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León, Nicaragua: Cultural, Historical, and Revolutionary Heart of the Nation

Located 90 kilometers northwest of Managua, León is a city where cobbled streets and historic plazas preserve the essence of Nicaraguan identity. Known as the “University City,” León stands out not only for its vibrant academic life but also for its deep historical, artistic, and revolutionary legacy.

Founded in 1524 by Spanish conquistador Francisco Hernández de Córdoba, León was one of Nicaragua’s first colonial cities. Following a violent volcanic eruption in 1610, the city was relocated to its current location.



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One of León's most recognizable landmarks is its magnificent cathedral, the largest in Central America. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Cathedral of the Assumption holds the tomb of Rubén Darío, a literary giant of Spanish modernism and one of León's most beloved sons.

But León is not just stone and memory. It is a cultural hub, alive with student energy and artistic expression. Museums, galleries, and theaters blend with vibrant local traditions such as La Gritería, a colorful religious celebration dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and La Gigantona, a folkloric street performance featuring giant puppets, drums, and poetic chants.

For nature lovers and adventure seekers, León offers unique experiences. From the beaches of Poneloya and Las Peñitas—perfect for surfing and relaxation—to the adrenaline rush of volcano boarding on Cerro Negro, León is a destination that caters to all.

Its cuisine, a fusion of indigenous and Spanish influences, completes the experience. Dishes like vigorón, gallo pinto, and nacatamales, served in local eateries and traditional restaurants, offer a delicious journey through Nicaraguan flavors.

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Created New Marine Coastal Protected Park In Patagonia's Chubut, Argentina

The Legislature of Chubut, province in southern Argentina, unanimously approved the creation of the Patagonia Azul Provincial Park, a new 295,135-hectare marine coastal protected area, willing the natural environment conservation and the development of the regional economy.

The creation of the Patagonia Azul Provincial Park implies the legal protection of one of the most biodiverse areas of the Argentine Sea, where more than 50 species of seabirds inhabit, 13 of them have their nesting sites there, especially in the more than 60 islands and islets of the region.



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The size of the new park is equivalent to Yosemite National Park (USA) and includes the Interjurisdictional Marine Coastal Blue Patagonia Park (PIMCPA), the Cabo Dos Bahías Natural Protected Area and 200,000 hectares more.

The site is home to species such as humpback whale, sei whale, one- and two-haired sea lions, Magellan's penguin, giant petrel and imperial cormorant, and vegetation includes macro-algae forests, Rocky islands and intertidal areas that support unique fish and invertebrate ecosystems.

Ministry of Tourism of Chubut in a statement reported that the park is a unique opportunity for conservation and development of the regional economy, based on nature tourism and "Sight of an incredible and abundant wildlife, as species converge there."

Patagonia Azul is the second most important nature destination on the entire Atlantic coast of Chubut, larger than Los Alerces National Park and ten times the size of Punta Tombo, so it was defined by the portfolio as "a true blue giant that promises to become an engine of sustainable development for the whole region."

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The Amazon Rainforest: A Global Treasure in Need of Protection

The Amazon Rainforest, the world's largest tropical forest, stretches across seven million square kilometers in nine countries, with Brazil and Peru holding the largest territories. This immense ecoregion, often referred to as the "lungs of the Earth," plays a vital role in carbon regulation and climate balance but faces grave threats due to deforestation and environmental degradation.

Unmatched Biodiversity



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The Amazon is home to one in ten known species on the planet, including 427 mammals, 1,300 bird species, 378 reptiles, and over 400 amphibians. Jaguars, pink river dolphins, anacondas, and macaws are among its most emblematic creatures. With over 20% of the world's plant species, it holds immense medicinal value and is essential to global climate regulation and water cycles.

Environmental Threats and Conservation Efforts

Despite its ecological significance, the Amazon is under serious threat from deforestation, illegal mining, and climate change. Conservation efforts, such as the "Agua para la Amazonía Peruana" project by Fundación Aquae and UNICEF, aim to improve water and sanitation access for vulnerable populations in the Loreto and Ucayali regions, benefiting over 700 rural families.

A Call to Preserve the Amazon

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With the rainforest serving as a critical resource for biodiversity and human survival, urgent action is needed to protect this natural wonder for future generations. Governments, environmental organizations, and local communities must work collectively to prevent irreparable damage to one of Earth's most precious ecosystems.

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Sugarcane and Guarapo: A Tradition at Risk in Cuba

Sugarcane, originally from Southeast Asia and New Guinea, spread globally through Muslim expansion, reaching Europe before being introduced to the Caribbean and Latin America by Spanish colonizers. The plant flourished in countries such as Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, and Ecuador, becoming a cornerstone of agricultural economies.

Guarapo: Cuba's Refreshing Legacy



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While sugarcane is primarily used for sugar and alcohol production, in Cuba, it has a cherished cultural significance through guarapo, a traditional fresh sugarcane juice. Extracted using a trapiche, a manual mill with metal rollers, guarapo is best enjoyed immediately after pressing, as its color and taste change over time.

Praised for its energizing properties and ability to quench thirst, guarapo is a staple of Cuban identity. Once widely available in towns, roadside stands, and markets, the tradition is fading, making its preservation a growing concern for cultural advocates.

A Simple Yet Authentic Process

Guarapo preparation takes just 15 minutes:

• Sugarcane is peeled and crushed in a trapiche.

• Ice is added to enhance freshness.

• Some prefer a touch of lemon for extra zest.

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Though guaraperas (sugarcane juice stalls) are disappearing, revitalizing this tradition is essential in maintaining Cuba's cultural and culinary heritage.

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Sanctuary of Machu Picchu: An Outstanding Universal Value

Machu Picchu, the Historic Sanctuary of the Inca Civilization, stands as one of the most breathtaking archaeological and architectural marvels in the world. Nestled between the Peruvian Andes and the Amazon Basin, it is celebrated for both its cultural and natural heritage, spanning 32,592 hectares of dramatic mountain landscapes, ancient trails, and rich biodiversity.



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Constructed in the 15th century, Machu Picchu features 200 meticulously planned structures, integrating religious, ceremonial, agricultural, and astronomical functions. The city is split into upper and lower zones, ensuring strategic separation between residential and farming areas.

The Incas' mastery over urban planning, stone construction, and land use makes Machu Picchu a masterpiece of engineering, harmonizing with its rugged environment. Yet, much remains undiscovered, including the site's precise role in Incan astronomy and plant domestication.

Beyond its cultural prestige, Machu Picchu plays a vital role in global biodiversity conservation. Its location captures a diverse range of ecosystems, from high-altitude grasslands to dense cloud forests, sheltering rare and endemic species.

Recognized by UNESCO, Machu Picchu enjoys legal protection within Peru's national heritage system, yet it faces rising threats from deforestation, urban expansion, tourism, and environmental degradation. The demand for sustainable management remains urgent to balance tourism with conservation efforts.

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As one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, Machu Picchu remains an irreplaceable symbol of human ingenuity, resilience, and harmony with nature. Ensuring its preservation for future generations requires continued global commitment.

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