

# Chasing the Magic of Andean Skies

an adventure and activity book

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## The Chase Series

There are ten books in the Chase Series  
based on the characters found in the fun adventure,  
“Chasing the Moon and the Morning Star.”

Chasing the Magic of Andean Skies is based on Location Seven.

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## Dedication

This story is dedicated to diversity and finding the ties that bind us as "cousins" as  
we travel this planet called Earth on this Journey called Life.

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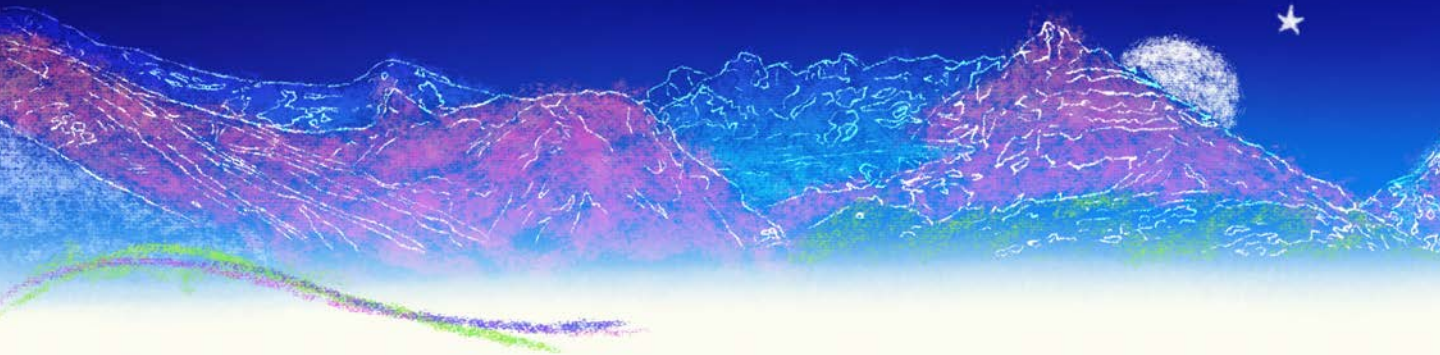
Be ready as we follow Allie on her quest through the Andes!

## Supplemental Materials

Watch videos, play games, and print your own activities  
for Chasing the Magic of Andean Skies at  
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[term] are terms and explanations that might be of interest to you, the reader,  
that you can share about the scene with your listener.

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In high mountain pastures  
alpacas we'll find.

"I'm Allie! Come join me  
if you'd be so kind."

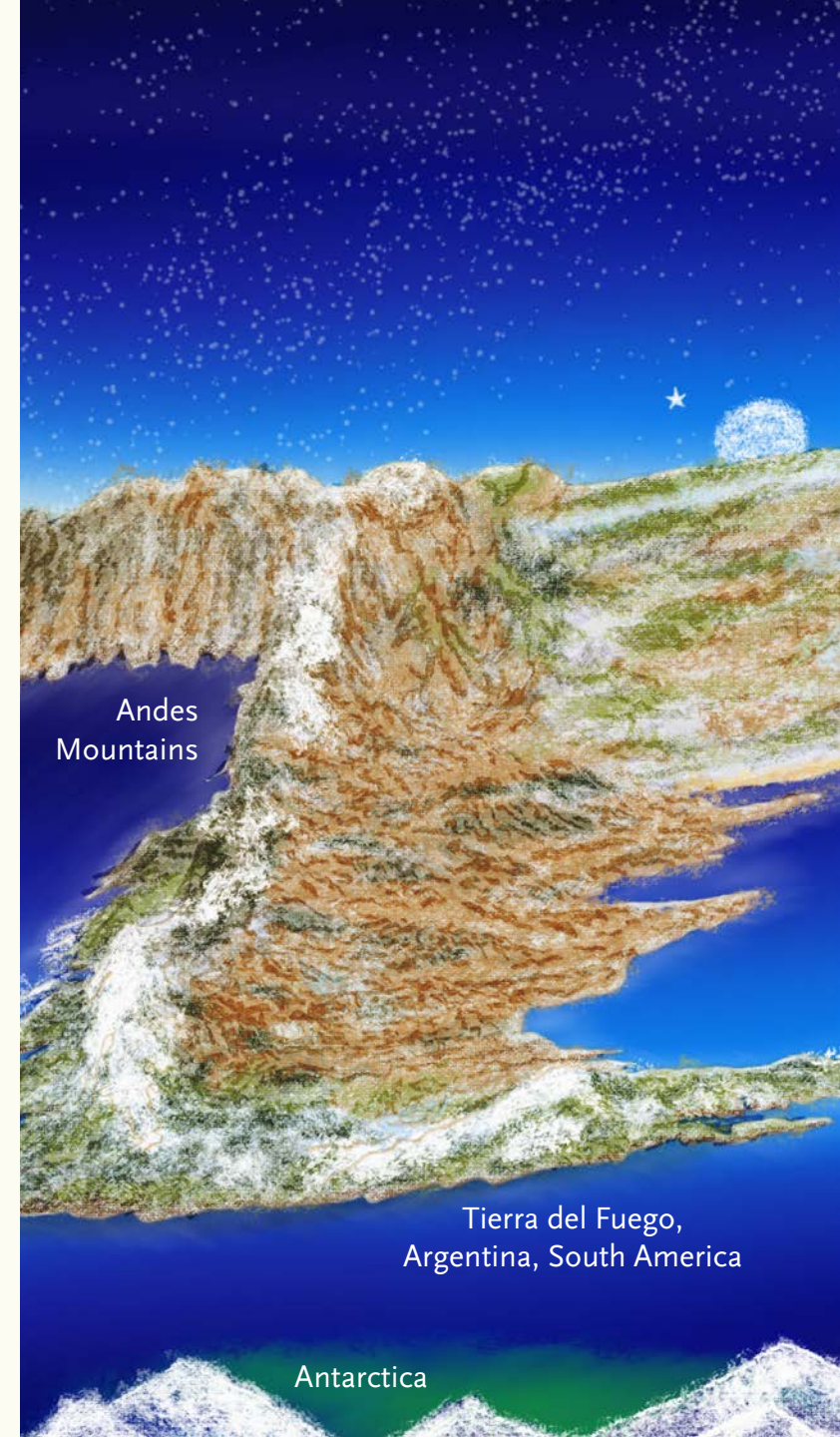


Alpacas are truly magical. They're gentle and sustainable, with an abundance of personality. And no other animal comes in such a rainbow of earth tones. –Indigenous.com



Andes Mountain Range  
extends over seven countries in  
South America: Argentina, Chile,  
Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Columbia, and  
Venezuela for 5,500 miles (8,900 km).

"Let's have an adventure,  
from the south to the north,  
through the Andes Mountains.  
Let's go – sally forth!"



Andes  
Mountains

Tierra del Fuego,  
Argentina, South America

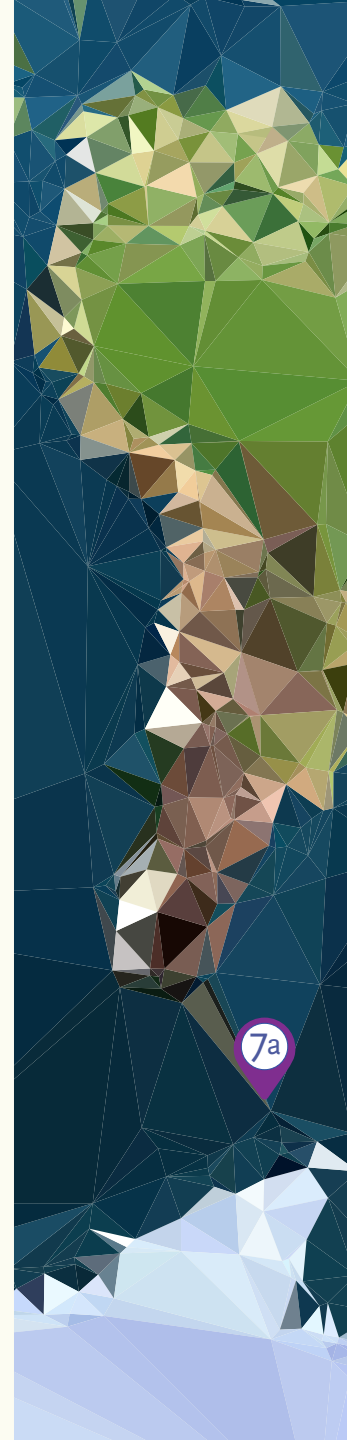
Antarctica



She meets Coco and Coconut,  
King Penguins who say  
they are cousins of Izzy's  
from Antarctica way.

"I'll search for MY cousins!"  
Allie says with a grin.  
"We'll start our journey  
where the Andes begin."

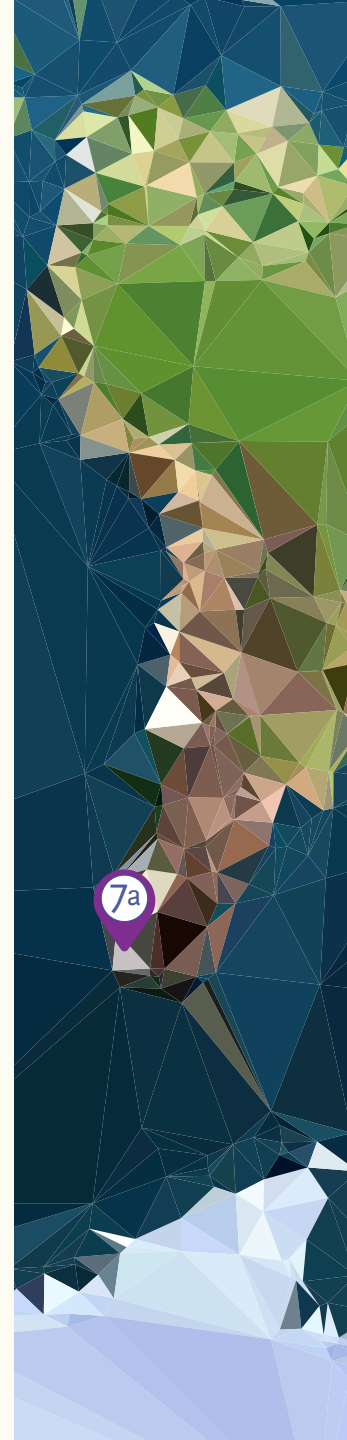
3 King Penguins (*Aptenodytes patagonicus*) are the second largest species of penguin, smaller, but somewhat similar in appearance to the emperor penguin. –Wikipedia. Izzy, an emperor penguin, lives in Antarctica. See Book Location 1. @Argentina-7a





There's Jackson, an Argentine ant.  
Count his legs; six you'll find.  
"I could use two more legs,"  
Allie says, "on this climb."

- 4 Camelids There are currently four camelid species inhabiting South America: two wild, guanaco (*Lama guanicoe*) and vicuña (*Vicugna vicugna*), and two domestic, llama (*Lama glama*) and alpaca (*Vicugna pacos*). –eLifeSciences.org
- 5 Argentine Ants or Fire Ants? The main difference between the two is their aggressiveness. Argentine ants are a lot less harmful than fire ants... [who] have a painful sting. –PinnaclePest.com  
@Argentina-7a





"There's Junior and Jackie.  
Such lovely flamingos!"  
Jackie says, "Use the telescopes  
to call Cousin Pismo."

- 6 Andean Flamingos are the largest member of the *Phoenicopteridae* family and live in the Chaxa Lagoon, part of Los Flamencos National Reserve in the middle of the Salar de Atacama.
- 7 Atacama Radio Telescope The Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) is an astronomical interferometer of 66 radio telescopes in the Atacama Desert of northern Chile.  
@Chile-7b
- 8 Who is Pismo?...a dromedary, a one-hump camel, and a member of Allie's camelid family who lives in the Sahara Desert, Northern Africa. See Book Location 5.





Up in the sky is a  
swirling, sandstormy gust.  
It's Haboob from Africa  
tossing Pismo in the dust!

Pismo lands with a WHUMP,  
shaking sand off his coat.  
A quick hug for Allie, then  
Haboob lifts him afloat!

*As she travels along, Allie looks to the sky.  
She sees a great condor, soaring up, up so high.*

9 Haboob (huh • BOOB) A violent wind blowing in summer stirring up sand and creating a wall of sediment that precedes the storm cloud. For our story, Haboob is also a transporter! Haboob time travels with Pismo in Book Location 5.



Climbing up higher  
the wind whips the air.  
"Brrr" says Allie, "I'm glad  
I have such thick hair!"

Aubrey, a guanaco cousin, pronks  
with her baby to say,  
"I'm glad you've arrived  
in Bolivia! Come play!"

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- 10 Guanacos are wild animals and live on land high in the Andes mountains – up to 13,000 ft. (3,962 m.) above sea level – as well as on the lower plateaus, plains, and coastlines of Peru, Chile, and Argentina. –Nat Geo Kids
- 11 Pronk, a leap in the air with an arched back and stiff legs, is a form of display, showing off, or when threatened.
- 12 Praying Mantis, Aubrey's friend, belongs to the *Mantodea* order, which has 2,400 species... [and] can change color...(!) –AZ Animals @Bolivia-7c







North on to Peru,  
Llama cousin Drew calls.  
"Welcome to Machu Picchu!  
Let's climb these old walls!"

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- 13 Machu Picchu is a 15th-century Inca citadel located in the Eastern Cordillera of southern Peru on a 2,430-meter (7,970 ft) mountain ridge in the Cusco Region. – Wikipedia
- 14 Llamas (*lama glama*) have a long neck, small head, short tail, and long legs that end in hooves. They are about 4 ft. (1.2 m.) tall at the shoulder. Their hairy coat may be white, black, brown, or a mixture of these colors. –Kids Britannica @Peru-7d

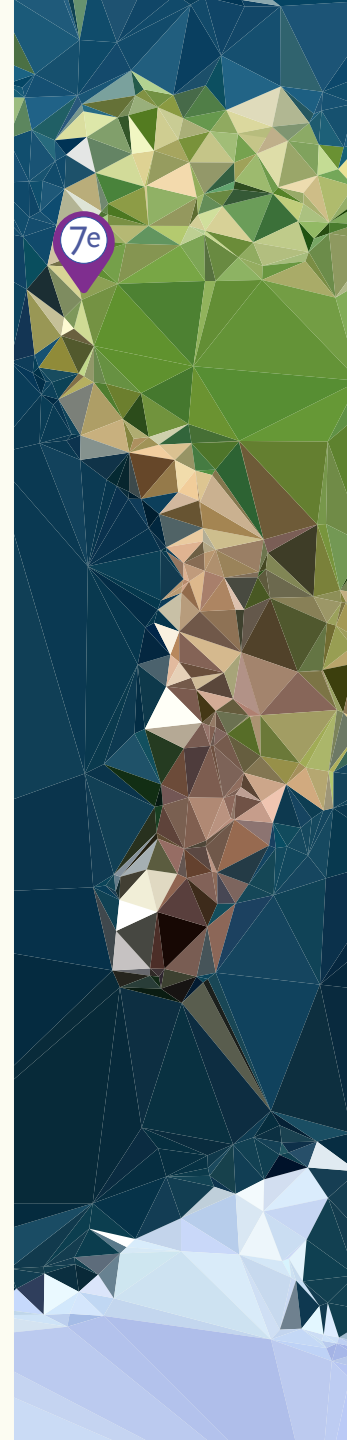


Next up on her journey  
a vicuña appears.  
"It's Parvus, my cousin!  
I haven't seen you in years!"

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**15** Vicuña (vuh • KOO • nyuh) are wild, long-necked mammals of the Andes from Peru to Argentina related to guanaco but somewhat smaller. They have a light brown woolly coat that is paler below, are considered to be ancestor of the alpaca, and have been hunted for their wool and meat. –Merriam-Webster

**16** Chimborazo volcano in Ecuador is the point on Earth closest to the sun when measured from the center of the Earth. –Gered Ryan, M.S.  
@Ecuador-7e



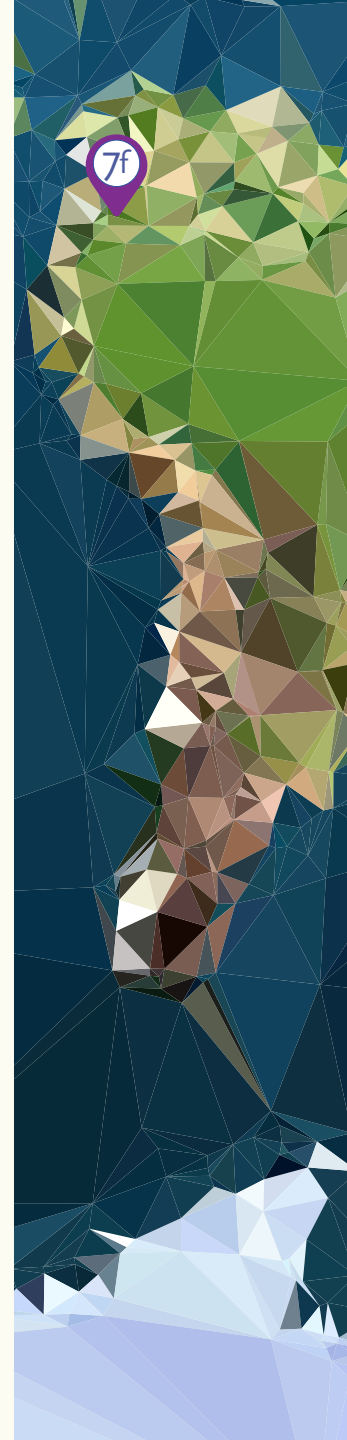


On to Columbia,  
Allie's filled with such calm.  
"I'm no stranger here.  
These hills are my home."

Red howler monkey, Rae,  
yells, excited and hearty,  
"Come all! Allie's home!"  
Let's throw her a party!"

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- 17 Coffee [the plant in the foreground with beans; coffee plantation in the background, right]: Columbia's average annual coffee production of 11.5M bags is the third total highest in the world after Brazil and Vietnam, though highest in terms of the arabica bean [shown here]. –Wikipedia, 2023
- 18 Red Howler Monkeys are the largest New World monkeys, and they are noted for their roaring cries. They inhabit tropical areas in Central and South America. –Britannica Kids  
@Columbia-7f





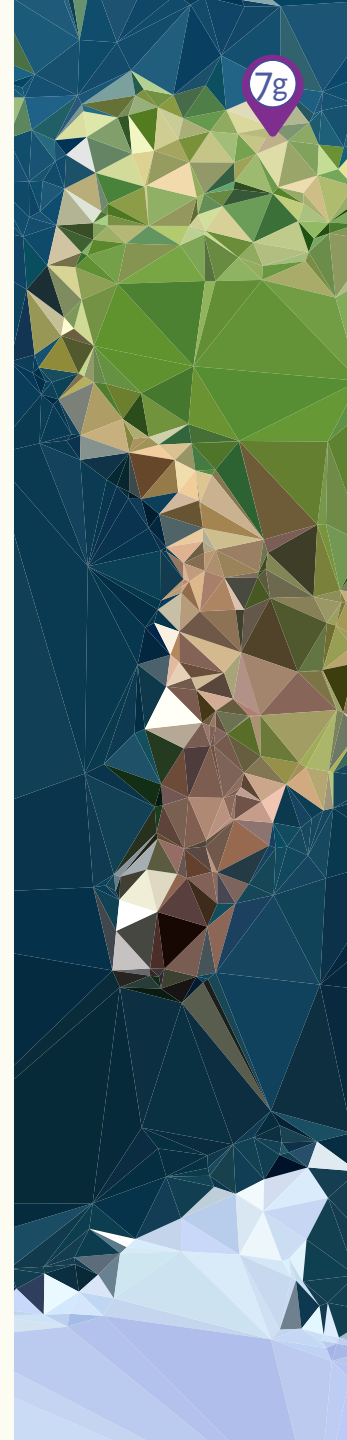
"We're in Venezuela now.  
Here our journey will end.  
There's DeeDee, the hummingbird,  
my wandering friend."

Says DeeDee, "You've been traveling  
under Andean skies.  
Angel Falls is now where  
the true magic lies."

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**19** DeeDee is a migrating hummingbird who, due to her ability to travel over 3,000–4,000 miles, appears in the Chase series books Costa Rica, Location 8; the Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona, Location 9; and here in Location 7.

**20** Angel Falls, the highest waterfall in the world, barely makes contact with the cliff over which it flows. About 20 times higher than Niagara Falls, it plunges 3,212 feet (979 meters) and is about 500 feet (150 meters) wide at its base. –Britannica @Venezuela-7g





The Condor flies down.  
He's been watching afar  
as she traveled by moonlight  
and the great Morning Star.

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Andean Condors are vultures, large birds that do not hunt for food. Instead, they feed on the remains of dead animals, called carrion. They are important participants in the Circle of Life.





Allie looks up  
to see Condor is gone.  
He's now Allie's cousin, Uni,  
who lights up the dawn.

Uni holds Morning Star  
like a beacon to say,  
"Come all cousin spirits  
from far and away."





"Uni, I'm grateful for this magic.  
You are so wise  
knowing we're all the same  
under Andean skies."

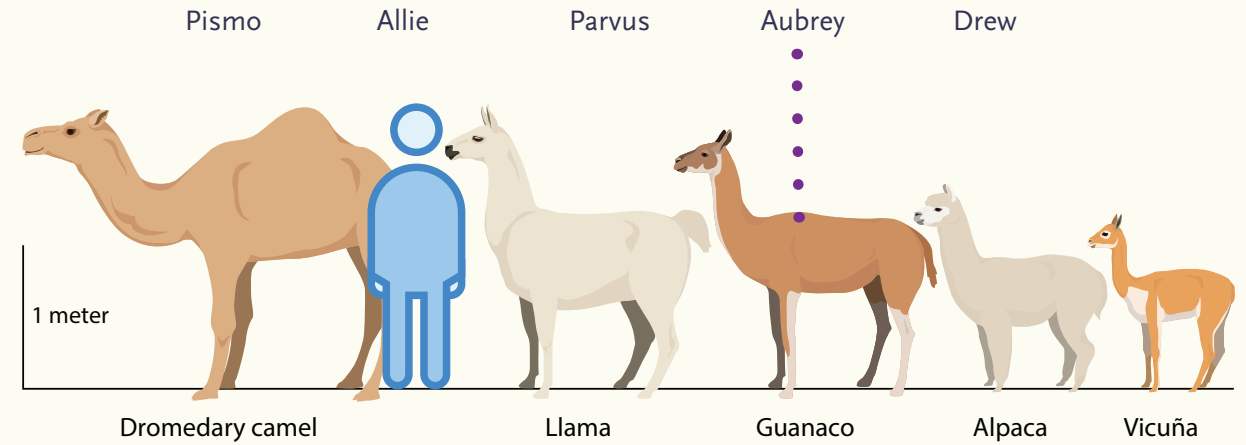


Help Allie find her cousins and friends!



## Size comparisons that make you go "Wow"!

Can you match the camelids to our character's names?



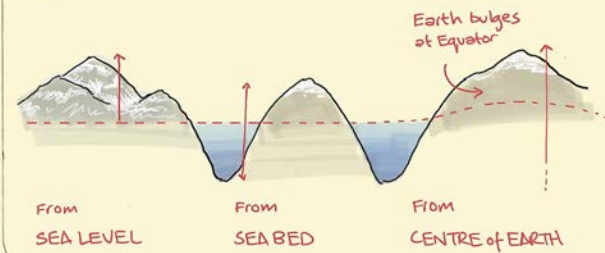
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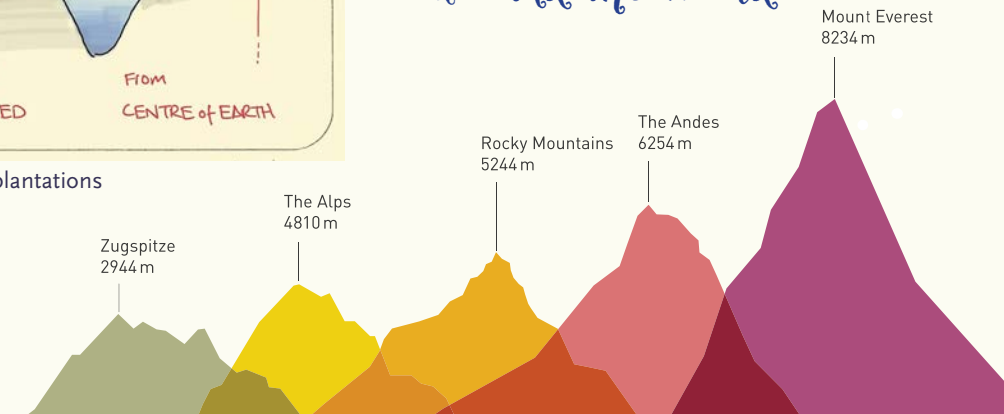
**EVEREST**  
By altitude

**MAUNA KEA**  
Base to summit

**CHIMBORIZO**  
Closest to sun



-sketchplantations



## Comparison of Mountain Ranges around the World



Join us on our next Chase

The Long Necks are on the move in  
“Chasing Long Necks Across the Savanna.”

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