

Earth Vignettes

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Flamingo



Chilean Flamingoes at the Sea World, San Antonio, USA (April, 2011); about 31-57 inches tall, weighing 1.9-3 kg. Mainly found in tropical and subtropical areas, these are highly social and decorative birds.

Hoover Dam



5 years (1931-35) to construct, the Hoover Dam stands at the border of Arizona and Nevada, on the Colorado river. It's an Arch Gravity type structure, 726.4 ft in height, built to prevent flooding.

Cloud Layers



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Sparsely populated, beautiful and peaceful, Mukteswar (June, 2011) sits atop a high ridge in a secluded corner of the Kumaon Mountains in Uttarakhand, India, situated at an altitude of 7,500 ft above sea level

Red Rock Canyon, Las Vegas, USA



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Red Rock has a complex geological history; it was located under a deep ocean basin during the Paleozoic Era 600 MYA. Over millions of years, it helped create the dramatic landscape characterizing the region – currently a hotspot for hiking, biking, rock scrambling and rock climbing