

Geography Subject Knowledge Bank

Year 5: European Region- What is it like to live in Northern Italy?

<u>Vocabulary</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Transport links	How different forms of transport link places in the same region
tourism	When people travel to a place for pleasure or relaxation.
environmental	Relating to the natural world and how human activity affects it
impact	A marked effect or influence on something

Where is Italy?

- Italy is in the south of Europe.
- Northern Italy borders France, Switzerland, Austria & Slovenia
- Milan and Venice are in Northern Italy.
- There are many train lines that connect towns and cities in Italy and with the rest of Europe.
- There are lots of motorways (autostrada) connecting Northern Italy.

What are some of the geographical features of Northern Italy?

There are large lakes such as Lake Garda and Lake Como. There are large mountains in the Dolomites and Alps. Monte Bianco is the highest mountain on the Italy/France border. The River Po is the longest river in Italy.



Where is Europe?

The European continent is located completely in the northern hemisphere and mainly in the eastern hemisphere. Europe borders onto the Arctic Ocean in the North, the Atlantic Ocean in the West and the Mediterranean Sea in the South. Europe is the continent with the highest population density, which means on the European continent live the biggest number of people per square kilometre.



How large is Europe?

There are 50 countries in Europe with a total of more than 742 million people living on the continent. The European part of Russia covers more area than any other country. The largest countries completely located in Europe are: The Ukraine and France. Vatican City is the smallest country not only in Europe, but also in the world. The city state, an enclave within Italy, is the smallest country both by population and by size. Moscow is the largest city with 13 million people

What is it like to live in Venice?

- Venice is a city of 118 islands separated by canals.
- There are no cars on Venice.
- People get around by boats on the canals.
- The largest canal is the Grand Canal.
- 20 million tourists visit Venice each year to see the canals and some of the beautiful buildings.
- This brings in a lot of money (billions of Euros)
- It causes a lot of problems such as pollution, rubbish, the islands are sinking, too many shops/amenities for tourists rather than residents so the number of people actually living in Venice is decreasing.