

## Fascinating Geography Facts

### United States Facts

*Did you know . . .*

The largest city in the United States? New York with 8,008,278 people (2000 census data).

How many active volcanoes are there in the United States? 9. All but 2 are in Alaska.

The deepest of the Great Lakes? Lake Superior at 1,333 ft.

The tallest building (in North America)? The Sears Tower in Chicago. Stands at 1,450 ft. in height.

### World Facts

*Did you know . . .*

The most populous country in the world? China 1, 295, 401, 418 as of 5:00 p.m., May 27, 2004.

The largest continent? Asia with its 17,212,000 square miles.

The largest island? Greenland with its 839,999 square miles.

The largest ocean? Pacific Ocean with 60, 060, 700 square miles.

The largest sea? The Mediterranean Sea which is 1, 144, 800 square miles.

The largest lake? The Caspian Sea at 152, 239 square miles.

The longest river in the world? The Nile in Africa, measuring 4,180 miles in length.

The longest mountain range? The Andes of South America measuring 5,000 miles in length.

The lowest spot on earth? The Dead Sea is 1,290 feet *below* sea level.

The largest waterfall? Angel Falls in Venezuela. It rises 3, 212 feet in height.

The highest mountain? Mount Everest rises 9,035 feet above sea level.

The highest *underwater* peak? Mount Pico of the Azores Islands.

The deepest underwater trench? Mariana Trench is 36,198 feet below the ocean surface.

The deepest ocean? The Pacific with an average depth 13, 215 feet.

The most destructive known earthquake? Occurred in Shansi China in 1556, killing 830,000 people.

The lowest recorded temperature? -129 degrees F. Occurred in Antarctica in 1989.

The highest recorded temperature? 136.4 degrees F. Occurred in Libya in 1922.

The country that produces the most wheat? China

The country that produces the most crude oil? Saudi Arabia