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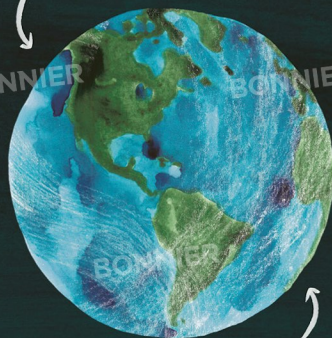




YOU ARE HERE



... or maybe you're here?



Maybe one day you'll go here

## A NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR

How many cats live in Cairo? How much cheese does a Parisian eat each day? What is Pylsussinep? These are just some of the many questions you might ask about the world we live in.

The following pages are a gathering of facts, thoughts and observations about our planet. Some may intrigue you, some may surprise you, and some may leave you with more questions than answers.

From cities to forests and deserts to oceans, there's so much to discover. All you need is a good guide and a little curiosity...

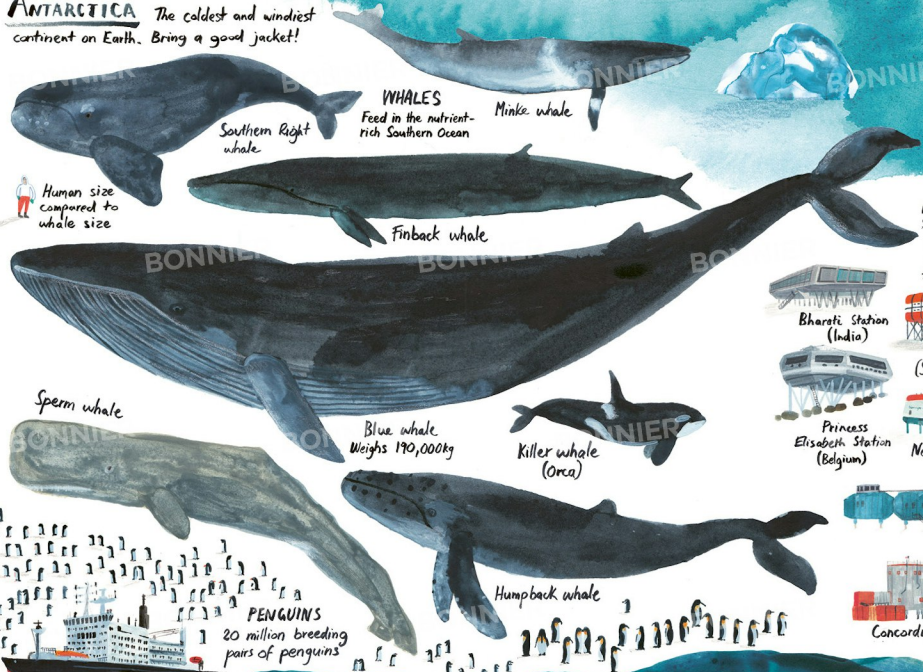
So, what are you waiting for? Let's start exploring!





**ANTARCTICA** The coldest and windiest continent on Earth. Bring a good jacket!

ROSS ICE SHELF ← 800km across →



Human size compared to whale size

**WHALES**  
Feed in the nutrient-rich Southern Ocean

Southern Right whale

Minkie whale

Finback whale

Blue whale  
Weighs 170,000kg

Sperm whale

Killer whale (Orca)

Humpback whale

**PENGUINS**  
20 million breeding pairs of penguins

Adélie penguin

ATMs  
One place to get money on the whole continent (McMurdo Station)

Gentoo penguin

Emperor penguin

Chinstrap penguin

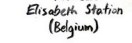
**RESEARCH STATIONS**  
From all around the world



Bharati Station (India)



SANAE IV (South Africa)



Princess Elisabeth Station (Belgium)



Neumayer III Station (Germany)



Halley VI Station (United Kingdom)



Concordia (France/Italy)

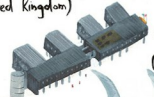
**ICEBERGS**  
Of all shapes and sizes



Jang Bogo Station (South Korea)



Taishan Station (China)



Amundsen-Scott Station (United States)

**SHIPPING CONTAINERS**  
Used to transport supplies

**SNOW PETRELS**  
Breed exclusively in Antarctica

**WIND**  
Up to 320km/h

**ICE BREAKERS**  
Used to clear a path for other boats



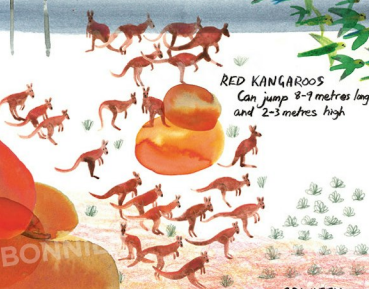
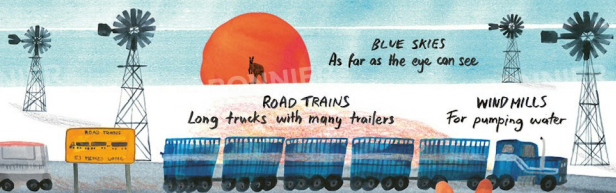
# ALICE SPRINGS & SURROUNDS

A place of endless blue skies and vast red deserts

BLUE SKIES  
As far as the eye can see

ROAD TRAINS  
Long trucks with many trailers

WIND MILLS  
For pumping water



RED KANGAROOS  
Can jump 2-7 metres long and 2-3 metres high

ULURU  
3.6km long, 1.9 km wide

BUDGERIGARS  
Fly in large flocks, and are very noisy!

DINGOES  
The largest terrestrial predators in Australia



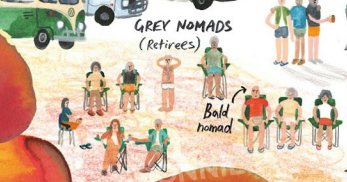
KARLU KARLU (a.k.a Devils Marbles)  
SPINIFEX A spiky kind of grass



CAMPERVANS  
For long road trips

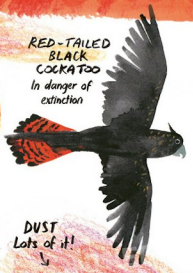


GREY NOMADS (Retirees)



Bald nomad

RED-TAILED BLACK COCKATOO  
In danger of extinction



MAJOR MITCHELL'S COCKATOO



OPAL  
Found in the mining town of Coober Pedy



ROAD SIGNS  
For every occasion



DUST  
Lots of it!



EMUS  
Sprints up to 50 km/h

GALAHS  
Also known as rose-breasted cockatoos



Australian Aboriginal Flag





# HONG KONG

Bustling streets, crowded skylines and one of the world's most densely populated metropolises



## MARKETS AND SHOPPING

Sneakers Street



Computer market



Jade market



Costume market



Goldfish market

Signs Everywhere!



AIR CONDITIONERS So humid!



Duddell Street Hong Kong's only gas lamps



Flower market

## FRAGRANT HARBOUR

Hong Kong translates to 'Fragrant Harbour' in Cantonese!

FERRIES 107,000 passengers a day going to over 260 outlying islands



Ladder Street

STAIRS AND ESCALATORS For all those hills

DOUBLE-DECKER TRAMS The world's largest fleet of double-decker trams

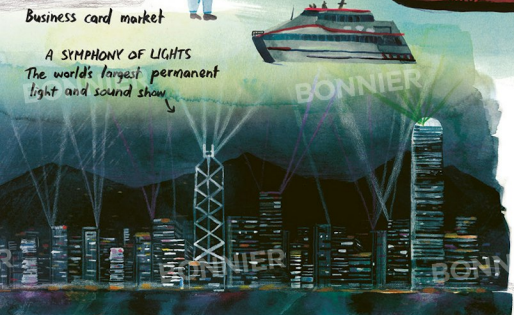
20 minutes from top to bottom

Central-Mid-Levels escalator (the longest outdoor escalator system in the world)



Business card market

A SYMPHONY OF LIGHTS The world's largest permanent light and sound show



RED-WHITE-BLUE BAG Also known as an 'Amah bag' or mothers'/maids' bag



EXPENSIVE CARS More Rolls-Royces per person than any other city



BUBBLE TEA Frothy tea mixed with tapioca balls



DIM SUM Small bite-sized portions of food

- Beef tripe
- Chicken buns
- Pork buns
- Custard buns
- Chicken claws
- Custard roll
- sponge cake
- Pork and shrimp bean curd roll





# TOKYO

Home to lots of busy people and many vending machines



**SALARYMEN** (one word)  
Hard-working wage earners & sick salaryman

## SHINJUKU TRAIN STATION

- Busiest train station in the world
- 2,704,000 passengers per day
- Over 200 exits!



**CROWS**  
Seen picking through rubbish



**OKONOMIYAKI**  
Japanese Pancake

**RAMEN NOODLE SOUP**  
Usually served with a mix of pork, egg and vegetables



**SHIBUYA CROSSING**  
• The busiest crossing in the world  
• Up to 3,000 people per crossing



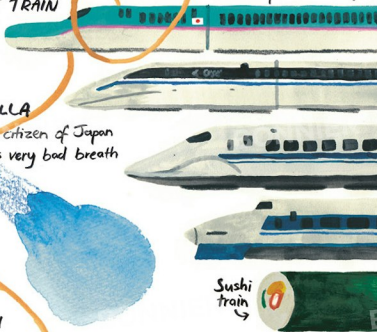
Flowers Umbrellas Books Beer Ramen Fish bar Top beer Wrong exit! Soft drink Beer  
Bananas Beer Underwear Neck ties Milk Coffee More beer Salad Eggs

**ONSEN**  
Japanese bath house



**SHINKANSEN FAST TRAIN**

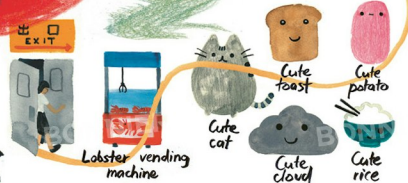
Travels up to 320 km/h



**GODZILLA**  
Official citizen of Japan and has very bad breath



**KAWAII**  
Cute things



Lobster vending machine

Cute cat Cute toast Cute potato Cute cloud Cute rice

**CHERRY BLOSSOMS**  
Enjoys Hanami (flower viewing) in March/April



**CICADAS**  
The sound of summer in Tokyo



**CONVENIENCE STORES**  
On nearly every corner





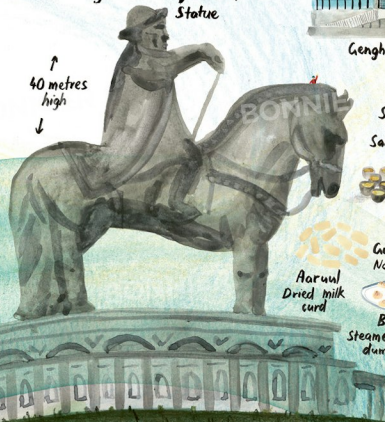
# ULAANBAATAR

Capital of Mongolia - one of the least densely populated countries in the world

**GENGHIS KHAN (c.1162-1227)**  
a.k.a. Chinggis Khaan  
Emperor of the Mongol Empire and featured on anything and everything

↓

Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue



↑ 40 metres high ↓



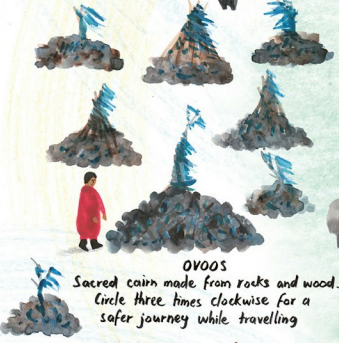
## MONGOLIAN FOOD



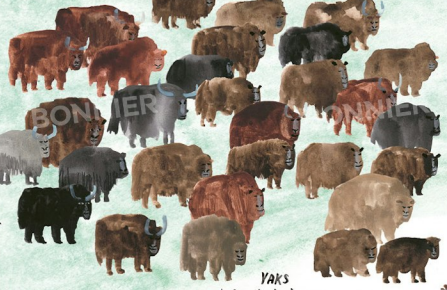
← **FURGON VAN**  
Officially seats nine but usually fits as many as possible



**BACTRIAN CAMELS**  
Two humps!



**OVOOS**  
Sacred cairn made from rocks and wood.  
Circle three times clockwise for a safer journey while travelling



**YAKS**  
Used for thick shaggy fur and very tasty milk

**GERs**  
Portable round tents where many Mongolians live



**NAADAM**  
A traditional festival consisting of wrestling, archery and horse racing



**MONGOLIAN HORSE**  
Short, stocky breed native to Mongolia



**Gobi Desert**  
Approximately 1,295,000 km<sup>2</sup> and Asia's largest desert



# NEW DELHI

Capital of India and a chaotic mix of colour and movement

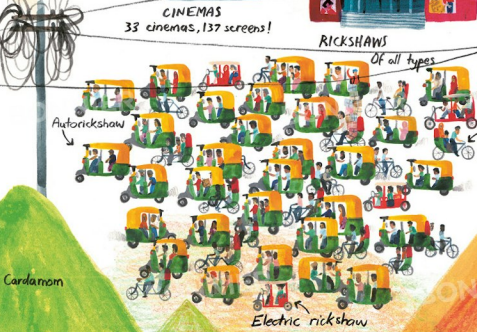
## STREET FOOD



**Poon**  
(Betel nut parcels)  
Makes your saliva red!

**Taloabi**  
Gulab jamun  
Syrupy and very sweet

**Fresh juice**



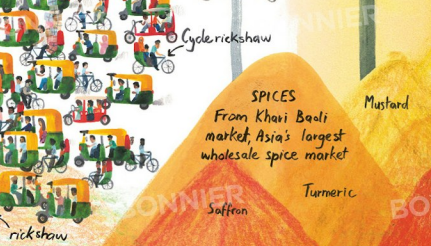
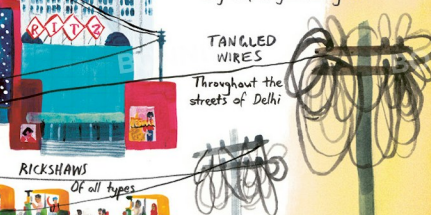
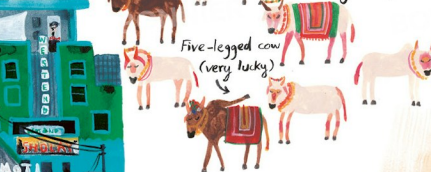
**CINEMAS**  
33 cinemas, 137 screens!

**RICKSHAWS**  
Of all types

Autorickshaw

Electric rickshaw

Cyclorickshaw



**MOTORBIKES**  
A popular form of transport

**HERO KARIZMA**

**BAJAJ PULSAR**

**YAMAHA FAZER**

**ROYAL ENFIELD**

**SACRED COWS**

**HENNA COW**

**FIVE-LEGGED COW (VERY LUCKY)**

**HEAD NOBBLE**  
Very confusing to foreigners

**TANGLED WIRES**  
Throughout the streets of Delhi

**SPICES**  
From Khari Badi market, Asia's largest wholesale spice market

Mustard

Turmeric

Saffron

Cumin



**MANY MOUSTACHES**  
In all shapes and lengths

**CHAI WALLAHS**  
Make a great cup of tea

**HENNA**  
Used for decoration in ceremonies and special events

**WEDDINGS**  
Especially during wedding season (late Sept - Jan)

**CHAI CUPS**  
Made of clay. Break after drinking

**GODS & DEITIES**  
A small selection...

Lakshmi

Saraswati

Brahma

Ganesha

Vishnu

Parvati

Shiva

CHILLI FOR MOTHER-IN-LAW (HOT!)

Chilli

Nutmeg



**BUSES**  
1,650 environmentally friendly electric buses



**BANGLES**  
In many colours



# Moscow

Where babushkas, billionaires and borscht collide

COLD  
-10°C in winter

STALIN'S SKYSCRAPERS  
Also known as The Seven Sisters.

Borscht stain  
& Whoops!



Moscow State University

Kotelnicheskaya Embankment Building

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Leningradskaya Hotel

Hotel Ukraina

Kudrinskaya Square Building

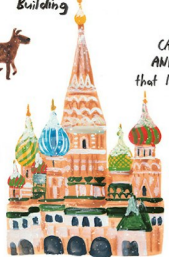
Red Gates Administrative Building



BILLIONAIRES  
Roughly 60 billionaires in Moscow



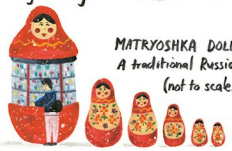
CATHEDRALS AND CHURCHES  
that look like candy



Saint Basil's Cathedral



The Cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel



MATRYOSHKA DOLLS  
A traditional Russian toy (not to scale!)



POLICE OFFICERS  
Around 50,000 of them



STRAY DOGS  
An estimated 35,000 stray dogs, with some known to ride the trains for food

PARK PODEBYE METRO  
The longest escalators in Europe

126 metres  
740 steps



MONUMENTS  
Georgy Zhukov  
Famous military officer

Laika the dog  
The first animal to orbit the Earth



Monument to the Conquerors of Space  
Vladimir Lenin  
Member of the-Bolsheviks  
Communist revolutionary, politician and theorist



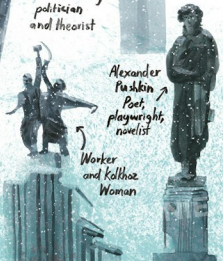
The Church of the Holy Trinity



Church of the Intercession



Peter the Great  
May have named himself



Alexander Pushkin  
Poet, playwright, novelist  
Worker and Kollhae Woman



Malchik monument  
A famous stray dog that lived in the metro



Yuri Gagarin  
Cosmonaut and the first human in outer space



Kievskaya



Mayakovskaya



Elektrozovodskaya



Taganskaya



Komsomolskaya

METRO STATIONS  
Palatial and practical!



7.5 million passengers per day



# CAIRO

The largest city in the Middle East and second largest in Africa, and a great place to make a feline friend



### DOORKEEPERS (BANABS)

Minds the building, runs errands for tenants, and finds you a parking spot!

### TRAFFIC

Over 4.5 million cars

### TAXIS

Lots of black and white taxis, and lots of honking horns

### CATS

Found on every street corner, empty seat and sidewalk in the city

### GREAT PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Queen's Pyramids

Pyramid of Menkaure

Pyramid of Khafre

138.8 metres high

Pyramid of Khufu  
Approximately 2.3 million stone blocks



### KHAN EL-KHALILI BAZAAR

A major shopping district for antiques, jewellery and general goods

### GOLD, BRASS AND SILVER GOODS



Plates

Jugs

Bowls

### EGYPTIAN FOOD



Fesikh  
Fermented, salted and dried grey mullet



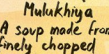
Ful  
Cooked fava beans with oil, cumin, and parsley



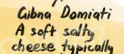
Dugga  
A mixture of herbs, nuts and spices



Kushari  
A mix of rice, macaroni and lentils



Mulukhiya  
A soup made from finely chopped leaves from the Jute plant



Cubna Damiaty  
A soft salty cheese typically made from buffalo milk



Shisha on the go!

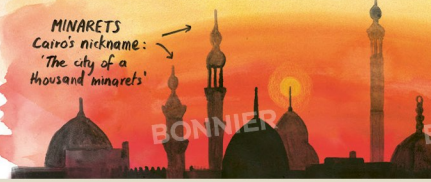
### SHISHA PIPES AND SHISHA SMOKERS

A smoking pipe for flavoured tobacco and a very popular pastime



### MINARETS

Cairo's nickname: 'The city of a thousand minarets'





# PARIS

A cosmopolitan city, rich in art, food and culture



The Mona Lisa (difficult to see)

**THE LOUVRE MUSEUM**  
 • Displays 33,000 pieces of art  
 • Employs 2,300 staff  
 • Has 8.8 million visitors a year



**CHEESE**  
 Best served at room temperature



**DOGS**  
 About 100,000 of them



3.4 tons of dog droppings every day  
 Watch your step!



**ROOFTOP APARTMENTS**  
 Great views!



**TERRACE BARS AND CAFES**  
 Around 5,250 places to get a drink



**ARC DE TRIOMPHE**  
 12 avenues radiating from the centre



**BAKERIES** Approximately 1,360 bakeries



Not a cake  
 ↓  
 Opera



**PHARMACIES**  
 For all your health and beauty needs



Pharmacy signs everywhere

**WINE (VIN)**  
 Common varieties:  
 • Bordeaux  
 • Champagne  
 • Pinot Noir  
 • Chardonnay  
 • Merlot  
 • Grenache  
 • Malbec



**LE TOUR DE FRANCE**

- Up to 198 cyclists
- Approximately 3500 km
- 21 days long
- Always ends in Paris

You can never have too many baguettes

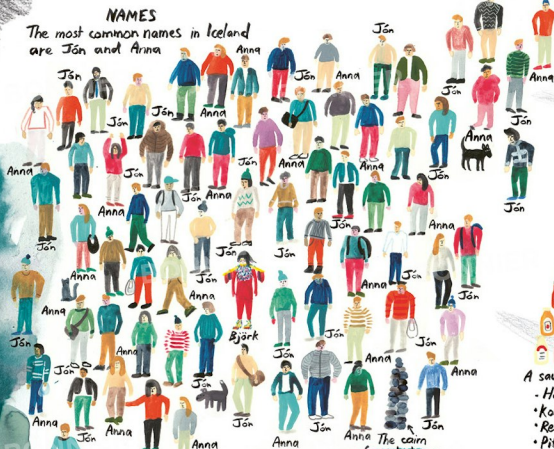




# REYKJAVÍK

The capital of Iceland and home to many natural wonders ... and strange sauces

**NAMES**  
The most common names in Iceland are Jón and Anna



**CAIRN**  
A pile of rocks used as a marker



**HOUSES**  
Many colourful roof-tops

**CANS**  
Icelanders drink more cola per person than any other country

**SAUCE**



A sauce for everything!  
 • Hamborgarsósa  
 • Kokkelsósa  
 • Ramladl  
 • Pitusósa  
 • Grænmetisósa



**PILSUSINNEP**  
Mustard sauce



**SKYR**

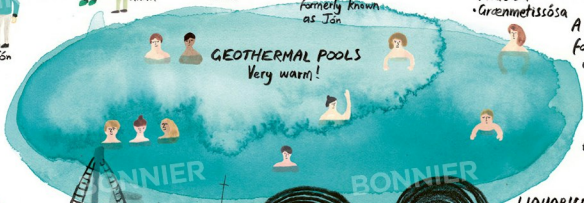
A yoghurt/cheese-like food eaten for breakfast, as a snack or as a sauce

**ARCTIC TERNS**

Travel 71,000km every year; the longest migration route of any animal



**LIQUORICE**  
A popular treat



**GEOTHERMAL POOLS**  
Very warm!

**VOLCANOES**  
130 in Iceland



The only native mammal in Iceland



**ATLANTIC PUFFINS**  
60% of the world's Atlantic puffins nest in Iceland



Baby puffin

**ICELANDIC HORSE**  
Very photogenic



**NORTHERN LIGHTS**  
A spectacular lightshow caused by particles from the sun hitting the Earth's atmosphere

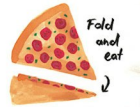




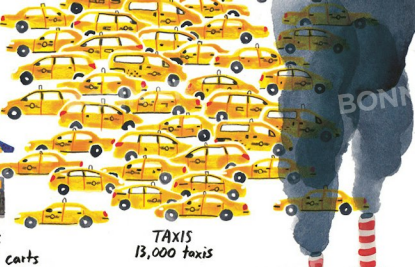
# NEW YORK CITY

A melting pot of people and culture. Also known as The City That Never Sleeps (probably because of the coffee!)

**PIZZA**  
Fold and eat  
Hold the anchovies!



**SNACKS**  
3000 food carts



**TAXIS**  
13,000 taxis

**BICYCLE COURIERS**  
Very fast



**STEAM PIPES**  
Used to power, heat and cool buildings



**HYDRANTS**  
109,400 fire hydrants

**COFFEE**  
Pronounced *law-fee*  
Endless ↑ refills



**FOOD TRUCKS**  
Too much choice!

- Waffles
- Tacos
- Burgers
- Lobster
- BBQ meat
- Schnitzel
- Steak sandwiches
- Pies
- Pizza
- Donuts
- Crepes
- Noodles
- Kimchi
- Cachopas
- Just about anything!



**PRETZELS**  
Boiled and then baked

↑ These pretzels are making me thirsty



**PEOPLE**  
8.3 million people from all around the world, speaking more than 200 languages



**BAGELS**  
Best served with cream cheese

← Tower of Bagel



**TIMES SQUARE**  
Many lights and signs



**RATS**  
3 million rats

**TOWER OF BAGEL**

**CHRYSLER BUILDING**  
3862 windows in the Chrysler Building



**SKYSCRAPERS**  
Approximately 300 skyscrapers

**MANHOLE COVERS**  
264,000 manhole covers

Not only ↑ used by men!





# GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

An archipelago of 19 islands inhabited by many unique and beautiful animals

**LAVA CACTUS**  
Grows on lava flows

**MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD**  
Inflates its throat to attract a mate



**BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY** (Bottom half)

**LAVA LIZARDS**  
The most common reptiles on the island

Cactus finch

Large cactus finch

Large ground finch

Medium ground finch

Small ground finch

Vegetarian finch

**SCALESIA TREES**  
Endemic to the Galapagos

Large tree finch

Sharp-beaked ground finch

**DARWIN'S FINCHES**  
All linked by a common ancestor

Cocos Island finch

Warbler finch

Mangrove finch

Woodpecker finch

Small tree finch

Medium tree finch

**WAVED ALBATROSS**  
Partners for life

**BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY**  
(Top half)

Not actually from the Galapagos, but still part of the group

**GIANT GALÁPAGOS TORTOISE**  
Can live to over 150 years old!

**FLIGHTLESS CORMORANT**  
Has lost the ability to fly, but is good at swimming

**SEA LIONS**  
Approximately 50,000 of them!

**SALEMA FISH**  
Swim in large schools

**MARINE IGUANAS**  
The only lizards that swim in the ocean

Yellowtail surgeonfish

King Angelfish

Sergeant Major

**FISH**  
Over 50 species of fish found nowhere else in the world

**WHALE SHARKS**  
A large mouth for feeding on plankton

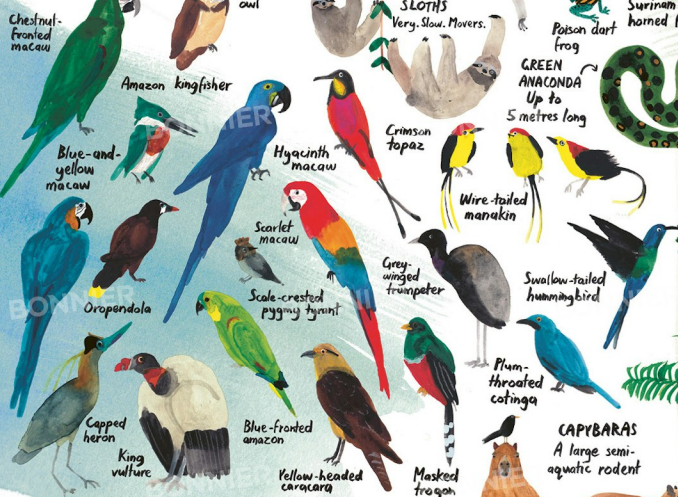
Rainbow Wrasse



# AMAZON RAINFOREST

Traversing 9 countries, the Amazon is the largest and most biodiverse area of tropical rainforest on the planet

## BIRDS



## SLOTHS



## GREEN ANACONDA



## CAPYBARAS

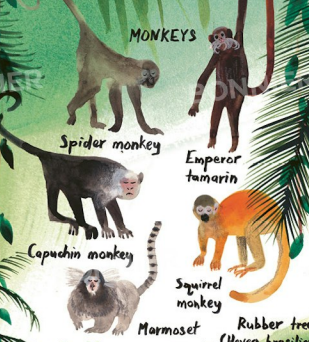


## TREES

16,000 different species of trees



## MONKEYS



## TOUCANS

Regulate body temperature with their beaks

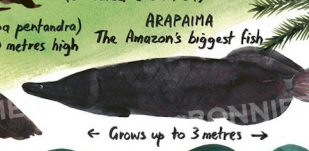
## KINKAJOU

Can turn its feet backwards and run in the opposite direction

## JAGUAR



## ARAPAIMA



## GIANT ANTEATERS



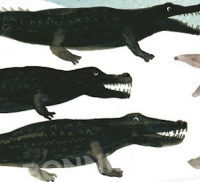
## RED-BELLIED PIRANHAS



## AMAZON RIVER DOLPHINS



## BLACK CAIMANS



## BASILISK LIZARD



## ELECTRIC EELS

Shock their prey with 600 volts of electricity

## GIANT OTTER



## THE AMAZON RIVER

The second longest river in the world



# RIO DE JANEIRO

A city surrounded by mountains and beaches, with a non-stop carnival atmosphere!

CHRIST THE REDEEMER STATUE  
30 metres tall and a lot bigger than this drawing

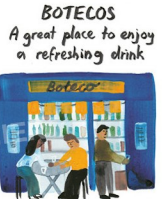


**TIJUCA FOREST**  
The largest urban forest in the world

**SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN**  
396 metres high



**COATI**  
Lives in large social groups of up to 30 individuals



**BOTECOS**  
A great place to enjoy a refreshing drink

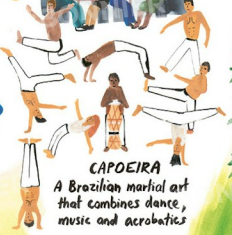


**RIO CARNIVAL**  
An annual festival filled with dancers, floats and more than 70 samba schools



Don't forget your sunscreen!

**BEACHES**  
Over 50km of beautiful beaches



**CAPOEIRA**  
A Brazilian martial art that combines dance, music and acrobatics



**Selarón Steps**  
Over 2000 tiles from over 20 countries

Women Are Heroes paste-up



On the beach  
On the streets  
In nappies

**FOOTBALL**  
A national pastime played by everyone, everywhere!

With a walking frame  
Watching television  
On the pitch  
On the move



**MARACANÃ STADIUM**  
Holds the world record for stadium attendance (199,854 people)

**MURALS, MOSAICS AND STREET ART**  
On many walls around the city



Mural Babilonia

**FAVELAS**  
A city within a city, around 20% of Rio's 6.2 million people live in these makeshift towns



The Favela Painting Project



# CAPE TOWN

One of South Africa's three capital cities, a place of natural beauty with a diverse cultural history

**PORT OF CAPE TOWN**  
One of the busiest shipping corridors in the world



Get your swank on!

**ARCHITECTURE**  
Dutch, French, German, Victorian, and Malay influenced buildings



**Martin Melck House**  
One of the oldest colonial homes in South Africa

**SWANKERS/SWENKAS**  
Well-dressed gentlemen competing to look the sharpest and swankiest!



**Houses of Parliament**  
Built in 1839



**Bo-kaap**  
Colourful homes built by Muslims from East Africa and South East Asia

**Green Point Lighthouse**  
The oldest operational lighthouse in South Africa



**Castle of Good Hope**  
The oldest building in South Africa (built 1666-1679)



**City Hall**  
Built in 1905

**WHALES**  
Watch for migrating whales from July to November



**BEACH CABINS**  
Colourful changing cabins (aka Umkleidekabine) at Muizenberg beach



**SURFING**  
Lots of beaches, lots of waves

**GREATER FLAMINGOS**  
Get their pink colour from pigments in the food they eat

**TABLE MOUNTAIN**  
Approximately 520 million years old



**BUTTERFLIES**  
*Aeropetes tubbaghia* a.k.a. Table Mountain Beauty



**ORCHIDS**  
*Disa uniflora* a.k.a. The Pride of Table Mountain



## CREATURES BIG AND SMALL

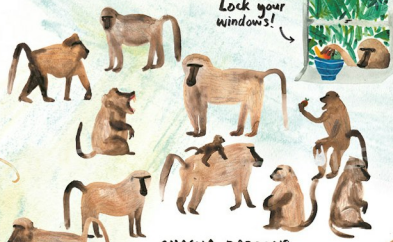
The Big Five and the Little Five



African bush elephant



Cape elephant shrew



Lock your windows!

**CHACMA BABOONS**  
Very intelligent and always looking for an easy meal!



Rhinoceros



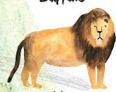
Rhinoceros beetle



Buffalo



Red-billed buffalo weaver



Lion



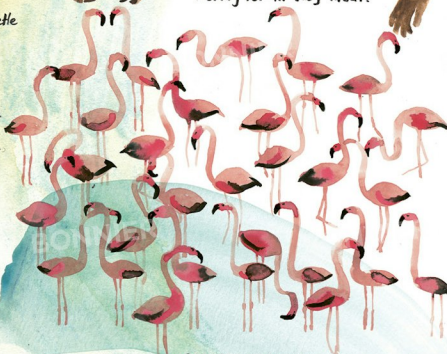
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Leopard



Leopard tortoise







...and there's still  
**LOTS** more to explore!



