

## Where in the World Is Mrs. Waffenschmidt? # 32

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Read the paragraph below. In that paragraph, everybody's favorite adventurer, Mrs. Waffenschmidt, offers clues about the place she is visiting today. Use those clues to help you figure out where in the world Mrs. Waffenschmidt is. Write your answer on the line at the bottom of the page.



I'm taking a boat ride today. I'm on the highest lake in the world on which large boats can travel. The lake and I are high in the Andes Mountains, about 12,500 feet above sea level. The first steamer to travel on this lake had to be pre-made, then carried up to the lake in pieces so that it could be put together. The pieces were actually carried by mule! My friend, who has been here before, tells me that about 25 rivers empty into this lake. She tells me the lake is pretty deep, too. Average depths are between 460 and 600 feet; but near the Bolivian shore, the land tilts and the lake reaches over 900 feet deep! The water level is highest during the rainy season, which happens between December and March. That's summertime in this place south of the equator. Because there are no large outlets for the water, scientists say they can learn climate history and other things by studying the dirt and fossil remains that have been collecting on the bottom of the lake for more than 25,000 years. This lake is the second largest freshwater lake in South America.

Can you name the place I am visiting? Where in the world is this place found?

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