

ASIA

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The continent of Asia is the world's largest and most populous continent with over 4 billion people calling Asia home. Asia also contains the world's most populous country, China, and the world's largest country, Russia. Asia borders Africa and Europe to the west and the Pacific Ocean to the east.

The continent of Asia is so large and diverse that it often is divided into sub-regions (see map to the right).

Asia is rich in diverse races, cultures, and languages.

Asia has a major influence on world culture and the world's economy. Countries such as Russia, China, Japan and India produce products and services that are used by every nation in the world. Asia is also abundant in natural resources. Oil in the Middle East is a major supplier of much of the world's energy.



Population: 4,164,252,000 (Source: 2010 United Nations)

Area: 17,212,000 square miles

Ranking: It is the largest and most populous continent

Major Biomes: desert, grasslands, temperate forest, taiga

Bordering Bodies of Water: Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal, South China Sea, Yellow Sea, Bering Sea

Major Rivers and Lakes: Caspian Sea, Lake Baikal, Aral Sea, Qinghai Lake, Yangtze River, Yellow River, Ganges River, Indus River

Major Geographical Features: Himalayas, Ural Mountains, Kunlun Mountains, Arabian Desert, Gobi Desert, Takla Makan Desert, Thar Desert, Island of Japan, Mount Everest, Siberia

Fun Facts about Asia:

Asia contains around 30% of the world's land area and 60% of the world's population.

The highest point on earth, Mt. Everest, is in Asia. The lowest point on land, the Dead Sea, is also in Asia.

Asia is the only continent that shares borders with two other continents; Africa and Europe. It sometimes joins with a third continent, North America, in the winter by ice forming in the Bering Sea.

Asia is home to two of the three largest economies in the world: China (2nd largest) and Japan (3rd largest). Russia and India are also top 10 world economies.

Asia is home to many interesting animals including the giant panda, Asian elephant, tiger, Bactrian camel, komodo dragon, and the king cobra.

Even after giving a share of its territory in Europe, **Russia** is the largest country in Asia. It is considered to be an Asian country. If it was a European nation, surely we would have seen **Russia** as a part of the EU. **China** is second with quite a many square miles behind.



Flag of China



Flag of Russia