

Haiti is a small country on the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean.

Population

The population of Haiti is 11 million.

Area

Haiti covers an area of 27,750 km².

Language

French and Creole are the official languages of Haiti.

Religion

The main religion in Haiti is Roman Catholicism (80%) and then Protestantism (16%). Many people follow the Haitian Vodou traditions.

Cities

The capital city (and largest city) in Haiti is Port-au-Prince with a population of 987,000. Other cities include Carrefour, Delmas and Pétion-Ville.

Exports

Haiti's biggest exports are oil, cocoa, coffee and mangoes.

Natural Resources

The most important natural resources are bauxite (bauxite is used to make aluminium), copper, gold, marble and calcium carbonate.

Landmarks

Haiti has many landmarks including the Sans-Souci Palace and the fortress at Citadelle Laferrière.

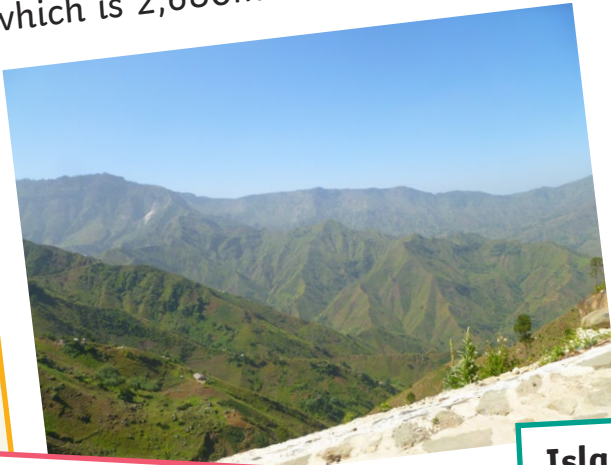


Rivers

The longest river in Haiti is the River Artibonite. It is 320km long. Another large river is the Trois Rivières.

Relief

Haiti has many mountain ranges. The highest peak is Morne La Selle which is 2,680m.



Climate

Haiti has a tropical climate. This means that temperatures and rainfall are high all year.

Average temperatures are 23°C in January and 31°C in July.

Rainfall varies across Haiti. Port-au-Prince has around 1,370mm each year. There are two rainy seasons from April to June and October to November.

Biome

Haiti has a tropical biome. This means that there are tropical rainforests there.

Islands

There are numerous smaller islands off the coast of Haiti, including Gonâve Island, Tortuga and Île-à-Vache (Cow Island). These islands are famous for once being the bases of pirates.

Natural Hazards

Haiti experiences many natural hazards. It has hurricanes, severe floods, droughts, landslides and earthquakes.

There are no active volcanoes in Haiti.

Coastline

Haiti has many beautiful beaches and is a popular spot for tourists from all over the world to visit. Haiti's coastline is the second longest in the Caribbean at 1,771km long.

