

Looking at Europe

Europe

Europe is the continent we live on.

It is split into lots of different countries.

Part of the country of Russia is in Europe, and part of it is in Asia.



3 Regions in Europe

- **Dartmoor National Park (UK)** – This is a vast area of moorland in the county of Devon, located in the southwest of England. It is defined by forests, rivers, wetlands and tors (rock formations).
- **Graian Region (The Alps)** – The **Alps** is a large mountain range in Europe, which stretches across lots of countries. The **Graian Region** is a region within the Alps. It is spread across parts of France, Italy and Switzerland.
- **Amalfi Coast (Italy)** – This is a coastal region along the southwest of Italy. It has many beaches and some mountains inland.

Tourism

A tourist is someone who visits a place for leisure (for fun!). Whenever we go on holiday – inside or outside of the UK – we are tourists.

Tourism is the business of encouraging tourists to come to a place and helping them enjoy themselves when they arrive.

Social, economic and environmental impacts



social

an impact on the lives of people

- Tourists may not always behave and they might upset the local population.
- Local traditions keep going and can be shared with tourists from across the world.



economic

an impact that relates to money in the area

- Tourism creates jobs in an area, such as with restaurants, tour companies and activity centres.
- The costs of homes or activities in the area may rise, becoming too expensive for local people.



environmental

an impact on the local environment

- Tourists may bring extra traffic and pollution, and they may drop litter.
- Wildlife and the environment may be damaged by the activities of tourists.

Tourism can have social, economic and environmental impacts on an area. For example: