

A topographic map of Europe and its surrounding regions, including parts of North Africa, the Middle East, and Iceland. The map uses a color gradient to represent elevation, with green for lowlands and yellow/brown for higher elevations. The text "Europe's Geography" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, outlined font.

# Europe's Geography

## 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

- 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





3,800 square miles





# S Z O H G M R



# 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
<b><i>Europe</i></b>	<b><i>9,938,000</i></b>
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.





THE NETHERLANDS  
Amsterdam  
Cologne  
Rhine River  
GERMANY  
Koblenz  
Rudesheim  
Speyer  
Strasbourg  
Rhine River  
FRANCE  
Colmar  
Breisach  
SWITZERLAND  
Basel

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**













# 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:  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Russia is in Europe and  $\frac{3}{4}$  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 mountain-free landform in Europe.

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European Plain



# 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.

