

STANDARDS:

SS6G7 Locate selected features of Europe.

- a. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map: the Danube River, Rhine River, English Channel, Mediterranean Sea, European Plain, the Alps, Pyrenees, Ural Mountains, and Iberian Peninsula.
- b. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map the countries of France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Spain, Ukraine, and United Kingdom.



- Europe is located in the northern hemisphere.
- The continent is surrounded by the Arctic Ocean to the north, the Atlantic Ocean to the west, Africa to the south, and Asia to the east.
- Europe (excluding Russia) is smaller than half the size of the US; however, it is home to more than 40 different countries.

Geography

- Europe is a continent of varying landscapes.
- The continent is home to vast plains, snowy mountain ranges, and large peninsulas.
- Europe's most influential physical feature is water.
- Many rivers extend across Europe's inland regions and two major oceans surround the continent.

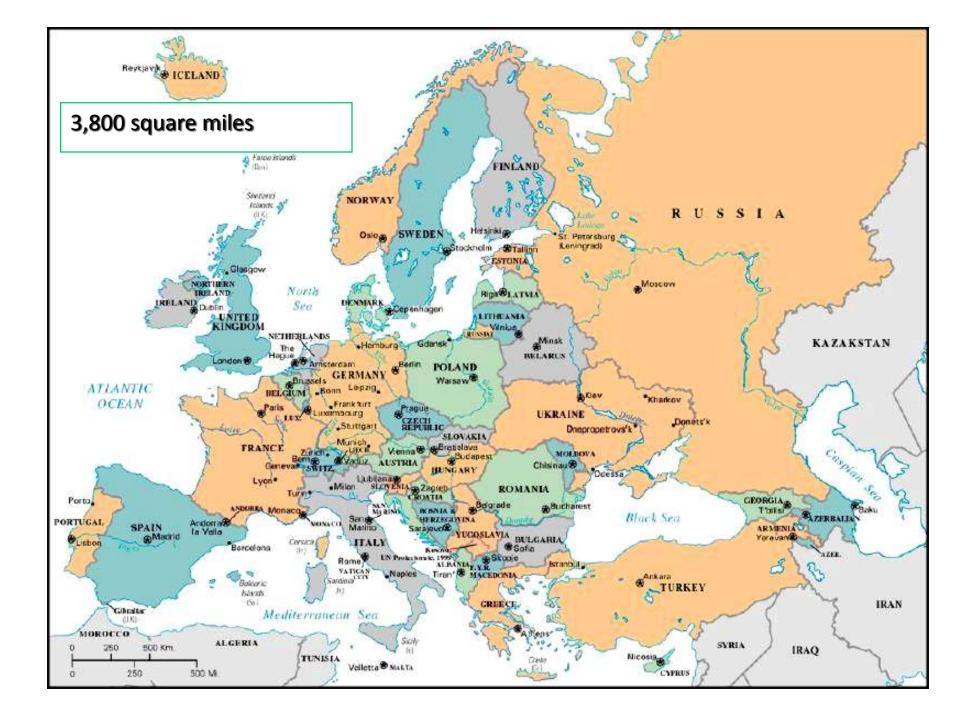


Europe's Latitude Compared to the U.S.



Former Soviet Union Compared in Latitude & Area with the US







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

- The Rhine River starts in Switzerland in the Alps mountain range.
- It flows northwest through Germany, France, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands.
- It's the longest river in Germany.



Rhine River

- The Rhine River is an important waterway for shipping industries, as well as a major water source for farms and factories.
- Manufactured goods are shipped on the Rhine River to the Atlantic Ocean to be shipped around the world.
- The Rhine is the most important commercial waterway in Europe.





Danube River

- The Danube River begins in Germany and flows east across 10 countries for a total of 1,770 miles.
- It is the 2nd largest river in Europe and is an important shipping route across the continent.
- It has played a vital role in the development of central Europe in terms of trade and cultural diffusion.







English Channel

• The English Channel is a narrow body of water that separates the United Kingdom from the European mainland (specifically, from France).

• It is 350 miles long.

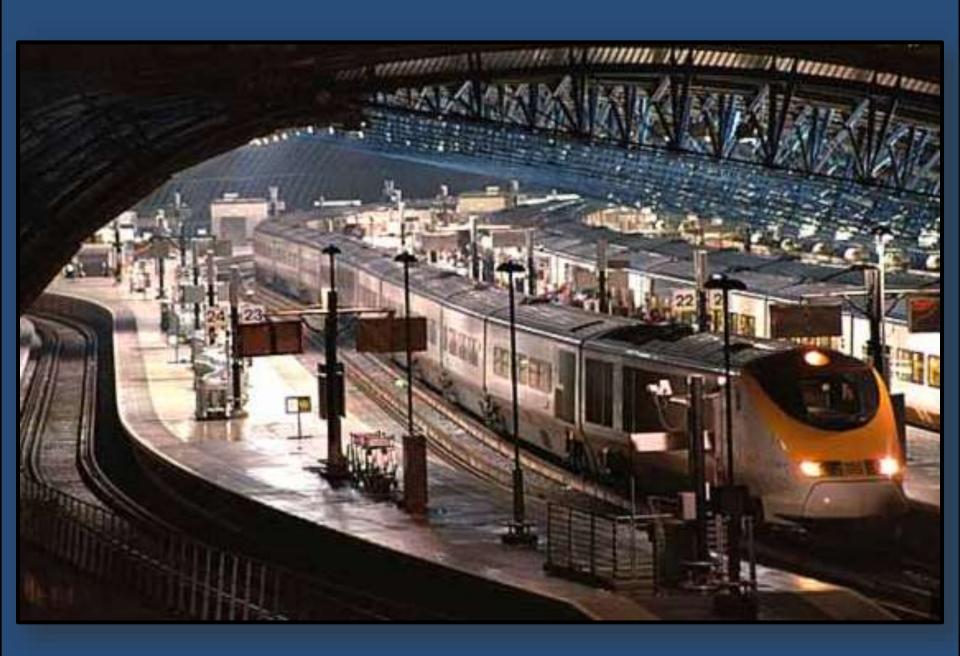




English Channel

• The English Channel is an important waterway for trade.

 The Chunnel, an underground railway, was opened under the channel in 1994.



Mediterranean Sea

- The Mediterranean Sea is the crossroads for three continents: Europe, Africa, and Asia.
- The name means "in the middle of the earth" (it's surrounded by land).
- It surrounds Italy and has a dry, warm climate.





Mediterranean Sea

- The Mediterranean Sea covers an area of 965,000 square miles and is the world's largest inland sea.
- It has been an important center for trade and cultural exchange for thousands of years.



The Alps

 The Alps are a mountain range located in Austria, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Slovenia, and Liechtenstein.

They extend for almost 700 miles!

The Alps are a major tourist destination.







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Pyrenees Mountains

 The Pyrenees are a mountain range that form the natural border between France and Spain.

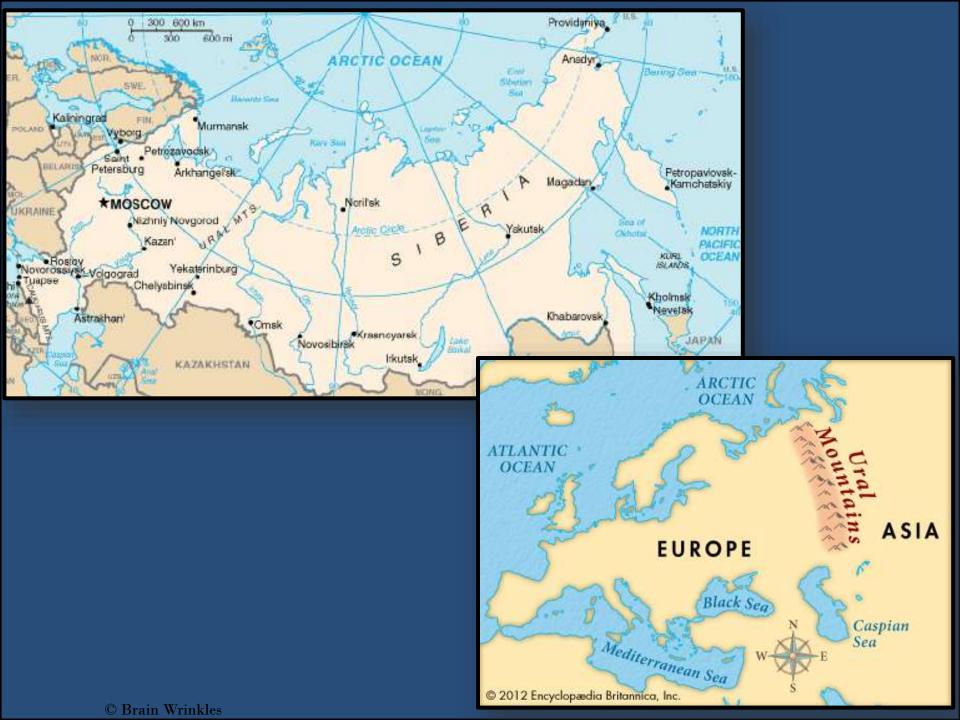
They extend for roughly 270 miles.





Ural Mountains

- The Ural Mountains are considered to be the natural boundary between Europe and Asia.
- They actually divide Russia between the continents: ¼ of Russia is in Europe and ¾ of the country is in Asia.
- The Ural Mountains extend for almost 1,500 miles!





Ural Mountains

- The Ural Mountains are among the world's oldest mountain ranges.
- They have huge deposits of gold, nickel, silver, platinum, coal, iron, and other minerals.



Iberian Peninsula

The Iberian Peninsula includes the countries of Spain and Portugal.

 The Pyrenees Mountains form the northern border and separate the Iberian Peninsula from the rest of Europe.





European Plain

 The European Plain stretches from France's Atlantic coast in the west to the Ural Mountains in the east.

It extends for 2,000 miles.

• The European Plain is the largest mountainfree landform in Europe.



European Plain

- The European Plain contains rich farmland and is a successful agricultural area.
- Some of Europe's largest cities can be found in this region: Moscow, Paris, and Berlin.



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