

Countries of Europe

There are over 40 different countries in Europe. Some are large and some are very small but they are all different. The countries can be divided into different regions: Northern Europe, Southern Europe, Western Europe and Eastern Europe. Europe is the second smallest continent by size but the third smallest continent by population.



Physical Features of Europe

As well as different countries and cities, there are many different physical features found across Europe. There are mountains, rivers, lakes, volcanoes, fjords and surrounding oceans and seas. Europe is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west, the Arctic Ocean to the north, the Mediterranean Sea to the south and by the continent of Asia to the east.



Significant Places



<b>The River Volga</b>	<b>The Alps</b>	<b>Moscow, Russia</b>	<b>Paris, France</b>
The Volga is the longest river in Europe.	The Alps are one of the largest mountain ranges in Europe.	Moscow is the capital city of Russia. Russia is in Eastern Europe and in Asia.	Paris is the capital city of France. France is in Western Europe.

Glossary

1	<b>Europe</b>	one of the seven world continents.
2	<b>continent</b>	a large section of land.
3	<b>country</b>	a nation that has its own government.
4	<b>transcontinental</b>	a country that is in more than one continent.
5	<b>physical feature</b>	a feature that occurs naturally.
6	<b>human feature</b>	a feature that is linked to humans.
7	<b>border</b>	a line which separates two countries.
8	<b>peninsula</b>	a piece of land almost completely surrounded by water.
9	<b>mainland</b>	the piece of land that contains most of a country.
10	<b>island</b>	a small piece of land surrounded by water.
11	<b>coastline</b>	where the land meets the sea or ocean.
12	<b>government</b>	the group of people who are responsible for a country.
13	<b>capital city</b>	a city in a country where the government is located.
14	<b>region</b>	an area of land within a country or across countries.
15	<b>population</b>	the number of people living in a place.
16	<b>religion</b>	what people believe.
17	<b>currency</b>	the money used in a certain place.
18	<b>climate</b>	the typical weather patterns in a place.
19	<b>monarchy</b>	a royal family.
20	<b>traditional</b>	something which people have done for a long time.



Close up on Italy



- Italy is in Southern Europe
- Italy is a Mediterranean country
- Italy is located on a peninsula
- Lots of islands are also part of Italy
- The two larger islands are Sardinia and Sicily
- The capital of Italy is Rome
- Italy is separated into 20 different regions



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<b>Madrid, Spain</b>	<b>Rome, Italy</b>	<b>The Colosseum</b>	<b>Saint Peter's Square</b>
Madrid is the capital city of Spain. Spain is in Southern Europe.	Rome is the capital city of Italy. Italy is a Mediterranean country.	The Colosseum is a huge amphitheatre found in the centre of the city of Rome.	Saint Peter's Square is a famous landmark located in the Vatican City. The Vatican City is the smallest country in the world and is located inside Rome.