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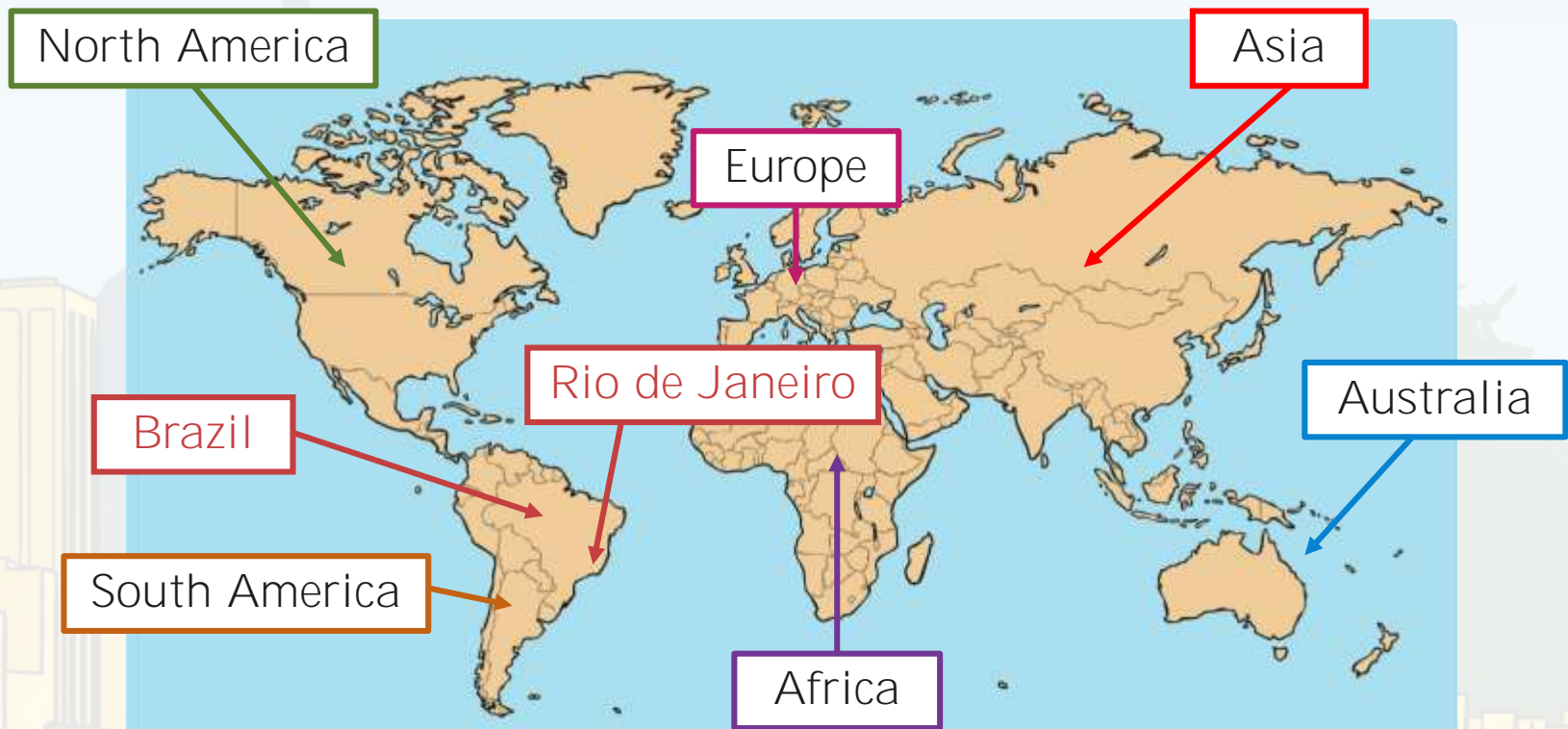
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Where is Rio de Janeiro?

Rio de Janeiro is the second largest city in the country called Brazil. Brazil can be found in the continent of South America.



History

Rio de Janeiro was first discovered by the Portuguese on 22nd April 1500.



The background features a stylized illustration of Rio de Janeiro. At the top, the Christ the Redeemer statue is silhouetted against a light blue sky. Below it, a large, rounded mountain peak is depicted. The foreground shows a city skyline with various buildings in shades of yellow and orange, set against a dark blue background. The entire scene is framed by a white, rounded rectangular border.

Landmarks of Rio de Janeiro

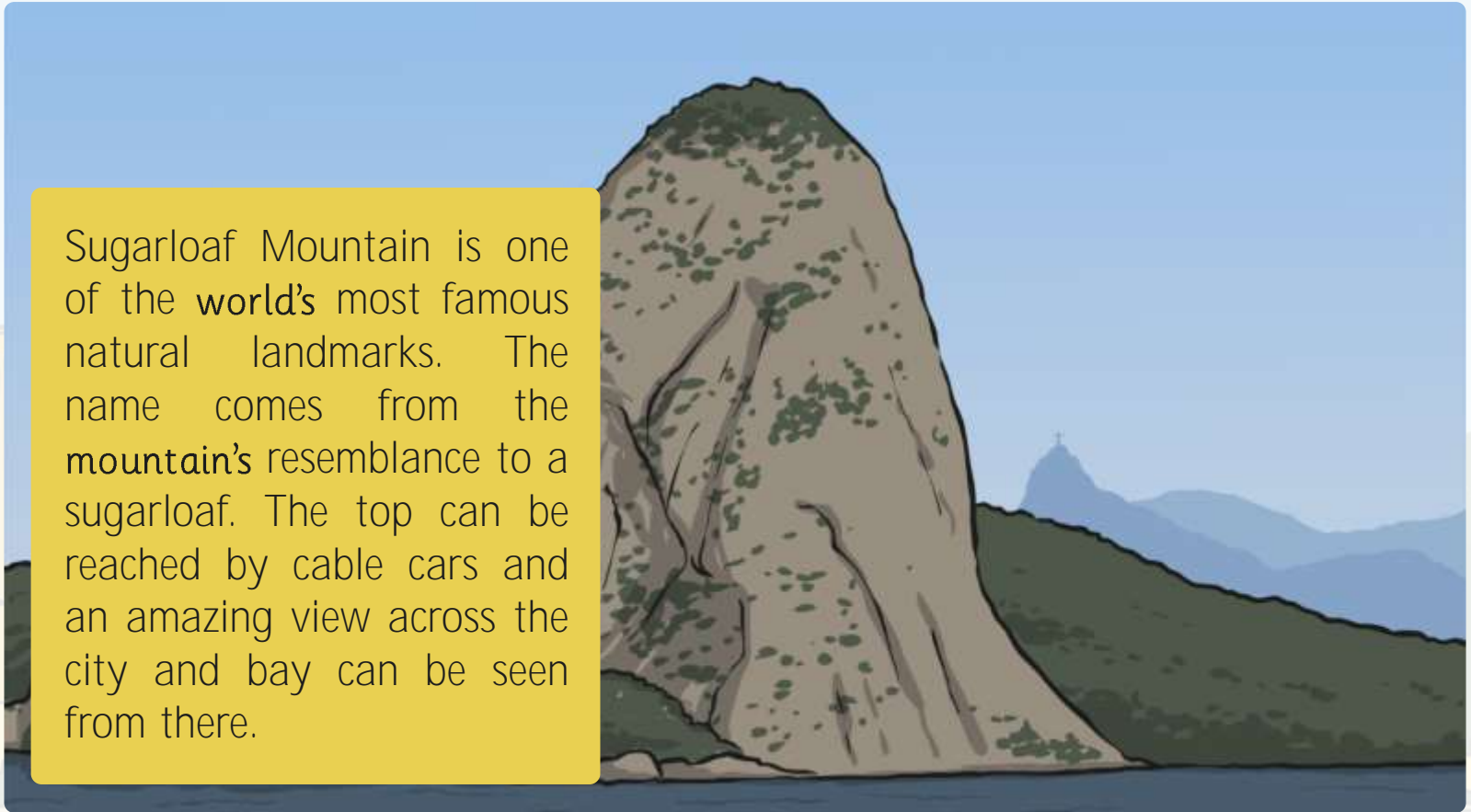
Christ the Redeemer Statue in Tijuca Forest

The statue of Christ the Redeemer is a religious statue which can be found on the top of Corcovado Mountain. It is a 30 metre tall statue of Jesus Christ with his arms stretched out embracing the city and has been there since 1931.



Sugarloaf Mountain in Guanabara Bay

Sugarloaf Mountain is one of the world's most famous natural landmarks. The name comes from the mountain's resemblance to a sugarloaf. The top can be reached by cable cars and an amazing view across the city and bay can be seen from there.



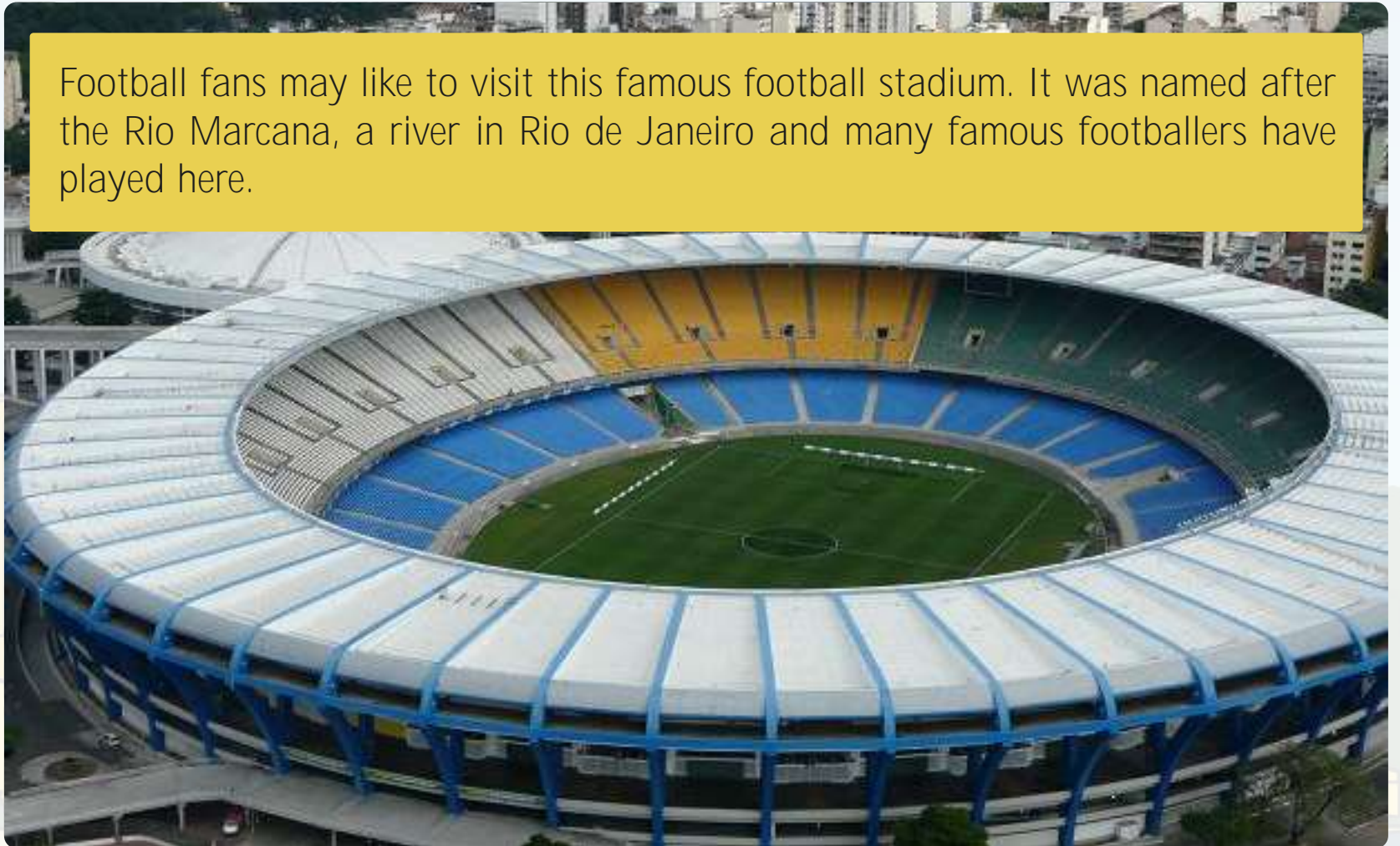
Copacabana Beach



Located in Zona Sul, Copacabana Beach is one of the most famous and most beautiful beaches in the world. It is 4km long.

Maracana Stadium

Football fans may like to visit this famous football stadium. It was named after the Rio Marcana, a river in Rio de Janeiro and many famous footballers have played here.



Theatro Municipal



Food

- Feijoada is a traditional dish made with meat and black beans. It is usually served in Rio on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- A local favourite is feijao com arroz or beans and rice.
- Tutu a Mineira is made with flour and bean paste and is served in all traditional Brazilian restaurants.
- Polenta, couve and bisteca can all be found on the menu of local restaurants.
- Salgadinhos usually consist of cheese bread, chicken croquettes, meat cakes, pasteis and empanadas.
- Sweets include cuscuz branco, tapioca with sugar and coconut milk and pao de mel a honey cake covered in chocolate.



Feijoada



Tutu a Mineira



Carnival

Rio de Janeiro is famous for its carnival. Even though carnivals are celebrated all around the country, Rio is known as the capital of carnival. The carnival lasts for three days. During that time, Rio is filled with dancing, music, singing and lots of street parades showcasing colourful costumed dancers performing the samba.



