



Europe and the U.K.



Physical Features		
Giant's Causeway		Northern Ireland land formation created from a volcanic eruption.
The Alps		Longest mountain range in Europe passing 8 different countries.
Aurora Borealis		Known as the 'Northern Lights' seen in the North Pole.
Human Features		
European Union		Created after WWII to allow free trade between its 27 members (U.K. left 2020)
Berlin Wall		1961-1989 wall separating East and West Germany
Eiffel Tower		Tower in Paris (France) built in 1887
Colosseum		Venue for Roman gladiators in Rome (Italy)

Key Vocabulary	
borders	Political factors and physical (e.g. rivers, mountains and seas) affect where borders between countries are set.
English Channel	A 560km stretch of sea that separates England from France - important for trade.
euro	Unit of money used across most of Europe.
fjords	Long, narrow inlet from the sea with steep cliffs, often found in Norway.
Iberian Peninsula	Portugal, Spain and Andorra where the region is hotter and drier than the rest of Western Europe.
Mediterranean	Southern areas of Europe which have mild winters and hot summers (e.g. Spain, Turkey).
polar regions	Northern regions which are cold/dry all year.
Russia	Only Western Russia is considered inside Europe. Eastern Russia is technically in Asia.
Scandinavia	The countries of Norway, Sweden and Denmark with cool climates.

What is the climate like in Europe?

- **Polar climates** are near the Arctic Circle such as Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia where tundra and icy glaciers are common.
- **Temperate climates** are where there are cold winters and warm summers, with plenty of rainfall and deciduous forests, much like the U.K.
- **Mediterranean climates** are dry and hot and attract many tourists.
- **Alpine climates** are mountainous and cold.

Longest River
Volga (Russia) - 3530km

Tallest Mountain
Mount Elbrus (Russia) 5642m

Largest Population
Russia - 148 million

Fauna (animals)

badgers, reindeer, swans, brown bears, wild boars, ibex, foxes, rabbits, beavers, otters and bison

Flora (plants)

Spruce, Oak, Ash, Cypress, Elm and Olive

