

Geography - The European Mediterranean

There are 21 countries which make up the Mediterranean and these are on three continents.

Southern France, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece, Malta and Cyprus are the European countries.



The Mediterranean climate is hot and dry in summer and cooler and more temperate in winter.



The Southern Europe Mediterranean climate means that grapes, olives, oranges, lemons, dates, other fruits and vegetables grow abundantly.

There are mountains in the Mediterranean - Sierra Nevada, Pyrenees, Alps, Apennines and Balkans.



The Mediterranean is famous for its coastal towns, beautiful islands and beaches.

Turkey is the 'Gateway to the Middle East'; the capital city straddles Europe and Asia across, the Bosphorus Strait.



'Gateway to Istanbul is that

Some important Mediterranean capital cities are: Lisbon, Madrid, Rome, Milan, Venice and Athens.

An atlas shows us geographical information and uses grid references to help us find specific places.

There are different characteristics of specific regions and cultures.