

## Europe

Next to Asia is Europe, which is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. It is one of the smaller continents but the third-most **populated**<sup>4</sup>. The northern part of Europe tends to be colder and snowier, but the south, which is near the Mediterranean, is warmer and sunnier. Europe is the wealthiest continent and has lots of famous, big cities



*London, one of Europe's big cities*



*Aerial view of the Alps Mountain Range*

such as London, Paris, Rome, and Madrid. Europe is home to the birth of Western **democracy**<sup>5</sup> with the Ancient Rome and Greek Empires founded within Europe. A quarter of Europe is woodland, but there are also famous mountain ranges like the Alps, which stretch across eight European countries, and the Pyrenees, which stretch between Spain and France.

## Africa

Africa is the second-largest continent and has 54 countries within it. Africa is situated on the equator, and so it tends to have warm, tropical climates. The top half of the continent is mostly desert, including the Sahara Desert, the world's largest desert. The bottom half of Africa has more grasslands and jungles. Because of its climate, Africa is home to a huge range of animals and birds, including lions, giraffes, zebras, antelopes, and rhinos. Because of this, Africa has large animal reserves like Kruger National Park and Serengeti National Park. Africa is rich in minerals, and most of the world's gold and diamonds come from there. Africa's cocoa beans also produce a lot of chocolate worldwide. However, Africa is the poorest continent and has lots of **developing countries**<sup>6</sup>.



*An elephant seen in the grasslands of Kruger Animal Reserve.*

4 **Populated** – filled with lots of people

5 **Democracy** – a government system where leaders are chosen by the people

6 **Developing countries** – poor, underdeveloped countries