the primary activities in the Andes mountain range is trekking. It is every trekkers' dream to trek along the rocky terrains of the Andes and many trekkers visit the mountains to fulfill their dream. The ideal period to trek in the Andes Mountains is during January and February; during this period the weather is pleasant and is perfect for trekking.

[Andes Mountains Map](#)

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A frontal collision between two tectonic plates led to the birth of the world's largest mountain range.

The Inca Empire, one of the greatest civilizations in the New world chose the Andes as their abode.

Two of the world's most important crops viz. potato and tomato originated in the Andes

Mountains.

Where are the Andes Mountains ?

The Andes Mountains runs along the west coast of South America. As several major cities are either located in the Andes or in the foothills, you can reach the Andes easily. Some of the prominent ones include Bogotá and Medellín in Colombia, and Santiago in Chile. The asphalt-paved roads connect most of the cities in the vicinity of the Andes Mountains. The smaller towns are connected by dirt roads.

Best time to visit Andes Mountain

As the Andes is spread over different latitudinal ranges, thus the best time to visit the Andes Mountains varies. The best time to visit the Andes in Peru is during the months of June through August as the rainfall is minimal. The dry season is the best time to visit the Andes of Ecuador.

More on Andes Mountain

Nearby Attractions: Marmolejo, Cordillera Blanca, Valle Nevado and Llullaillaco.

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