

MY DREAM DESTINATION

EUROPE

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ABOUT EUROPE...

- West of Asia
- Consist of area 10,180,000 km²(second smallest continent in terms of area
- Consist of 44 countries .
- Has a population of about 600 million people.
- Europe is also considered a subcontinent of Eurasia and it is located entirely in the Northern Hemisphere and mostly in the Eastern Hemisphere.

SOME FACTS ABOUT EUROPE...

1. Europe is the second smallest continent.
2. Europe has the world's smallest country, the Vatican City.
3. The country with the biggest population in Europe is Russia.
4. The Louvre is the most visited attraction in Europe.
5. Europe is home to the world's largest Church, St. Peter's Basilica .
6. The Czech Republic has the most castles in Europe.
7. There are more than 200 languages spoken in Europe.
8. Christianity is the biggest religion in Europe

IMPORTANT GEOGRAPHICAL FACTS ABOUT EUROPE.....

- Europe is surrounded by water-bodies from all three sides- Arctic Ocean in the north, Atlantic Ocean in the west, and Mediterranean Sea in the south.
- It is separated from Asia by Caspian Sea and Ural mountains.
- Norway, Sweden, Iceland and Denmark are together called 'Scandinavia'.
- With a land area of only 4,000,000 square miles, Europe is the second smallest continent in the world, just behind Australia.
- Mt. Elbrus is the highest peak of Europe.
- Finland is called the 'Land of Lakes' because several lakes are formed due to the melting of ice-sheets.
- Spain and Portugal together form the 'Iberia'.
- Yugoslavia, Greece, Romania and Albania, situated on the coast of Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea are called 'Balkan states'.
- Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia are together called 'Baltic states'.

GETTING THERE....

- Travelling to Europe by air is convenient and fast, especially as there are direct flights from cities in India like Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Chennai to several popular destinations such as London, Rome, Amsterdam and Paris. There are several connecting flights to other destinations such as Sweden and Denmark and these tend to be relatively more economical.
- There are numerous well-known airlines that fly to Europe from India such as Air France, Emirates, Lufthansa, Swiss International Airlines, KLM and Air India to name a few. A direct flight can be anywhere between 8 to 12 hours, depending on your destination in Europe.
- Europe is best discovered by train and there are several international train services that can transport you from country to country. Trains are well connected and the best way to see the continent is by reaching it through air first
- Travelling to Europe by sea is possible only if you're travelling from the United States. There are freighter cruises where people can go on board cargo ships but this is not the best way to cross the Atlantic Ocean. There are several luxury cruises also available for those who want to enjoy their vacation right from the journey itself. Again, this is not possible from India.



WHY EUROPE IS MY DREAM DESTINATION

- The reasons for traveling to Europe are endless. As if its history, culture and natural beauty are not enough to draw you; the cuisine, the locals and the myriad of sights and wonders to see would be more than enough to suffice many a visitor. Europe is Earth's second-smallest continent covering only 2% of the World's surface and home to 11% of the Earth's population, but within that small space is a plethora of incredible countries that have to be seen at least once in a lifetime.
- The most popular tourist destination countries of Europe include France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Switzerland, Germany, Ireland, Scotland and the United Kingdom. Although, some of the lesser traveled countries such as *Sweden, Russia, Turkey, Portugal and Belgium* hold priceless historical and natural treasures that are not to be missed.
- The most unique feature of Europe is the proximity of all of its countries. For example, *France is surrounded by Spain, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean*. You can easily hop a plane, or even better, ride the rail to any of these countries in a short period of time. Stepping foot from one country to another provides an instantaneous feeling of change

- Nowhere else in the world can you see so many different cultures, ecosystems and natural and man-made beauty all in one relatively small area. Many European countries are home to the most cultured of all civilizations. They live their lives full of tradition through their architecture, their arts, their history and the nature that surrounds them.
- Each individual has their own personal reasons for the countries they choose to visit while in Europe. Some want to see Paris, France for the famous Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and the street-side cafes. Others may want to visit Germany for the bratwurst, beer and beautiful countryside. Yet others will want to see Italy for Vatican City and the authentic Italian cooking.
- Well my own personal favourite places in Europe are : **SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, FRANCE AND RUSSIA.**
- **SWITZERLAND** is a mountainous Central European country, home to numerous lakes, villages and the high peaks of the Alps. Its cities contain medieval quarters, with landmarks like capital Bern's Zytglogge clock tower and Lucerne's wooden chapel bridge. The country is also known for its ski resorts and hiking trails. Banking and finance are key industries, and Swiss watches and chocolate are world renowned
- **TURKEY** is famous for a diverse set of both oriental and European elements — from the traditional Turkish tea to the majestic Hagia Sophia.
- **FRANCE**, Paris, its capital, is famed for its fashion houses, classical art museums including the Louvre and monuments like the Eiffel Tower
- A country of breathing history, welcoming people, and sprawling geography, **RUSSIA** boasts a never-ending stream of splendor.

FAMOUS ATTRACTIONS

- Louvre
- The British museum
- Vatican museum
- River Seine
- River Thames
- Mt Jungfrau
- Mozart's birthplace
- Neuschwanstein Castle

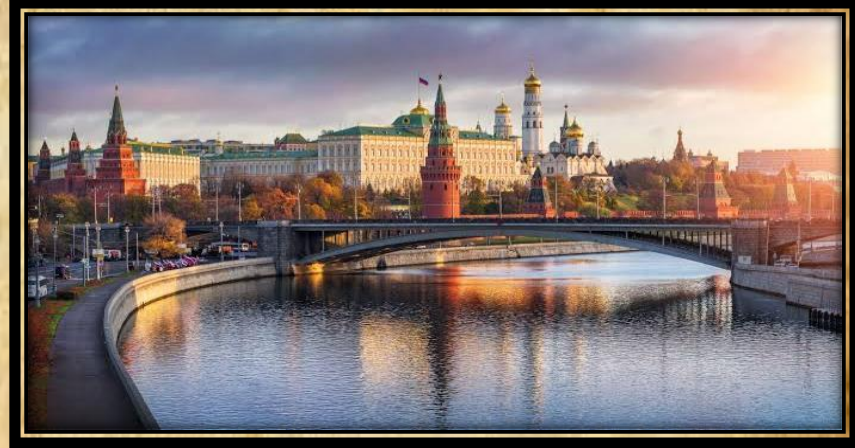


FAMOUS LANDMARKS

Some of the landmarks are

- Big Ben
- Eiffel Tower
- Leaning Tower of Pisa
- The Parthenon
- The Colosseum
- Buckingham Palace







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