

Europe is one of the seven continents. It is the second smallest in size, however, has the third largest in population.

Europe is located completely in the northern hemisphere. It borders on to the Arctic Ocean in the north; the Atlantic Ocean in the west and the Mediterranean Sea in the south.

Europe comprises of 50 countries, the largest of which is Russia. The smallest country in Europe is in fact The Vatican City.

# Europe



## Vocabulary:

**Landmark** – building or site that is unique to a particular country, normally famous.

**Climate** – description of weather typical to a particular area or region.

**Northern Hemisphere** – top half of the world situated between the Arctic Circle (most northerly point) and the equator (mid point).

**Population** – the number of people living within a particular country or region.

**Capital city** – the city or town that functions as the seat of government and administrative centre of a country or region.



**Religion** – Europe is made up of mainly those who are of Christian faith, however, there are a growing number of the population who consider themselves to be atheist or not religious.

**Language** – English is the most common first or second spoken language in Europe. The five most native spoken languages in Europe are: Russian, German, French, English, Turkish and Italian.

**Natural resources** – metals including zinc and silver are found as well as minerals such as copper, iron ore and coal. Agricultural produce consists of: wheat, potatoes, olives, grapes and oranges.

**Animals** – Europe has 270 mammal species, 75 species of amphibians and 800 species of birds.