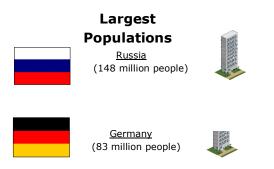


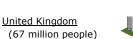
## Climate

There are 44 countries in Europe and 4 main climate types.

- Polar regions near the Arctic Circle such as Iceland, • Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia where tundra and icy glaciers are common
- Temperate climates, much like the U.K. where ٠ there is rainfall and deciduous forests (trees which lose their leaves in the winter)
- Mediterranean climates which are dry and hot and ٠ attract many tourists.
- Alpine climates which are mountainous and cold. •







## **Europe**

Physical Features		
Giant's Causeway	Located in County Antrim in Northern	
	Island, it consists of 40,000	
	interlocking columns created from a	
	volcanic eruption formed over 50	
	million years ago.	
The Alps	These are the longest mountain range in Europe and the highest in western Europe (excluding Russia). They are 1200km across and pass through 8 alpine countries (Switzerland, France, Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Monaco, Italy and Liechtenstein).	
Aurora Borealis	Known as the 'Northern Lights', this	
	seemingly magical light show is created by charged particles from the sun which are attracted to the poles due to the magnetic fields there.	
Black Forest	This mountainous region in southwest	
	Germany, bordering France, is known for its dense, evergreen forests and pretty villages,	
	often associated with the Brothers Grimm	
	fairy tales, spas and cuckoo clock production.	
Human Features		
European Union	The E.U. is a political and economic group of	
* * *	28 countries who allow free trade and	
* *	commerce between member states. It was created in 1948 after World War II to help	
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Fact Box Europe has 24 active languages being spoken with Russian and German being the most common first language but English being the most common second

## **Key Vocabulary**

amphitheatre	brick built oval stadium - Roman architecture	
Arctic Circle	one of the two polar regions on earth	
borders	political factors and physical (e.g. rivers, mountains and seas) affect where borders between countries are set	
commerce	activity of buying and selling on a large scale	
English Channel	a 560km stretch of sea which separates England from France - important for trade	
euro	the unit of money used across most of Europe	
evergreen	coniferous trees which keep their leaves all year	
fleeing	moving from one place to another away from something	
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 Europe which is cold and dry all year	
temperate	this middle section of Europe has cold winters and mild summers (e.g. U.K., Germany, Poland)	
Russia	only Western Russia is considered inside Europe	
Scandinavia	Norway, Sweden and Denmark – cool climates	
Longest Rivers		





Danube (10 countries) – 2850km

Ural (Russia/Kazakhstan) - 2428km

## **Tallest Mountains**

Dykh-Tau

(Russia)

5205m



Mount Elbrusi (Russia) 5642m

Shkhara (Georgia) 5193m