

# Country Profile - Honduras



Honduras is the only of the Central American countries that share borders with four of the seven countries of the region.



The five stars on the Honduran flag represent the five countries of Central America. The middle star represents Honduras.

Tailored for Education has been working in Honduras since 2012 with Pure Water for the World. We were finally going to visit and meet some of the students we support, but our trip was canceled due to COVID-19. We are very eager to reschedule when possible!

## Cool Country Facts

1. Honduras had a 100-hour war with El Salvador over soccer. There may have been some other economic stuff involved, but the important thing to remember is soccer.
2. Honduras translates to "great depths" in Spanish - named by Christopher Columbus after the deep waters along the coast.
3. It is part of the second largest coral reef in the world, after the Great Barrier Reef.
4. The country was the first country to ban smoking in your own home. Smokers must always stand about six feet away from non-smokers.
5. It's home to one of the oldest clocks in the world, built around 1100AD by the Moors and originally placed in the Alhambra Palace, in Granada, Spain. It's travelled a long way to sit in the Cathedral of Comayagua.
6. The local buses are called Chicken buses. They're brightly painted and look like a party on wheels. You're unlikely to see chickens on these buses.
7. There are amazing Maya ruins. Copan is the site of an ancient Maya city, located in Western Honduras. It was one of the most densely populated urban areas of the Maya world between AD 426 to 820.
8. It is completely normal to find blonde-haired, blue-eyed Hondurans on the bay islands. They are direct descendants of the British Pirates that came here over 500 years ago.
9. Honduras is home to several venomous snakes, including the Green Palm Pit Viper, the Coral Snake, and the Middle American Rattlesnake.



Translations - Spanish is the official language in Haiti

**hello** - Hola

**welcome** - bienvenidos

**my name is** - mi nombre es

**how are you?** - cómo estás

**have a nice day** - pase bon jounen

**school** - escuelas

**uniform** - uniforme

**backpack** - mochila

**shirt** - camisa

**pants** - pantalones

**please** - Por favor

**thank you** - gracias

**excuse me** - Disculpe

**goodbye** - adiós

**I love you** - te quiero