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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

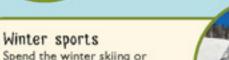


Cheese-making

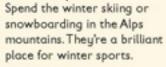
Try making some cheese in the Netherlands. The most popular kinds are Edam and Gouda.



North Sea



of Paris.









Andorra la Vella



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



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THE NETHERLANDS

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GERMANY

Mediterranean Sea



Baltic Sea

Super sausages

and currywurst.

Sausages are very popular in

different kinds, such as bratwurst

Germany There are lots of

Berlin *



avender

and tulips

Antwerp

Rotterdam

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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.





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