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**GENERAL  
KNOWLEDGE**

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 First in the World  
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Vineyard Islands

Pacific Ocean  
 Atlantic Ocean  
 Arctic Ocean  
 Mediterranean Sea  
 Caspian Sea  
 Arabian Sea  
 Sea of Okhotsk  
 East China Sea  
 Indian Bay  
 Japan Sea  
 North Sea  
 Red Sea  
 Baltic Sea

Lake Superior  
 Lake Victoria  
 Lake Urmia  
 Lake Ruyon  
 Lake Michigan  
 Lake Tanganyika  
 Lake Baikal  
 Great Bear Lake  
 Great Slave Lake  
 Lake Nyasa  
 Lake Erie  
 Lake Winnipeg  
 Lake St. Maria  
 Lake Ladoga  
 Lake Balkhash  
 Lake Chad  
 Lake Onega  
 Lake Titicaca

Area in Sq. miles	Name	Area in Sq. miles
141	Nantucket	60
133	St. Helena	47
122	Ascension	34
116	Hong Kong	29
106	Manhattan, New York	22
75	Bermudas	21

PRINCIPAL OCEANS AND SEAS

Area in Sq. miles	Volume in Cubic miles
63,801,000	1,62,870,600
31,830,000	75,533,900
5,440,000	4,029,400
1,145,000	1,019,400
876,000	788,500
750,000	2,298,400
590,000	454,700
482,000	52,700
475,000	37,590
389,000	383,200
222,000	12,890
169,000	53,700
165,000	---
163,000	5,360

PRINCIPAL LAKES AND INLAND SEAS

Area in Sq. miles	Area in Sq. miles
163,800	Lake Nicaragua 3,100
31,820	Lake Athabasca 3,058
26,828	Reindeer lake 2,444
24,900	Issyk-Kul 2,276
23,010	Vanern 2,145
22,400	Lake Urmia 1,795
12,700	Great Salt Lake 1,700
12,150	Lake Albert 1,640
12,000	Lake Van 1,453
11,170	Lake Peipus 1,400
11,000	Lake Tana 1,219
9,940	Lake Bangweulu 1,000
9,398	Vattern 733
7,540	Dead Sea 405
7,100	Lake Balaton 266
6,700	Lake Geneva 225
6,500	Lake of Constance 208
3,765	Lough Neagh 153
3,200	Lake Garda 143

	Area in Sq. miles	
Lake Neuchatel	83	Lake Como
Lake Maggiore	82	Lake of Lucerne
Lough Corrib	71	Lake of Zurich

## PRINCIPAL MOUNTAINS

Name	Country	Height in Feet
Mt. Everest	Nepal-Tibet	29,000
Mt. Godwin Austen (K2)	India	28,250
Kanchenjunga	Nepal-India	28,250
Dhaulagiri	Nepal	28,100
Nanga Parbat	India	28,100
Annapurna	Nepal	26,800
Nanda Devi	India	25,800
Mt. Kemet	Tibet	25,800
Gurla Mandhata	Pakistan	25,800
Tirich Mir	China	24,800
Minya Konka	U.S.S.R.	24,800
Mt. Communism	U.S.S.R.	24,800
Pobeda Peak	China	24,800
Muztagh Ata	India-Tibet	23,800
Chomo Lhari	Argentina	23,800
Aconcagua	Argentina-Chile	22,800
Ojos Del Salado	Argentina	22,800
Cerro Mercedario	Peru	22,800
Huascarán	Chile	22,800
Llullaillaco Volcano	Chile-Argentina	21,800
Tupungato	Bolivia	21,800
Sajama Volcano	Bolivia	21,800
Illampu	Peru	20,800
Vilcanota	Ecuador	20,800
Chimborazo	Alaska	20,800
Mt. McKinley	Yukon	19,800
Mt. Logan	Tanzania	19,800
Kilimanjaro	Ecuador	19,800
Cotopaxi	Peru	19,800
El Misti	Iran	18,800
Mt. Demavend	Mexico	18,800
Citlaltepetl	U.S.S.R.	18,800
Mt. Elbrus	Alaska-Yukon	18,800
Mt. St. Elias	Mexico	17,800
Popocatepetl	U.S.S.R.	17,800
Dykh-Tau	Kenya	17,800
Mt. Kenya	Turkey	16,800
Mt. Ararat	Africa	16,800
Margherita	Antarctica	16,800
Vinson-Massif	U.S.S.R.	16,800
Klyuchevskaya Sopka	France	16,800
Mont Blanc	U.S.S.R.	16,800
Kazbek		

Area  
Sq. m.

Name	Country	Height in Feet
Monte Rosa	Italy-Switzerland	15,217
Ras Dashan	Ethiopia	15,157
Mt. Markham	Antarctica	15,100
Matterhorn	Switzerland	14,780
Mt. Whitney	California	14,495
Mt. Elbert	Colorado	14,431
Mt. Rainier	Washington	14,410
Mt. Shasta	California	14,162
Pikes Peak	Colorado	14,110
Finsteraarhorn	Switzerland	13,667
Mauna Kea	Hawaii	13,796
Mauna Loa	Hawaii	13,680
Jungfrau	Switzerland	13,667
Toubkal	Morocco	13,665
Cameroon	Cameroon	13,350
Iran Paradise	Italy	13,323
Mt. Robson	British Columbia	12,972
Frossglockner	Austria	12,461
Fuji	Japan	12,389
Mt. Cook	New Zealand	12,349
Pico De Teyde	Canary Is.	12,192
Mt. Semeru	Java	12,060
Pulhacen	Spain	11,417
Mt. Etna	Italy	10,741
Parazu	Costa Rica	10,525
Passen Peak	California	10,466
Mt. Kosciusko	Australia	7,316
Mt. Mitchell	No. Carolina	6,684

## LONGEST RIVERS

Name	Country	Length in miles
Nile	Africa	4,149
Amazon	S.A.	3,900
Mississippi-Missouri	U.S.A.	3,710
Yangtze	China	3,400
Ob-Irtysh	U.S.S.R.	3,200
Congo	Africa	2,900
Amur	Asia	2,704
Iwang Ho (Yellow)	China	2,700
Seneca	U.S.S.R.	2,648
MacKenzie	Canada	2,635
Mekong	Asia	2,600
Niger	Africa	2,600
Parana	S.A.	2,450
Yenisey	U.S.S.R.	2,364
Murray-Darling	Australia	2,310
Volga	U.S.S.R.	2,290
Indoira	S.A.	2,000
Yukon	Alaska-Canada	1,979
St. Lawrence	Canada-U.S.A.	1,900



Name	Country	Length in miles
Rio Grande	U.S.A.-Mexico	1,963
Purus	S.A.	1,450
Sao Francisco	S.A.	1,450
Salween	Asia	1,450
Danube	Europe	1,770
Euphrates	Asia	1,770
Indus	Asia	1,770
Tocantins	Asia	1,770
Brahmaputra	U.S.S.R.	1,770
Syr-Dar'ya	China	1,770
Si	India	1,770
Ganges	S.A.	1,770
Orinoco	Canada	1,770
Nelson	Africa	1,770
Zambezi	U.S.S.R.	1,770
Ural	U.S.S.R.	1,770
Amu-Dar'ya	U.S.S.R.	1,770
Olenok	S.A.	1,770
Paraguay	S.A.	1,770
Japura	U.S.A.	1,770
Arkansas	U.S.A.-Mexico	1,770
Colorado	U.S.S.R.	1,770
Dnieper	S.A.	1,770
Rio Negro	Africa	1,770
Orange	U.S.S.R.	1,770
Kolyma	Burma	1,770
Irrawaddy	U.S.A.	1,770
Ohio	U.S.S.R.	1,770
Kama	U.S.S.R.	1,770
Don	U.S.S.R.	1,770
Columbia	U.S.A.-Canada	1,770
Saskatchewan	Canada	1,770
Peaco	Canada	1,770
Darling	Australia	1,770
Angara	U.S.S.R.	1,770
Tigris	Asia	1,770
Sungari	Asia	1,770
Pechora	U.S.S.R.	1,770
Snake	U.S.A.	1,770
Red Texas	U.S.A.	1,770
Churhill	Canada	1,770
Pileomayo	S.A.	1,770
Uruguay	S.A.	1,770
Magdalena	Colombia	1,770
Platte-N-Platte	U.S.A.	1,770
Oka	U.S.S.R.	1,770
Canadian	U.S.A.	1,770
Brozos	U.S.A.	1,770
South Saskatchewan	Canada	1,770
Tennessee	U.S.A.	1,770

Note : S.A. stands for South America,

Name	Country	Length in miles
Dniester	U.S.S.R.	852
Fraser	Canada	850
Colorado	Texas, U.S.A.	840
Northern Dvina	U.S.S.R.	803
Tisza	Europe	800
Athabasca	Canada	765
North Canadian	U.S.A.	760

## FAMOUS WATERFALLS

Name	Country	Height in feet
Angel	Venezuela	2,648
Kukennam	Venezuela	2,000
Ribbon	U.S.A.	1,612
King George VI	U.S.A.	1,600
Upper Yosemite	Guyana	1,430
Tugela	U.S.A.	1,350
Gavaroi	S. Africa	1,385
Wollomombi	France	1,300
Takalkkaw	Australia	1,000
Guaria	Canada	470,000
Khon	Brazil	410,000
Niagara	Indo-China	212,200
Paulo Afonso	Canada	100,000
Urubupunga	Brazil	97,000
Iguazu	Brazil	61,600
Patos-Maribondo	Argentina	53,000
Victoria	Brazil	38,430
Grand	Rhodesia	35,000
Kaiteur	Labrador	23,400
	Guyana	

## BIG DESERTS

Name	Country	Area in sq. miles
Sahara	N-Africa	3,000,000
Libyan	N-Africa	650,000
Australian	Australia	600,000
Great Victoria	Australia	125,000
Syrian	Arabia	125,000
Arabian	Arabia	50,000
Gobi	Mongolia	400,000
Rub'al Khail	Arabia	250,000
Kalahari	Arabia	200,000
Great Sandy	Botswana	160,000
Takla Makan	Australia	125,000
Arunta	China	125,000
Kara Kum	Australia	120,000
Nubian	S.W. Turkistan	105,000
Thar	N. Africa	100,000
Kizil Kum	N. W. India	100,000
	Central Turkistan	90,000

HIGHEST VOLCANOES—ACTIVE

- ✓ Llullailaco, Chile
- Cotopaxi, Ecuador
- Mount Wrangel, Alaska
- Mauna Loa, Hawaii
- Semerou, Java
- Iliamna, Aleutian Islands
- Etna, Sicily
- Chillan, Chile
- Halcakala, Hawaii
- Tongario, New Zealand
- Hecla, Iceland
- Vesuvius, Italy

HIGHEST VOLCANOES—NOW BELIEVED EXTINCT

- Aconcagua, Argentina
- Chimborazo, Ecuador
- Kiliminjaro, Tanganyika
- Antisana, Ecuador
- Elbruz, Persia
- Popocatepet, Mexico
- Orizaba, Mexico
- Fujiyama, Japan

MAJOR EARTHQUAKES

Year	Place
1057	China, Chihli
1268	Asia Minor, Silicia
1290	China, Chihli
1293	Japan, Kamarkura
1531	Portugal, Lisbon
1556	China, Shensi
1667	Caucasia, Shemake
1693	Italy, Catania
1737	India, Calcutta
1755	Persia, Northern
1755	Portugal, Lisbon
1783	Italy, Calabria
1797	Ecuador, Quito
1811	U.S., New Madrid, Mo.
1819	India, Cutch ✓
1822	Asia Minor, Aleppo
1828	Japan, Echigo
1868	Peru and Ecuador
1875	Venezuela, Colombia
1896	Japan, Sea Wave
1897	India, Assam ✓
1906	U.S.A., San Francisco
1906	Chile, Valparaiso

Height in Feet	Year	Place	Deaths
22,000	1908	Italy, Messina	75,000
19,000	1915	Italy, Avezzano	29,970
14,000	1920	China, Kansu	180,000
13,800	1923	Japan, Tokyo	143,000
12,000	1932	China, Kansu	70,000
11,000	1935	India, Quetta ✓	60,000
10,800	1939	Chile, Chillan	30,000
10,500	1939	Turkey, Erzincan	23,000
10,500	1946	Eastern Turkey	1,300
10,000	1946	Japan, Konshu	2,000
7,000	1948	Japan, Fukui	5,131
5,100	1949	Ecuador, Pelileo	6,000
3,700	1950	India, Assam	1,500
	1953	Northwestern Turkey	1,200
	1954	Northern Algeria	1,657
	1956	Northern Afghanistan	2,000
22,800	1957	Northern Iran	2,500
20,500	1957	Outer Mongolia	1,200
19,500	1957	Western Iran	2,000
19,100	1960	Morocco, Agadir	12,000
18,400	1960	Southern Chile	5,700
17,800	1962	Northwestern Iran	10,000
17,400	1963	Yugoslavia, Skopje	1,100
12,300	1964	Taiwan	110
	1964	U.S.A., Alaska	115
	1965	Central Chile	428
	1965	El Salvador	125
	1967	India, Koyna ✓	160
	1968	Iran, Gonabat	12,000

IMPORTANT AMONG THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN PASSES

Name	Location	Altitude in feet
830,000	Colorado	13,550
80,000	Swiss Alps	8,100
60,000	Swiss Alps	6,939
3,00,000	Swiss Alps	6,595
40,000	Baluchistan	5,880
60,000	Bulgaria	4,300
50,000	Afghanistan	3,375
41,000		

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