


All Around Europe - Geography - Summer 1

Map and Overview



-Europe is a continent located entirely in the northern hemisphere, and mostly in the eastern hemisphere.

-Despite being the 2nd smallest continent by area (covering 10.2 million km²) it is the 3rd most populous continent in the world – with a population of about 743 million people (about 10% of the world's population).

-Europe largely rests on the same landmass as Asia, separated by the Ural Mountains and the Caspian Sea.

The European climate is affected by warm Atlantic currents.

Regions & Countries of Europe





Largest European countries:

1. Russia – 3.9 million km² (in Europe)
2. Ukraine – 603,628 km²
3. France – 551,695 km²
4. Spain – 496,466 km²
5. Sweden – 450,293 km²

There are 46 countries in Europe, although 2 are only partially in Europe (most of Russia and Turkey are in Asia).

Most populous European countries:

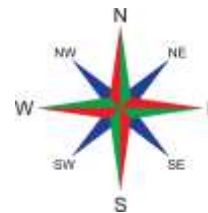
1. Russia – 109 million (in Europe)
2. Germany – 83 million
3. France – 67 million
4. UK – 66 million
5. Italy – 60 million

<p>Northern Europe</p>  <p>Northern Europe is a general term for the area of Europe that is north of the Baltic Coast. This includes Scandinavia (e.g. Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark), the United Kingdom and Ireland. At extremely northern latitudes (e.g. Iceland) the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) can be seen. Life expectancy in Northern Europe is extremely high.</p>	<p>Eastern Europe</p>  <p>Eastern Europe is dominated by Russia and the countries formerly a part of the Soviet Union. Here, further inland from the warm currents of the Atlantic Ocean, temperatures can become extremely cold in winter. Further south are countries such as Greece and Bulgaria. Ancient Greece is considered the birthplace of western civilisation.</p>
<p>Western Europe</p>  <p>Western Europe is used to describe the western portion of the European continent, and also the countries that are deemed to show the characteristics of a more 'western' culture. Many historical events have shaped Western Europe, for example the Roman Empire and breakout of WWII.</p>	<p>Southern Europe</p>  <p>Southern Europe is generally used to describe the countries that border the Mediterranean Sea (e.g. Spain, Italy and Croatia) and island nations (such as Cyprus). Southern Europe has a warm and sunny climate, meaning that its countries are popular holiday destinations for those from colder climates.</p>



Key vocabulary

Physical features	Natural parts of the earth's surface that we can see and touch. They include things like mountains, rivers, deserts, oceans, and forests.
Human features	Parts of the earth's surface that have been created or modified by humans. They include things like cities, roads, buildings, bridges, and dams.
Grid reference	Grid reference is a way of locating a specific point on a map using a grid system. The grid is made up of horizontal and vertical lines that form squares or rectangles.
Regions	A region is a part of the world that has things in common. This can be things like how the land looks, what kinds of plants and animals live there, or what the people who live there are like.
8 point compass	An 8-point compass is a tool that helps you know which way you are going. It has 8 main directions: north, northeast, east, southeast, south, southwest, west, and northwest.



4 figure grid reference can look like:

