The Andes Mountains make the longest aboveground mountain chain in the world. It runs along the western edge of South America and passes through Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, and Chile. People living in the Andes Mountains in Peru use llamas to transport goods. Llamas were domesticated from the wild guanaco hundreds of years ago to be able to help people live in the Andes Mountains. Llamas can hold up to 75 pounds of materials and can travels up to 20 miles in one day!

A cousin of the llama is the alpaca. The alpacas are smaller and woolier than llamas. Like llamas, they were domesticated a long time ago to help the Peruvians living in the Andes Mountains. Because alpacas are so wooly, people use their hair to knit and weave products, such as sweaters. Much of the hand-made clothing in South American markets is made from alpaca fur.