

World Facts

The Earth

AREA: 196,938,000 sq mi (510,066,000 sq km)

LAND: 57,393,000 sq mi (148,647,000 sq km)— 29.1%

WATER: 139,545,000 sq mi (361,419,000 sq km)— 70.9%

POPULATION: 7,176,024,000 people

The Continents

	AREA (sq mi)	(sq km)	Percent of Earth's Land
Asia	17,208,000	44,570,000	30.0
Africa	11,608,000	30,065,000	20.2
North America	9,449,000	24,474,000	16.5
South America	6,880,000	17,819,000	12.0
Antarctica	5,100,000	13,209,000	8.9
Europe	3,841,000	9,947,000	6.7
Australia	2,970,000	7,692,000	5.2

Highest Point On Each Continent

	feet	meters
Mount Everest, Asia	29,035	8,850
Cerro Aconcagua, South America	22,831	6,959
Mount McKinley (Denali), N. America	20,320	6,194
Kilimanjaro, Africa	19,340	5,895
El'brus, Europe	18,510	5,642
Vinson Massif, Antarctica	16,066	4,897
Mount Kosciuszko, Australia	7,310	2,228

Lowest Point On Each Continent

	feet	meters
Dead Sea, Asia	-1,385	-422
Lake Assal, Africa	-512	-156
Laguna del Carbón, South America	-344	-105
Death Valley, North America	-282	-86
Caspian Sea, Europe	-92	-28
Lake Eyre, Australia	-52	-16
Bentley Subglacial Trench, Antarctica (ice covered)	-8,383	-2,555

COUNTRY NAMES

ARM.	Armenia
AZEB.	Azerbaijan
B. & H.	BOSN. & HERZG.
BELG.	Bosnia and Herzegovina
BR.	Brazil
CAN.	Canada
CHI.	China
COL.	Colombia
CRO.	Croatia
EST.	Estonia
HUNG.	Hungary
KOS.	Kosovo
LATV.	Latvia
LITH.	Lithuania
LUX.	Luxembourg
MACED.	Macedonia
MOLD.	Moldova
MONT.	Montenegro
N.Z.	New Zealand
NETH.	Netherlands
SLOV.	Slovenia
SWITZ.	Switzerland

Ten Longest Rivers

	LENGTH miles	kilometers
Nile, Africa	4,160	6,695
Amazon, South America	4,150	6,679
Yangtze (Chang), Asia	3,880	6,244
Mississippi-Missouri, North America	3,710	5,970
Yenisey-Angara, Asia	3,610	5,810
Yellow (Huang), Asia	3,590	5,778
Ob-Irtysh, Asia	3,362	5,410
Congo, Africa	2,900	4,700
Paraná-Rio de la Plata, South America	2,917	4,695
Amur, Asia	2,744	4,416

Ten Largest Lakes

	AREA (sq mi)	(sq km)	GREATEST DEPTH (feet)	(meters)
Caspian Sea, Europe-Asia	143,200	371,000	3,363	1,025
Superior, N. America	31,700	82,100	1,332	406
Victoria, Africa	26,800	69,500	269	82
Huron, N. America	23,000	59,600	751	229
Michigan, N. America	22,300	57,800	922	281
Tanganyika, Africa	12,600	32,600	4,823	1,470
Baikal, Asia	12,200	31,500	5,371	1,637
Great Bear, N. America	12,100	31,300	1,463	446
Malawi, Africa	11,200	28,900	2,280	695
Great Slave, N. America	11,000	28,600	2,014	614

Ten Largest Islands

	AREA (sq mi)	(sq km)
Greenland, North America	836,000	2,166,000
New Guinea, Asia-Oceania	306,000	792,500
Borneo, Asia	280,100	725,500
Madagascar, Africa	226,600	587,000
Baffin, North America	196,000	507,500
Sumatra, Asia	165,000	427,300
Honshu, Asia	87,800	227,400
Great Britain, Europe	84,200	218,100
Victoria, North America	83,900	217,300
Ellesmere, North America	75,800	196,200

Abbreviations

U.A.E.	United Arab Emirates
U.K.	United Kingdom
U.S.	United States
PHYSICAL FEATURES	
L.-s.	Island-s
L.	Lake
M.-s.	Mount, Mountain-s
R.	river
OTHER	
ALA.	Alabama
ARK.	Arkansas
CONN.	Connecticut
D.C.	District of Columbia
Eq.	Equatorial
FLA.	Florida
ILL.	Illinois
IND.	Indiana
KY.	Kentucky

The Oceans

	AREA (sq mi)	(sq km)	Percent of Earth's Water Area
Pacific	65,436,200	169,479,000	46.8
Atlantic	35,338,500	91,526,400	25.3
Indian	28,839,800	74,694,800	20.6
Arctic	5,390,000	13,960,100	3.9

Deepest Point In Each Ocean

	feet	meters
Challenger Deep, Mariana Trench, Pacific	-36,070	-10,994
Puerto Rico Trench, Atlantic	-28,232	-8,605
Java Trench, Indian	-23,376	-7,125
Molloy Deep, Arctic	-18,599	-5,669

Ten Largest Seas

	AREA (sq mi)	(sq km)	AVERAGE DEPTH (feet)	(meters)
Coral Sea	1,615,260	4,183,510	8,107	2,471
South China Sea	1,388,570	3,596,390	3,871	1,180
Caribbean Sea	1,094,330	2,834,290	8,517	2,596
Bering Sea	972,810	2,519,580	6,010	1,832
Mediterranean Sea	953,320	2,469,100	5,157	1,572
Sea of Okhotsk	627,490	1,625,190	2,671	814
Gulf of Mexico	591,430	1,531,810	5,066	1,544
Norwegian Sea	550,300	1,425,280	5,801	1,768
Greenland Sea	447,050	1,157,850	4,734	1,443
Sea of Japan (East Sea)	389,290	1,008,260	5,404	1,647

Earth's Extremes

HOTTEST PLACE: Dalo, Djibouti Desert, Ethiopia; annual average temperature—93°F (34°C)

COLDEST PLACE: Ridge A, Antarctica; annual average temperature—94°F (-74°C)

WETTEST PLACE: Mawsynram, Assam, India; annual average rainfall—467 in (11,87 cm)

DRIEST PLACE: Atacama Desert, Chile; rainfall barely measurable

HIGHEST WATERFALL: Angel Falls, Venezuela—3,212 ft (979 m)

LARGEST HOT DESERT: Sahara, Africa—3,475,000 sq mi (9,000,000 sq km)

LARGEST ICE DESERT: Antarctica—5,100,000 sq mi (13,209,000 sq km)

LARGEST CANYON: Grand Canyon, Colorado River, Arizona—277 mi (446 km) long along river, 600 ft (180 m) to 18 mi (29 km) wide, about 1 mi (1.6 km) deep

LONGEST REEF: Great Barrier Reef, Australia—1,429 mi (2,300 km)

GREATEST TIDAL RANGE: Bay of Fundy, Nova Scotia, Canada—52 ft (16 m)

MOST PREDICTABLE GEYSER: Old Faithful, Wyoming, U.S.; annual average interval—66 to 80 minutes

LARGEST CAVE SYSTEM: Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, U.S.; over 330 mi (530 km) of passageways mapped

Africa

Kilimanjaro

Lake Assal

Nile

Congo

Lake Victoria

Lake Tanganyika

Lake Malawi

Madagascar

North America

Mount McKinley

Death Valley

Mississippi-Missouri

Lake Superior

Lake Huron

Lake Michigan

Bear Bear Lake

Great Slave Lake

Greenland

Baffin Island

Victoria Island

Ellesmere Island

Asia

Mount Everest

Dead Sea

Yangtze

Yenisy-Angara

Yellow

Amur

Lake Baikal

New Guinea

Borneo

Sumatra

Honshu

South America

Cerro Aconcagua

Laguna del Conbon

Amazon

Parana-Rio de la Plata

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El'brus

Caspian Sea

Great Britian

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