

Continents of the World

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What Is a Continent?

A continent is a very large landmass.
A continent is usually separated by water or other natural features, like mountains.
There are seven continents in the world:

1. Asia
2. Africa
3. North America
4. South America
5. Antarctica
6. Europe
7. Australasia



Let's Find Out More!

Did You Know?

Continents only cover 29% of the Earth. The rest of the Earth's surface is water!

Asia

Asia is the biggest continent in the world.

- 2/3 of the world's population live in Asia.
- Major countries include India and China.
- The Himalayas, the world's tallest mountains, are found here.
- The Dead Sea, the lowest point on land, is also in Asia.
- Asia is home to tigers, monkeys and giant pandas.



Africa

Africa is the second biggest continent in the world.

- Africa has 54 countries, more than any other continent.
- Major countries include Egypt, Nigeria and South Africa.
- The River Nile in Africa is thought by many to be the longest river in the world, although some claim the longest is the River Amazon in South America.
- Africa also has the world's biggest non-polar desert, the Sahara.
- In Africa, you will find giraffes, elephants and lions.



North America

North America is the third biggest continent in the world.

- Major countries in North America include the USA and Canada.
- Pumpkin and corn originally came from here.
- North America is home to bears, moose and skunks.



South America

South America is the fourth biggest continent in the world.

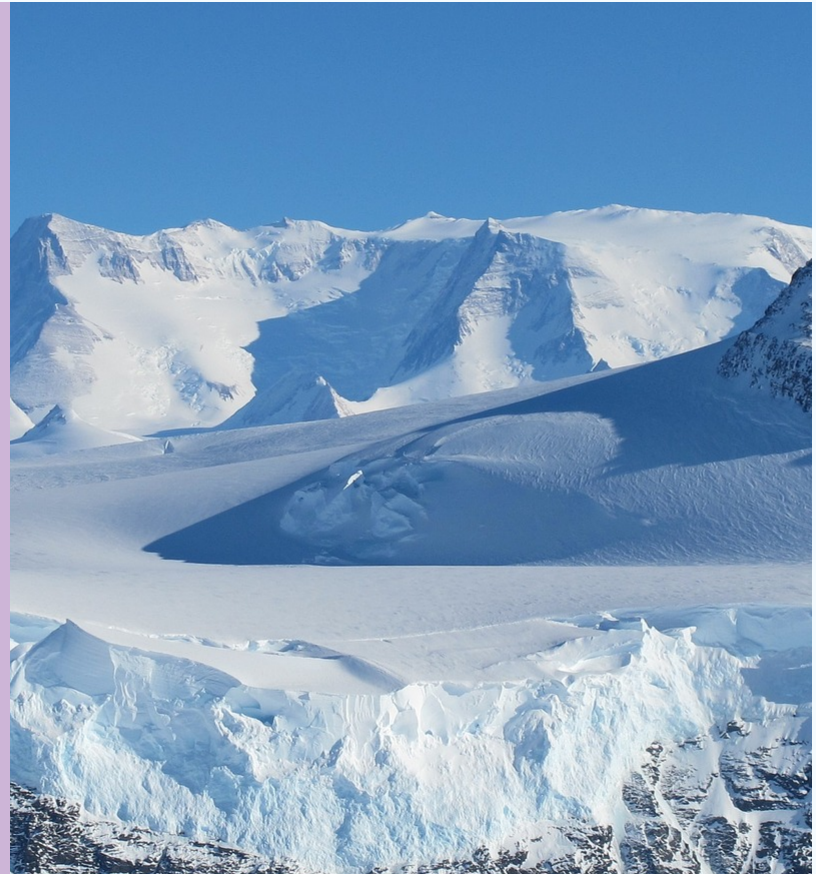
- South America only has 12 countries.
- Major countries include Brazil and Argentina.
- The Amazon, the world's biggest rainforest, is found here.
- Tomatoes, potatoes and chocolate all come from South America originally.
- South America is where you will find llamas, sloths and jaguars.



Antarctica

Antarctica is the third smallest continent in the world.

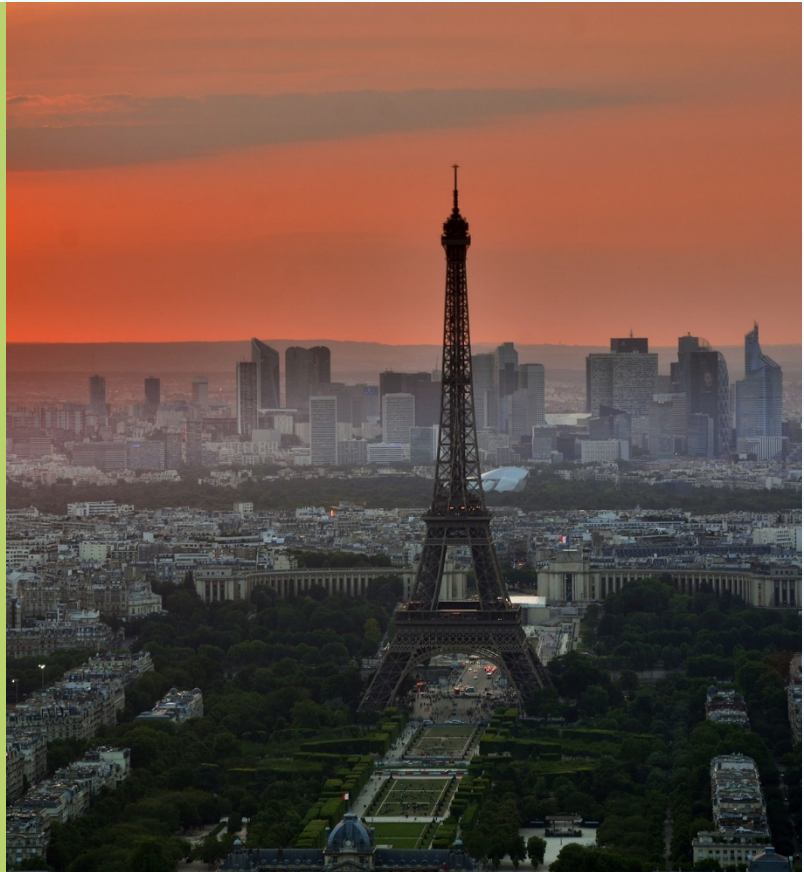
- Antarctica is almost completely covered in ice.
- It is surrounded by the Southern Ocean.
- It is the coldest and windiest continent.
- Each year, hundreds of scientists live and work in Antarctica.
- Antarctica is home to penguins, albatross and seals.



Europe

Europe is the second smallest continent in the world.

- Europe has 44 countries altogether.
- Major countries include France, Germany and the United Kingdom.
- Apples, pears and raspberries all originally come from Europe.
- The majority of Australians have ancestors from Europe.
- Europe is home to foxes, wolves and bears.



Australasia

Australasia is the smallest continent in the world.

- Australasia is sometimes called an island-continent.
- The Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef, is in Australasia.
- Australasian Aboriginal people first came to Australasia more than 50 000 years ago.
- The continent nearest to Australasia is Asia.
- Australasia has many unique animals including kangaroos, koalas and emus.



