

Looking at the Continents

Name	Area Sq Kilometres	% of Earth's area	Population Estimate (million)
Asia	43998000	29.5	3879
Africa	29800000	20.0	877
N.America	21510000	16.3	501
S.America**	17598000	11.8	379
Europe	9699550	6.5	727
Australia ^u	7699000	5.2	32
Antarctica	13600000	9.6	uninhabited

^u Australia with New Zealand, Tasmania, New Guinea and the Pacific Islands, (Micronesian, Melanesian and Polynesian Islands) is called Australasia by some geographers while some others call it Oceania. ** Includes Caribbean countries

Oceans of the World

Pacific	166,241,000 sq km
Atlantic	86,557,000 sq km
Indian	73,427,000 sq km
Arctic	9,485,000 sq km

Continentwise Highest Point

Continent	Peak	Height (m)
Asia	Mt. Everest	8848
Africa	Kilimanjaro	5963
N.Am.	McKinley	6194
S.Am	Aconcagua	6959
Europe	Mt. Elbrus	5633
Oceania	Puncak Jaya	4884
Antactica	Vinson Massif	4897

Continentwise Lowest Point

Continent	Peak	Depth (m)
Asia	Dead Sea	-396.8
Africa	Lake Assai	-156.1
N.Am.	Death Valley	-85.9
S.Am.	Valdes Penin	-39.9
Europe	Caspian Sea	-28.0

Oceans' Greatest Depths

Mariana Trench	Pacific Ocean	10920m
Puetro Rico Trench	Atlantic Ocean	8605m
Java Trench	Indian Ocean	7125m
Arctic Basin	Arctic Ocean	5122m

Major Seas

South China	2,974,600 sq km
Caribbean	2,515,900 sq km
Mediterranean	2,510,000 sq km
Bering	2,261,100 sq km
Gulf of Mexico	1,507,600 sq km
Sea of Okhotsk	1,392,100 sq km
Sea of Japan or East Sea	1,012,900 sq km
Hudson Bay	730,100 sq km
East China	664,600 sq km
Andaman	564,900 sq km
Black	507,900 sq km
Red	453,000 sq km

Major Lakes

Caspian Sea, Asia-Europe	371,000 sq km
Superior, North America	82,100 sq km
Victoria, Africa	69,500 sq km
Huron, North America	59,600 sq km
Michigan, North America	57,800 sq km
Tanganyika, Africa	32,900 sq km
Baikal, Asia	31,500 sq km
Great Bear, North America	31,300 sq km
Aral Sea, Asia	30,700 sq km
Malawi, Africa	28,900 sq km
Great Slave, Canada	28,568 sq km
Erie, North America	25,667 sq km
Winnipeg, Canada	24,387 sq km
Ontario, North America	19,529 sq km
Balkhash, Kazakhstan	18,300 sq km

Deepest Lakes

Baikal, Russian Fed.	1620m
Tanganyika, Africa	1463m
Caspian Sea, Asia-Europe	1025m
Malawi or Nyasa, Africa	706m
Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan	702m

Deepest Caves

Name	Location	Max. Depth
Resseau du Foillis	France	1455
Resseau de la Pierre	St. France	1321
Snezhnaya,, Caucasus	Russia	1280
Sistema Huatla	Mexico	1220

Wettest Inhabited Places

Buenaventira, Colombia	678
Monrovia, Liberia	513
Pago Pago, American Samoa	503
Moulein, Burma (Myanmar)	487
Lae, Papua New Guinea	465
Baguio, Philippines	457
Sylhet, Bangladesh	452

Largest Deserts of the World

Subtropical

Sahara, North Africa	9,064,650 sq. km
Arabian, Middle East	2,589,900 sq. km
Great Victoria, Australia	647,475 sq. km
Kalahari, South Africa	582,727 sq. km
Chihuahuan, Mexico	453,232 sq. km
Thar, India/Pakistan	453,232 sq. km
Great Sandy, Australia	388,485 sq. km
Gibson, Australia	310,788 sq. km
Sonoran, S.W. USA	310,788 sq. km
Simpson/Stony, N.Africa	145,034 sq. km
Mohave, S,W, USA	139,854 sq. km

Cool Coastal

Atacama, Chile SA	139,854 sq. km
Namib, S.W. Africa	33,668 sq. km

Cold winter

Gobi, China	1,294,950 sq. km
Patagonian, Argentina	673,374 sq. km
Great Basin, S.W. USA	492,081 sq. km
Kara-Kum, West Asia	349,636 sq. km
Colorado, Western USA, also called the Painted Desert	336,687 sq. km
Kyzl-Kum, West Asia	297,838 sq. km
Taklamakan, China	271,939 sq. km
Iranian, Iran	258,990 sq. km

Longest Rivers

Name	Country/Continent	Length in Kilometres
Nile	Africa	6650
Amazon	S.America	6437
Mississippi-Missouri	USA	6020
Yangtze Kiang	China	5494
Ob-Irtysch	Russia	5410
Zaire	Africa	4700
Lena	Russia	4400
Hwang Ho	China	4344
Mackenzie	Canada	4241
Mekong	Asia	4180
Niger	Africa	4180
St. Lawrence	Canada-USA	4023
Parana	S.America	4000
Yenisey	Russia	3804
Murray-Darling	Australia	3780
Volga	Russia	3690
Zambezi	Africa	3540
Maderia	S. America	3218
Purus	S. America	3200
Yukon-Teslin	Alaska-Canada	3185
Rio Grande	USA-Mexico	3040
Indus	Asia	2900
Brahmputra (INDIA)	Asia	2900
Ganga	India	2510
Godawari	India	1450
Narmada	India	1290
Krishna	India	1290

Deep-sea Trenches

Name	Length	Depth	Deepest pt.
Mariana (W. Pacific)	2250	10924	Challenger Deep

Tonga Kermadec (S. Pacific)	2575	10850	Vityaz 11 (Tonga)
Kuril-Kamchatka (W. Pacific)	2250	10542	
Philippine (W. Pacific)	1350	10539	Galathea Deep
Java-Indian (Ocean)	2250	7725	Planet Deep

Famous Waterfalls

Name	Country	Drop (m)
Angel	Venezuela	807
Mongefossen	Norway	774
Kukenaam	Venezuela	610
Utigard	Norway	600
Ribbon	USA	491
King George VI	Guyana	487
Roraima	Guyana	457
Upper Yosemite	USA	435
Kalambo	Tanzania-Zambia	426
Gavarine	France	421
Tugela	S. Africa	410
Takakkaw	Canada	365

Principal Peaks

Name	Country	Height (m)
Mt. Everest*	Nepal-Tibet	8848
Everest South Summit	--	8750
K2 (Mt. Godwin)	India (POK)	8611
Kanchenjunga	Nepal-India	8598
Dhaulgiri	Nepal	8167
Nanga Parbat (Diamir)	India	8126
Annapurna	Nepal	8091
Nanda Devi	India	7817
Mt. Kamet	India	7756
Saltoro Kangri	India	7742
Gurla Mandhata	Tibet	7728
Tirich Mir	Pakistan	7700
Minya Konka	China	7690
Saser Kangri	India	7672
Muztagh Ata	China	7546
Mt. Communism	Tajikistan	7495

Badrinath Peak	India	7138
Chomo Lhari	India-Tibet	7100
Aconcagua	Argentina	6960
Ojos del Salado	Argentina-Chile	6885
Mercedario Huascarán	Peru	6768
Liullaillaco	Chile	6723
Volcano Tupungato	Chile-Argentina	6550
Sajama Volcano	Bolivia	6520
Illimani	Bolivia	6462
Vilcanota	Peru	6300
Chimborazo	Ecuador	6267
Mt. McKinley	Alaska	6194
Cotopaxi	Ecuador	5897
Kilimanjaro	Tanzania	5895
Mt. Elbrus	Georgia	5642
Mt. Blanc	France-Italy	4807
Matterhorn	Switzerland	4478
Mt. Cook	New Zealand	3764

Hottest, Coldest, Driest, Wettest

Hottest Place Dallol, Denakil Depression, Ethiopia, annual average temp. 34.4 °C

Coldest Place Plateau Station, Antarctica, annual average temp. -56.7 °C

Wettest Place Mawsynram, Meghalaya 1187 cm 74 -yr. av.; (Mt. Waialeale, Hawaii Is., 1168 cm, 32-yr. av.) annual rainfall

Driest place Africa, Atacama Desert, Chile, (no rain for 14 consecutive years) 0.08 cm.

World's Largest Islands

Name	Area sq km	Location
Australia*	7682300	Indian Ocean
Greenland	2175600	Arctic Ocean
New Guinea	792500	W Pacific
Borneo	725545	Indian Ocean
Malagasy Rep.	587000	Indian Ocean
Baffin Island	476065	Arctic Ocean
Sumatra	427300	NW Pacific
Honshu	227400	NW Pacific
Great Britain	218041	N Atlantic
Victoria Island	217300	Arctic Ocean
Eliesmere Island	196236	Arctic Ocean
Celebes	189035	Indian Ocean

* Geographically regarded as a continental land mass