







The Geography of Europe

















Europe's Latitude Compared to the U.S.

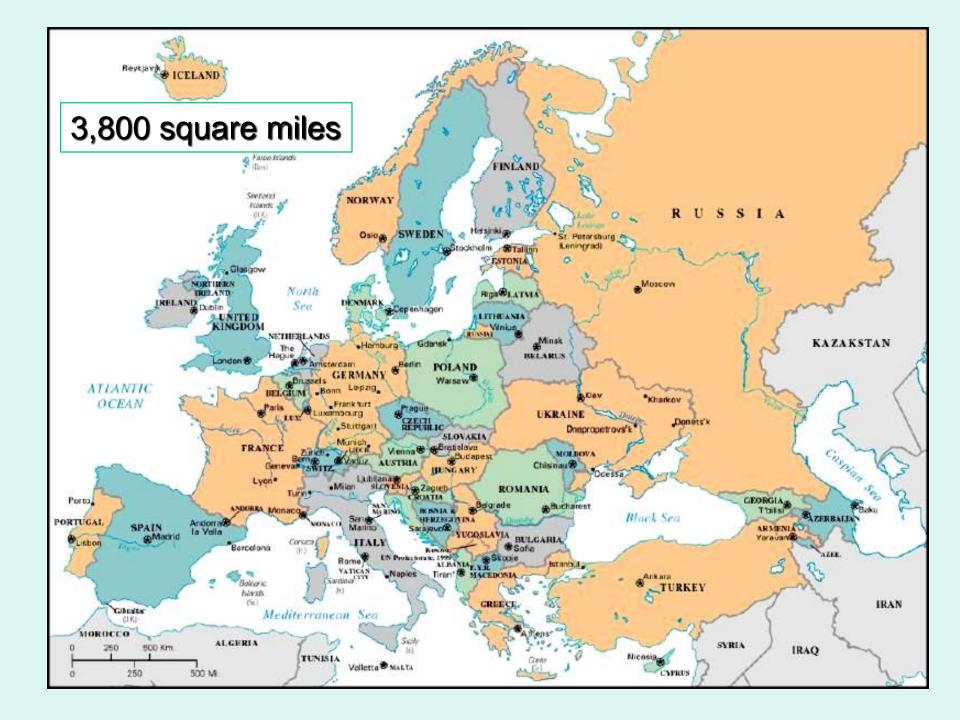


Former Soviet Union Compared in Latitude & Area with the US



Satellite View of Europe







Continents by Size (sq. km.)

Asia	44,579,000
Africa	30,065,000
North America	24,256,000
South America	17,819,000
Antarctica	13,209,000
Europe	9,938,000
Oceania (incl. Australia)	7,687,000

Rhine River

- Longest river in Germany
- An important waterway for trade
- Begins in Switzerland, winds through Germany, France, Luxembourg, & The Netherlands







Danube River

- 2nd largest river in Europe (Volga is first)
- Flows through the 12 countries of Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, and the Ukraine!
 - 1,770 miles long
- Played a vital role in the development of central Europe (trade & cultural diffusion)



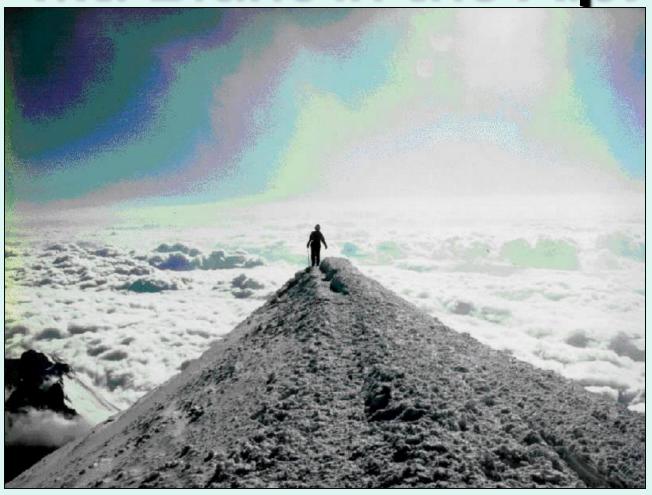


The Alps

- Located in Austria, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Slovenia, & Liechtenstein
- Major tourist destination
- Extend for almost 700 miles!



Mt. Blanc in the Alps



It's the highest mountain in the Alps: 15,771 feet.





Pyrenees Mountains

- Form the natural border between France & Spain
- Extend for about 270 miles





Ural Mountains

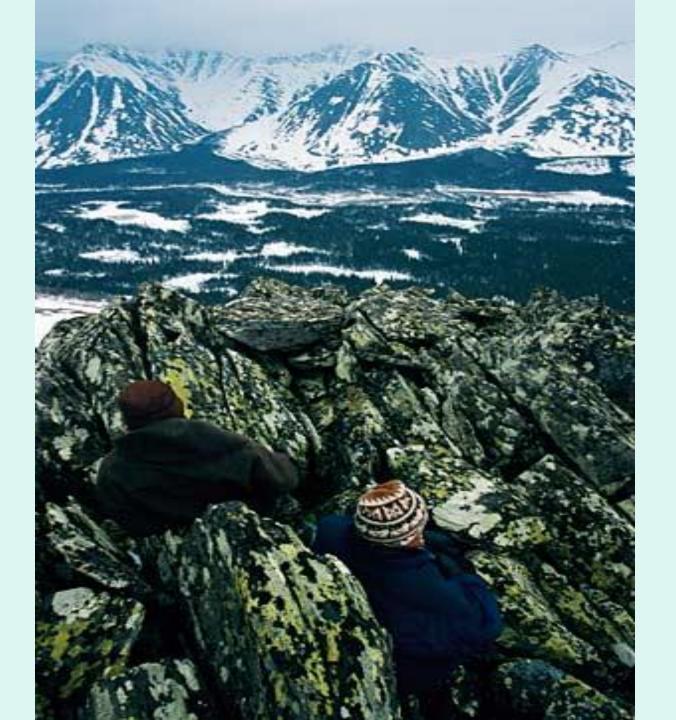
- Considered the natural boundary between Europe & Asia
- Divide Russia: 1/4 is in Europe, 3/4 is in Asia
- 1,500 miles long!
- Among the world's OLDEST mountain ranges
- Huge deposits of gold, nickel, silver, platinum, coal, iron, & other minerals

Ural Mountains: "The Great Divide"



It divides the European and Asian sections of Russia.







The English Channel

- Small body of water that separates England from France
- 350 miles long
- In the past, it was used as a good system of defense for England
- An important waterway for trade





Iberian Peninsula

- The Pyrenees form the northern border
- 2nd largest peninsula in Europe
- Includes the countries of Spain & Portugal



Southern Peninsulas



Scandinavian Peninsula

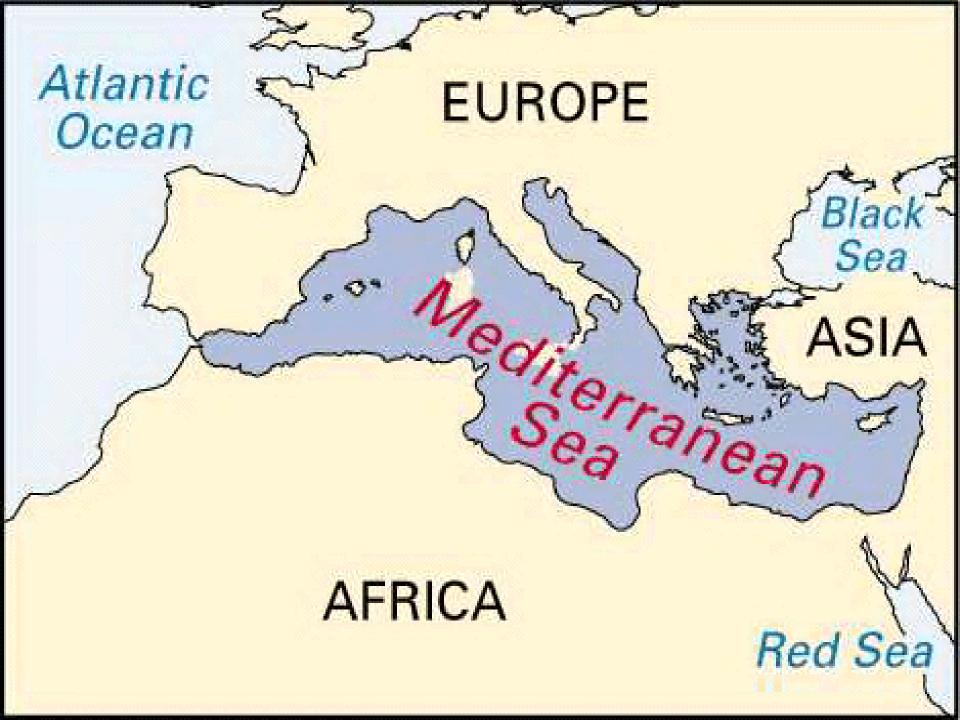
- Largest peninsula in Europe (1,150 miles long)
- Consists of Norway, Sweden, and the northern region of Finland
- Region is rich in timber, iron, & copper





Mediterranean Sea

- Important route for trade & cultural exchange
- "Crossroads for 3 continents" (Europe, Africa, & Asia)
- Covers an area of 965,000 square miles
- Name means "in the middle of the earth" (surrounded by land)





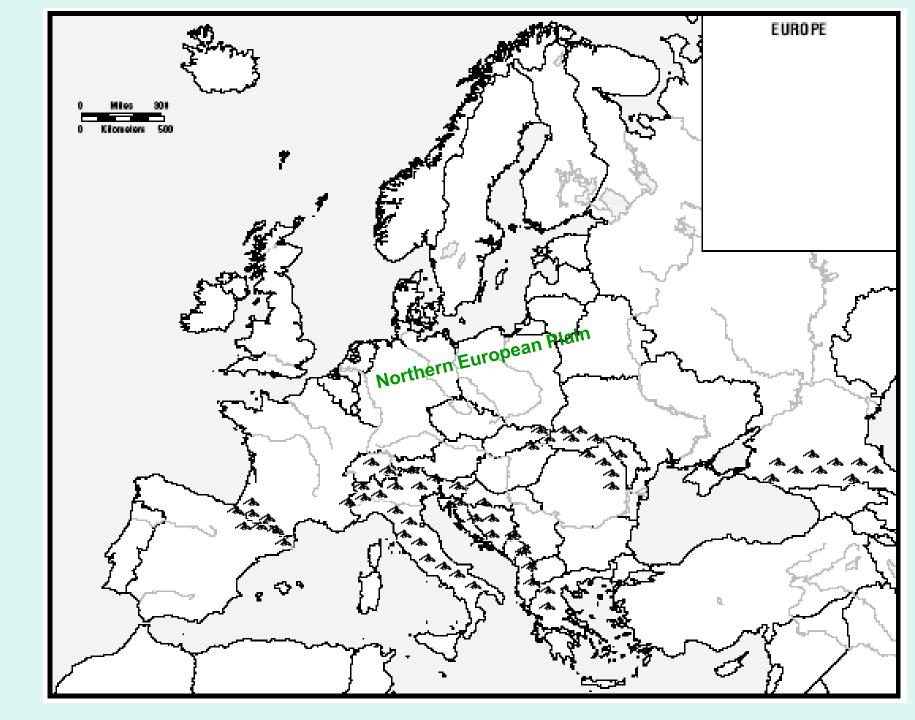


The European Plain

- Largest mountain-free landform in Europe
- Stretches from the Pyrenees in the west to the Ural Mountains in the east
- Extends 2,000 miles
- Successful agricultural area









[&]quot;WELL, TECHNICALLY, THE URAL MOUNTAINS ARE LOCATED ON THE EARTH,
BUT I WANTED YOU TO BE A BIT MORE SPECIFIC."