

## **Europe**

Europe is the cradle of Western civilisation, yet that civilisation is made up of many different cultures. With its long history of triumphs and tragedies, Europe is not only a place of ancient castles and magnificent palaces, but also myths, culture, and history spanning 5,000 years.

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If Japan is the "Land of the Rising Sun," Norway is the "Land of the Midnight Sun," where, during the summer, the sun rises in early June and does not set until July. The people in most of Europe have been using the same currency since 2002, and many are free to travel, work, and live in any country in the European Union.

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The Statue of Liberty – a symbol of America – was actually designed by the French architect Frédéric Bartholdi and was built by the French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel before being sent to the United States. And you may be surprised to learn that, after Russia and China, Germany is the country with the most neighbours in the world: Switzerland, Netherlands, Poland, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, Austria, Belgium and the Czech Republic.

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Where was the Statue of Liberty built?

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How many neighbours does Germany have?

What is the currency that is used across most of Europe?