

GEOGRAPHY OVERVIEW

The Alps are in the Northern Hemisphere and are the highest mountain range located entirely in Europe. They stretch across eight countries: France, Monaco, Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany and Slovenia. The climate is generally temperate with warm summers and cold winters. Physical features include: Mont Blanc, Lake Worthersee and Pasterze Glacier. Human features include: Innsbruck cable car, Hohensalzburg Fortress and ski resorts such as Chamonix.



The Alps are fold mountains. This means that they formed when two large tectonic plates slowly collided, pushing up the ground over tens of millions of years. This created some of the highest peaks in Europe. The highest mountain in the Alps is Mont Blanc.

KEY VOCABULARY

atlas

climate

climate change

coniferous trees

data

deciduous trees

enquiry

fold mountain

glacier

hemisphere

human feature

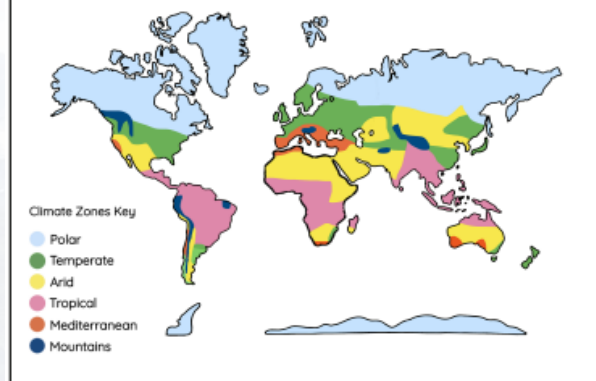
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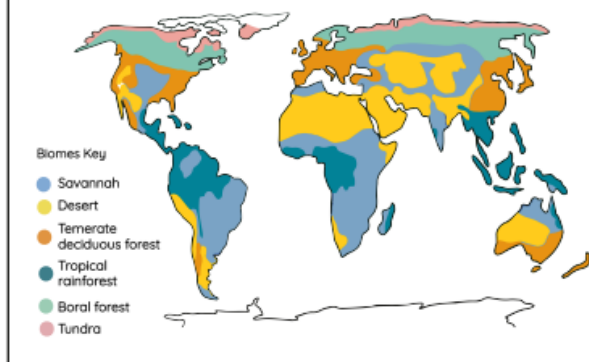
leisure

What is life like in the Alps?

World map - climate zones



World map - biomes



The Alps are located within the temperate climate zone and within the temperate deciduous forest biome.

Tourism is the main industry in the Alps. Around 30 million people visit the Alps each year, enjoying activities such as:

- skiing and snowboarding
- walking
- sightseeing
- trail running
- mountain biking
- paragliding

