

Europe

Europe is a continent. There are over 50 countries in Europe and 23 recognised official languages spoken.

There are five primary rivers in Europe: the Volga, the Danube, the Rhine, the Elbe and the Loire.

Europe has many mountain ranges. Mount Elbrus in Russia is the highest mountain in Europe. It is 5,642 metres/ 18,510 feet. The mountain is part of the Caucasus mountain range. The highest peak in the European Alps is Mont Blanc.

Physical Features

The top of a mountain is called the summit. To find out how high a mountain is, measure from sea level to summit. To find how tall a mountain is, measure base to summit.

The Black Sea and the Caspian Sea are both landlocked seas. This means that they are surrounded by land.



Key Rivers

The Rhine flows 766 miles.

The Elbe flows 724 miles.

The Loire flows 629 miles.

The Volga is the longest river in Europe and flows 2294 miles.

The Danube is the second longest river in Europe and flows 1780 miles.



Key Mountain Ranges

Scottish Highlands in the United Kingdom.



Pyrenees on the border between France and Spain which extends for 270 miles.



Alps in Central Western Europe.



Caucasus Mountains separate Europe and Asia between the Black Sea and Caspian Sea.



Apennines run for about 870 miles through Italy.



Key Vocabulary

Landmass	A large continuous area of land.
Primary	Important
Traversing	Crossing
Source	Where something comes from.
Remote	Far away from towns and cities.
Delta	Where a river splits and spreads out into several branches before entering the sea or a lake.
Mountain Ranges	A series of mountains joined together.
Peak	The pointed top of a mountain
Summit	The top of a mountain
Boundary	A line that separates two countries.