

### INTRODUCTION

- Europe is often called a “peninsula of peninsulas”.
- A peninsula is a piece of land surrounded by water on three sides.
- Europe is roughly three times the size of India.
- Europe is smaller than China.
- Second smallest continent, **the** smallest being Australia.

### BOUNDARIES :

- **North:** The Arctic Ocean.
- **West:** The Atlantic Ocean.
- **South:** The Mediterranean Sea, which separates it from Africa.
- Europe is separated from Asia by the Ural Mountain, Caspian Sea, Caucasus Mountain, and the Black Sea in the east

#### Border Lines :

- **Ural Mountains:** These mountains run north-south through Russia and are a conventional boundary.
- **Ural River:** Flowing from the Ural Mountains to the Caspian Sea.
- **Caspian Sea:** A large, enclosed sea.
- **Caucasus Mountains:** Specifically, the Greater Caucasus range is often considered the dividing line. Mount Elbrus, the highest peak in Europe, is located in the Western Caucasus of Russia.
- **Black Sea:** A large inland sea.
- **Turkish Straits:** This includes the Bosphorus Strait, the Sea of Marmara, and the Dardanelles Strait. The Bosphorus Strait, in particular, runs through Istanbul, dividing the city and connecting the Black Sea to the Sea of Marmara, thus forming a continental boundary within Turkey
- The Strait of Gibraltar separates Europe from Africa, joining the Mediterranean to the Atlantic Ocean in the west.
- The Prime Meridian passes through London. Prime Meridian passes through the UK, France, and Spain in Europe and Algeria, Mali, Burkina, Faso, Togo, and Ghana in Africa.
- It has the longest coastline in proportion to size.
- A large part lies in the temperate zone, being subjected to [prevailing westerlies](#).

# EUROPE PHYSICAL MAP



# EUROPE Political Map







- **Highest Point:** Mount Elbrus in Russia, standing at 5,642 meters.
- **Longest River:** The Volga River in Russia.
- **Major Mountain Ranges:** Alps, Pyrenees, Carpathians, Urals, and Caucasus

TOTAL COUNTRIES :

- **44 countries** in Europe today, according to the United Nations.

## EUROPE MAP

WITH COUNTRIES



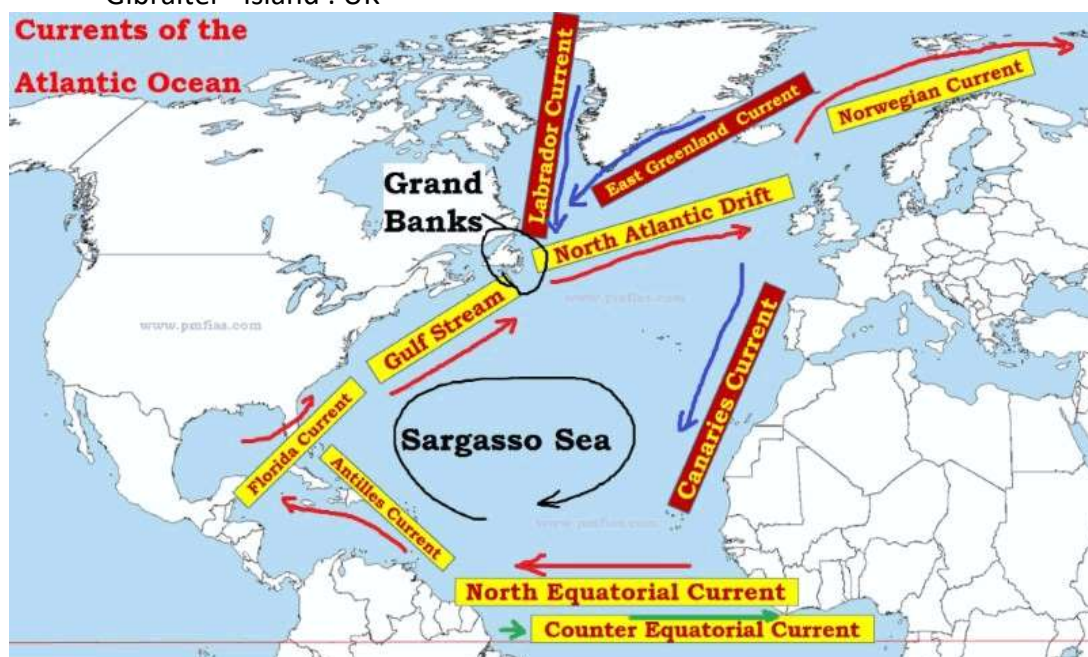
Total 44 Countries

#	Country	Population (2020)	Subregion
1	<a href="#">Russia</a>	145,934,462	Eastern Europe
2	<a href="#">Germany</a>	83,783,942	Western Europe
3	<a href="#">United Kingdom</a>	67,886,011	Northern Europe
4	<a href="#">France</a>	65,273,511	Western Europe
5	<a href="#">Italy</a>	60,461,826	Southern Europe
6	<a href="#">Spain</a>	46,754,778	Southern Europe
7	<a href="#">Ukraine</a>	43,733,762	Eastern Europe
8	<a href="#">Poland</a>	37,846,611	Eastern Europe
9	<a href="#">Romania</a>	19,237,691	Eastern Europe
10	<a href="#">Netherlands</a>	17,134,872	Western Europe
11	<a href="#">Belgium</a>	11,589,623	Western Europe
12	<a href="#">Czech Republic (Czechia)</a>	10,708,981	Eastern Europe
13	<a href="#">Greece</a>	10,423,054	Southern Europe
14	<a href="#">Portugal</a>	10,196,709	Southern Europe
15	<a href="#">Sweden</a>	10,099,265	Northern Europe
16	<a href="#">Hungary</a>	9,660,351	Eastern Europe
17	<a href="#">Belarus</a>	9,449,323	Eastern Europe
18	<a href="#">Austria</a>	9,006,398	Western Europe
19	<a href="#">Serbia</a>	8,737,371	Southern Europe
20	<a href="#">Switzerland</a>	8,654,622	Western Europe
21	<a href="#">Bulgaria</a>	6,948,445	Eastern Europe

22	<a href="#">Denmark</a>	5,792,202	Northern Europe
23	<a href="#">Finland</a>	5,540,720	Northern Europe
24	<a href="#">Slovakia</a>	5,459,642	Eastern Europe
25	<a href="#">Norway</a>	5,421,241	Northern Europe
26	<a href="#">Ireland</a>	4,937,786	Northern Europe
27	<a href="#">Croatia</a>	4,105,267	Southern Europe
28	<a href="#">Moldova</a>	4,033,963	Eastern Europe
29	<a href="#">Bosnia and Herzegovina</a>	3,280,819	Southern Europe
30	<a href="#">Albania</a>	2,877,797	Southern Europe
31	<a href="#">Lithuania</a>	2,722,289	Northern Europe
32	<a href="#">North Macedonia</a>	2,083,374	Southern Europe
33	<a href="#">Slovenia</a>	2,078,938	Southern Europe
34	<a href="#">Latvia</a>	1,886,198	Northern Europe
35	<a href="#">Estonia</a>	1,326,535	Northern Europe
36	<a href="#">Montenegro</a>	628,066	Southern Europe
37	<a href="#">Luxembourg</a>	625,978	Western Europe
38	<a href="#">Malta</a>	441,543	Southern Europe
39	<a href="#">Iceland</a>	341,243	Northern Europe
40	<a href="#">Andorra</a>	77,265	Southern Europe
41	<a href="#">Monaco</a>	39,242	Western Europe
42	<a href="#">Liechtenstein</a>	38,128	Western Europe
43	<a href="#">San Marino</a>	33,931	Southern Europe
44	<a href="#">Holy See</a>	801	Southern Europe

#### Dependencies or other territories

- Channel Island : UK
- Isle of Man : UK
- Faroe Island : Denmark
- Gibraltar Island : UK

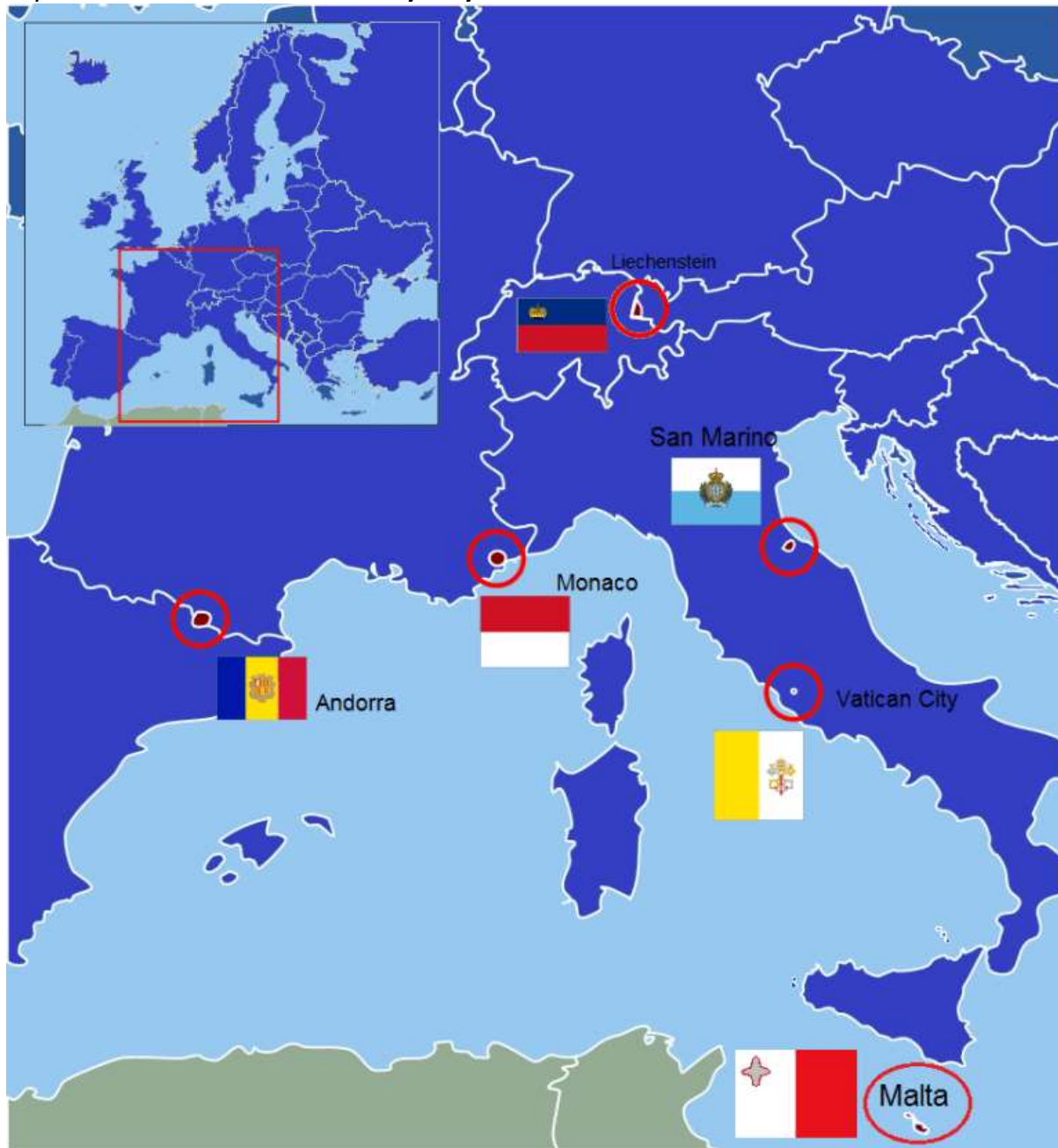




### THE GULF STREAM'S IMPORTANCE TO EUROPE: KEY IMPACT:

- Is crucial for Europe's climate due to its role in transporting warm water from the tropics northeastward.
- The Gulf Stream is nicknamed "Europe's central heating", because it makes Europe's climate warmer and wetter
- Moderates Temperatures: Keeps Western and Northern European winters significantly milder than other regions at similar latitudes.
- Increases Precipitation: Contributes to consistent rainfall, benefiting agriculture.
- Prevents Sea Ice: Keeps many northern coastlines ice-free year-round, vital for shipping and fishing.
- Supports Agriculture: Creates favourable conditions for diverse crop growth.

**six smallest states** in Europe by area: **Andorra, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, San Marino, and Vatican City.** **Vatican City is the smallest country in the world.** Situated on the western bank of the **Tiber River**, Vatican City's 2-mile border is **landlocked by Italy.**



### PHYSICAL PARTS OF EUROPE

Physical Region	Description	Key Features/Examples
Western Uplands	Ancient, eroded highlands and mountains, often heavily glaciated, running along the western edge of Europe	Scandinavian Mountains, Scottish Highlands, Pennines (UK), parts of Ireland, Brittany (France), Iberian Peninsula.
North European Plain	A vast, relatively flat to gently rolling lowland	Extends from France, Belgium,

	stretching across northern Europe, with fertile soils	Netherlands, Germany, Poland, Baltic States, into Western Russia. Includes the Great European Plain.
Central Uplands	A band of older, wooded highlands and plateaus that stretches across central Europe, south of the North European Plain.	Massif Central (France), Ardennes (Belgium), Black Forest (Germany), Bohemian Massif (Czech Republic), parts of southern Germany and Austria.
Alpine Mountains	Young, rugged mountain ranges formed by recent tectonic activity, found in Southern Europe. They are often high and steeply sloped.	Alps, Pyrenees, Apennines, Carpathians, Dinaric Alps, Balkan Mountains, Caucasus Mountains.
Significant Rivers	Major waterways vital for transportation, agriculture, and settlement.	Volga, Danube, Rhine, Elbe, Seine, Po, Thames.
Key Peninsulas	Large landmasses almost surrounded by water.	Scandinavian, Iberian, Italian, Balkan, Jutland, Crimean

1. Western Upland or North Highlands : Distinct physical features such as **marshlands, lakes, and fjords** have been emerged with the recession of glaciers from the highland areas. ( fjord : a long, narrow , deep inlet of the sea between high cliff, as in Norway, typically formed by submergence of glaciated valley. **Fjords are often set in a U-shaped valley with steep walls of rock on either side.**)

*North European Plain:*



#### Alpine Mountain Systems

- These are young fold mountains that runs from Atlantic Ocean to Caspian sea.
- These are located in south-central Europe, immediately north of the Mediterranean Sea. They extend in a crescent shape from the coastline. The main ones are the Alps, the Carpathians, the Balkans, the Caucasus, etc.
- The highest point of Europe is **Mount Elbrus**, located in the **Caucasus Mountains** in **Russia**.

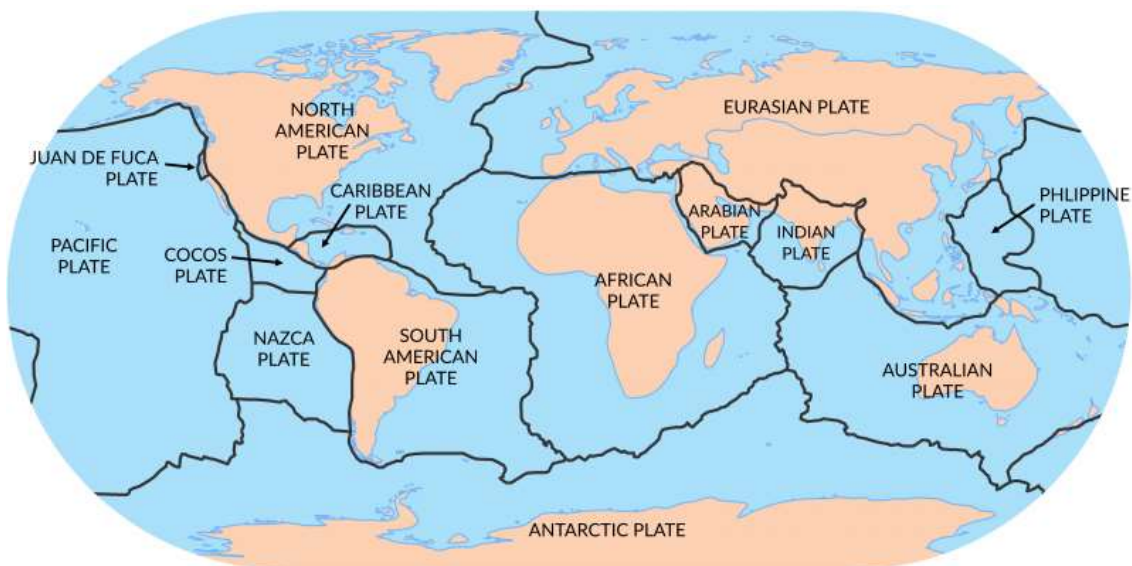


- **Mont Blanc** at (4,807m) : **highest point in the Alps** mountain range and is located on the border between **France** and **Italy**
- Pyrenes which runs west of Alps and divide France and Spain.



## MOUNTAINS OF EUROPE

Range	Countries	Highest Point
Alps	France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Slovenia	Mount Blanc (4,810m)
Pyrenees	Spain and France	Aneto (3,404m)
Carpathian Mountains	Ukraine, Romania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Serbia	Gerlachovský štít (2,654m)
Caucasus Mountains	Russia, Azerbaijan, Georgia	Mount Elbrus (5,642m)
Dinaric Alps	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Maja Jezercë (2,694m)
Scandinavian Mountains	Norway, Sweden and Finland	Kebnekaise (2,469m)
Scottish Highlands	Scotland	Ben Nevis (1,345m)
Apennine Mountains	Italy	Corno Grande (2,912m)
Balkan Mountains	Bulgaria and Serbia	Botev Peak (2,376m)
Dolomites	Italy	Marmolada (3,343m)



### Alps Mountains

- formed due to orogeny process
- They are young fold mountains formed by the Alpine Orogeny, ( of plate tectonics) primarily due to the northward collision of the African (or Adriatic) and Eurasian tectonic plates
- As the plates converged, the immense pressure caused the Earth's crust to buckle, fold, and thrust upwards. Sediments from the ancient **Tethys Ocean** (which lay between these continents) were compressed, uplifted, and metamorphosed, forming the dramatic peaks we see today. This process is still ongoing, though at a very slow pace.
- the Himalayas are generally considered younger than the Alps.
- across 1,200 km
- Eight [Alpine countries](#) : [France](#), [Switzerland](#), [Italy](#), [Liechtenstein](#), [Austria](#), [Germany](#), and [Slovenia](#), Monaco
- highest point in the Alps is **Mont Blanc**, 4,808.7 meters, located on the border between France and Italy.
- The Alps formed from the collision of the African and Eurasian tectonic plates. This ongoing collision also causes subduction where one plate dives beneath another. This subduction process is the primary driver of volcanic activity in Italy, especially in the south

Three active volcanoes in Italy:

1. Mount Etna
2. Stromboli
3. Mount Vesuvius



**Reason:** The primary reason for active volcanism in Southern Italy is the continued **subduction of remnants of the African oceanic plate** beneath the Eurasian plate.

Initial Stage: Oceanic Subduction: Before the full continental collision, there was an ancient ocean (the Tethys Ocean) between two plates and then Main Stage related with Continental Collision. So Alps' formation was indeed a continental-continental collision.





- The Jura Mountains are **not considered part of the Alps**.
- The Jura Mountains are a separate range located a short distance north of the Western Alps, mainly along the French-Swiss border.
- The Jura is often described as a "foreland" of the Alps, meaning it's a region affected by the same tectonic pressures but distinct from the main Alpine chain.
- **Lower Elevation:** The Jura Mountains are significantly lower in elevation than the Alps
- **What makes the Jura Mountains significant for the Jurassic Period?**
- **Fossil-Rich Sediments:** The limestone formations of the Jura Mountains were laid down during the Jurassic Period when the region was covered by a warm, shallow sea
- Geological Evidence - Jura Mountains themselves were uplifted much later, the rocks that *form* them and contain the evidence of the Jurassic Period were deposited during that time, making the mountains the namesake for this famous age of dinosaurs

### URAL MOUNTAINS

- are a long and narrow mountain range that forms a natural boundary between Europe and Asia in western Russia.
- are considered among the world's **oldest extant mountain ranges**, formed approximately **250 to 300 million years ago**
- **Aravalli Range is vastly older than the Ural Mountains**
- are a rich source of minerals including coal, metal ores, and precious stones, and mining in the region significantly contributes to Russia's economy.
- The highest peak in the range is Mount Narodnaya, which has an elevation of 1,894 m.
- Like the Urals, the **Caucasus Mountains also form part of the boundary between Europe and Asia.**
- **Europe's highest peak, Mount Elbrus, which has an elevation of 5,642 m, is located in the Caucasus Mountains**

### EUROPE PENINSULA

- Europe is often described as a "**peninsula of peninsulas**."
- Europe's main peninsulas are the **Iberian, Italian, and Balkan**, located in southern Europe, and the **Scandinavian and Jutland**, located in northern Europe.



### Scandinavian Peninsula

- [Scandinavia](#), the cultural region of [Denmark](#), [Norway](#) and [Sweden](#), is the largest peninsula of [Europe](#), larger than the [Balkan](#), the [Iberian](#) and the [Italian](#) peninsulas.
- The Scandinavian Peninsula occupies part of the [Baltic Shield](#), a stable and large crust segment formed of very old, [crystalline metamorphic rocks](#).



### THE NORDIC COUNTRIES:

Geographical And Cultural [Region](#) In [Northern Europe](#)

There are **five sovereign Nordic countries** and **three autonomous territories**

Includes [Denmark](#), [Finland](#), [Iceland](#), [Norway](#), And [Sweden](#),

### The three autonomous territories are:

1. **Faroe Islands** (part of Denmark)
2. **Greenland** (part of Denmark)
3. **Åland** (an autonomous region of Finland)

Why they are called "Nordic Countries":

The term "Nordic" originates from the local Scandinavian-language word "**Norden**," which literally means "**the North**" (or "the northern lands/islands")

Scandinavia can thus be considered a subset of the Nordic countries



The Iberian Peninsula is a significant geographical and cultural region located in southwestern Europe

- **Size:** It's the **second-largest European peninsula by area** (after the Scandinavian Peninsula)
- located extreme southwest of Europe
- **Boundaries:** It's mostly separated from the rest of the European landmass by the **Pyrenees Mountains** to the northeast
- The vast majority of the peninsula is occupied by **Spain** and **Portugal**
- **Andorra**, a small principality, is located in the eastern Pyrenees.
- **Gibraltar**, a British Overseas Territory, is situated at the southern tip.
- **Strait of Gibraltar.** It's bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west, north, and southwest, and the Mediterranean Sea to the south and east

#### Important urban area of this Iberian-

- Madrid-Spain, Barcelona-Catalonia/Spain, Valencia-Spain,
- Major industries include mining, tourism, small farms, and fishing. Because the coast is so long, fishing is popular, especially sardines, tuna and anchovies. Most of the mining happens in the Pyrenees mountains; iron, gold, coal, valuable minerals—such as lead, silver, zinc, and salt—are all mined.

#### Italian Peninsula (also known as the Apennine Peninsula)

- **Shape:** Famously **boot-shaped**, extending south into the central Mediterranean Sea.
- **Main Country:** Primarily occupied by **Italy**, along with the microstates of San Marino and Vatican City.
- **Defining Mountain Range:** Its backbone is the **Apennine Mountains**, which run almost the entire length of the peninsula.
- **Seas:** Bordered by the Adriatic Sea to the east, the Ionian Sea to the south, and the Tyrrhenian and Ligurian Seas to the west.



#### BALKAN PENINSULA

- is geopolitical region
- **Countries:** Comprises numerous countries, including **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, and Slovenia**, with parts of Greece and European Turkey also included
- Characterized by a **network of mountain ranges**, including the Balkan Mountains (from which it gets its name), the Dinaric Alps, and the Pindus Mountains. The word "Balkan" itself is Turkish for "mountain."
- **Seas:** Bounded by the Adriatic Sea to the west, the Ionian Sea to the southwest, the Aegean Sea to the south, and the Black Sea to the east.
- The former federated country of Yugoslavia was situated in the west-central part of the Balkan Peninsula. When it dissolved in the early 1990s, the countries that emerged from it – **Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, and North Macedonia (formerly Macedonia)** – are all considered part of the Balkan region. Kosovo, which declared independence from Serbia, is also located within the Balkans.

The peninsula of Greece, known as the Balkan Peninsula, and Italy extends into the Mediterranean Sea.

## BIGGEST ISLANDS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Rank	Island, Country	Area
1	Sicily, Italy	9,927 square miles
2	Sardinia, Italy	9,300 square miles
3	Cyprus, Cyprus	3,572 square miles
4	Corsica, France	3,350 square miles
5	Crete, Greece	3,206 square miles



### Biggest Islands In The Mediterranean Sea By Area

The two largest Mediterranean islands, Sicily and Sardinia, are both controlled by Italy.



### A Map Of Sicily (And Its Provinces), The Largest Mediterranean Island

- lighthouse of Mediterranean Mt Stramboli of Sicily,
- Sicily is the largest island located in the Mediterranean Sea
- The geography of [Sicily](#) is full of rolling land with tall volcanoes overlooking the agricultural landscape below. This island experiences mild, wet winter and hot, dry summers which are typical of the Mediterranean.
- Sardinia second largest island in sea



Cyprus: After a decades-long battle over land ownership between **Turkey** and Greece, **Cyprus** gained independence in 1960. The two biggest communities are individuals of Greek and Turkish descent. While they share many things, like food and drink, their differing religions, Greek Orthodox and Sunni Muslim, has kept them from more closely uniting.

Corsica: Continuing down in size, **Corsica** comes in at number four in Europe Mediterranean Sea and part of French. The Corsican economy relies mainly on tourism for survival. An interesting fact regarding Corsica is that Napoleon Bonaparte was born here!

#### Important Gulfs and Bays

NAME	SEPARATES	PART OF SEA OR OCEAN
Gulf of Riga	Estonia and Latvia	Baltic Sea
Gulf of Finland	Finland and Estonia	Baltic Sea.
Gulf of Bothnia	Sweden and Finland	Baltic Sea.
English Channel	Britain and Spain	Atlantic Ocean
Bay Biscay	France and Spain	Atlantic Ocean
Gulf of Lions	Lies to the south of France	Mediterranean Sea.

#### Important Straits

NAME	SEPARATES	CONNECTS
Strait of Gibraltar (Known as 'Key to the Mediterranean').	Europe and Africa	Mediterranean Sea with Atlantic Ocean.
Strait of Bonifacio	Sardinia islands. (Italy) and Corsica (France)	Tyrrhenian Sea with Mediterranean Sea.
Strait of Messina	Sicily and Peninsular Italy	Tyrrhenian Sea with Mediterranean Sea.
Strait of Otranto	Italy and Balkan Peninsula	Adriatic Sea with Ionian Sea.
Bosporus Strait	Istanbul and Anatolia Peninsula (Turkey)	Black Sea with Sea of Marmara.
Strait of Kerch	Kerch (Ukraine) and Russia	Sea of Azov with Black Sea.
Dardanelles Strait	Balkan Peninsula and Anatolia Peninsula	Sea of Marmara with Aegean Sea.

#### Important Seas

NAME	LOCATION, (PART OF OCEAN)	RIVERS DRAINING INTO THEM
Mediterranean Sea	Separates Europe from Africa, Strait of Gibraltar connects it to the Atlantic Ocean.	Tiber (Italy) Rhône (France) Ebro (Spain)
White Sea	North of Russia, Arctic Ocean	Mezen, N. Divina, and Onega
Baltic Sea North Sea Wide continental shelves of North Sea, called as Dogger Bank is one of the most productive regions for fishing in the world. North sea is connected to the Baltic Sea through Kiel Canal.	Atlantic Ocean East of the United Kingdom, Atlantic Ocean	Vistula and Oder Elbe and Weser (Germany) and Rhine (Netherlands)
Irish Sea	Lies between Great Britain and Ireland, Atlantic Ocean.	
Adriatic Sea	North east of Italy, Mediterranean Sea	Po (Italy.)
Ionian Sea	Lies between Greece and Italy, Mediterranean Sea.	
Black Sea	Separates Europe from Asia	Dnepr, Dniester, Danube
Sea of Azov	South east of Ukraine, North	Don.

	of Black Sea	
Sea of Marmara	South west of Black Sea	Connects Black Sea and Aegean Sea
Aegean Sea	Lies between Greece and Anatolia Peninsula (Turkey), Mediterranean Sea.	
Rivers of Italy	Outflow	City Located
Po The principal lowland of Italy is the fertile northern plain formed by the country's longest river the Po (.652 km) and its tributaries. South West flowing river of Italy	Adriatic Sea	Venice (Italy)
Tiber Delta : Cusplate	Mediterranean Sea	Rome (Italy)
Garonne	Bay of Biscay	Bordeaux
Loire	Bay of Biscay	Nantes.
Seine	English channel	Paris, Rouen, and Le Havre.

- **Lowest Point in Europe : North Caspian Sea**

- **Longest Rivers:**

1. Volga (3,690 km (2,293 miles), 2. Danube 2850 km (1770 miles).



#### Drainage Pattern

- The rivers of Europe are perennial being fed by melting snow or by the rain brought by the Westerlies.
- Many of them have their origin in the Alps.
- **Volga River, the longest river of Europe originated from Valdai Plateau and flows through Russia. it drains into Caspian sea.**
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- **Rhine River begins in Swiss Alps .**
- **Rivers that flow into the Mediterranean Sea are Rhone (France) and Ebro (Spain).**
- **River Po of Italy flows into the Adriatic Sea.**
- **The Danube, Dnieper, and Don flow into the Black Sea.**
- **Rivers that flow into the Atlantic Ocean are – Guadalquivir (Spain), Tagus and Douro (Portugal), Loire and Seine (France), The Rhine Weser and Elbe (Germany)**
- **The Thames, the chief river of England, flows into the English Channel.**
- **Rhine and Danube are international rivers** because they pass through many countries.

**The Rhine** starts from the **Alps in Switzerland** and flows northwards through Germany and enters the sea through Holland. It passes through heavily industrialized regions and is used for transporting heavy goods. **It is the busiest waterway in Europe.** Rotterdam, the largest port of Europe, is on its delta. It flows through rift valley between Black Forest Germany and Vosges Mountain France



**Danube : Second longest river of Europe. Originates from Black Forest , Germany and drains in Black sea.**

**The Danube** is also an international river. It rises from the Alps in Germany and flows through Austria, Hungary, Serbia, and enters the Black Sea in Romania. It is not as important as the Rhine for international trade because of the Black Sea in the interior.



#### **KEY LOCATIONS : RIVERS AND REGIONS**

- Thames river London , UK
- Lake Geneva, Switzerland on Rhone River
- Po River longest river of Italy starts from Alps and drain Adriatic sea.

#### **City and River Location**

- Paris Seine River
- Kiev Dniester River
- Berlin Elbe River
- Venice Po River
- Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade Danube River
- London Thames river

NORTH FLOWING RIVERS FROM WEST TO EAST		INFORMATION	
Onega, N. Dvina, and Mezen		Flows through European Plain into the White Sea.	

SOUTH EAST FLOWING RIVER	SOURCE	OUTFLOW	CITY LOCATED
Volga (Europe's longest river, 3,690km)	Valdas Plateau	Caspian Sea	Saratov, Volgograd
Don	Tula (Black Sea)	Sea of Azov Rostov.	
Dnepr	Valdai Hill	Black Sea	Kiev, Dnepropetrovsk
Dnester	--	Black Sea	--
Danube If flows in Middle Europe through Austria, Slovakia Hungary and the northern part of Yugoslavia and Romania. It is the only river in the world which touches or crosses right countries.	Black Forest (Germany)	Black Sea	Black Sea Linz, Vienna , Budapest, Belgrade



**The Gulf of Riga** is a brackish water body which is considered as a sub-basin of the Baltic Sea.

**The Gulf of Lions** extends from the easternmost spurs of Pyrenees and covers various lagoons, the Rhone River delta,

- Largest freshwater lake in Europe : Lake Ladoga , Russia
- Finland called : land of Lakes ( reason : formed due to melting of ice sheets)





**Baltic Sea** (Total no. of countries: 9)

1. S- Sweden
2. E- Estonia
3. L- Latvia
4. L- Lithuania
5. R- Russia
6. G- Germany
7. D- Denmark
8. P- Poland
9. F- Finland

**Black Sea** (Total No. of countries- 6)



1. Bu- Bulgaria
2. U- Ukraine
3. R- Russia
4. G- Georgia
5. R- Romania

6. T- Turkey

**Caspian Sea** (total no. of countries 5) ATRIK

1. A- Azerbaijan
2. T- Turkmenistan
3. R- Russia
4. I- Iran
5. K- Kazakhstan



Largest City Metro Populations In Europe

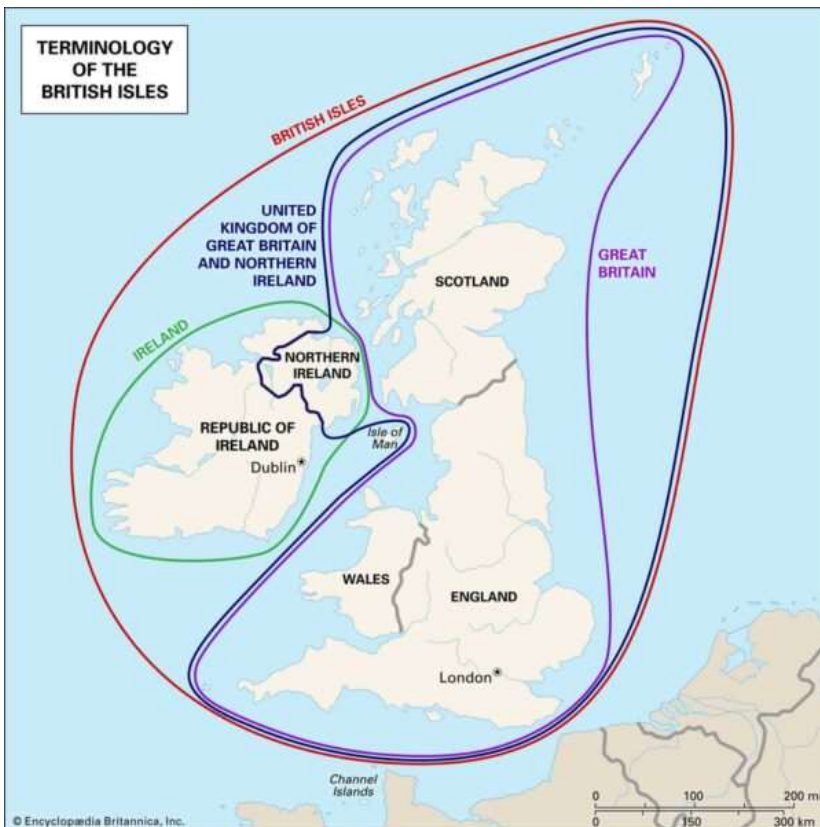
Rank	City	Country	Metro Population
1	Istanbul	Turkey	14,163,989
2	Moscow	Russia	12,165,704
3	Paris	France	10,843,285
4	London	United Kingdom	10,313,307
5	Madrid	Spain	6,199,254
6	Barcelona	Spain	5,358,319
7	Saint Petersburg	Russia	4,992,991
8	Rome	Italy	3,717,956
9	Berlin	Germany	3,563,194
10	Milan	Italy	3,098,974



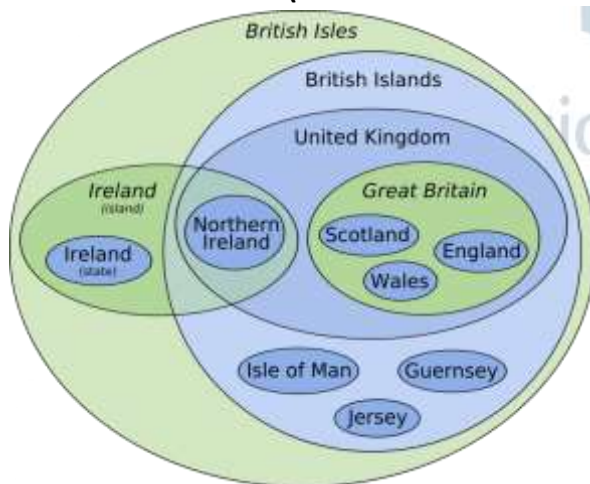
Islands of Europe: Europe is an island rich continent.

The [British Isles](#) is the largest and the most important group of islands consisting of England, Scotland, and Ireland.





- Great Britain or Britain consist of England, Scotland, and Wales
- United Kingdom consist of Great Britain and North Ireland
- Ireland Island consist of Ireland country and North Ireland area of UK
- British Isles : ( Great Britain + North Ireland= UK + Ireland )



#### Benelux Union:

- is a politico-economic union of three neighbouring states in western Europe: Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg.
- Headquater Brussels



\* Rotterdam or Europort (Netherlands) is the largest port in Europe.

### CLIMATE OF EUROPE :

- Varies from Subtropical to Polar
- Tundra and Taiga Type
- Mediterranean Climate Type
- Continental Climate
- West European Climate / British Type of Climate

#### Tundra Type

- Characterised by long and very cold winter , and short and cool summers .
- Found in extreme northern parts of Europe north of Arctic Circle.
- Areas: Russia, Finland, Norway and Sweden

#### Taiga Type

- Characterised by Cold and long winters , Warm and Short Summers
- Little rainfall in occurs during summer
- Found in Northern Europe from 50 degree North latitude to Arctic Circle.
- Areas: Russia, Finland, Norway and Sweden

#### Mediterranean Climate

- Characterised by long , hot , dry summer and cool wet winters
- Moderate winter rainfall due to onshore Westerlies
- Areas : Spain, Portugal, Italy, France, Bosnia, Albania, Greece, Croatia,

#### Continental Climate

- Characterised by extreme climate, ie short and hot summer and long and cold winters
- rainfall is less during summer as Westerlies dry up when they reach the interior parts of continent .
- Found in Interior regions of Europe. like Eastern and Central Europe

#### British Type Climate or Marine type climate

- Characterised by Warm summer and Cool winters .
- Rainfall distributed throughout the Year due to prevailing westerlies .
- These Climate Influenced by North Atlantic Drift and nearness to the water bodies, leads to moderating effects on the climate of the region.
- Found in Coastal Areas of Western Europe in Ireland , UK, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium, Western France and North Spain

### ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

#### Agriculture :

##### Food Crops :

- Wheat : Paris Basin, Po Valley Italy , Steppes of Hungary, Russia , Ukraine
- Barley , rye , Oat are grown in Great European Plains
- Potato in France, Germany , Netherlands, Poland and Ireland

##### Cash Crops :

- Flax grown in areas of Baltic Sea, France, Belgium, North Russia
- Sugar beet main source of Sugar in Europe.



- Fruits : Apples, Olives, grapes, Figs, Peaches , Oranges in Mediterranean Basin lands
- Viticulture Zone in Spain, Italy, France, Portugal

#### Fisheries

- Europe has rich fishing reserve as warm water of North Atlantic Drift provides fishing areas like Dogger Bank, Great Fishers Bank .
- Dairy Farming is largest in North Western Europe in the World

#### Minerals :

- Iron ore: Ukraine, Russia, Spain, Germany , France, Sweden
- Bauxite: Germany , France, Norway , Switzerland , Austria, UK, Russia, Italy
- Zinc and Lead : Belgium, France, Spain, Germany and Poland
- Copper: Spain, Germany, Norway and Sweden
- Silver : Germany, Russia, Spain
- Coal : Germany Ruhr Region is best areas of iron and steel industry
- Chemical Industries mainly developed by Russia, UK, France, Germany , Italy

### HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

- The population distribution is highly uneven. Reason its physiography
- Densely Populated Areas : in areas like Fertile Plains, River Valleys , Industrial rich regions
- Moderate Populated Areas: Most of the Cities are moderately populated in Europe
- Sparsely Populated Areas : Region with Extreme climatic conditions like Tundra, Taiga , Alpine Mountain regions .

#### All capital cities in Europe listed by country

Country	Capital city
Albania	Tirana
Andorra	Andorra la Vella
Armenia	Yerevan
Austria	Vienna
Azerbaijan	Baku
Belarus	Minsk
Belgium	Brussels
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sarajevo
Bulgaria	Sofia
Croatia	Zagreb
Cyprus	Nicosia
Czechia	Prague
Denmark	Copenhagen
Estonia	Tallinn
Finland	Helsinki
France	Paris
Georgia	Tbilisi
Germany	Berlin
Greece	Athens
Hungary	Budapest
Iceland	Reykjavik
Ireland	Dublin
Italy	Rome
Kazakhstan	Astana
Kosovo	Pristina
Country	Capital city
Latvia	Riga

Liechtenstein	Vaduz
Lithuania	Vilnius
Luxembourg	Luxembourg (city)
Malta	Valletta
Moldova	Chisinau
Monaco	Monaco
Montenegro	Podgorica
Netherlands	Amsterdam
North Macedonia	Skopje
Norway	Oslo
Poland	Warsaw
Portugal	Lisbon
R	
Romania	Bucharest
Russia	Moscow
S	
San Marino	San Marino
Serbia	Belgrade
Slovakia	Bratislava
Slovenia	Ljubljana
Spain	Madrid
Sweden	Stockholm
Switzerland	Bern
T	
Turkey	Ankara
U	
Ukraine	Kyiv ( <i>also known as Kiev</i> )
United Kingdom	London
V	
Vatican City (Holy See)	Vatican City