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WESTERN EUROPE

Western Europe stretches from France in the west to Austria in the east. It includes the two large countries of France and Germany, and many smaller countries around them.



Eiffel Tower
Climb almost 300 metres to the top of the Eiffel Tower for a spectacular view of Paris.



Cheese-making
Try making some cheese in the Netherlands. The most popular kinds are Edam and Gouda.

Winter sports

Spend the winter skiing or snowboarding in the Alps mountains. They're a brilliant place for winter sports.



Tour de France
Take part in the world's greatest bike race. You'll cycle around 3,500 kilometres in three weeks.

FAST FACTS

Biggest country (by area): France
Smallest country: Liechtenstein
Longest bike race: Tour de France
Best chocolate: Belgium, Switzerland
Most crowded city: Berlin



Super sausages
Sausages are very popular in Germany. There are lots of different kinds, such as bratwurst and currywurst.

Neuschwanstein Castle
This fabulous fairytale castle perches on a mountaintop in Bavaria. It was built in 1869.



SOUTHERN ASIA

The southern part of Asia is crowded and full of colour. There are many different religions and cultures, with festivals almost every day. India is the biggest country in Southern Asia.



Bollywood
Catch a film in India. Hundreds of action-packed films are made in 'Bollywood' every year.

FAST FACTS

Biggest city: Mumbai, India
Smallest country: Bhutan
Holiest river: River Ganges
Most popular religion: Hinduism
Most popular sport: Cricket

Monsoon
Have your umbrella ready. In summer, it pours down with rain. This is called the monsoon.



Hindu gods
Most people in India are Hindus. They worship many gods, such as Ganesh, the elephant god.



Elephant parade
Watch decorated elephants parade through the streets of Kandy in Sri Lanka at festival time.



Archery
Pick up a bamboo bow and arrow, and have a go at archery. It's the national sport of Bhutan.



Taj Mahal
Be amazed by the Taj Mahal in Agra, India. This marble tomb was built by an Indian emperor in memory of his wife.

