The Andes
The world's longest mountain range runs right down the continent, near the west coast.

The Galápagos Islands
Here you will see animal species found nowhere else. You might even read to a giant Galápagos tortoise! They grow to almost 2 m long, and can live to well over 100.

Angel Falls
The world's highest uninterrupted waterfall, with a drop of 979 m (or nearly 1 km). They are named after Jimmy Angel, an American.

Patagonia
This region is shared by Chile and Argentina. It has stunning scenery – mountains, rivers, lakes, and icebergs.

The Atacama desert
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