

¿De dónde...? And Ser de...

In order to ask where someone is from, Spanish uses ¿**de dónde**...? And a form of **ser**.

¿ De dónde es usted?

Where are you from?

In order to say where someone is from, Spanish uses
Ser + de + place

Soy de San Francisco

I am from San Francisco

¿María? Es de México *María?*

She is from Mexico

The names of countries in Spanish, as in English, are always capitalized. Sometimes the definite article is used with certain countries, although the tendency is to not use it. You should, however, recognize it if you hear or see it used with these countries:

la Argentina

el Paraguay

el Brasil

el Perú

el Ecuador

el Uruguay

los Estados Unidos

The definite article is always used with **El Salvador**, because it is part of the country's name, and with **La República Dominicana**.