



Geography Focus	Journey Through Europe	Class 1 and 2	Summer Term 2 Cycle1
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Key Facts

There are 44 countries in Europe. A small number of countries on the continent are transcontinental, meaning they are considered to be a part of both Europe and Asia.

As well as different countries and cities, there are many different physical features found across Europe. There are mountains, rivers, lakes, volcanoes, fjords and surrounding oceans and seas. Europe is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west, the Arctic Ocean to the north, the Mediterranean Sea to the south and by the continent of Asia to the east.

Key Knowledge

			
The River Volga The Volga is the longest river in Europe.	The Alps The Alps are one of the largest mountain ranges in Europe.	Moscow, Russia Moscow is the capital city of Russia. Russia is in Eastern Europe and in Asia.	Paris, France Paris is the capital city of France. France is in Western Europe.

			
Madrid, Spain Madrid is the capital city of Spain. Spain is in Southern Europe.	Rome, Italy Rome is the capital city of Italy. Italy is a Mediterranean country.	The Colosseum The Colosseum is a huge amphitheatre found in the centre of the city of Rome.	Saint Peter's Square Saint Peter's Square is a famous landmark located in the Vatican City. The Vatican City is the smallest country in the world and is located inside Rome.

Interesting Facts:

Moscow, in Russia, is the largest city (not including transcontinental cities) with more than 12 million inhabitants.

Mount Elbrus in Russia (5,642 metres /18,510ft) is the highest mountain in Europe and is part of the Caucasus mountain range.

The Volga River in Russia (3,530km) is Europe's longest river.

The Danube is the most important commercial waterway in Europe.

Lake Ladoga in Russia is Europe's biggest lake and among the world's biggest freshwater lakes.

What? (Tier 3 - key vocab)

Europe - one of the seven world continents.

Continent - a large section of land.

Country- a nation that has its own government.

Transcontinental- a country that is in more than one continent.

Physical feature- a feature that occurs naturally.

human feature - a feature that is linked to humans.

border - a line which separates two countries.

peninsula - a piece of land almost completely surrounded by water.

mainland - the piece of land that contains most of a country.

island - a small piece of land surrounded by water.

Coastline - where the land meets the sea or ocean.

government - the group of people who are responsible for a country.

Capital city - a city in a country where the government is located.

Region - an area of land within a country or across countries.

Population - the number of people living in a place.

Religion - what people believe.

Currency - the money used in a certain place.

Climate - the typical weather patterns in a place.

Monarchy - a royal family.

Traditional - something which people have done for a long time.

Diagrams and Symbols

