

Year 5 - Geography - Mexico City vs Buenos Aires

How is Mexico City different to Buenos Aires?

Subject specific Vocabulary

Argentina	A country in South America.
Delta	Wetlands that form as rivers empty their water and sediment into a lake or ocean.
Estuary	An area where freshwater rivers or streams meet the ocean.
Export	Something that is sent to another country to be sold.
Hemisphere	In imaginary circle drawn around the earth splitting the earth in half. Northern and Southern. Eastern and Western.
Import	Anything brought in from another country, especially as something to be sold.
Mexico	A country in North America.
Oceans	The Atlantic ocean is divided into the north and south and is on the Eastern side of The Americas whereas the Pacific ocean is on the Western side of The Americas.
Plateau	A raised area of land that is flat on top.
Spanish	A language spoken in Spain and much of Central and South America.
Tropical	An area near the equator. A climate that is warm-hot and moist all year round.
Valley	A low area of land between hills or mountains, typically with a river or stream flowing through it.

Extra Information

North America vs South America

North America is a continent made up of 24 countries whilst South America is a continent made up of 12 countries.

North America is the world third largest continent by area and is the fourth largest by population.

South America is fourth largest country by area and is the fifth largest by population. Most people live on the east and west coast.

The first people reached America over a frozen crossing from Siberia in the last Ice Age.

Physical Geography

Buenos Aires is located on the north-eastern edge of the flat plain known as the Pampas.

It is situated at the point where the Parana River delta widens to become the Rio de la Plata estuary.

Argentina is entirely in the southern hemisphere. Due to its vast north-south length, the climate is extremely varied. In Buenos Aires, the climate is temperate.

Mexico is entirely in the northern hemisphere. The climate of much of Mexico is tropical, with a rainy season and a dry season.

Mexico is broader in the North than the South. Mexico City is located in the south, on the high south-central plateau of Anáhuac in the Valley of Mexico.

Human Geography

Population—The population of Argentina is around 45 million people with 13 million living in the urban area of Buenos Aires. The population of Mexico is around 129.2 million with 9.5 million living in Mexico City with the main language being Spanish.

Settlement—Buenos Aires is the most populous city in South America. If the metropolitan areas are included, then Mexico City is one of the largest cities in the world.

Economic Activity—Argentina is classed as an upper-middle economy. The currency is the Argentinian Peso. Mexico has great extremes of wealth with some of the richest people in the world, yet millions live in poverty. There are very few middle-class.

Resources/Trade—Argentina's main exports are soybeans, petroleum, automobiles, corn and wheat. The country exports more than it imports. The top exports of Mexico are motor vehicles, oils, electronic, silver, plastics, fruits, vegetables and coffee. Mexico's main export partner is the US.

Sticky Knowledge

Argentina is a country located in the south-eastern section of South America whereas Mexico is located in North America.

Argentina covers an area of 2.78 million km² whereas Mexico covers an area of 1.97 million km².

Buenos Aires is the capital city of Argentina and has 48 neighbourhoods.

Mexico City is the capital city of Mexico and has around 350 neighbourhoods.

Mexico City is one of the wealthiest cities in the world and most people get around using the subway which is the largest in Latin America and one of the cheapest in the world.

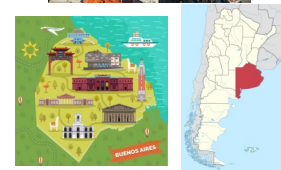
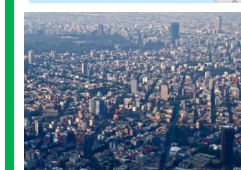
People often get around Buenos Aires using buses but they also have a subway.



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