

South America (continued)

Deserts:

Atacama (Chile)

the driest

non-polar desert

on the Earth

41,000 miles²

located in a

double rain shadow

between the Andes mountains

and the Chilean

coastal range

Patagonian (Argentina...)

258,688 miles²

located in the rain

shadow of the Andes

and also affected

by the (cold, Atlantic)

Falklands Current

Rivers:

Amazon (Brazil, Peru...)

is the world's largest by

South America (continued)

Amazon (continued)

drainage area, discharge,
and arguably length

(Amazon or Nile)

4,345 miles (6992 m)

or 3,976 miles (6400 m)

depending upon the source

The Amazon flows

eastward from the Andes

to the Atlantic Ocean

Rio de la Plata (Argentina, Uruguay)

is the "widest river

on Earth" 140 miles

(220 km) wide

formed by the

confluence of the

Paraná & Uruguay rivers