Pakistan

Full name: Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Government: federal republic

Location: Southern Asia, bordering the Arabian Sea, between India on the east and Iran and Afghanistan on the west and China in the north
Capital: Islamabad
Area: 796,095 sq km (307,374 sq miles), excluding Pakistani-administered Kashmir (83,716 sq km/32,323 sq miles); slightly less than twice the size of California

Climate: mostly hot, dry desert; temperate in northwest; arctic in north
Terrain: flat Indus plain in east; mountains in north and northwest; Balochistan plateau in west
Natural Hazards: frequent earthquakes, occasionally severe especially in north and west; flooding along the Indus after heavy rains (July and August)

Population: 161.1 million (UN, 2005)
Ethnicity: Punjabi, Sindhi, Pashtun (Pathan), Baloch, Muhajir (immigrants from India at the time of partition and their descendants)
Major Language: English, Urdu, Punjabi, Sindhi, Pashto, Balochi
Religion: Muslim 97% (Sunni 77%, Shi'a 20%), other (includes Christian and Hindu) 3%
Life expectancy: 63 years (men), 63 years (women) (UN)

Currency: 1 Pakistani Rupee = 100 paisa