

European Neighbours



Locational Knowledge

Quick Facts



- All three of Europe's active volcanoes are in Italy.
- Italy is a popular tourist destination for both skiers and people wanting a beach holiday.
- Peninsulas can be found on every continent.

Vocabulary



Europe	A continent located entirely in the Northern Hemisphere.
Peninsula	A piece of land almost surrounded by water or projecting out into a body of water. 
Alps	The highest and most extensive mountain range system
Mediterranean Sea	A sea connected to the Atlantic Ocean
Italy	A country of south-central Europe. 
Rome	The national capital of Italy
Adriatic Sea	A body of water separating the Italian Peninsula from the Balkans.
Mount Etna	An active volcano on the east coast of Sicily. 

Italy is a boot-shaped peninsula that juts out of southern Europe into the Adriatic Sea, Tyrrhenian Sea, Mediterranean Sea and other waters. Its location has played an important role throughout its history.

The sea surrounds Italy, and mountains crisscross the interior, dividing the land into regions. The Alps cut across the top of the country and are streaked with long, thin glacial lakes. From the western end of the Alps, the Apennines mountains stretch south down the entire peninsula. West of the Apennines are wooded hills that are home to many of Italy's historic cities, including Rome. In the south are hot, dry coastlands and fertile plains where olives, almonds, figs and other crops are grown. The weather is variable with cold winters and snow in the north and very hot summers in the south.

The capital city is Rome and the official language is Italian. The currency is the Euro. The country is bordered by France, Austria and Switzerland. Italy is home to the Vatican City where the Pope (head of the Roman Catholic Church) resides. The microstate of San Marino is also within Italy in the North East of the country. Two adjacent islands in the Mediterranean Sea, Sardinia and Sicily, are also part of Italy.

Diagrams

This is where Europe is located on a world map.



The continent of Europe and its countries.