

EUROPE

Location of Europe

- Strictly speaking, Europe is not a continent but a westward extension of Asia.
- Along the coast, it has many inlets which result in the formation of peninsulas jutting into the sea. So it is called the 'peninsula of peninsulae'.
- Most part of Europe lies in the temperate zone as it stretches from 35°N to 80°N latitude.
- Its longitudinal stretch is from 10°W to 60°E.
- The Prime Meridian, 0° longitude, passes through Greenwich & London.



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- Eurocentrism (also Western-centrism) is a worldview centered on and biased towards Western civilization.
- The exact scope of centrism varies from the entire Western world to only Europe or even just Western Europe (especially during the Cold War).

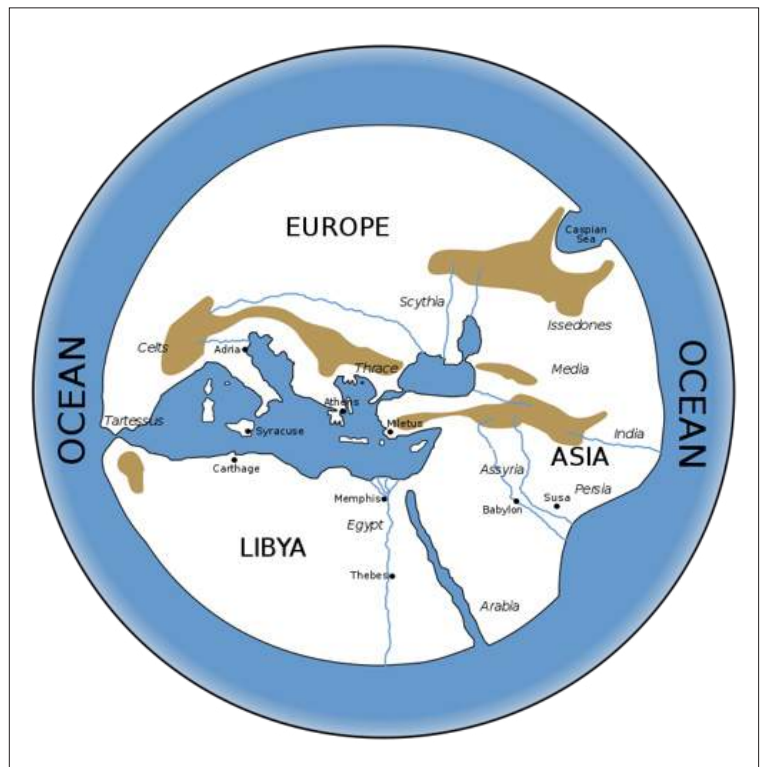


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Four Larger Peninsulas

- Scandinavian
- Iberian
- Italian
- Balkan

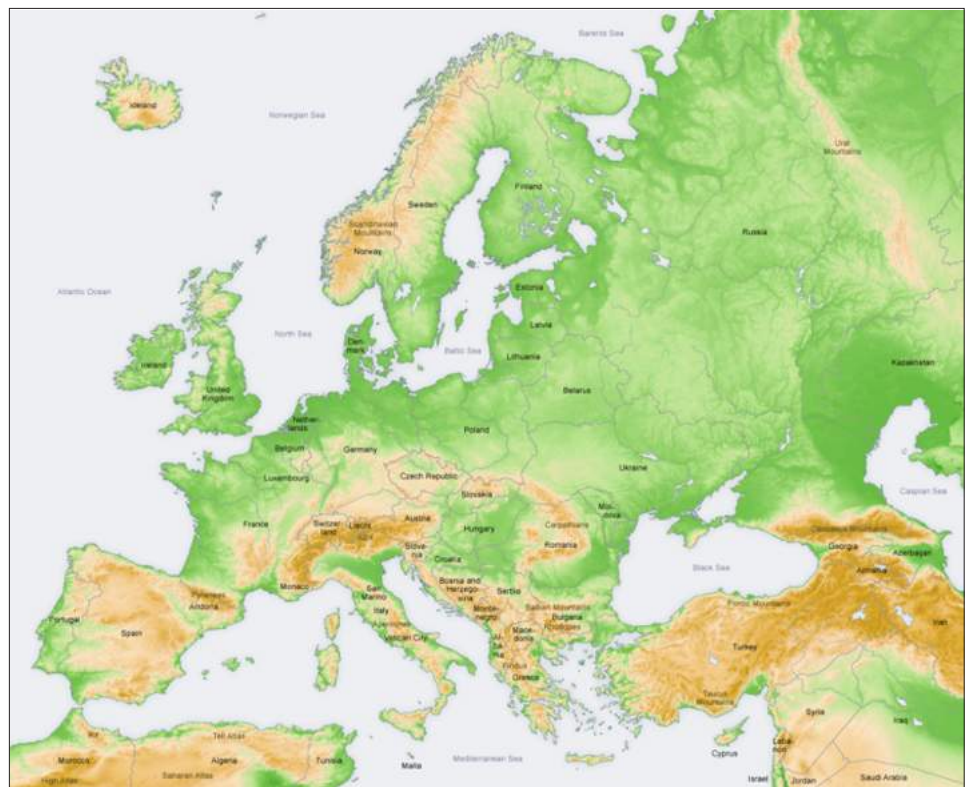
Mountain Ranges

Southern ranges are a result of plate tectonics.

- Alps
- Pyrenees
- Dinaric
- Carpathians

Fertile valleys, basins

- **Great European Plain:** Lowland that dominates northern Europe, Atlantic coast of France to the top of Russia and into Eurasia
- Highly fertile soils
- Sizeable agriculture
- Hungarian Basin
- Po River valley



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SCANDINAVIA includes, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. A broader definition of Scandinavia adds Iceland, Finland, and the Faroe Islands to this list of countries. Iceland and the Faroe Islands are sometimes included because their inhabitants speak Scandinavian languages

- Balkan is a Turkish word that means something similar to "mountain." This makes it an appropriate name for the region, as mountains are plentiful in the Balkans.
- The Balkans, also sometimes referred to as Southeast Europe, is a geographical and cultural region in the southeastern part of the European continent.
- It's east of the Italian Peninsula in the western and northwestern part of Anatolia (Turkey) plateau.



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The Mediterranean is the largest inland sea in the world.

The Mediterranean, which is surrounded by Asia, Africa, and Europe, connects to the Atlantic Ocean through the Strait of Gibraltar, to the Black Sea through the Sea of Marmara and the Straits, and to the Red Sea through the Suez Canal.



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The Black Sea has evolved over a long period of formation. In its geological evolution, the Black Sea has become smaller and has taken its present form with the long developmental stages of the west, the Central Europe, the Caspian Sea and the basin extending up to the Aral lake.



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KIEL CANAL



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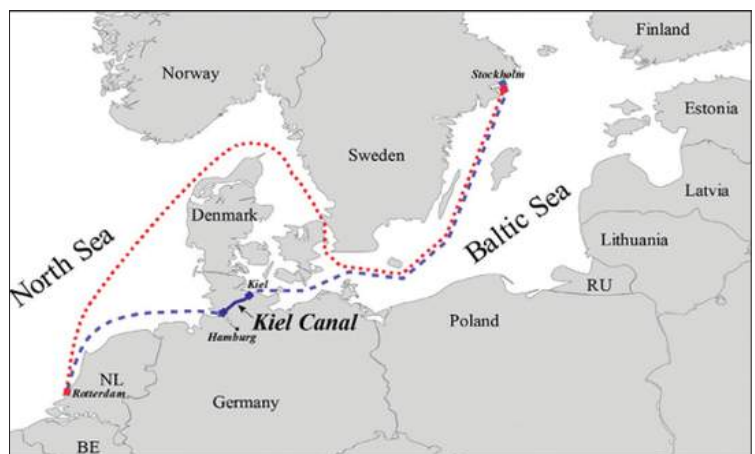


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RIVERS OF EUROPE

