

Europe



Introduction

Europe is one of the seven continents. The other six are; North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Australasia and Antarctica.

Europe is the second smallest continent in size.

There are around **50 countries** in Europe, including England, France, Croatia and part of Russia.

739 million people (739,000,000) are thought to live in Europe, making it the third largest continent by population.

Most countries use the **Euro** as their currency.

There are lots of religions across Europe, the most practised being Christianity.



Some Flags of Europe



European
Union



Croatia



Ireland



Sweden



Estonia



Belgium



Switzerland



England



United
Kingdom



Slovakia



Slovenia



Portugal



Poland



Netherlands



Germany



Northern
Ireland



Italy



Monaco



Latvia



Serbia



Turkey



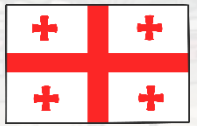
Romania



Iceland



Spain



Georgia



Wales



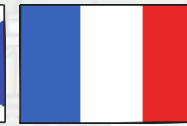
Russia



Hungary



Scotland



France



Finland



Austria

Map of Europe



Rivers

Volga, Russia



The Volga river runs through Russia. It is the longest river in Europe at 2,294 miles long.

In places the Volga is so wide that you cannot see the other side.

Huge **sturgeon** fish can be found living in the water.



One of the biggest battles of World War 2 was fought on the banks of the river.



Rivers

Rhine, Germany



The Rhine river runs mainly through Germany, but starts in Switzerland. Its waterways have been used to transport food and other goods since Roman times, over 2000 years ago.

There are many castles located on the banks, such as Maus (mouse) Castle.



Many years ago, the Rhine was considered one of the most polluted rivers in Europe. A lot of effort has been put in place to clean it up.

Mountains

Matterhorn, Switzerland



The Matterhorn is Switzerland's most famous Mountain, where it is easily recognised for its triangular shape. Its height is 4,478m, quite small for a mountain.

In German Matte means 'meadow' and horn Means 'peak'.

Since 1856, over 500 people have died trying to climb the mountain.

In Disney Land, California USA there is a miniature copy with a bobsled ride inside.

Mountains

Mount Olympus, Greece

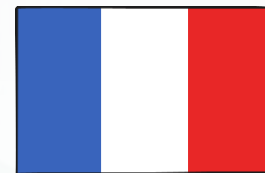


It is the highest mountain in Greece at 2,918 m. In Greek Mythology, it is home of the God, Zeus.

You can usually see the mountain covered in snow for 7 months every year between November and May.

Famous Landmarks

Eiffel Tower, France



The Eiffel Tower is found in Paris, France.

It was completed on 31 March 1889 and took two years, two months, and five days to build.

Until 1930, it was the tallest building in the world, being 324m tall. This is the same as an 81 storey building.

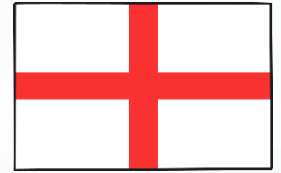
Seven million tourists visited in 2013, making it the most paid visitor monument in the world.

There is a miniature copy of the tower in Las Vegas, USA.



Famous Landmarks

Stonehenge, England



The mysterious Stonehenge can be found in the English countryside in Wiltshire.

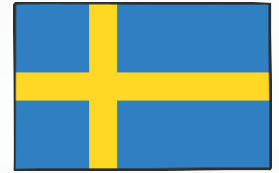


People believe that the stones were erected around 5,000 years ago, but nobody is certain as to why.

Every year thousands of people visit Stonehenge on 21st June for the Summer Solstice.

Climate and Weather

Stockholm, Sweden



Stockholm is the capital of Sweden, and is found in the North of Europe.

The climate there is quite similar to that of the United Kingdom. On average in winter, the temperature is usually around -1 degrees Celsius, whereas in the summer the temperature is around 20 degrees Celsius.

In winter, there is sunlight for only 6 hours every day, whereas in the height of summer, the sun can be seen for 19 hours every day, meaning night time only lasts for 5 hours.



Climate and Weather

Madrid, Spain



Madrid is the capital of Spain, and is located in the middle of the country.

When most people think of the climate in Spain, they think of warm weather and lots of sunshine. This is because many people only travel during summer to the warm beaches that are dotted around the country.

In summer, the average temperature in Madrid is around 31 degrees Celsius, whereas in winter it can drop to 10 degrees.

Madrid is a very dry city. It doesn't rain often, but when it does, some taxi drivers stop working due to the weather, much like when it starts snowing in the United Kingdom.



