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Largest Continent by Area

Rank	Continent	Area
1	Asia	17,029,000 mi ² (44,104,000 km ²)
2	Africa	11,688,000 mi ² (30,272,000 km ²)
3	North America	9,354,000 mi ² (24,226,000 km ²)
4	South America	6,874,000 mi ² (17,804,000 km ²)
5	Antarctica	5,400,000 mi ² (14,000,000 km ²)
6	Europe	4,032,000 mi ² (10,444,000 km ²)
7	Australia	2,969,907 mi ² (7,692,024 km ²)

Largest Continent by Population

Rank	Continent	Population
1	Asia	4,616,603,000
2	Africa	1,377,773,000
3	Europe	730,332,000
4	North America	598,413,000
5	South America	426,663,000
6	Australia	25,417,000
7	Antarctica	N/A

Highest Point by Continent

Rank	Continent	Location	Altitude
1	Asia	Mount Everest	29,035 ft (8,850 m) above sea level
2	South America	Aconcagua	22,841 ft (6,962 m) above sea level
3	North America	Denali	20,310 ft (6,190 m) above sea level
4	Africa	Kilimanjaro	19,340 ft (5,895 m) above sea level
5	Europe	Mount Elbrus	18,510 ft (5,642 m) above sea level
6	Antarctica	Vinson Massif	16,067 ft (4,897 m) above sea level
7	Australia	Mount Kosciuszko	7,310 ft (2,228 m) above sea level

Lowest Point by Continent

Rank	Continent	Location	Altitude
1	Asia	shore of the Dead Sea	1,411 ft (430 m) below sea level
2	Africa	Lake Assal, Djibouti	509 ft (155 m) below sea level
3	North America	near Badwater, Death Valley	282 ft (86 m) below sea level
4	South America	Valdes Peninsula, Argentina	131 ft (40 m) below sea level
5	Europe	shore of the Caspian Sea	92 ft (28 m) below sea level
6	Australia	Lake Eyre	52 ft (16 m) below sea level
7	Antarctica	Sea Level	Sea level

Longest Coastline by Continent

Rank	Continent	Length
1	North America	190,000 mi (300,000 km)
2	Asia	80,205 mi (129,077 km)
3	Europe	37,887 mi (60,973 km)
4	Australia and offshore islands	37,118 mi (59,736 km)
5	Africa	22,921 mi (36,888 km)
6	South America	20,000 mi (32,000 km)
7	Antarctica	19,800 mi (31,900 km)

Largest Hot Desert by Continent

Rank	Continent	Name	Area
1	Africa	Sahara	3,320,000 mi ² (8,600,000 km ²)
2	Asia	Arabian	900,000 mi ² (2,300,000 km ²)
3	South America	Patagonian	260,000 mi ² (673,000 km ²)
4	Australia	Great Victoria	250,000 mi ² (647,000 km ²)
5	North America	Great Basin	190,000 mi ² (492,000 km ²)
6	Europe	N/A	N/A
7	Antarctica	N/A	N/A

Number of Countries per Continent

Rank	Continent	Number of Countries
1	Africa	54
2	Asia	50
3	Europe	49
4	North America	23
5	South America	12
6	Australia	1
7	Antarctica	0

Largest Lakes in Area by Continent

Rank	Continent	Name	Area
1	Asia	Caspian Sea	143,300 mi ² (371,000 km ²)
2	North America	Lake Superior	31,700 mi ² (82,100 km ²)
3	Africa	Lake Victoria	26,828 mi ² (69,485 km ²)
4	Antarctica	Lake Vostok (largest subglacial lake)	14,000 mi ² (36,259 km ²)
5	Europe	Ladoga	6,835 mi ² (17,703 km ²)
6	Australia	Lake Eyre	3,700 mi ² (9,600 km ²)
7	South America	Lake Titicaca	3,200 mi ² (8,300 km ²)

Largest Country by Area per Continent

Rank	Continent	Country	Area
1	Asia	Russia	6,600,510 mi ² (17,098,242 km ²) (European and Asian)
2	Europe	Russia	6,600,510 mi ² (17,098,242 km ²) (European and Asian)
3	North America	Canada	3,855,103 mi ² (9,984,670 km ²)
4	South America	Brazil	3,287,957 mi ² (8,515,770 km ²)
5	Australia	N/A	2,988,902 mi ² (7,741,220 km ²)
6	Africa	Algeria	919,595 mi ² (2,381,740 km ²)
7	Antarctica	N/A	N/A

Smallest Country by Area per Continent

Rank	Continent	Country	Area
1	Europe	Vatican	.17 mi ² (.44 km ²)
2	North America	Saint Kitts and Nevis	100 mi ² (261 km ²)
3	Asia	Maldives	115 mi ² (298 km ²)
4	Africa	Seychelles	176 mi ² (455 km ²)
5	South America	Suriname	63,251 mi ² (163,820 km ²)
6	Australia	N/A	N/A
7	Antarctica	N/A	N/A

Largest Country by Population per Continent

Rank	Continent	Country	Population
1	Asia	China	1,384,688,986
2	North America	United States	329,256,465
3	South America	Brazil	208,846,892
4	Europe	Germany	80,457,737
5	Africa	Nigeria	41,657,488
6	Australia	N/A	23,470,145
7	Antarctica	N/A	N/A

Smallest Country by Population per Continent

Rank	Continent	Country	Population
1	Antarctica	N/A	N/A
2	Europe	Vatican	1,000
3	North America	Saint Kitts and Nevis	53,094
4	Africa	Seychelles	94,633
5	Asia	Maldives	392,473
6	South America	Suriname	597,927
7	Australia	N/A	23,470,145

Longest River per Continent

Rank	Continent	River	Length
1	Africa	Nile River	4,160 mi (6,695 km)
2	South America	Amazon River	4,000 mi (6,437 km)
3	Asia	Yangtze River	3,900 mi (6,275 km)
4	North America	Missouri River	2,540 mi (4,090 km)
5	Europe	Volga River	2,300 mi (3,700 km)
6	Australia	Murray River	1,609 mi (2,589 km)
7	Antarctica	N/A	N/A

Wettest Places in the World

Rank	Continent	Location	Average Annual Rainfall
1	Asia	Mawsynram, Meghalaya State, India	467 in (11,871mm)
2	Asia	Cherrapunji, Meghalaya State, India	463 in (11,777mm)
3	South America	Tutunendo, Colombia	463 in (11,770 mm)
4	Oceania	Cropp River, New Zealand	453 in (11,516mm)
5	Africa	San Antonio de Ureca, Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea	411 in (10,450 mm)

More World Records

Continent	Location	Record	Details
Asia	Yakutsk, Russia	World's coldest city	Yearly mean temperature of 16° F (-8.8° C)
Asia	Kuwait City, Kuwait	World's hottest city	Yearly mean high temperature of 93° F (34.3° C)
Africa	Aswan, Egypt	World's driest city	Less than .04 in (less than 1 mm) of annual rainfall
South America	Buenaventura, Colombia	World's wettest city	More than 247 in (more than 6,275.6 mm) of rainfall annually
South America	El Alto, Bolivia	World's highest city in altitude	13,615 ft (4,150 meters) above sea level