

# Explore Tropical Climates



**Tropical rainforests** are also known as equatorial: they are located near the equator.

Brazil has the largest tropical rainforest (The Amazon), others are in Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands, and Western Africa.

Temperatures average between 70-85F (21-29.5C). These areas are warm all year long.

Tropical areas cover 6-7% of the Earth's surface.

Having an average of 400 inches per year, rainforests are a perfect place for trees and plants to grow.

Cacao and Coffee, as well as Lianas are products that come from these areas.

Bamboo, Bananas, Sugar Cane, Rubber, Ginger, and Black Pepper are all native of these regions.

Because of the dense and diversified vegetation a great number of animal species can be found in the rainforest.

Many different types of birds (such as the Blue Bird of Paradise) and insects (such as the Flying Dragon) live only in the rainforest.

Many primates such as the Orangutan, the Gorilla, and the Chimpanzee live there.

The rainforest is also a dangerous environment with many poisonous snakes, such as the Vine snake.

## **Tropical climate links and additional information:**

**-Tropical rainforests** are found near the equator, that imaginary line that is drawn around the middle of the earth.

**Link:** <http://chesterfield.k12.va.us/~jdudley/habitats/rainfor/rain.html>

**-The tropical rain forest** is a forest of tall trees in a region of year-round warmth. An average of 50 to 260 inches (125 to 660 cm.) of rain falls yearly.

**Link:** <http://www.blueplanetbiomes.org/rainforest.htm>

**-There are two kinds of rain forests:** tropical and temperate.

**Link:**

<http://curriculum.calstatela.edu/courses/builders/lessons/less/biomes/rainforest/rainintro.html>

**-Your gateway to rainforest information** and resources. Info and news about rain forest protection, destruction and how to help.

**Link:** <http://www.rainforestweb.org/>

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