Europe Natural Features

Europe is one of the seven continents. The other six are North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Australia and Antarctica. A continent is a group of countries in the same area of the planet. Countries in Europe include the United Kingdom, France, Holland and Greece. All over Europe there are plenty of examples of human and physical landmarks. Some of the most famous physical landmarks are mentioned below.



Mighty Mountains

In Greek mythology, Mount Olympus was the home of the gods and the throne of Zeus, the head god. It is the highest mountain in Greece, reaching 9,570 feet (2,917 metres) tall. You can usually see the mountain covered in snow for seven months every year between November and

May, the wettest season. The rain is caused by a thick blanket of clouds that cover part of the mountain.

Violent Volcano

Mount Vesuvius is an active volcano found in Italy, only nine miles from the city of Naples. It has erupted many times, most recently in 1944. The most violent eruption recorded happened in 79AD killing thousands of people and completely burying the nearby cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.



Raging Rhine

The Rhine is one of the longest and most important rivers in Europe. It is over 1,232 kilometres (766 miles) long. Its source is in Switzerland and continues to flow through six countries in total before exiting into the North Sea. The river has been used for trade for many years, even as far back as the Roman era over

2,000 years ago. The river is still used for transporting goods today, and many towns have been built along the river to support the many businesses.





Glossary

active volcano

Can still erupt lava at any time

erupt

Explode lava and ash

goods

Things you buy and sell, like food or clothes

landmark

An object that is well known and easily remembered

mythology

Myths

source

Where something is originally from

trade

Buying and selling





