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World rankings

Countries: natural facts

Countries: the largest^a

'000 sq km

1	Russia	17,075	31	Tanzania	945
2	Canada	9,971	32	Nigeria	924
3	China	9,561	33	Venezuela	912
4	United States	9,373	34	Namibia	824
5	Brazil	8,512	35	Pakistan	804
6	Australia	7,682	36	Mozambique	799
7	India	3,287	37	Turkey	779
8	Argentina	2,767	38	Chile	757
9	Kazakhstan	2,717	39	Zambia	753
10	Algeria	2,382	40	Myanmar	677
11	Congo-Kinshasa	2,345	41	Afghanistan	652
12	Saudi Arabia	2,200	42	South Sudan	644
13	Greenland	2,176	43	Somalia	638
14	Mexico	1,973	44	Central African Rep.	622
15	Indonesia	1,904	45	Ukraine	604
16	Sudan	1,862	46	Madagascar	587
17	Libya	1,760	47	Kenya	583
18	Iran	1,648	48	Botswana	581
19	Mongolia	1,565	49	France	544
20	Peru	1,285	50	Yemen	528
21	Chad	1,284	51	Thailand	513
22	Niger	1,267	52	Spain	505
23	Angola	1,247	53	Turkmenistan	488
24	Mali	1,240	54	Cameroon	475
25	South Africa	1,226	55	Papua New Guinea	463
26	Colombia	1,142	56	Sweden	450
27	Ethiopia	1,134	57	Morocco	447
28	Bolivia	1,099		Uzbekistan	447
29	Mauritania	1,031	59	Iraq	438
30	Egypt	1,000	60	Paraguay	407

Mountains: the highest^b

Name	Location	Height (m)
1 Everest	China-Nepal	8,848
2 K2 (Godwin Austen)	China-Jammu and Kashmir	8,611
3 Kangchenjunga	India-Nepal	8,586
4 Lhotse	China-Nepal	8,516
5 Makalu	China-Nepal	8,463
6 Cho Oyu	China-Nepal	8,201
7 Dhaulagiri	Nepal	8,167
8 Manaslu	Nepal	8,163
9 Nanga Parbat	Jammu and Kashmir	8,126
10 Annapurna I	Nepal	8,091
11 Gasherbrum I	China-Jammu and Kashmir	8,068
12 Broad Peak	China-Jammu and Kashmir	8,047
13 Gasherbrum II	China-Jammu and Kashmir	8,035
14 Xixabangma Feng	China	8,012

^a Includes freshwater.

^b Includes separate peaks which are part of the same massif.

Rivers: the longest

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Length (km)</i>
1	Nile	Africa	6,695
2	Amazon	South America	6,516
3	Yangtze	Asia	6,380
4	Mississippi-Missouri system	North America	5,959
5	Ob'-Irtys	Asia	5,568
6	Yenisey-Angara-Selanga	Asia	5,550
7	Huang He (Yellow)	Asia	5,464
8	Congo	Africa	4,667
9	Río de la Plata-Paraná	South America	4,500
10	Irtys	Asia	4,440

Deserts: the largest non-polar

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Area ('000 sq km)</i>
1	Sahara	Northern Africa	8,600
2	Arabian	South-western Asia	2,300
3	Gobi	Mongolia/China	1,166
4	Patagonian	Argentina	673
5	Great Victoria	Western and Southern Australia	647
6	Great Basin	South-western United States	492
7	Chihuahuan	Northern Mexico	450
8	Great Sandy	Western Australia	400

Lakes: the largest

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Area ('000 sq km)</i>
1	Caspian Sea	Central Asia	371
2	Superior	Canada/United States	82
3	Victoria	East Africa	69
4	Huron	Canada/United States	60
5	Michigan	United States	58
6	Tanganyika	East Africa	33
7	Baikal	Russia	31
	Great Bear	Canada	31

Islands: the largest

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Area ('000 sq km)</i>
1	Greenland	North Atlantic Ocean	2,176
2	New Guinea	South-west Pacific Ocean	809
3	Borneo	Western Pacific Ocean	746
4	Madagascar	Indian Ocean	587
5	Baffin	North Atlantic Ocean	507
6	Sumatra	North-east Indian Ocean	474
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Notes: Estimates of the lengths of rivers vary widely depending on eg, the path to take through a delta. The definition of a desert is normally a mean annual precipitation value equal to 250ml or less. Australia is defined as a continent rather than an island.